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Belmont Planning Board
Office of Community Development
Homer Municipal Building, 2nd Floor
19 Moore Street
Belmont 02478

Dear Belmont Planning Board Members,

This letter is in support of builder Mike Collins and his proposed project in Belmont at 18 Ash Street. I am the homeowner at 42 Walnut, which sits directly adjacent to Mr. Collins's last project at 40 Walnut St. That project involved the demolition of the existing structure and the construction of side-by-side townhouses, with the work starting in 2021 and finishing this past summer.

My overall experience working with Mr. Collins and his crews was excellent throughout the process. He conferred and worked with us on the existing property fence, granted our request regarding some landscaping to move, and installation of finished landscaping. With any issues that came up, Mr. Collins immediately contacted us in person, and we worked together to find solutions. From the beginning, he identified who in the crew would be the contact person should we have a question and he was not onsite. We felt very comfortable approaching anyone with questions. Everyone we encountered was professional and kept to the allotted hours for work. Mr. Collins was always available via email and quickly addressed our concerns in person. I felt Mr. Collins included me as a collaborator in negotiating the best outcome along our shared property line. I would strongly endorse any project he proposed as I witnessed quality work, professionalism, and a welcoming spirit of cooperation with myself and other neighbors.

Sincerely,



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