

To the Select Board,

My name is Alyssa Springer. I have been a Natick resident for the last 13 years and I live in Precinct 4.

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.

The Natick Affordable Housing Trust has pledged over \$600,000 to a 100% affordable project on the site and I would like the Select Board to support the Trust's mission in creating more affordable housing in Town.

Affordable Housing is becoming more and more important as housing prices increase across the Commonwealth, but especially in Natick. If my family and I decided to move to Natick now, instead of 13 years ago, we would be priced out of the community and it would be unattainable.

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,
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