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**To:** [Planning Info](#)  
**Subject:** 125 South Street Sparrell & Towler request  
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We are in support of our neighbors at 125 South Street in their request for approval from the HDC to allow installation of rooftop solar panels. We are directly next door to this home and we received an abutter notice.

We favor your approval for this project and can find no reason to not support their application.

Obviously solar power is one important option for citizens to do their part at their own expense to mitigate climate change. Roof top panels do nothing to harm the historic nature of our neighborhood and should not be assessed on aesthetic judgements made by the HDC. Mitigation of climate change requires many solutions and Portsmouth can lead on this important matter. Please approve this request.

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**From:** Albert Morales <albertmorales@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 5, 2024 3:09 PM  
**To:** Planning Info  
**Subject:** Comments for the meeting on Feb 7, 2024

As a neighbor of theirs (and as a fellow resident of the South End) I write to you in support of the petition of James Sparrell and Katie Towler to allow the installation of solar panels at their property at 125 South Street.

Homeowners in the Historic District should have the same right as all others in Portsmouth and elsewhere to modern conveniences that provide for health, safety, risk-mitigation and cost-effectiveness in our own homes. I look forward to seeing the solar panels atop their house, knowing that they are insulating themselves from increasingly volatile energy prices, mitigating against the risk of extended power outages (a growing concern given the increasingly common severe weather events), and providing themselves with clean energy to power the many devices in our increasingly electrified society --- including, for example, electric/induction cooktops (reducing harmful emissions inside the home), heat pumps (reducing natural gas usage and also reducing potentially harmful combustion inside the home) and increasingly popular electric vehicles.

Not allowing homeowners in the Historic District to make investments in our own homes to use the same modern home systems in use elsewhere in town (and around the country) would destroy value in our homes and would simply make the Historic District a less desirable place to live.

Again, as a neighbor of Jim and Katie's, I urge you to approve their petition.

Albert Morales

**Meeting: Historic District Commission**

**Date: 02/13/24**

**RE: 64 Vaughan St**

**Packet: Pages 32 to 51**

Dear Members of the Historic District Commission,

February 12, 2024

64 Vaughan St plans show many details being proposed. There does seem to be one thing missing, the outer upper edge, which is what will be seen on all sides.

Starting on pg 33 HDC 1 plan, notice there is beautiful vegetation around the outer edge, which appears to be accessible through the inner fence. However, there is nothing shown regarding the height of the outer edge nor fencing of any kind there. The cement looking top border appears to be about 3' tall on the Vaughan Mall and Worth Lot side. The side parallel to Hanover St looks even lower. It appears part of the Hanover St side will have mechanicals and a "guard rail" (HDC 2, pg 34). The "guard rail" does not seem to have a design page.

Reviewing pg 36 HDC 4 does show a raised bar-like structure on the Vaughan Mall and Worth Lot sides with no information regarding it (height, looks, materials, etc). HDC 8 pg 41 goes on to show the Hanover Side with a section of larger gating, a large open area and then a lower fenced area. Remember the "beefy bifold" doors of the pavilion are shown to open completely(HDC 15 pg 48). Will gates be added to be able to maintain the vegetative roof ?

HDC 16 does show cable railing. The cable railing use is shown quite clearly on HDC 5 pg 37, North Exterior Elevation Pavilion number 7. Looking at that same plan, notice how low the outer edge is and there is nothing shown to keep people from having access to it, much less any protection from the 39' below.

One would believe that there is likely something proposed to go around the upper edge. It would be interesting to find out what that is, how high it is, what it will be made of, what color it is. Perhaps it exists in the plans and it was lost in the details of other items shown. Please take the time to consider all sides of the building including the highly visible upper edge.

Respectfully,  
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Property owner.