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From: Jeanette Coffin
Sent: Wednesday, June 27, 2018 10:18 AM
To: John May
Cc: Ben Hitchings; Kay Pearlstein; Allen Buansi; Donna Bell; Hongbin Gu; Jeanne Brown; Jess Anderson; Karen Stegman; Lindsey Bineau; Michael Parker; Nancy Oates; Pam Hemminger; Rachel Schaevitz; Town Council; Amy Harvey; Carolyn Worsley; Catherine Lazorko; Flo Miller; Laura Selmer; Mary Jane Nirdlinger; Rae Buckley; Ralph Karpinos; Roger Stancil; Ross Tompkins; Sabrina Oliver
Subject: email...RE: Historic District Commission

Thank you for your correspondence with the Town of Chapel Hill. The Mayor and Town Council are interested in what you have to say. By way of this email, I am forwarding your message to the Mayor and each of the Council Members, as well as to the appropriate staff person who may be able to assist in providing additional information or otherwise addressing your concerns.

If your email is related to a development application or a particular issue being addressed by the Council, your comments will be made part of the record. If applicable, we encourage you to attend any public meetings related to the items addressed in your email.

Again, thank you for your message.

Sincerely,

Jeanette Coffin



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From: John May [mailto:John@peaches-n-cream.com]
Sent: Tuesday, June 26, 2018 4:24 PM
To: Town Council <mayorandcouncil@townofchapelhill.org>
Subject: Historic District Commission

To Whom It May Concern,

My wife, Alice, and I purchased a home in the Franklin-Rosemary Historic District eight years ago. Built in 1924, the house had been a "student-stuffer" for at least twenty years and was in wretched condition. We spent thirteen months on a very expensive renovation during which time we were required to appear before the HDC five times. The process was arduous but rewarding.

The "village" quality and appeal of Chapel Hill is protected primarily by its historic residential districts. Without that ring of protection, Chapel Hill would more closely resemble other towns of similar size in which historic "downtown" residences have become doctor's offices and insurance agencies only to give way eventually to new commercial development—urban sprawl. Thankfully this has not happened here and a major reason for this is a commission of

citizens charged with maintaining the colonial village residential atmosphere with its stack-stone walls and thick canopy of trees. North Carolina has nothing quite like it.

In the course of our renovation, there were times when we were frustrated by the process and the demands. In the end, we realized that it was this very process that provided quality of life and investment security. Our property taxes are high and rightfully so. The property itself is unique.

Since we have been here, we have come to know John Sweet and consider him a close friend. When we learned he had joined the HDC, we were elated. Who better to steward the process than someone who lives in the historic district, knows it's history as well as anyone in town, and who, himself, has been before the HDC as a new homeowner.

We have heard rumors of an effort to oust John and weaken the HDC, and we are alarmed. Surely the town council understands the crucial role the HDC plays in maintaining the remarkable esthetic character of this town. Without the HDC, Chapel Hill would be without an arbiter of architectural distinction.

Sincerely,
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From: Jeanette Coffin
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From: Amey Miller [mailto:amey@mindspring.com]
Sent: Wednesday, June 27, 2018 12:15 PM
To: Town Council <mayorandcouncil@townofchapelhill.org>
Subject: re-appoint John Sweet to HDC

Dear Mayor and Council:

I urge you to re-appoint John Sweet to the HDC. His contribution is of great value to our community, as is the current HDC, providing important expertise and attention to our town character.

Thanks for attention to my views, and for your service to our town. Amey Miller