

Dear Planning Board Members:

Alternative viewpoints on the sale of the McGordon House need to be considered.

I have a life-long connection to Aurora and I moved back into our family home 4 years ago. I also expressed interest in the McGordon property several years ago and I was disappointed when told that it was not for sale. However, my view is that I am pleased to see some action taken on this property that has been vacant for over 50 years even if I am not the one who got the property.

I support Kevin Fitzgerald's proposal for the property because I consider him to be a valuable and trusted member of our community:

--Golf Course: Kevin was the last option for keeping the golf course open 3 years ago and he has made significant improvements to the course. Community participation in the men's golf league has almost tripled during this time. The Clubhouse has been improved and is a year-round tavern that attracts many non-golfers. This was a much needed addition to our community.

--Pickleball: Kevin was the driving force behind starting a community pickleball program. Thanks to Kevin, and the generosity of Wells College allowing us to use year-round facilities, we now have regular weekly participation of 10-15 players and we have had more than 25 community members join us for pickleball.

--Aurorafest: If you ask any Aurorafest committee member, I am sure they would tell you that they could not have pulled off the Aurorafest last year without Kevin's long term commitment and his willingness to step in on very short notice when needed.

--McGordon Project: I attended the Town Hall last year with the hired Planning Consultant. One thing that was clear was that additional, affordable housing was needed in the Village. This is exactly what Kevin's proposal seems to address.

I cannot understand the extreme negative views of this project. Everyone is entitled to offer an opinion on this matter, but village residents are the people that you represent. As a resident, I hope you do not deny this application and forego the aesthetic and tax base benefits that this project would provide.

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