

From: [Amanda Rouse](#)
To: [Michael Behrendt](#)
Cc: [Todd Selig](#)
Subject: Tide Line Support
Date: Monday, February 21, 2022 3:13:15 PM

Hello, I am writing today to share my excitement and support for the proposed Tide Line community space. We moved to Durham four years ago and always talk about how it lacks entertaining places and a destination other than the University. We would love to have a place like this to ride our bikes to and hang out with the community. We have lived in cities with this exact business model and they are fantastic...great for people of all ages, wonderful to entertain guests, and so helpful to surrounding businesses. I really hope you will approve this proposal so construction can start right away and we can enjoy what this wonderful space will offer!

Thanks so much,

Amanda Rouse Letscher

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From: [Beth Potier](#)
To: [Michael Behrendt](#); [Todd Selig](#)
Subject: Support for Tideline Public House
Date: Tuesday, February 22, 2022 7:31:58 AM

Todd, Michael,

I am writing to express my enthusiastic support for the proposed Tideline Public House and food truck court. It's the most exciting, potentially transformative proposal I've seen in my 16 years in Durham! I watched the proposal before the planning board and was impressed with the Letourneau's vision and savvy to bring an economically viable, environmentally sustainable, community-focused gathering place to Durham. And I believe such a unique concept would draw visitors from around the Seacoast to enjoy Durham's and UNH's other amenities.

I live in Faculty Neighborhood, so some of the concerns about such a project -- traffic and parking -- might affect my family significantly. Yet neither of those issues impede my support for this. I implore you and the planning board to work with the developers to overcome any regulations that may stand in their way.

Best,
Beth Potier
52 Mill Pond Rd.

From: [Brian Keegan](#)
To: [Todd Selig](#); [Michael Behrendt](#)
Subject: Tideline Public House Letter of Support
Date: Monday, February 28, 2022 11:21:36 AM

Todd and Michael,

I would like to express my support for the Tideline Public House Project. As a resident of Durham, I feel that the vision of Tideline would bring in some much-needed vibrancy and create a more sense of community that we are lacking.

As a partner in a local business I see it as a major attraction to Durham that will bring in increased economic activity for all. Having spoken with a number of other local businesses in Durham so far the winter has been very slow and having a new and unique business that will be a destination can help to turn that around. This could be the start to change the narrative that Durham is seasonable and it is dependent upon students. In my business I know that is not a true narrative but still have to face it as an uphill battle.

My family has chosen to live in this community and I have chosen to open a business in Durham. I would like to continue to see smart sustained growth in our community that is for all, residents and students alike.

Please consider working closely with them and I look forward to working with you more on getting Durham going forward.

Take care

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From: [Daphne Gowland](#)
To: [Michael Behrendt](#); [Todd Selig](#)
Subject: Tideline Business
Date: Friday, March 11, 2022 3:05:00 PM

Dear Town of Durham,

We were asked to send a letter to show our support for the Latourneaus's new business ad(venture) in Durham called Tideline. Not only are we excited for our good friends and neighbors, we are excited that the Seacoast Region will have this unique offering and right in our hometown. So yes, they have our enthusiastic blessing.

Daphne and Chris Gowland

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February 25, 2022

Michael Behrendt
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Re: Letter of Support for Tideline Public House

Dear Mr. Behrendt,

I am writing in earnest support of Scott and Karen Letourneau's Tideline Public House proposal. This is an amazing opportunity for the Town of Durham.

I have lived in the Seacoast for 25 years now, originally in Portsmouth, then in Exeter and now in Durham's Faculty Neighborhood since 2009. I work full time at a law firm and have two children ages 11 and 9. I see surrounding towns embracing creative concepts to bring the community together, and I wish I didn't have to drive to Portsmouth, Kittery Foreside, Newmarket or Exeter for family-friendly gathering spaces, outdoor recreation, nature-based activities, local food and live music. As examples, we frequent Prescott Park, Lil's Bakery, Odiorne State Park, Newcastle Common, Swasey Parkway, Stone Church and The Word Barn. These are destinations where I am happy to organize families to join us to create memories, but wouldn't it be great if instead of traveling to other towns, I could rally people to come to Durham to enjoy free time, celebrate community and spend money?

We frequent many of the downtown businesses including our favorite restaurants: Big Bean, Hop & Grind, Durham House of Pizza, Ciao Italia and Libby's. We enjoy these options, but are looking forward to more dining and take-out diversity.

The proven business concept and extensive details in the Tideline Public House proposal are like a dream come true. This is unsolicited and has landed in your lap. I'm sure you are familiar with all the points, but to hit the highlights I appreciate most:

- Creating a walkable, bikeable indoor/outdoor gathering place for families, local residents, and students
- Can become a true 'destination' as a first in the region type of business, benefitting other Durham businesses and lodging establishments
- Trading asphalt for permeable pedestrian friendly outdoor landscape/hardscape and other commitments to sustainability
- Gathering space could be the host location for various charitable and social events

The developers have anticipated and addressed everything, including 9/10pm close to remedy the potential for late night noise. If the Town has found legitimate issues with this proposal, I would like to understand those concerns, or what alternative vision the Town has?

I have heard that the Planning Board is raising an issue over parking spaces. My understanding is that the town retained ownership of eight parking spaces in the lot behind the old town hall as overflow parking and is requiring the would be business owner to compensate the town for the value of these spaces or replace them in-kind. I have only ever seen the parking lot at the new town hall full one day per year for the annual plant sale. If overflow spaces are needed for an event at town hall there is parking along Mill Pond Road. Holding a worthwhile development proposal hostage over these spaces isn't in the interest of residents.

I also see vision statement claims that we are fostering a vibrant downtown, encouraging development that serve local needs and interests while attracting visitors from neighboring vicinities and prudently integrating our community's range of values. The developers' proposal checks all those boxes and more, and is as forward-thinking as you could dream of; "creating a special "sense of place" for present and future residents, property owners, and businesses" as quoted from the Town's mission statement.

With all of the exhausting controversy over the Plaza Development and Dam, the Town needs a win with the residents, so I encourage you to approve this as soon as possible. We will join a grassroots campaign, order signs and come to meetings if we have to, but I would rather have faith and trust that the Town Planning Board will make a wise decision for all of our sakes and give the developers a green light to move forward.

Respectfully,

Heidi Bogle

From: [Robert Letscher](#)
To: [Michael Behrendt](#)
Subject: Support for the Tideline Public House proposal
Date: Wednesday, February 23, 2022 10:31:51 AM
Attachments: [smsoe_single-blue-web-hr.png](#)

Hello Michael,

I'm writing to voice my full support for the proposed Tideline Public House at 15 Newmarket Rd.

I see in your Master Plan Vision that you wish to foster a vibrant downtown. The proposed indoor/outdoor food truck/craft beer establishment is the best idea I've heard to help towards this vision since I moved to Durham in 2017. I am a professor at UNH and have spent time at my fair share of different college campuses and college towns around the country. Durham, NH lacks any significant community gathering place that brings together not only the many families of the town but also brings in the many college students together as well. College towns are a unique opportunity to blend the fraternization of the generations from child to young adult to adults while also providing business opportunities for the young adults graduating from their universities. The proposed Tideline Public House is a unique opportunity to move Durham towards this vision.

In the past decade I have lived in Miami, FL and San Diego, CA while also visiting Columbus, OH often (where my wife attended grad school). All these cities have had similar concept businesses as the Tideline and I can say that they are great community gathering places that bring people together in all weather and seasons. Children through adults in age, and usually a number of furry friends too. Some incorporate live music which is another draw bringing people together to hang out for hours.

My family spends a large part of our summer each year in Petoskey, MI, a town very similar to Durham, NH in climate and population. About 5 years ago, The [Back Lot Petoskey](#) opened in the downtown which is essentially the same idea as Tideline. The Back Lot has been a HUGE success in bringing people to downtown in all weather to enjoy some food trucks and craft beer and then spilling out into town to shop the other local businesses. The concept has been so successful that the owners opened a second location in Charlevoix, MI last year about 30 min away.

Thank you for your time in reading this.

Best regards,
Rob Letscher

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From: [Scott Schaier](#)
To: [Michael Behrendt](#)
Cc: [Todd Selig](#)
Subject: Support for the Tideline Public House project @ the old town hall site
Date: Wednesday, February 23, 2022 9:46:47 AM

Good morning Mr. Behrendt and Mr. Selig. I write to you this morning with excitement about the recent project proposed at the site of the old town hall. This type of community gathering space is exactly what Durham needs right now and I fully support it as a citizen, neighbor (21 Durham Point Road) and experienced hospitality industry professional.

My wife and I moved to Durham 11 years ago and we love it, the only major improvement we have longed for is more variety in food and beverage offerings available here. The addition of Ciao in the last few years has been great, but generally we find more options in Newmarket, Dover and, of course, Portsmouth. It would be great for general economic development in town to have Durham be back on the map with a unique food/beverage/community focused venue that caters to a wider cross-section than simply college students.

As someone who has worked in development roles in the beer industry for 20 years and dealt directly with hospitality outlets (hotels, resorts, restaurants and event venues) I can say that this concept will offer a draw across all demographic categories. NH generally, and Durham specifically, certainly need help attracting and retaining young people and keeping Durham's commercial offerings both interesting and varied will help in that goal while driving revenue for other local businesses and tax revenue for the town itself.

Being close to the town center will allow for pedestrian and bicycle access and help promote the access that Durham takes pride in. I can imagine people walking from their offices in town to meet up with friends for lunch at picnic tables, families biking together for an early supper on a summer evening and tourists and students lingering over food and beverages on cool fall nights.

Without question, this concept adds value and provides a much needed missing component that can be found in surrounding towns and will make Durham more competitive as a destination. Furthermore, the manner in which it was presented appears premium and in keeping with the personality of our historic town.

In short, I can think of no better development for this site and it seems like a dream come true for Durham. I hope that the owners decide to have a space for live entertainment as well- we have many talented musicians and artists here. :)

Thanks for taking the time to read my comments.

Cheers,

Scott Schaier
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From: [Northern Walker](#)
To: [Todd Selig](#); [Michael Behrendt](#)
Subject: Letter of support for Tideline Public House
Date: Friday, February 25, 2022 2:12:45 PM

Hello,

I am writing to you today as a resident of Durham to show our support for the Tideline Public House business plan we listened to during the Planning Board meeting.

This business plan embodies what Durham stands for; inclusiveness, family and respect for all. It also brings a fresh new perspective for dining and enjoying our neighbors in a welcoming family environment.

I am not sure if there are any objections from the town on this proposal, there should not be, but if there are, they should be quickly removed. This opportunity will bring increased revenue to Durham and jobs at all levels.

I ask you to not lose sight of the fact that, this business could be located anywhere, but they chose Durham. Place petty barriers in front of them and they will find a new location and be welcomed with open arms.

Please, make this happen, Durham could use a business like this.

Regards,

Sean Harrison
55 Mill Pond Rd.

From: [Thomas Toye](#)
To: [Bricker, Daniel W.](#)
Cc: [Michael Behrendt](#)
Subject: RE: Letters of Support Needed for Tideline Public House
Date: Tuesday, February 22, 2022 10:45:45 AM

Hi Dan!

It would be pretty exciting to have something within walking distance. From a town perspective, I think it will be a "draw" from other communities also, which is what Durham is missing...

I think a message to the Town planner Michael Behrendt and ask him to share with the Planning Board...

I hope that all is well with you guys- Has Betty moved into her new place yet?

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From: Bricker, Daniel W. <Daniel.Bricker@va.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, February 22, 2022 7:00 AM
To: Thomas Toye <tom@arthurthomasproperties.com>
Subject: RE: Letters of Support Needed for Tideline Public House

That looks like a great project Tommy. Who would you suggest we email support to? Have an outstanding day. DB

From: Thomas Toye <tom@arthurthomasproperties.com>
Sent: Monday, February 21, 2022 10:29 AM
To: Bricker, Daniel W. <Daniel.Bricker@va.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] FW: Letters of Support Needed for Tideline Public House

Hi Dan,

I thought you huys might be interested in this... Our new neighbors(I think 26 Newmaker Rd) have a development proposal for the old Durham Townhall... This would be pretty cool if they can pull it off...

Please see the attachment.

If you have time to email the town showing support as a resident, that would be great!

Tom

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From: Scott Letourneau <tidelinepublichouse@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 20, 2022 6:07 PM
To: Scott Letourneau <tidelinepublichouse@gmail.com>
Subject: Letters of Support Needed for Tideline Public House

Hello-

As you know, we are on the verge of being able to move forward with our plan to redevelop the Old Town Hall site in Durham into a mixed use restaurant and retail establishment featuring a Craft Beer taproom, 6-8 food trucks, a mercantile shop, and an outdoor patio/seating area. If you plan to forward this along to someone who might not know about the project (and we hope you do!!!), a copy of the presentation we gave to the Planning Board is attached, and you can view the live presentation with the favorable Planning Board comments [HERE](#)

We still have one significant hurdle to clear with the Town, and every letter of support for the proposal can help us in that cause.

So, if you could please write an email to Mr Beherendt at mbeherendt@ci.durham.nh.us and Administrator Selig at tselig@ci.durham.nh.us , it would be greatly appreciated. Karen and I are still fairly new to town and have not yet developed an extensive network, so if you like the idea of the Tideline Public House, please forward this to your friends and ask them to email Mr Beherendt and Mr. Selig as well.

Talking points regarding benefits of the project can include:

- Creating a walkable, bikeable indoor/outdoor gathering place for families, local residents, and students
- Jobs, Increased Tax Base
- Developers are local residents committed to enhancing the Historic District
- Innovative re-use of the Old Town Hall and Salt Shed

- Can become a true 'destination' as a first in the region type of business, benefitting other Durham businesses and lodging establishments
- Bring a gourmet food/wine/mercantile shop to central Durham
- Greatly expand the diversity of dining options in Durham
- Trading asphalt for permeable pedestrian friendly outdoor landscape/hardscape
- Developers have pledged numerous commitments to sustainability
- Gathering space could be the host location for various charitable and social events
- Or you could just say that "You had me at Craft Beer"

We welcome all comments and questions,

Regards,

Scott and Karen Letourneau