To Jayna and Beth:

I'm writing on behalf of the board of the Pawtuxet Village Association, the non-profit volunteer organization that supports and watches over the National Historic District of Pawtuxet Village for 50 years.

We have sent notification of the meetings this week on the 10th and 12th over our social network to encourage any of our followers to attend and voice their concerns. But we also feel it important to share our opinion as an organization regarding this outstanding issue of the violations on the part of the Shriners organization.

Approval of this signage would set a dangerous precedent as it encroaches on the boundaries of the district, the northern edge of which is directly across the street where the old trolley stop sits. It not only changes the landscape of the area, but is an offensive sign to the neighborhood it sits in. We care greatly about how the community and business area continues to evolve and this is not an addition that adds to the context of the village at one of the main entrances to the district.

This issue seems long overdue in its resolution and enforcement. We are not in support of this sign and its design.

Respectfully,

Susan Hartman
On behalf of the Board of the Pawtuxet Village Association