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Good Morning,

I am writing with a couple questions regarding the proposed hotel at 17 West St in Plantsville. I noticed in the proposed site plan application it is listed as a 54 room boutique hotel. It also received fire department approval (with conditions)based on a proposed 54 room hotel. In the schematic plan, it is listed as a 58 room hotel and clearly shows 58 guest rooms. Which is the correct number and why the discrepancy? Do we have a clear representation of what is being proposed there? In the traffic impact statement it is again listed as a 54 room hotel with 55 parking spaces. When you take into account employees needing parking, where will overflow parking be when the hotel is at capacity? Will cars be parking along West Main St or West St? Is there a plan for snow removal which would impact available parking spots and town parking bans?
Will the hotel look like the rendered drawing in the proposal? I remember when they were before the appeals board for the 4/5 story hotel originally proposed they talked about how they would change the exterior appearance to match the historic district it is being built in. In their proposal I see shutters and small squares in the windows, a rock wall surrounding the property…looks nice, but I don't see any mention of the rock wall in their diagrams. I see a 4 foot berm and proposed flower pots etc….no rock wall. The picture is quite deceiving.
What will the town be doing regarding the walk to school for elementary students living on the east side of West St? These children are walkers to O'Shana Elementary School and the only route with sidewalks is along this intersection. This is an immediate concern during construction and increased traffic entering and exiting the hotel during the construction and after completion. Vehicles making left turns into the property will have an obstructed view of small children walking/running along the sidewalk. This is an immense danger to our children!
I hope the town seriously considers the negative implications this project will have on our historic village. The number of vehicles and people crowded into a 1.1 acre parcel is an accident waiting to happen.
Thank you for your time. I look forward to your responses for these concerns.
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