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Message:

Dear Ms. Toohill,

I hope you are able to pass my comment on to the Planning Board before the June 2nd meeting, if at all possible.

I wish to express my support for the requested expansion of the Hager Homestead Senior Cohousing Community by 2 units, because I believe it would be great for the town as well as the residents who would benefit from the community. It would establish our town as a leader, and a role model that would encourage further development of this innovative housing solution that would effectively address the growing problem of isolation for many members of the 55+ community.

Evidence suggests that cohousing positively impacts the physical and mental health of its residents, fostering a sense of purpose and a feeling of being part of a community through shared common spaces, socialization, shared responsibility and collaborative efforts. As the first town in New England to establish a 55+ cohousing community, this project would be yet another feather in Littleton's cap. We would be a great example for other communities, and even more importantly, Littleton would be helping to improve the lives of our aging friends, neighbors, and family members.

Lastly, I honestly don't believe that the addition of two more units, as needed and requested, would negatively impact Littleton at all. In fact, I believe the effect would be quite the opposite. It would allow 2-4 more people to significantly enjoy the benefits of living in a cohousing community for generations to come. Thanks all, for your time and attention.

Best,
Brendan Kearney
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