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5 Auburn Street affordable housing opportunity

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Dear Select Board members,

As a 25-year Natick homeowner and taxpayer, I wish to urge you to consider selling the 5 Auburn Street property to a developer who will create affordable housing units.

Natick desperately needs affordable housing for families to raise kids, like we were able to find when we moved here in 1997. On our block alone, three small, affordable single-family homes have been razed to build McMansions, which are totally out of reach for many new families. Also, working people and older residents need an affordable place to buy or rent on limited or fixed incomes. If we want Natick to be a diverse community, we must have more affordable housing.

Town officials have claimed to support the idea of affordable housing, but that has not been translated into practice: in 40 years Natick has created only one new affordable housing structure, with only two units! We need more. This is a great opportunity to help fill that need.

Thank you,

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