

**From:** [Michael Behrendt](#)  
**Subject:** Dover Road #81 - email from Ben VanCamp  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 8, 2023 4:02:25 PM  
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To the Planning Board,  
Please see the email below.

## Michael Behrendt

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**From:** Ben VanCamp <ben@portsmouthcollaborative.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 8, 2023 8:58 AM  
**To:** Michael Behrendt <mbehrendt@ci.durham.nh.us>  
**Subject:** Arts In Reach

Dear Mr. Behrendt,

I am writing as a member of the Durham community in support of the conditional use application submitted by Arts In Reach (AIR) for the use of 81 Dover Road as a Community Center.

I have had the pleasure of calling Durham home for eight years now in the Woodridge neighborhood and have come to know AIR through my professional role at the Chamber of Commerce in Portsmouth. AIR and its mission to support the healthy development and well-being of young people in our community is more important now than ever. Their impact on the Durham and seacoast community is critical in a time when our young people need positive outlets for the increasing anxiety and mental health challenges they face.

The results of AIR's impact on a vulnerable population of adolescents over the past 26 years is remarkable. No other organization offers this type of evidence-based, and trauma-informed arts programming, and there has been no time in history when these programs were more necessary.

I strongly encourage the Planning Board to approve this application and allow AIR to flourish in Durham and provide even greater benefit to our community. Thank you.

Kind regards,  
Ben

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