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To: Madison Harris
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Subject: Fwd: Minturn - Economic Viability for Downtown Minturn

To the Minturn Town Council,

I understand the dilemma facing our town regarding the historic preservation of buildings versus our economic viability. While preserving our town's charm is important, it's equally crucial to ensure Minturn thrives economically.

I appreciate the sentiment behind preserving historic buildings like Helen's House on 152 Main Street. However, as I observe several empty buildings downtown, I share concerns about our town's economic health. The lack of sufficient revenue from sales taxes and worries about water rates highlight pressing financial challenges.

As we approach the council's decision on the designation of 151 Main Street and 155 Main Street as historic, I urge you to please let the council know what you think. Designating these buildings as historic could introduce regulatory hurdles and economic obstacles, potentially leaving more buildings vacant in the 100 block of Minturn. And would cost too much for any investor to find economic viability for them.

Instead, I propose supporting new mixed-use developments that combine commercial spaces on the ground floor with residential units above. These modern structures can address our low housing inventory while fostering a more economically vibrant downtown. Such developments would not only be environmentally sound but also attract businesses and residents alike, revitalizing our community.

Therefore, I respectfully request that the council vote against preserving 151 Main Street and 155 Main Street. Let's prioritize opportunities for commercial growth and creative development that can propel Minturn's economy forward. Please vote yes to support innovative housing solutions and more business opportunities downtown.

Thank you for considering the future of Minturn with a balanced vision that respects our history while embracing our economic potential.

Sincerely,

Denise and Jeff Johnson

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How to let your voice be heard: Use 1 or more options below

1. Attend and speak up at the council meeting on Wednesday, July 17th
2. Email the town manager, Michelle Metteer | manager@minturn.org
3. Call the town offices and leave a message | 970-827-5645

Be sure to ask that your message of support be read aloud at the council meeting.