

From: [Jeff & Kelly Rowe](#)
To: [pbz-counter](#)
Subject: Support for Middle Haddam Addition/Project
Date: Tuesday, November 1, 2022 12:22:23 PM

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Dear M. DeCarli,

We are writing this letter of support for the Middle Haddam Public Library building project:

“the construction of an accessible entrance, walkway, and porch addition on the Middle Haddam Library”.

In 2016, we moved to Middle Haddam from South Carolina and were so pleased with the community there, especially the quaint library with its programs, the number of books to choose from, and the library workers who are always so helpful. I, Kelly, was also more than glad to serve on the library's board of directors for a time. Even though we had to move back to South Carolina after our time in Connecticut was over, we always come back to stay in Middle Haddam in the summers and other occasional visits. We always enjoy the library.

We believe the board of directors is on the right track to complete this project. It will allow easier access to the building and benefit community members that need assistance. Many of our friends in the community use the library and creating an easier and more accessible entrance for those older folks will greatly increase the use of the space for their benefit and the community.

The library is a comfortable and welcoming space and the addition of a porch will allow for the expansion of programs, increased use by patrons, and a sense of community support- that we care about our community and its people.

We are supporters and patrons of the library and continue to support its goals. I have attached a picture and a video (so you can see how many people attend programs) of our daughter playing for a Christmas event at the library.

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Thank you for your consideration.

Blessings,

Jeff and Kelly Rowe

From: [Jane Phillips](#)
To: [pbz-counter](#)
Subject: Middle Haddam Library - ZBA meeting Nov. 14
Date: Wednesday, November 2, 2022 10:40:27 AM

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I am writing in support of finally upgrading the Middle Haddam Library and making it accessible to all individuals. We are an older community that needs the graceful ramp proposed. Most individuals that need/appreciate a ramp will not force individuals to set up a metal ramp just for them; as has been proposed. The submitted plan is well thought out, will add value and be welcoming to all who wish to use the resource.

Respectfully submitted,
Earl Phillips
Middle Haddam, CT

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From: [Jane Phillips](#)
To: [pbz-counter](#)
Subject: Middle Haddam Library addition
Date: Wednesday, November 2, 2022 10:33:05 AM

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I am writing in support of adding a wheelchair/handicap ramp to the Middle Haddam library. The design is visually pleasing and having an easy access ramp is LONG overdue.

Thank you,
Jane Phillips
4 Shipyard Road
Middle Haddam, CT

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From: [Reese Wall](#)
To: [pbz-counter](#)
Subject: Fwd: Support for Middle Haddam Public library project
Date: Thursday, November 3, 2022 4:05:04 PM

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Good Afternoon Mr. Jeremy DeCarli

I am pleased to write this letter of support for the Middle Haddam Public Library building project:

“the construction of an accessible entrance, walkway and porch addition on the Middle Haddam Library”.

I believe the board of directors is on the right track to complete this project. It will allow easier access into the building and benefit community members that need assistance.

The library is a comfortable and welcoming space and with the addition of a porch it will allow expansion of our programs.

I am a supporter and patron of the library and will continue to support their goals.

Thank you,

Reese Wall

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From: [Danielle DeSimone](#)
To: [pbz-counter](#)
Subject: Middle Haddam Public Library Accessible entrance, walkway and porch addition
Date: Thursday, November 3, 2022 3:45:56 PM

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Thank you,
Danielle DeSimone

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From: [Alison Richard](#)
To: [DeCarli, Jeremy](#)
Cc: [Middle Haddam Library](#)
Subject: Fwd: Middle Haddam Library project
Date: Sunday, November 6, 2022 10:56:21 AM

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Dear Jeremy,

I write to register my unreserved and enthusiastic support for this project. It will provide societally important and much needed access to the library in a way that is totally in keeping with the building's architecture. Many structures in historic Middle Haddam (including my old home) are actually architectural palimpsests, expanded and modified over the centuries, and the library already belongs in that group.

We reside in a living village, not a museum, and this project is to be welcomed and applauded.

Best wishes,
Alison

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From: [pbz-counter](#)
To: [DeCarli, Jeremy](#)
Subject: FW: Middle Haddam Library renovation support
Date: Tuesday, November 8, 2022 8:03:59 AM

From: H Monahan <hannah.monahan@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 7, 2022 10:37 AM
To: pbz-counter <pbz-counter@easthamptonct.gov>
Subject: Middle Haddam Library renovation support

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Hello,

I am writing **in support** of the Middle Haddam Library renovation, as put forth recently (porth, handicapped access ramp, etc.)

Sincerely,

Hannah Monahan

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Hannah Monahan
203-804-3879

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To: Mr. Jeremy DeCarli
Email: pbz-counter@easthamptonct.gov
Re: Accessible entrance, walkway and porch addition
Where: Middle Haddam Public Library

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Good Afternoon;

I am pleased to write this letter of support for the Middle Haddam Public Library building project: "the construction of an accessible entrance, walkway and porch addition on the Middle Haddam Library".

I believe the board of directors is on the right track to complete this project. It will allow easier access into the building and benefit community members that need assistance. The library is a comfortable and welcoming space and with the addition of a porch it will allow expansion of our programs.

I am a supporter and patron of the library and will continue to support their goals.

Thank you,

Sylvia Garstka
Sylvia Garstka 11-1-22

From: [kevinj32](#)
To: [DeCarli, Jeremy](#)
Subject: RE: The updates that have been completed on the Middle Haddam Library
Date: Wednesday, November 9, 2022 12:57:11 PM

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My name is Kevin Johnson. My address is; 221 Middle Haddam Road Middle Haddam Connecticut. I live approximately a mile from the library.

From: kevinj32 <kevinj32@comcast.net>

Date: 11/8/22 3:03 PM (GMT-05:00)

To: pb2-counter@easthamptonct.gov

Subject: The updates that have been completed on the Middle Haddam Library

I am very impressed with the updates to the Middle Haddam Library. They look great and from a practical point of view they make the Library more user friendly. In addition to that I saw the plans for the handicap section, they look great. In my opinion the Library board members have done an outstanding job with all the improvements.

November 9, 2022

To whom it may concern,

I am pleased to write this letter of support for the Middle Haddam Public Library building project: “the construction of an accessible entrance, walkway and porch addition on the Middle Haddam Library “.

I believe the Board of Directors is on the right track to complete this project. It will allow easier access into the building and benefit community members that need assistance. The library is a comfortable and welcoming space and with the addition of a porch and it will allow expansion of programs.

I am a supporter and patron of the library and will continue to support their goals.

Thank you,

Kevin M. Reich

9 Arch Drive, East Hampton, CT 06424

From: [pbz-counter](#)
To: [DeCarli, Jeremy](#)
Subject: FW: Middle Haddam Library
Date: Wednesday, November 9, 2022 7:54:37 AM

From: Erin Day <tensummitst@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 8, 2022 2:21 PM
To: pbz-counter <pbz-counter@easthamptonct.gov>
Subject: Middle Haddam Library

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Hello,

I'm writing with respect to the proposal for a covered patio and handicap ramp at the Middle Haddam Library. As a patron and host of events at the library, I am strongly in favor of the build as it's been proposed. I strongly feel such an addition will keep the integrity of the library while adding to accessibility for patrons who currently use the library. Not only does it make indoor events more accessible, but, as we've seen in recent years, there's a need for usable outdoor spaces.

In general I feel that the ramp and patio provide a safer alternative for all to enter the library from the parking area.

Thank you for listening,

Erin Day
860-262-0248
Barton Hill Rd.
East Hampton, CT

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From: [pbz-counter](#)
To: [DeCarli, Jeremy](#)
Subject: FW: Accessible entrance, walkway and porch addition to Middle Haddam Public Library
Date: Thursday, November 10, 2022 8:02:04 AM

From: Christine Fielding <cfielding177@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 9, 2022 9:37 AM
To: pbz-counter <pbz-counter@easthamptonct.gov>
Subject: Accessible entrance, walkway and porch addition to Middle Haddam Public Library

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To: Mr. Jeremy DeCarli

Email: pbz-counter@easthamptonct.gov

Re: Accessible entrance, walkway and porch addition

Where: Middle Haddam Public Library

Good morning Mr. DeCarli,

I am happy to write this letter of support for the Middle Haddam Public Library building project:

“the construction of an accessible entrance, walkway and porch addition to the Middle Haddam Library.”

I believe the Board of Directors is on the right track to complete this project. It will provide equal access into the building and benefit all community members especially those that need ambulatory assistance.

The library is a comfortable and welcoming space and with the addition of a porch it will allow expansion of our programs by adding needed meeting areas.

I am a supporter and patron of the library and will continue to support their goals.

Thank you,

Christine Fielding

11 Lake Drive
East Hampton, CT

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From: [Paul Rapo](#)
To: [DeCarli, Jeremy](#)
Cc: [Paul Rapo](#)
Subject: EAST HAMPTON ZBA APPLICATION 22-013 MIDDLE HADDAM PUBLIC LIBRARY
Date: Thursday, November 10, 2022 11:55:39 AM

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Subject: EAST HAMPTON ZBA APPLICATION 22-013 MIDDLE HADDAM PUBLIC LIBRARY

Mr. DeCarli: Please enter the following comments in support of Application ZBA 22-013 into the formal meeting record of the East Hampton Zoning Board of Appeals on November 14, 2022.

The Application of the Middle Haddam Public Library is totally consistent with the reasonable use requirements and true hardship variance standard provided under Connecticut law and the ZBA ordinance. The ZBA is required under state law (Chapter 124, Section 8-6) to give "due consideration for conserving the public health, safety, ...welfare...with respect to a parcel of land...." Enforcement of the existing regulation would result in unusual hardship to the Library, its patrons and its stated purpose and mission. A variance would help assure that "substantial justice will be done and the public safety and welfare secured..."

The proposed variance will permit the Library to maintain and strengthen community health, safety and welfare by providing equal access and improved accessibility to disabled and other physically or mentally challenged patrons. In addition, the structural change will enable the Library to serve its community purpose to offer educational and other programs in an outdoor setting. The accessibility changes are totally consistent with Connecticut General Statutes and are consistent with the goals identified by the American Library Association (i.e. not to discriminate against individuals with disabilities) and to assure disabled patrons equal access to library resources/programs both within and outside the Library. The Library goals are also consistent with Title III of the American with Disabilities Act and Regulations as well as those of the Connecticut Library Association.

Approval of this Application will strengthen public/equal access, public welfare and safety with patrons and the communities the Library serves. We strongly urge the ZBA to approve the Application under your consideration.

Paul S. Rapo
Anne T. Rapo
50 Middle Haddam Road
Middle Haddam, CT

From: madisonroberts1023@gmail.com
To: [pbz-counter](#)
Subject: Middle Haddam Public Library
Date: Wednesday, November 9, 2022 12:18:43 PM

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I believe the board of directors is on the right track to complete this project. It will allow easier access into the building and benefit community members that need assistance.

The library is a comfortable and welcoming space and with the addition of a porch it will allow expansion of our programs.

I am a supporter and patron of the library and will continue to support their goals.

Thank you,

Madison Roberts

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From: [Deane H](#)
To: [pbz-counter](#)
Subject: Middle Haddam library improvements
Date: Monday, November 14, 2022 10:24:01 AM

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I am strongly in favor of the Middle Haddam library addition and accessibility improvements.

As an East Hampton resident and older person, the library as it is is very difficult for me to enter and exit but the small size, perfect meeting space for small groups, as well as the welcoming atmosphere and knowledgeable director, make it otherwise perfect for me.

Please approve the outside space expansion and handicap-access improvements. They will be a wonderful addition to the town services.

Thank you for your consideration.

Deane Happ
23 Forest Glen Dr, East Hampton, CT 06424

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From: [pbz-counter](#)
To: [DeCarli, Jeremy](#)
Subject: FW: Middle Haddam
Date: Monday, November 14, 2022 3:02:28 PM

From: steven kelley <stevenk06424@icloud.com>
Sent: Monday, November 14, 2022 2:49 PM
To: pbz-counter <pbz-counter@easthamptonct.gov>
Subject: Middle Haddam

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Hello my name is Steven Kelley former resident of East Hampton.
I am writing in support for the Middle Haddam Public Library building project:
“the construction of an accessible entrance, walkway and porch addition on the Middle Haddam Library”.

This project is LONG overdue and will be not only an asset to not only the library but the whole community as a whole. This addition also brings this building up to standards expected by elderly and handicapped members of the public.

With the recent upgrades to the interior and the addition of new offerings the library is truly an asset to our community that should be accessible and inviting to all!

Thank you

Steven Kelley
Kissimmee, FL

Sent from my iPhone

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From: [Demian Battit](#)
To: [pbz-counter](#)
Subject: Middle Haddam Library ramp addition
Date: Monday, November 14, 2022 11:42:15 AM

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I am writing in support of adding a permanent accessible entrance / ramp and porch addition to the Middle Haddam Library. The design presented by the Board is visually pleasing and compliments the Library very well. Having the building accessible to all should make this an easy decision.

Demian Battit
38 Keighley Pond Rd
Middle Haddam, CT 06456

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