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## Plea for Affordable Housing at 5 Auburn Street

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To the select board,

My name is Chris McKenna. I have been a Natick resident for 6 years and I live at 49 High St.

We are facing an affordable housing crisis in our town, state and across the country. High housing costs in Massachusetts place significant financial pressure on the state's residents, and a lack of affordable housing can decrease the region's competitiveness. Housing is the key to reducing intergenerational poverty and increasing economic mobility. Research shows that increasing access to affordable housing is the most cost-effective strategy for reducing childhood poverty and increasing economic mobility in the United States.

It is important to our community to have options for our schoolteachers, police officers, town workers, etc. to be able to live in the town where they work.

Over 60% of Natick residents voted to support the Community Preservation Act during the Nov 22 election that supports affordable housing, open space and historic preservation. We can realize all the three goals with an affordable housing project that will repurpose the vacant historic structure, and improve access to the Charles River.

Sincerely,  
Chris McKenna