Subject: Menotomy Building

Dear Chairman Hopkins,

I am writing this letter of support of the Menotomy project. The “downtown area” is in need of a facelift and the proposed project with absolutely provide it. The new building along with the apartments will allow an island mainstay, The Red Cat, to continue doing business. The Red Cat has been an island restaurant since the mid 90's and it would be a travesty to see it close its doors due to a failed building permit. To not allow this project would essentially terminate a mans livelihood. As someone who is married to a small business owner on island, I fully understand how difficult it is to attract and keep staff. This project would allow the Red Cat to do so. Throughout the years, many buildings have been refurbished along Circuit/Kennebec Avenues. The proposed project would allow this continued improvement. In a town where the “cornerstone building” should be condemned, to NOT allow a beautification project such as this to happen would be appalling. This project (at not cost to the town) will provide a much needed facelift and aid in the housing crisis issue on island.

Thank You,

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