

Fw: Leverett Spencer House

William Warner <townplanner@haddam.org>

Fri 4/16/2021 12:21 PM

To: Rachel Francisco <landuse@haddam.org>

Print all these and put in file then pdf and send to commission in one email

From: Bunny Batzner <commisionsec@haddam.org>

Sent: Friday, April 16, 2021 7:29 AM

To: William Warner <townplanner@haddam.org>

Subject: Fw: Leverett Spencer House

One more!

From: MARCIA FRIEDLANDER <marcialee38@sbcglobal.net>

Sent: Thursday, April 15, 2021 4:03 PM

To: Bunny Batzner <commisionsec@haddam.org>

Subject: Leverett Spencer House

Dear Ms. Batzner of the Planning and Zoning Commission of Haddam;

As a born and raised Higganum resident that currently resides in Middletown, I would like to voice my support for the idea of relocating the Leverett Spencer House, 140 Dublin Hill Road, to Higganum Cove, as proposed by the "Friends of the Cove" organization. To see what I view as an important historical attraction for the town of Higganum, be established as a Higganum Cove Heritage/Nature Center, would be a fitting home for this piece of architectural importance.

Thank You,
Marcia Friedlander

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From: Bunny Batzner <commisionsec@haddam.org>

Sent: Wednesday, April 14, 2021 8:10 AM

To: William Warner <townplanner@haddam.org>

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And another.

From: Lindamae Peck <l.peck.bures@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, April 13, 2021 6:53 PM

To: Bunny Batzner <commisionsec@haddam.org>

Cc: LPeck <L.Peck.Bures@gmail.com>

Subject: Leverett Spencer House

Ms. Batzner,

I support utilizing the Leverett Spencer House as a Higganum Heritage and Nature Center at Higganum Cove. The future vitality of Higganum Center as a business center depends on initiatives such as attracting visitors to the recreational activities of hiking Swan Hill, biking local scenic roads and paddling on the Higganum Reservoir, combined with sharing the history of the area the visitors are exploring. The Leverett Spencer House is ideal for presenting aspects of Higganum Center's past through an account of its own history. Relocating the house to Higganum Cove places Higganum Center on a course toward sustained economic strength through promoting both its built and its natural environment.

Sincerely,

Lindamae Peck
39 Hull Avenue
P.O. Box 2
Higganum

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Fri 4/16/2021 12:24 PM

To: Rachel Francisco <landuse@haddam.org>

From: Lindamae Peck <l.peck.bures@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, April 13, 2021 6:51 PM

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Here's another.

From: Lisa Brittain <grombrittain@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, April 12, 2021 9:22 AM

To: Bunny Batzner <commisionsec@haddam.org>

Subject: Spencer House

Good morning Bunny Batzner

We are sending this email to say we are in favor of the Spencer house being moved to Higganum cove by Friends of Higganum Cove. To use this historic home in such a creative way is fantastic!

Sincerely,

Kathleen Minick Rand

Lisa Rand Brittain

"Optimism is the faith that leads to achievement. Nothing can be done without hope and confidence."

Helen Keller

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Fri 4/16/2021 12:25 PM

To: Rachel Francisco <landuse@haddam.org>

From: Lisa Brittain <grombrittain@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, April 12, 2021 9:17 AM

To: William Warner <townplanner@haddam.org>

Subject: Spencer House

Good morning Mr Warner

We are in favor of moving the Spencer house to Higganum cove by the Friends of Higganum Cove. It would be wonderful to see our family homestead be used in such a creative way.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Minick Rand

Lisa Rand Brittain

Cromwell, CT

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Helen Keller

Fw: Improve Cove- Save Leverett Spencer House

William Warner <townplanner@haddam.org>

Fri 4/16/2021 12:26 PM

To: Rachel Francisco <landuse@haddam.org>

From: Bunny Batzner <commisionsec@haddam.org>

Sent: Monday, April 12, 2021 7:56 AM

To: William Warner <townplanner@haddam.org>

Subject: Fw: Improve Cove- Save Leverett Spencer House

Here's another one for you! Enjoy your vacation!

From: RAUL DEBRIGARD <debrigard@yahoo.com>

Sent: Saturday, April 10, 2021 8:31 PM

To: Robert McGarry <firstselectman@haddam.org>; William Warner <townplanner@haddam.org>; Tim Teran <tim.teran15@gmail.com>; Bunny Batzner <commisionsec@haddam.org>; contact@haddamhistory.org <contact@haddamhistory.org>

Subject: Improve Cove- Save Leverett Spencer House

I am writing to express SUPPORT for the Friends of the Cove Project for Higganum Cove,

thereby also saving the Leverett Spencer House

by moving it to this convenient location where it can be put back to use, instead of allowing it to be destroyed by the current owner.

Raúl de Brigard

debrigard@yahoo.com

Fw: Leverett Spencer House

William Warner <townplanner@haddam.org>

Fri 4/16/2021 5:35 PM

To: Rachel Francisco <landuse@haddam.org>

From: m e <ellis8671@sbcglobal.net>

Sent: Friday, April 16, 2021 5:28 PM

To: firstselectman@haddam.org <firstselectman@haddam.org>; William Warner <townplanner@haddam.org>;
commissionsec@haddam.org <commissionsec@haddam.org>

Cc: Haddam Historical Society <director@haddamhistory.org>

Subject: Leverett Spencer House

April 16, 2021

To:

Robert McGarry, First Selectman

William Warner, Town Planner

Bunny Batzner, Secretary, Planning & Zoning Commission:

I am writing in support of the plan of the Friends of the Cove to relocate the endangered Leverett Spencer House to Higganum Cove and repurpose it as a town resource.

First, transforming Higganum Cove to a destination for hiking, birding and other outdoor activity, as well as, outdoor class room and cultural arts venue would draw businesses, visitors and new residents to Higganum. Its location on the Connecticut River and adjacent to Swan Hill makes it an obvious choice for recreational activities. The Cove's industrial history could tell the story of American ingenuity from the 17th century through 20th century and focus on the many factory workers who sought the American dream.

Second, moving the Leverett Spencer House to Higganum Cove would provide a place for sharing the area's heritage and serve as a center for those biking, hiking or accessing the river. The house could serve as a nature center and offer sundries and be the base for outdoor classes and cultural events.

Historic Preservation is the ultimate recycling and has numerous economic benefits including enhancing community quality and real estate values, creating jobs and fostering local businesses.

The goal of the Planning and Zoning Commission denying the application to demolish the Leverett Spencer House last year was to see if alternative options to demolition could be found. Here is an option. The Spencer House is the best remaining example of factory housing in the area and demolishing it would erase a piece of Higganum's working-class history.

The plan for Higganum Cove has been carefully thought out and many local residents have donated considerable time in formulating it. In addition, a number of local contractors and businesses have indicated they will donate substantial services to relocate the building to the Cove.

We ask that the Board of Selectmen, Land Use Office, Planning and Zoning Commission carefully review and support the proposal to move the Leverett Spencer House to Higganum Cove and not only save a piece of history but create a destination Higganum can be proud of.

Thank you.
Mel Ellis
Haddam Neck, CT
860-267-4158

**Bullet points to support moving Leverett Spencer House
to Higganum Cove**

- **Saves endangered building identified as historically significant**
- **Repurposes building as town resource**
- **Viable option to demolition**
- **Solution to saving a piece of history which tells the story of local industry and factory workers**
- **Provides place to serve as environmental and heritage center**
- **Provides location as start point for hiking, biking, birding and other outside activities**
- **Possible commercial venue for outdoor activities/cultural events**
- **Strengthens Town's vision for Higganum in the POCD**