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From: Jane Rohr <jane@thescarab.com>
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To: Michelle Metteer <manager@minturn.org>
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Michelle,

It is my understanding that the council will address the 2 properties being considered for review by the HPC. I have been following the developments and am grateful for the handful of individuals in our community who have put energy and time into this organization. I am and always have been a supporter of Minturn remaining in its integrity and having a process in place for those applying to make changes to their buildings, apply for business license or want to add a new business to our town. What worries me about the specific "historic preservation" process is the broad nature of it, leaving us as a community limited by predetermined guidelines and regulations. I would like to create our own case specific guidelines rather than the ones that are regulated by such an organization. The intent behind this movement came from some of our historic building being torn down by new owners and being disposed of without a conscious effort to preserve integrity and our towns' history.

Im not sure if this is the appropriate time to put this in my letter, but, i am remembering discussions we have had during our MCF meetings to designate the downtown as an arts district. This would have created an opportunity for us to write our own by- laws regarding tear down/ restoration etc.

The cost of real estate and the obligation of new buyers to have hurdles such as the ones lined out by the HPS, will create a lapse in the economy and the managed growth of our downtown. As a business and homeowner in the downtown, my partner and i have endured and survived over 30 years of challenges of small town economics and honestly, at times, received very little support to create a healthy economical flow to our small community. This has changed drastically in the last few years and we are grateful more people are stepping up to help with our future culture. The businesses who are in town im sure can agree that more businesses create more business, the theory of economics that has proven successful in many towns throughout the world... that being said, i know it is imperative at the moment for us to create our own "culture" as the seeds of growth have already been planted by the incoming developers who are busy building. We do not want anything to slip through cracks and micro- focus and waste valuable time.

I am not in favor of historic designation as i understand it. I am open to hearing if im missing something in my interpretation and will be available to discuss.

I think there are ways we can manage and create what we want without these so discussed laws.

I thank you for your time.

For the love of minurn,

Jane Rohr

Sent from my iPhone