

Llewellyn R. and Tami Furry
PO Box 1286
Hardwick, Vermont 05843

Town of Hardwick Zoning Board
20 Church Street
Hardwick, Vermont 05843

To Whom It May Concern:

We are writing in support of the zoning application of Head Start moving their operation to the property owned by Sybil and Andre Messier at 112 Spring Street in Hardwick. Our property is at 220 Elm Street Extension, right around the corner from this property.

This property has had a business operated in it for years, so there is ample parking for the use of Head Start. We often use Spring Street to reach our home and there has never been an issue with cars parked on the street or otherwise interrupting traffic flow.

It makes sense to have the Head Start program in a more central area in town where there will not be other businesses or activities going on in the same building. This increases the safety of the children involved.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,


Tami & Llewellyn Furry

Candy McLeon

19 Michaud Lane

Hardwick

April 15, 2016

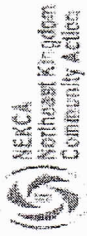
Attn: Hardwick Zoning Board

To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to extend my support to the Hardwick Headstart in their venture to purchase the Messier property on Spring Street. This program has benefited and continues to benefit, many families and community members. Having them as neighbors can only add to the area.



Candy McLeon



Hill, Denise <dhill@nekcavt.org>

neighborhood

1 message

Eric Richter <bigrockdmd@comcast.net>

To: dhill@nekcavt.org

Fri, Apr 29, 2016 at 10:10 AM

Lisa,

It was good chatting with you this morning. Thank you for bringing this matter to my attention. As you are aware I was a next door neighbor to the Head Start facility located in the Masonic Temple Building on Church Street in Hardwick. Granted I have not lived there for a lot of years, however for twenty years my wife and I had lived just up the street near my dental office on West Church street. I've lived in the neighborhood for nearly 40 years. I now reside in NH and commute on a nearly daily basis. I want the citizenry to know that in all the years I've been involved with Hardwick I have never heard of any adverse issues regarding the child center. You can check with the town clerk but I do not think there has been any devaluation of any property on Church Street. In fact the values have skyrocketed in the last 25 years. There has been no noise or adverse actions or crime in the neighborhood and as far as I'm concerned it's been rather calm and peaceful. The traffic has not been an issue nor has the parking. The new location may even be safer regarding traffic and children because it's more out of the way and not on a fairly busy street. The town needs this center to have early childhood education and in the process creating better citizens for the future. I think we all benefit from this. What's in it for us to deny these kids an even start in life. Issues can be much easier to deal with while these kids are young and waiting for future intervention can be problematic at best. Therefore I'm a big supporter of the head start center and think the move could be positive.

Eric Richter DMD

Wellspring Institute

PO Box 147, Hardwick, VT 05843

802-472-6694 email: wellspringvt@gmail.com

Margaret A. McGuire, Ph.D.
Clinical Director

April 29, 2016

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to address questions and concerns regarding Headstart as a neighbor.

I have lived and worked beside Headstart for the past 20 years. My colleagues and I have never once been disturbed or felt threatened in anyway by their presence, or by the people who participate in the Headstart program.

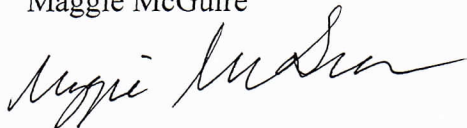
On the contrary, I enjoy the sounds of children playing on those occasions when they are outside (on average about 20-30 minutes in the late mornings, Monday through Thursday).

The rhythm of traffic is like this: a drop off period in the morning around 8-8:30 and a pick up period in the afternoon around 12:30-1 (about 30* each) Monday through Thursday during the school year – September through May.

Staff members are diligent in their attention to the children and parents, and maintain a very clear and loving approach to discipline.

I am happy to speak with anyone who continues to have questions or concerns about Headstart being a great neighbor.

Maggie McGuire



5-3-16

To Whom It May Concern,

I live across the street from the building where the headstart school is. I believe in the pre-school program for children. The children learn a lot there and the teachers do a wonderful job teaching them.

The children are well behaved and the teachers make sure they are safe. When they are outside the teachers are right there with them. They have fun, but they are not loud.

I do support the plan for them to move to a larger building.

Thank you for
your time
Ludy Lakus

To Whom It May Concern:

Sandy and I were neighbors of the Head Start Program for 5-6 years when we lived on Church St. We found them to be very quiet, and peaceful. The traffic and noise was never an issue for us, at all. We never saw any children in the street and when outside, they were supervised and very well behaved.

This is a great program for children, and we believe that they would be a good addition to the neighborhood.

Roger and Sandy Howard

May 4, 2016

To whom it may concern,

I am writing this letter in support of Hardwick Head Start purchasing and moving into the property on Spring Street, in Hardwick that used to be The Looking Glass. The property would be an ideal location for Head Start to move to. There is a nice yard for the kids to play, a better space for the children to learn in and there is plenty of parking. Head Start is vital program for young children to give them a good start for their school careers. This new spaces would give both the Head Start staff and students more opportunities to grow and learn.

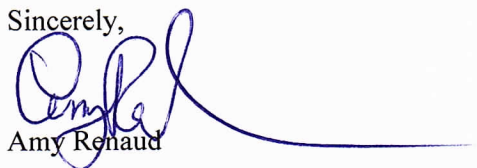
There has been concern over the parking and noise that would be come with Head Start moving to the Spring Street property. The hours of operation for the children are the same as our local schools (8:00am-12:30pm most days), and they also follow the school calendar so they will be no school in the summer. These hours are during the day when most people are at work or away from home. For those people that would be home during their open hours the kids are inside most of the time learning and their play area would be down behind the house so most of the noise would be block. As for the parking this would not be the first time a business was run out of this property so there is park and if parents needs more parking they would only be parked on the street for a minimal amount of time to drop off or pick up their child. Also a majority of the children's parent walk them to and from school.

The Spring Street property had not only been a residents but also had been a business for well over 30 years. There are also is and has been other business within close proximity to Spring Street, such as daycare's, a preschool on Elm Street, a FedEx store, Funeral Home and a Flooring store for example. All of these business run much longer hours and sometime fill other streets during high traffic times with vehicles.

I grew up on Elm Street where my mom has successful run 2 business out of our home, a daycare for over 35 years and a bakery for 23 years. At drop off and pick up times have always been a little hectic at times, but this is to be expected from time to time. I know for a fact that other surrounding business have had to use other neighbor's lawns and even driveways, due to over flow of their business's parking.

It takes a community to raise a child and I think as a community we need to come together and support our children to give them the best possible start that we can.

Sincerely,



Amy Renaud

May 4, 2016

To Whom It May Concern:

I have been a childcare provider in Hardwick for well over 30 years. Many of the children who have attended my home daycare have greatly benefitted from the local Head Start Program. I was delighted to hear that they are considering a new facility as the one they are currently in is not owned by the program and in need of many repairs. A new space would provide the staff, children and families with a healthy and safe environment that they need as well as deserve.

As a business owner in the neighborhood and Hardwick resident I feel that the proposed Head Start Site on Spring Street would be a great fit and wonderful addition to our community. In the past two businesses were run from this building/home with no problems. These businesses also were open year round and were often open until well into the evening hours. There was always adequate parking for clients and no complaints if parking occurred on the side of the street.

I hope that Spring Street will be the new home for the Head Start Program. I will gladly welcome them to the community/neighborhood with open arms.

Sincerely,

Gail LeBlanc

Hardwick Resident and Business Owner

5-3-2016.

To whom it may Concern,

I would like to start off.
Say my daughter went to
head start for two years,

I have never
put my child in daycare even
though I worked two jobs.

I was worried about sending
her there I signed her up
I couldn't have been any
happier, I felt safe leaving her
there,

I strongly believe
in head start. They have helped
my daughter. They got her to be
respectful, caring, and how to share,
they helped get her the help she
needed to become successful in school.

I took place in meetings,
and they care about the children and
their families and their safety, they get
them ready for success. The head start
plays a high role in this
community. They make it welcoming
safe environment. I will always
be thankful to them, I took
program as well and that to me.

was wonderful.

These children that go there are our future, Head Start gets them ready for it.

I was the parent that asked about fire's drills, and they plan to get out they showed me there was no flaws in it. I work for a hospital and do drills a lot. They got it down, you could say I was one of the hard parents I wanted to know everything I could.

Things like this am happy they have people, mostly everybody is low income. This place helped me as well, like I said I worked two jobs both jobs in health care and struggled. I am a single parent. Head Start helps Hardwick Community, in many ways.

I have never had any trouble with head start, safety wise or concern for any of the children. SAFELY.

I was sad when my daughter finished there. These people have my utmost respect. Head Start should have a chance to move to where they want. I strongly believe and know they can handle it.

thanks ~~Latisha Lankford~~

Patricia H. Coultas

P.O. Box 207, 76 Dewey Street, Hardwick, Vermont 05843
phcoultas@yahoo.com ~ 802-473-0739

April 14, 2016

Cheryl Michaels, Chair
Town of Hardwick Development Review Board
P.O. Box 523
Hardwick, Vermont 05843

Ms. Michaels:

As a homeowner on Dewey Street, I am writing to support the purchase of the house and property at 112 Spring Street, currently owned by the Messier Family, by the NEKCA Head Start.

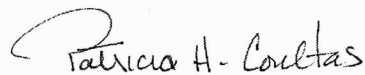
The property, which was a cosmetology business and home, is ideally set up for a child care, with separate spaces for different ages. It also has a large parking area already established for employees and parents.

Our neighborhood is quiet, and I would like to keep it that way. Having NEKCA Early Head Start in the neighborhood would not at all take away from character of the neighborhood. I understand that the playgroups are only there during the day, with minimal meetings there in the evenings. They will fence the large yard for a playground, and the sound of children playing is happy.

Additionally, I like the idea of this being a public, not private, center where children of this community are prepared for school. NEKCA Head Start serves Hardwick area children well. I would be happy to have them in my neighborhood.

If I can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely yours,



Patricia H. Coultas

cc. NEKCA Head Start

Danielle A. Lanphere
291 Glenside Avenue
Hardwick, VT 05843
(802) 825-5215

April 26th, 2016

To The Zoning Board of Hardwick,

My name is, Danielle Lanphere, and I am a concerned parent who is apart of the head start program in Hardwick. I am writing to you because I feel that early education is a fundamental and essential requirement for the success of our children in this day and age. I hope you all would agree? Hardwick Head Start and the Early Head Start program is a true blessing for so many in our community because without this non-profit, government funded program, many impoverished children would not be able to receive any type of educational stimulation for their child until Kindergarten, or maybe what a TV could provide. As many studies have shown, TV is not a beneficial gateway.

This program educates not only the children, but the parents as well, by bringing current information and educating the parents on different ways to engage with their child. This builds relationships and improves the child's social and emotional growth. Currently the staff in the Hardwick center have truly been warriors because of their lack of space to work with. I encourage you to take a trip over. The staff and all their equipment is packed into one room into the basement of a church with a $\frac{3}{4}$ wall divider, separating the offices from the playroom and the kitchen. Not an ideal spot for having or maintaining any type of confidential conversation, but they have been amazing at using their ingenuity to make this program work in the space they have. I commend them and now we need to help them by supporting and hopefully approving their zoning permit.

In conclusion, the staff need and deserve a new space to conduct and evolve their business in order to educate our youth in Hardwick. As a parent, and a resident of Hardwick I am asking you to approve the permit for the new location on Spring street. This location on Spring Street will give them the space and functionality to provide the child care our children deserve and require to keep them in the race to succeed. Thank You for your time and consideration in giving the Hardwick Head Start and Early Head Start the permit they need to expand for today's generation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Danielle Lanphere". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Danielle A, Lanphere

3-3-16

To Whom It may Concern ~

For the past 10 years I've worked with Head Start as a consultant in a different county, my family & I live close to the proposed head start site. We have NO concerns whatsoever with this program being in our neighborhood.

The hours of operation are during the school day (a year). Pick up & drop off should also have little impact, as it will be very quick. I (we) have watched Head Start radically change people's lives & support this program fully!

Sincerely,

Richard Williams & Family

5-1-16'

Members of The Zoning Board:

I have been Affiliated with the Hardwick Headstart Program For the last 25 yrs. I have had Four Grandsons go to headstart here. It Always Amazed me how the teachers - cooks - volunteers and 17 children under 5 made it in such a small space - but we did. We Always appreciated the Masons allowing us there. But - - I was overly excited when I learned they could get the Messier's house with A back yard - to do ~~different~~ ^{different} things.

Headstart could certainly use the extra space and room. Please say yes -

Thank-You
Markus Wheeler

Hope this helps :D

Tiffany McNaulty <tmcnaulty92@gmail.com>
To: dhill@nekcv.org

Wed, Apr 27, 2016 at 12:20 PM

To Whom It May Concern:

I have lived in Hardwick for coming up on thirteen years now. I live on Lower Cherry Street which is one street over from the new proposed location of the Hardwick Area Head Start. I am in full support of this move. All three of my children attended Head Start (in another town at the time), however, I am a huge support of all the services they offer here. It is hard to deny that being a part of the Early Head Start program from 0-3 and then transitioning into Head Start, makes transitioning to elementary school that much easier on a child. My grandson attended the Head Start here in town, and there were always issues with using the building for meetings, etc. I think the move to Spring Street would make a tremendous difference in allowing the parents the ability to get together for their parent meetings, and plan for end of year celebrations, activities, and fundraisers to make all these things possible. I live just one street over, and can honestly vouch what a safe neighborhood this is. I also think that if the stress of not having to worry about if we can have meetings in the building, or if we are over lapping with someone else, being off of the table, this program will run a lot more smoothly. This happening will make it so our dedicated Head Start teachers and staff can focus solely on their reason for being there to begin with (The Children!!). This has been a discussion in the works for years as I so observed and witnessed during my grandson's time there, and I think this move will be well worth it and has been a long time in the making. The teachers, families, and children deserve this opportunity to get into a bigger, and more reasonable building; so that the Head Start can continue to strive and grow and help families as I know it has helped mine.

Thank you,

Paula Mallo

All Search

Search Mail Search Web Home joyce



Compose



Archive Move Delete Spam More

Tonite People

Nancy Nottermann <nancysnugvalley@gmail.com> Today at 5:39 PM To Joyce Mandeville

I would like to speak in support of the Head Start program moving to the former Messier residence. The children that attend Head Start are our children,,all of our children and we need to be sure they receive all the education they possibly can, and that starts with pre-school. Pre school is a proven positive for children.

I am part of the Community and School Collaboration group that is a result of the Community Visit Process we underwent in winter. And that collaboration starts in pre-school and even before

Yes, I live on a dirt road on a farm, but there is lots of noise here with all of our animals and machinery. Having Head Start in a neighborhood for what is I believe, 3 mornings a week will only bring the sound of little kids experiencing joy (most of the time) and developing a sound foundation before entering kindergarten.

Nancy Nottermann

-- Nancy Nottermann Snug Valley Farm 824 Pumpkin Lane East Hardwick, VT 05836

802-472-6185 info@snugvalleyfarm.com www.SnugValleyFarm.com www.facebook.com/snugvalleyfarm

Advertisement for ProFlowers featuring four different bouquet images and a 15% OFF discount with a 'SHOP NOW' button.

Advertisement for ProFlowers featuring a large bouquet image and a 'DEAL OF THE DAY' for 100 Blooms of Peruvian Lilies with Free Glass Vase, priced at \$19.99.

- Inbox (15) Drafts (149) Sent Archive Spam (597) Trash (91)

- Smart Views Important Unread Starred People Social Shopping Travel Finance

Folders (6)

Recent

Sponsored



Free Solar Quotes New Solar Rebates Throw Power Company A Curveball