

May 2024

To the Members of the Planning Board:

We would like to endorse the request put before you by Mark & Nancy Haines.

We have been residents on College Rd. since 1979. During that time, we have seen the property presently owned by the Haines go from an empty College Administrations building to the Red Hill Inn, (complete with restaurant and bar) to a hopeful site for the NH Music Festival to a historic house dilapidated from years of neglect that the Haines are restoring, seeing its potential beauty and historical significance to the area.

While the property was in the hands of Don and Rick, as the Red Hill Inn, it was frequently used as a venue for events, particularly weddings as the setting is absolutely spectacular. We attended a wedding there and remember what a special backdrop the view made for our friends' vows. Events were an additional means of income for Don and Rick to keep up the maintenance on such a large property.

We understand that Mark and Nancy are seeking an "events permit" to hold weddings and special occasions once again on this beautiful property. We fully support this idea. We have been inside the property numerous times, witnessing the care that Mark and Nancy are putting into the restoration. In order to preserve this piece of history and keep the building maintained, which is in the town's best historical interest, an events permit would be essential. I am sure that the Haines would put the same care and thoughtfulness into their events as they are the house. It would be in the best interest of the town and the community to see this property used and maintained successfully.

We fully support the Haines and their request and hope that the Planning Board values the historical significance of this building, the work, upkeep, and continuous investment that it will take to maintain.

Respectfully,

 
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