

Bart McDonough

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Sent: Sunday, August 09, 2020 4:31 PM
To: Bart McDonough
Cc: town comments
Subject: Public Hearing Planning Board Item # 1 Rice Public Library Preliminary Site Plan Review

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Please accept my Public Hearing input which is to **deny** this plan, reasons are stated herein.

We do not need and are offended by the scope of the plans presented for 8 Wentworth Street Rice Public Library. We need only an elevator to make the old brick building handicapped accessible and very small improvements to the old Rice Library building and no addition as presented. We do not approve of the destructive tampering of an artistic site in downtown Kittery.

Library patrons have used Rice Library for generations and should still be able to do so with the very minimum of restoration to make it handicapped accessible.

We need the land surrounding our Kittery library to be converted into a peaceful PARK where residents and visitors can come to take a relaxing break and enjoy the small town view from outside of greenery in summer and a snowy site in winter.

At the fairly new Frisbee Commons Recreational Community Center, we already have ample meeting rooms, spaces, a beautiful lecture hall and theatrical hall which serves us well for inside community needs.

It is asinine and contrary to art preservation to make additions onto historical Rice Library's old brick architectural treasure .

The effects of CoronaVirus Covid 19 has caused us to look differently upon what's of value and also what is of need. We crave nature & preservation.

In the midst of invasive Covid 19 we come to realize the importance of healthy green open public spaces throughout Kittery and Kittery Point, More than ever we don't need nor want additions to our old Library. We want it's surrounding grounds to be a beautiful modest park. .

We move within and out of Covid 19 with new visions of valuing preservation and honoring the art we have in old buildings and of nature itself.

We are the oldest town in Maine and Kittery is one of the first towns in United States of America.

It's year 2020. Stop the invasive ruining of artistic history.

We are starving for open green spaces which we can use in person. Since Covid 19 we see and seek the value of nature outside more than ever.

We want the land at Rice Public Library to develop gently on all sides into a small park restful area.

submitted by Suzanne Johnson po box 44 Kittery , Maine .

I am a concerned resident of Kittery and a descendent of American settlers here almost 400 years ago.

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From: cmsmailer@civicplus.com on behalf of Contact form at Kittery ME
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To: Bart McDonough
Subject: [Kittery ME] Library plan (Sent by Scott Bridge, sbridge25@gmail.com)

Hello bmcdonough,

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Message:

Bart,
I approve of the proposed library parking and landscaping. As an abutting neighbor my only concern is that parking is still available for my tenants and or guests outside from library business hours.
Respectfully,
Scott