

From: peter erickson <cperickson48@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 15, 2024 8:37 PM
To: Planning Director <PlanningDirector@townofnewbury.org>
Subject: Re: Support Wiffletree

Hello Kristen:

Much appreciate your acknowledgment of my note below. To this note I now add the following:

Living here on Plum Island, I can see something of a case study in support of the Wiffletree Works proposal, as a venue for activities and events. Plum Island has long been a destination welcoming people from away. The beaches, the restaurants, the reservation, and events such as Plumfest, taken together bring life and safety to our neighborhoods.

Plum Island is visited by what might be considered “strangers” here on vacation, or just here for having some time out. New “strangers in the neighborhood” rotate on and off the Island every day, week and month of the year. This does not result in “unsafe conditions”, nor has this resulted in a sense of insecurity among we year round residents. Locals take pride in sharing our beautiful Plum Island; seasonal visitors add life and activity. They even help to keep the lights on, for our local business, all through the dark days of winter.

In addition to my professional experience as an architect, living here on Plum Island gives me confidence, that the Wiffletree Works proposal will be the catalyst for a sense of creative community, here in the Town of Newbury.

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From: peter erickson <cperickson48@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, October 11, 2024 6:44 AM
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Subject: Support Wiffletree

Dear Planning Board Members,

Neighborhood resistance to any kind of change may be understandable, however, opposition to such a worthy project as Wiffletree Works proposal is clearly unreasonable. This is especially true given Wiffletree’s proven positive response to addressing perceived parking problems.

I am writing in support of the Wiffletree Works application. Despite any of the neighbor’s unfounded concerns about “unsafe conditions” or “strangers in the neighborhood” throughout my professional life as an architect, I have found that the opposite is true. Supervised activity brings life and safety to any given neighborhood and will certainly contribute to building a sense of creative community.

This is something that my town of Newbury could use a lot more of; community, art and education, yes, and even concerned citizens.
Please give Wiffletree a chance to show us what they can do.

I appreciate your consideration and support in bringing this vision to life.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "C. Peter Erickson". The signature is written in a cursive style, with the first name "C." being small and the last name "Erickson" being larger and more prominent.

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