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Planning Board - Town of Newbury
12 Kent St
Newbury, MA 01922

Dear Planning Board Members,

I am writing in support of the Wiffletree Works application. Their parking and traffic flow plan is more than sufficient to accommodate the intended use of the property. The residents who developed Wiffletree Works have a stake in making it a positive experience for their community, and their efforts will enrich connections in Newbury in a similar way to the youth athletic programs and other events that bring people together.

As an educator and an artist, I have witnessed the powerful effects on young people when the arts and lifelong learning, particularly with a connection to nature, are embraced by communities. For decades I have enjoyed the arts programming offered in Newburyport, Ipswich, Gloucester, and other communities in the Newbury area and along the North Shore. This area of the country--of the planet--is respected for its stewardship of natural settings and of building community through arts and education. My employment has me living in Pennsylvania. You may wonder why I'm bothering to take the time to write when I'm not a current Newbury resident. My perspective includes the experience of living in towns where long farmed family lands are being/have been sold off to outside developers with no concern for area ecology, history, or community bonds.

I hope the planning board and the rest of the residents of Newbury will welcome this thoughtful project as the gift it is.

Sincerely,

Dyane Stillman

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