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To the Board,

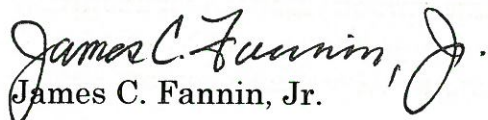
As a Concord resident and historic preservation specialist in the conservation of historic cemeteries and contributing author to over a dozen National Register of Historic Places applications for historic cemeteries, I wish to comment briefly regarding the 18 Windmill Lane application.

Sleepy Hollow Cemetery is a National Register of Historic Places property. In this type property, the edges of it are extremely important and contribute to its significance. Clearly the tall, light colored fence has a huge impact on this edge and the house will as well. The fact that the fence borders the most historic portion of Sleepy Hollow Cemetery makes it even more problematic.

I followed the discussion at the Cemetery Committee at their last meeting and understand the homeowner plans to plant ivy on the cemetery side of the fence. However, I feel that additional mitigation should be considered to include screening with evergreens and perhaps chemical treatment of the fence to reduce the strong visual impact. It is understood that eventually the fence will weather but reducing the impact in a shorter amount of time is desirable.

The height of the structure is such that it will be clearly visible over the fence and will add another negative impact to the edge of this historic National Register listed cemetery. Any reduction in height or effective screening would be most helpful.

Thank you for considering this letter.


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