



## **TOWN OF HOPEDALE**

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Town of Hopedale  
Zoning Board of Appeals  
78 Hopedale Street  
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RE: Proposed Addition to the 75 Plain Street Project

Dear Chair and Members of the Zoning Board of Appeals:

I am writing to ask that you favorably consider the expansion of the project at 75 Plain Street. In my short time here, it has become apparent that Hopedale is a community in great need of more revenue, and this project would help address this critical need.

Hopedale's annual operating and capital expenses exceed available revenues and there are only a couple of means available to address this problem. Clearly, expanding the industrial/commercial tax base is a far better option than seeking to raise residential property taxes through a Proposition 2 ½ override.

The first phase of this project has been approved. With the approval of the second – smaller – phase critical tax revenue will be generated, revenue that is badly needed by the Town.

I appreciate the concerns of the neighbors related to the traffic, however it was not long ago that countless Rosenfeld cement trucks came and went from that location daily.

It is always difficult to weigh the concerns of a neighborhood against the greater good of the Town. However, a positive vote would be a step in the right direction with respect to the fiscal stability of this community.

Regards,

Jeff Nutting  
Interim Town Administrator

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