

2/14/22

Dear Sarah and Steve,

We totally understand and share your concerns regarding construction issues, particularly as we are planning to remain here during construction, also work from home and have an immunocompromised family member. In fact, we are both very sensitive to noise issues from overhead flights, leaf blowers, snowplows, and previous construction work to houses adjoining our yard. We appreciate that you are supportive of our need to make modifications to our 97-year-old home and will respond to the concerns you have mentioned here to the best of our ability.

What is the planned duration of the work (One month? Six months?) When will it begin?

- **Initially our contractor gave us a timetable of 5-6 months to have work finished by our son's wedding, August 2022, so that we could host family coming from abroad; however, due to current delays, we will need a new timeline once we get approval from the Planning Board.**

Is there a way to ensure that the noise is contained within specific hours during the day?

- **We plan to adhere to town by-laws regarding permissible work hours.**
- **We will also request, to the extent possible, that noisy machinery be on our paved driveway which is on the opposite side from your house.**

What plans are in place for mitigation of noise? Do you or the contractor have a system for dealing with any concerns?

- **Our architect has specifically planned for, and reviewed with our contractor, phases for doing the work as well as noise and dust abatement plans.**
- **One other thing our son suggested was the use of noise cancelling headphones, which he successfully uses working from home in mid-Manhattan. I am also familiar with white noise, and room noise abatement devices that can be used for noise mitigation, which we will be looking into as well.**

Can we and other neighbors receive a proposed schedule of weekly construction ([eiyh] particularly noisy stages) a week in advance so we can plan accordingly?

- **Of course, the contractor's schedule will be subject to the availability of sub-contractors, but to the extent that he shares information with us we will endeavor to inform abutters.**

Sincerely yours,

Naomi and Ted

Cc: Robert Hummel