It's not the Zoning Hearing Board's responsibility to craft strategy on behalf of the residents of Bethlehem

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Gadfly:

Your header regarding ZHB decisions indicating a desire to change Bethlehem's character is a very interesting one. However, it's not the ZHB's responsibility to craft any overall desire or strategy on behalf of the residents of Bethlehem. Rather it's their responsibility to review and act upon each request on a case by case basis. A recent commenter on a post I placed on my Facebook page expressed it succinctly when she wrote, "a zoning board is supposed to uphold the "essential character of the neighborhood."

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