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Enthusiastic Support for Tilden Commons

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To the members of the Planning Board,

I'm writing to tell you that I'm 100% behind the Tilden Commons project for our meeting this Thursday. When you're looking at how this fits in, please just look at the facts and the big picture of what we want for our town.

Tilden Commons isn't just a good fit — it's exactly what we've been planning for all along.

It Checks All Our Boxes

Our town plan is super clear: we need affordable places to live and better spots to get food. Plus, we're officially a "Pro-Housing" town now. Tilden Commons nails this by giving us a great grocery store and some really nice new apartments. Saying it doesn't fit just doesn't make sense given everything we've been working toward.

Preserving Our Community's Character

Some folks are worried about it changing our rural feel, but it's actually the opposite. Smart growth means building up our downtown instead of spreading out. By putting this project right in the middle of town, we're keeping our beautiful forests and hills untouched.

Beyond that, Tilden Commons is going to be a huge win for us:

- **Essential Housing:** It provides desperately needed housing for local seniors and working families.
- **Affordable Food & Farm Support:** It brings affordable food to everyone in town and offers a major outlet for local farmers and food producers to sell their products.
- **Economic Vitality:** It provides a much-needed anchor to our downtown, driving economic development that will naturally benefit neighboring businesses.

Tilden Commons is a solid, well-planned project that New Lebanon really needs to stay strong.

Please do the right thing and vote to approve it!

Best,

James

Sent from my iPhone