

Town of Bridgton  
3 Chase Street Suite 1  
Bridgton, ME 04009

Attn: Planning Board

Dear Bridgton Planning Board,

I'm writing in support of Hotel Bridgton. I feel the economic benefits to the town are significant including an expanded tax base, employment opportunities as well as increased revenues to downtown merchants.

I've never met Justin McIver but I admire his vision, the buildings he has constructed and his impact on the local economy. Based on the two public meetings I've attended, I believe Mr. McIver has listened carefully and made considerable changes to his original plan in response to neighborhood and planning board concerns.

As a property owner 400 feet from Kennard Street, I understand there will be some increased traffic. However I feel this is a minor inconvenience compared to the overall benefits of the project. And while change can be daunting, I prefer to embrace, rather than fight the future.

Lastly, the current state of the property is not reflective of the continued improvements Bridgton is making to encourage visitors who are the lifeblood of our economy. Empty storefronts are depressing and cast a poor reflection on Bridgton to passersby. Let's buck the statewide trend and give people a reason to stop and Love, Bridgton.

Best Regards,



Bill Masterson  
52 Highland Road

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Dear Planning Board members,

I am writing to express my strong support of the Bridgton hotel project that is before you. I believe that this project is critical to the health and prosperity of downtown Bridgton.

My family has owned property in town for over 25 years and my wife and I plan to retire to the area. We care greatly about this community and wish to see the downtown return to prosperity. It is my belief that the only way to fill the empty store fronts is to bring people to the sidewalks and streets downtown. The hotel will contribute greatly to help attract other new businesses that are sorely needed. Importantly, we owe it to the existing business owners to help bring people to the area year round.

I have viewed the renderings, examined the scale model and attended planning board meetings and believe the size and scope of the project to be appropriate for the proposed site. The project also integrates nicely with the forthcoming sewage improvements and streetscape plans. I urge you to consider these projects in their entirety and ask that you vote your support for the downtown hotel.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'William Gillen', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

William Gillen

161 Ledges Rd

P.S. My daughter is getting married at the Tarry-a-while in June 2020. There will be nearly 200 out of town guests. There is currently no single place to accommodate this number of guests. A hotel of this size would allow Bridgton to attract many more of these types of family celebrations.