

July 19, 2020

Regarding: the Board of Commissioners,
Mount Airy, NC

Ref.: Cousin Emma's Bed & Breakfast.
Renovation of front lawn, with addition of a half
driveway, to accommodate handicapped owner
and guests.

Dear Sirs, and Madams,

Suzanne Brown's contribution to help build up our town, and to keep the aesthetic value for visitors/tourists to contribute to our town's economy, is among the best that we can account for. So many leave and do not return. Some others stay, and continue to allow their properties to degrade and even cause degradation to our economy.

Suzanne returned, even after much success in other cities. She continues to support our local economy, even though, she could have remained prosperous in bigger, urban areas. She loves her roots.

Deferring her own injuries, she is considering the welfare of her guests, and friends. Since the back entrance is all stairs, she, and others have to enter the home through the front. Street parking is minimal, and limited.

I have been to the house, and am fully understanding of the complexitiy of entering, especially, since I am one of those handicapped people who have limited mobility.

Suzanne has restored her house in all of the possibilities of the era, to keep it historically accurate. Alot of the original driveways in the late 1800 homes had close access to entrances. Adding this driveway would NOT take away from the historic aesthetics, but indeed, enhance those on this Main Street. Her skills of decorating would certainly overflow to the care and arrangement of the front lawn area, and, possibly leave people wondering if that was not original !

Furthermore, to limit Ms. Brown from completing this project, seems extraordinarily narrow minded, and incomprehensibly insensitive to any one that is handicapped. How could anyone forget, or overlook, on purpose, what a negative experience someone could have when attempting to enter/exit a building, when they have difficulty moving their legs.? Just thinking of, incase of an emergency, just Suzanne, has to exit quickly, to get to her vehicle, and leave. How could anyone deny her ease of access?

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