

To: Portland Planning and Zoning Commission and Board of Selectmen, Portland, Connecticut

We, the undersigned Portland residents, support preserving three historic buildings threatened by the Portland Town Place application to the Portland Planning and Zoning Commission.

This plan would demolish entirely two important houses, the Erastus Brainerd Jr. (Wagner) House and Hart/Jarvis (Manor) House, and parts of a third, the John H. Sage (Marlborough) House. Located at 29, 25, and 17 Marlborough St., they are a vital link to Portland's nationally recognized history of the Brownstone Quarries, a National Historic Landmark:

#29 - The Erastus Brainerd Jr. House - a fine Italianate style by leading architect, Henry Austin

#25 - The Hart/Jarvis House - an impressive Greek Revival Temple-style mansion

#17 - The John H. Sage House - a large picturesque Queen Anne-style house

These buildings are worthy of National Register status and deserve to be retained; used for 70 years as commercial space, they can be once again. The Portland Town Place development will be a better plan if the developers take the opportunity and responsibility to respect the integrity of Portland's historical and architectural heritage by preserving these three buildings.

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Please return this petition by Wednesday, June 3, 2009.

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