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Hi Margaret,

I will get these comments to the PZC for the "Public Comments" portion of the agenda for next month.

I don't disagree that return receipt assures that the mail was received, but as I mentioned last night, I don't think it's fair to punish an applicant for someone not signing for their mail. That could be used as a tactic to derail an application which would be unfair. Certificate of Mailing works well because the requirement is that mail be sent, which the applicant is wholly in control of. Again, happy to send your comments along, but I wanted to give you my take.

Thank you,

Jeremy

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Hi Jeremy,

I don't envy you handling these contentious meetings. Well done! Please would you include this comment to the PZC prior to the next meeting?

It was noted by some that the PZC appeared uninformed, since no commissioner offered any comments regarding the 157 Main Street Application - and some (including the Chair) didn't appear familiar with all the meeting materials at all. I serve on Connecticut's Historic Preservation Council and prior to any public hearing

the Chair will ask us, as council members, to raise our hands if we have read all "xxxx" pages of the meeting materials provided (sometimes upward of 600 pages of plans, letters, petitions, etc.). That way there public record of the council members attesting to having read all materials presented and the applicant and the public can be assured that they are adequately informed. I am just passing this tactic on to you because it works so well on our Council and holds us accountable to the public trust. I think it might be a good procedure to follow for PZC and other commissions as it would assure residents that commission members were properly prepared for every public hearing item.

Also, I am pleased that 15 days will be adopted for noticing abutters, but there does need to be some mechanism for assuring that the mail was actually received. Certified mail does just that, by return of receipt. I would like to see that element of your regulations remain as notice would then be traceable. Please would you pass both these comments on for the next meeting? Thanks so much -

Margaret

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All the best,  
Margaret

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