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Support for Tilden Commons

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Hello
My husband and I are full-time residents of Canaan and pay taxes into the New Lebanon School District. We are also regular customers of the New Lebanon Farmers Market and Grocery.

We fully support the proposed Tilden Commons development and urge the Planning Board to approve the project — or at least grant it conditional approval — so the organizers can apply for grant funding while the necessary environmental and public health reviews are completed.

Here's why we support Tildon Commons:

- It would create more moderately priced housing, which we urgently need. Our young people, seniors, or anyone on a moderate or fixed income can no longer afford to settle here or live out their lives in the community they love.
- It would expand the tax base by bringing more residents into New Lebanon. This is essential to cover the fixed costs of schools and other services.
- It would preserve open space by concentrating new housing in an area that is already developed, vs. cutting down forests or converting farmland to create new building lots.
- It would put a full-service grocery store within walking distance of many residents, and a short drive for the surrounding community. The market would continue offering a retail outlet for local farmers and food producers, while its expansion to a larger footprint would allow it to operate at a higher volume and offer lower prices.
- It would bring more shoppers into New Lebanon, which benefits other businesses in town.
- It would replace the deteriorating eyesore that currently sits on the property.
- It would strengthen the bonds of community within New Lebanon and between the town and its neighbors.

We see only upsides from the Tilden Commons project and wanted to make sure that our perspective is heard as the Planning Board deliberates on this development.

Many thanks for your consideration,

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