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## Affordable Housing

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To: selectboard@natickma.org

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To the Select Board,

My name is John Evans. I have been living on Eliot Hill Rd in Natick since 1985.

I am writing to you about the issue of affordable housing in Natick. There is great need for people who work here, teachers, firefighters, police, social workers, artists (like my wife and myself) our kids and grandchildren, etc., to be able to afford to live in this town where we work.

As Natick is slowly but surely turning into it's neighbor, Wellesley, where homes are demolished and replaced by million dollar (plus) McMansions, clearly out of reach of us who would like to live here and continue to live here as we age (and downsize).

We have a terrific opportunity to transform a town-owned property, 5 Auburn St., into 100%affordable housing. Over 60% of Natick residents voted to support the Community Preservation Act during the November '22 election that supports affordable housing, open space and historic preservation. We can realize all three goals with an affordable housing project that will repurpose the historic structure. The town funded just one new affordable housing structure with 2 units in the last 40 years.

I strongly encourage the board to support the mission of the Natick Affordable Housing Trust and thereby the purpose of it's creation by Town Meeting and to vote to award to an entity proposing affordable housing at Auburn Street.

It would be a shame to squander such a rare opportunity.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
John Evans