

Dear Stockbridge or Lenox Resident:

Elm Court has been sold to Amstar, a Denver development company. Front Yard LLC holds the deed and seeks a special permit to transform this historic estate into a massive resort hotel with a separate Annex creating a total area well over 100,000 square feet. The new resort would have 112 rooms, 160 parking spaces, spa facilities and a 60-seat public restaurant.

For the past decade, Elm Court has operated as a 16-room inn – about the size and scale of Wheatleigh (19) or Blantyre (21). Adding 96 guest rooms in a four-story, Courtyard by Marriott-style Annex, will increase traffic, noise, light pollution and degrade the character of this quiet residential neighborhood.

If approved, this project sets a dangerous precedent for the future of the town. Stockbridge has traditionally avoided excessive commercial development in favor of protecting its natural landscape, cultural and non-profit institutions and small-town feeling. The Old Stockbridge Road Neighborhood Association (OSRNA) has been formed to oppose the size and scale of this project and to strongly urge the Stockbridge Board of Selectmen to reject their application. Here's a link to our organization: <http://osrna.wordpress.com>.

The proposed plan is on file for viewing in the Town Offices. We encourage you to oppose the plan as it stands. The Selectmen will vote 8/4/14 at their 7PM meeting. We urge you to attend this meeting. To date, over 100 people have signed to show their concern and express their desire for a smaller and more appropriately scaled Elm Court. If you, too, are worried about the proposed expansion and seek a less intrusive solution, please sign below and return it in the pre-addressed and stamped envelope.

*Every resident – full-time or part-time, year-round or seasonal, owner or tenant, in Stockbridge or Lenox – has the right to oppose this application for a special permit.*

Print Name(s):

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Signature(s):

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