

From: [Michael Behrendt](#)
Subject: Main Street #19 - email from Doug Karo
Date: Tuesday, December 24, 2019 11:35:26 AM

To the Planning Board,
Please see the emails below as requested by Doug Karo.

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-----Original Message-----

From: Doug Karo [<mailto:dkaro@comcast.net>]
Sent: Tuesday, December 24, 2019 9:36 AM
To: Michael Behrendt
Subject: Re: 19-21 Main Street

Michael,

Thanks for the response. Perhaps concentrating new parking lots in the historic district where there is the greatest economic demand and reward for them is a powerful incentive. I have talked to some other folks and I find considerable confusion about what Durham is or is not trying to do, so please do forward this email exchange to the board as an indication that more education may be needed so that all do understand whatever our policies are and the practical constraints on them.

Thanks again,

Doug Karo

On 12/23/2019 3:02 PM, Michael Behrendt wrote:

> Hello Doug,
> Thank you for your email. The Town of Durham remains committed to encouraging alternative transportation and other related goals. Property owners also have a legal right to develop their property in accordance with the Zoning Ordinance and Site Plan Regulations. Every application is unique and there is much language in these documents for the Planning Board to evaluate for each application. It will be up to the board to determine if they meet the requirements including those for conditional uses. Do you want me to forward your note to the board?
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> -----Original Message-----

> From: Doug Karo [<mailto:dkaro@comcast.net>]

> Sent: Friday, December 20, 2019 6:48 PM

> To: Michael Behrendt

> Subject: 19-21 Main Street

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> Mr. Behrendt,

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> The Friday Updates gave you as contact for the proposed 19-21 Main
> Street parking lot.

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> I guess I have lost track of what I thought was Durham's
> commitment to reducing car traffic and promoting alternative
> transportation. Has that changed or was that always subservient to a
> desire to house more people with cars in the downtown area? In other
> words, it seems to me that new larger parking lots would have been a
> non-starter in the past and I wonder what has changed.

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> Doug Karo

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