

## Planning Zoning

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Hello CH Planning Board,  
I am writing to voice the full support from my family for the proposed Change of Use at Keewaydin Farm LLC, on Red Hill Farm Road.

Debbie and I live across College Road from the site at #103 / #111 College Road. Additionally, our son is an abutter due to ownership of two unbuilt lots immediately within the Red Hill Farm development. I am authorized to submit this recommendation on his behalf.

The Tall family retains full confidence that the use of Keewaydin Farm for public events will be considerately managed by Nancy and Mark Haines. Further, some public availability of this wonderful property will be a net positive for the broader community. Interest from both local-people and summer-people to utilize a gracious venue like Keewaydin for reasonable gatherings is very clear to us. A reasonable balance regarding frequency of use, size of gatherings, and hours of the day, should be easily agreed upon.

Importantly, some flexibility provided to the Haines's to defray the very high maintenance, operating and restoration costs of this historic building is also appropriate, in our view. When Debbie and I moved to Center Harbor in 2016, our first impression was this brick mansion was destined to be a derelict building forever. What would that mean for us? Who would/could undertake a restoration project of this magnitude? So rest assured we are thrilled with the seemingly infinite time, energy and treasure poured into rejuvenating the mansion by the Haines.

Due to personal experience with ancient structures, we are attuned to the challenges of projects like this one. Without some supportive posture from the broader community, old structures like this one would all eventually disappear. I believe that outcome would be a loss of heritage and of our understanding of history.

In conclusion, the flexibility to offer public events at Keewaydin Farm should provide a positive to the wider public good in Center Harbor. The petition should be approved. Thank you for your time, and efforts on behalf of our town.

George W. Tall

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