

From: [Michael Behrendt](#)
Subject: Dover Road #81 - email from Katie Wheeler
Date: Monday, November 6, 2023 10:45:44 AM

To the Planning Board,
Please see the email from Katie Wheeler below.

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From: Katherine Wells Wheeler <kwellswheeler@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 6, 2023 10:32 AM
To: Michael Behrendt <mbehrendt@ci.durham.nh.us>
Cc: jennifer@artsinreach.org
Subject: support for AIR for the use of 81 Dover Road as a Community Center

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 am very excited by the prospect of providing a permanent home in Durham for this wonderful organization which had its beginnings in Durham as it was founded by Durham resident Kristin Forselius.

As a firm believer in the critical importance of helping girls to be strong, healthy, contributing members of our community and of our state, I have been an enthusiastic supporter of AIR since its inception, 26 years ago. The proposed location seems ideal both for AIR and for the town. It would not be in a heavily traveled residential neighborhood. There can be no concerns about noise or zoning violations. It is a great opportunity for Durham to support the positive development of young women with no downside for the town.

I have been resident of 27 Mill Road since 1967, and this is one of the most exciting proposals I have seen for our wonderful, academically-centered community. The success of AIR's programs in helping to develop happy and productive young women is well-documented. Durham is the best place to help AIR continue to flourish.

Sincerely,
Katie Wheeler

PS I very much regret that a previous engagement of long-standing prevents me from attending the hearing. Please do give my letter to the decision makers.

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