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Greetings members of the Wilton ZBA,

I'm writing to offer support for the condominium project on the old Intervale Hardware site.

I think the condo project, properly designed and built, could work well for the town for the following reasons:

- A modern property development and subsequent management of those structures would provide more and better safeguards for the local environment, specifically the river, than those that currently exist on the site.
- People need places to live. Well-insulated, properly built condominiums tend to be efficient living spaces. They have a smaller environmental/carbon footprint than individually built houses.
- There is a tax advantage for the town. The Intervale property would provide more tax revenue for the town.
- According to the NH Housing report, the people likely to buy these finished condos are
 younger people looking for a 'living' investment and home. Some will be coming from out-ofstate. Others moving from in-state apartments. These tend to be responsible, contributing
 citizens.

I understand there are legitimate concerns about the project, but I offer support for this project, and hope a way for it to move forward is found.

Thank you,

Chris Balch

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