

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.

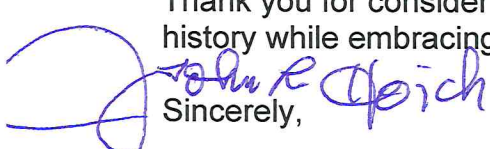
I appreciate the sentiment behind preserving historic buildings like Helen's House on 152 Main Street. However, as I observe several empty buildings downtown, I share concerns about our town's economic health. The lack of sufficient revenue from sales taxes and worries about water rates highlight pressing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

As we approach Minturn's decision, this Wednesday evening 7/17/24, on the designation of 151 Main Street and 155 Main Street as historic, I urge you to please consider the consequences of historic designation. Designating these buildings as historic could introduce regulatory hurdles and economic obstacles, potentially leaving more buildings vacant in the 100 block of Minturn. In short, historic designation would create burdensome costs detouring investors from finding a worthwhile opportunity to invest in Minturn.

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,

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