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Cape Elizabeth Town Council
320 Ocean House Road
Cape Elizabeth, Maine 04107

RE: Request for zone change for property at 27 Fowler Road

Dear Town Council,

I am writing to request a change in zone to the above referenced property. I am the owner of Anything Goes and the son of its founders: Carl and Angela Pearson. When I was 23 years old, they turned the company over to me. If the property is re-zoned to allow me to run the business out of it, they will be transferring the said property into my name.

Currently, the business is operating from a rented facility in South Portland. However, it is my desire to relocate back to the town where Anything Goes was first founded and established in 1989. The majority of our clientele are located in Cape Elizabeth, as well as many of our employees.

The business is involved in a diverse book of business involving landscape maintenance and installation, painting, handyman services, light construction, rubbish and recycling services, moving services, and much more. All of our services are performed off-site at our clients' homes. The primary purpose of our physical location, as it is now and would be when we relocate, would be the storage of trucks, equipment, and a garage/office for the maintenance of our equipment and the administrative operation of our business.

Previously to my taking over the operations, my parents operated the business from their home as an accessory use to the residential house, and the primary reason why they bought this particular property. As the business grew, I became uncomfortable continuing operations from the house, as I felt the scale of the company was outgrowing an accessory use. I never thought of re-zoning the property due to the restrictions within the current zoning ordinance. It was a very hard decision to relocate out of town, as there are not many areas that allow a business such as Anything Goes to operate within Cape Elizabeth. I currently am experiencing a reduction in productivity because of my current location in South Portland. It takes approximately fifteen to twenty minutes one way from many of our jobs to our shop and vice versa.

I've been searching for an appropriate location here in town where I can operate the business while maintaining Cape Elizabeth's rural character and charm, which is so greatly sought after by its residents old and new. However, while looking at property in Cape Elizabeth's Town center zone, I weighed my options of either making the town center property work or re-zoning 27 Fowler Road. The process and the location of Fowler Road sounded like the better idea for the company, and myself as it is currently where I live. I also think this location is a perfect location as it borders the BB-zoned LP Murray and Sons' Gravel pit. I also thought with 27 Fowler Road being 1 of 4 homes between the large BB zone and Town Center zone, that it would make a better fit.

I am asking you to please consider the possibilities, which would allow us to continue a tradition in keeping with the town's unique heritage as a rural enclave within a suburban environment. I could site many examples of where the benefits have been positively proven starting with LP Murray and Sons business, and continuing with Jordan's Farm/The Well, Alewives Brook Farm, Tammaro Landscaping, Bothel's Garage and Auto-body, and Maxwell's Farm and Landscaping to name a few. These businesses are all locally owned and operated in harmony with the abutting residential homes and affording, vibrant community.

My vision for an appropriate shop would allow for there to be no changes to the front facade of the property, as the elevation and size allows for an environmentally friendly option, complete with all the facilities out of site from the antique farmhouse. The farmhouse would retain its historic charm and aesthetic appeal and makes an excellent buffer from the roadside.

I look forward to meeting with you to discuss the possibilities and anxiously seek your guidance in moving the process forward. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely yours,

Bradley C. Pearson