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Subject: Comment for VRB meeting 6/17 (support for case 25-014 9)

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Hi! As an abutter to First Parish Church's Pilgrim House building on the end of Cleaveland St, I received notification of the VRB meeting for Tuesday night where renovations to that building will be discussed. They plan to add insulation, re-shingle the roof, and add solar panels. (The agenda identifies this as Case no. VRB 25-014 9).

I won't be able to attend the meeting in person as I'll be traveling for work. But I wanted to express my support. The only meaningful change in appearance will be the addition of the solar panels, and while they are obviously not original to the structure they are an important part not just of our broader need for additional green energy but an important symbol of the church's mission to sustain our natural world. As one of the people who will look at those panels most often I have no objection to their installation - just the opposite - and very much hope the Board will approve the project. I'm happy to provide additional testimony to this effect when I am back in Brunswick later in the week if that's at all useful.

Thanks for your time and attention.

With all best wishes,

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Hi—

I am writing in support of the application by my neighbors at Pilgrim House (9 Cleaveland Street) to insulate the building's roof, replace the shingles, and add rooftop solar panels.

I live next door at 15 Cleaveland Street, in a house built in 1811. The solar panels Pilgrim House is proposing would not be appropriate on my house, alas (or even possible, given its roof construction). But they will be a positive addition to Pilgrim House and make the building both warmer and greener. Adding solar panels to this mid-century property will not diminish the historic character of the neighborhood or the surrounding buildings.

First Parish Church is an excellent neighbor in every way, and the town should support anything that makes its operations smoother and more sustainable.

I encourage the board to review this application favorably.

With thanks for the work you do to keep Brunswick beautiful—

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