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Subject: Dover Road #81 - email from Karin Barndollar
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To the Planning Board,
Please see the email from Karin Barndollar below.

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From: Karin Barndollar <karin.bdollars@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 1, 2023 10:51 AM
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Subject: Arts-in-Reach/Conditional use application

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> Dear Mr Behrendt,

> I am writing today as a long-time supporter and Board member of Arts-in-Reach. During its 25-year history, AIR has never had a permanent home, and our staff and programs have literally been 'itinerant', putting a great burden on our teaching professionals. Their valuable time would be much better spent if they could fully focus on working with our teens rather than transporting materials and people. Our Board therefore made the decision about a year ago that we needed to find a space. AIR is in a financial position to undertake such an effort, and we have been looking for some time. When I saw the Dover Road property, I felt immediately that it would be very suitable for us. Its location between Oyster River and Dover High Schools is perfect because we draw attendants from both institutions. The house has been beautifully renovated, and there is sufficient space to increase parking. It also feels very safe with the Police Department essentially across the street. We would be able to expand our programming and serve more teens if we were housed in a permanent location. I therefore hope that the Durham Planning Department will grant our application for a conditional use permit.

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> Sincerely,

> Karin Barndollar

> Vice-Chair, Arts- in-Reach

> Portsmouth,NH

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