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East Hampton Planning & Zoning Committee
20 East High Street
East Hampton, CT 06424

Re: ECO Coffee House Beer License

To Whom It May Concern:



I am writing to express my support for the expansion of ECO Coffee House current beer license to include the consumption of beer on the sidewalk in front of the establishment.

As a regular customer of ECO I can attest to Susan's success at managing her business since she opened. Susan runs a quality business and has many patrons (myself included) who would enjoy partaking of beer selection outdoors during the nice weather.

As a neighbor to the establishment, I can attest to the positive role ECO has had on the Village Center since opening. For the first time since I moved to town four years ago, the shops in the front of our apartment building are full. Whenever I stop in for a coffee, there are always people coming and going. Specific to the issue under consideration of an expanded beer license, during the Summer Stroll I was at ECO for a couple of hours, during which time a number of people came in to inquire about beer, however when they were told they could not consume it at the patio tables on the sidewalk in front of the shop, they opted not to go elsewhere. Thus I think there is a missed business opportunity posed by the less expanded beer license. Expanding ECO's would allow patrons to partake of their beer in the same method as is currently available, only on the sidewalk in front of the shop rather than at the counter inside.

I invite you to contact me at 617.791.2174 with any questions. Thank you for your attention and consideration on this issue.

Sincerely,

Brian Gay