

## Castonguay, Christine

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**From:** DeCarli, Jeremy  
**Sent:** Monday, November 23, 2020 9:03 AM  
**To:** Castonguay, Christine  
**Subject:** FW: Support for Portland Veterinary Hospital

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**From:** Valerie Steiner <[valster77@yahoo.com](mailto:valster77@yahoo.com)>  
**Sent:** Sunday, November 22, 2020 7:23 PM  
**To:** DeCarli, Jeremy <[jdecarli@easthamptonct.gov](mailto:jdecarli@easthamptonct.gov)>  
**Cc:** Christine And Jon Gustavson <[jcgustavson2003@yahoo.com](mailto:jcgustavson2003@yahoo.com)>  
**Subject:** Support for Portland Veterinary Hospital

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Hi Jeremy DeCarli,

My name is Valerie Steiner and I live in Spice Hill in East Hampton. We have two cats and we currently use the Portland Veterinary Hospital. It is a wonderful family run business, and we would love to see them move to the East Hampton/Cobalt area. I heard that they are encountering some trouble in trying to make their move, I just wanted to say that I am in full support of them moving into town, into the Cobalt/East Hampton area. That would be a great family run business to have in town. Currently, people have two options, they can go to Marlborough or they can go to Portland. Wouldn't it be nice to have a veterinary hospital in town? I think so. Please help them achieve their goals.

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**From:** DeCarli, Jeremy  
**Sent:** Monday, November 16, 2020 10:13 AM  
**To:** Castonguay, Christine  
**Subject:** FW: 9 Middle Haddam Road in Cobalt

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**From:** Christine Van Cott <[christine.van.cott@gmail.com](mailto:christine.van.cott@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 12, 2020 9:06 AM  
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Hello,

I am writing in support of making a parcel of land on 9 Middle Haddam Road in Cobalt a commercial zone. The Gustavsons are a wonderful family, and Christine & Jon have been practicing veterinarians in our area for years. Currently East Hampton does not have a veterinary office in town and this would fill that need very well, while increasing our tax base with a new business.

Please carefully consider this when determining zoning for this address.

Thank you very much,  
Christine Van Cott  
East Hampton Resident

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The property is located at 9 Middle Haddam Road in Cobalt. It is a residential area but they would like to purchase the property and subdivide it and change a small plot of it to commercial, so they can renovate the current home on that property into their veterinary hospital. Anything you can do to help them would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your time, ,  
Valerie Steiner

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**To:** Castonguay, Christine  
**Subject:** FW: Zoning of Property at 9 Middle Haddam Road

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**From:** Shannon Roy <[shannonmckroy@gmail.com](mailto:shannonmckroy@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 25, 2020 7:52 AM  
**To:** DeCarli, Jeremy <[jdecarli@easthamptonct.gov](mailto:jdecarli@easthamptonct.gov)>  
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Dear Mr. DeCarli,

I am writing in support of Jon and Christine Gustavson's proposal to subdivide and change the zoning of the property on 9 Middle Haddam Road in order to move their veterinary practice from Portland to the Cobalt section of East Hampton. The Gustavson's plan would allow them to subdivide 5 acres from the 17-acre lot, change the 5-acre portion from residential to commercial, and renovate the Colonial house currently on that 5-acre parcel to serve as their veterinary hospital.

Bringing the Gustavson's veterinary practice to East Hampton will be beneficial for the town with minimal impact to the neighborhood. We are fortunate to have businesses such as DaVinci's, The Sleepy Rooster and Calling All Dolls in Cobalt Center, but with the unfortunate loss of Cobalt Market and the gas station/convenience store, there is little more to

attract people to the area. I am confident the Gustavson's veterinary hospital will be another positive reason to bring people to Cobalt.

Every day I drive by the beautiful home on 9 Middle Haddam Road and for years have been hoping someone would bring life back to the property. It is important to me that the historic charm of the existing home is upheld. Although the property is not part of the historic district, the Gustavsons plan to renovate the home in a way that will maintain the historic integrity.

I love this town. I am a lifelong resident of the Middle Haddam section of East Hampton. Both of my parents, grandparents and my extended family were born and raised in East Hampton, and my husband and I are happy to be raising our three children here. I view this as an all-around positive for our residents (and their pets!) and for the Gustavson family, who are also proud to call East Hampton "home".

Thank you for your consideration. I wish you and your family a Happy Thanksgiving.

Kind regards,  
Shannon Roy

19 Long Hill Road  
860-682-0701

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**From:** DeCarli, Jeremy  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 24, 2020 8:12 AM  
**To:** Castonguay, Christine  
**Subject:** FW: 9 Middle Haddam Rd. Cobalt Center Vet Center

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**From:** Debbie Rindge <[debbierindge@yahoo.com](mailto:debbierindge@yahoo.com)>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 23, 2020 8:51 PM  
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To Whom It May Concern,

I am a resident of Cobalt CT and I am glad to highly recommend the approval of the Portland Veterinary Hospital to be located for business on the 9 Middle Haddam property in Cobalt. The property is the perfect place for such a business and would add great appeal to the area and the tax base of the town. The owners are upstanding hard workers who are responsible and considerate business people. We love them and wish to see them do well. That property will be greatly improved with their vision, experience and professional expertise and reputation. Please pass this and make it happen so they can quickly move forward to improve our town.

Many Thanks  
Deborah Fijal Rindge  
29 Depot Hill Rd  
Cobalt, CT 06414



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**To:** Castonguay, Christine  
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**From:** Jamie Owen <[mrsbeaker@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mrsbeaker@sbcglobal.net)>  
**Sent:** Sunday, November 22, 2020 5:09 PM  
**To:** DeCarli, Jeremy <[jdecarli@easthamptonct.gov](mailto:jdecarli@easthamptonct.gov)>  
**Subject:** Support for 9 Middle Haddam Road

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Good evening,

I am writing this letter of support for the application by JCG Properties, LLC for a zone change for 9 Middle Haddam Road. To say that the addition of their veterinary clinic to our town would be a huge asset is an understatement. First, the addition of a strong business to our community versus just another residential property is a wise decision. Let's add to the business base here to attract practices like theirs. The location is on a busy road so it's not a disruption to the neighborhood. Secondly, Jon and Christine are invested in our town. They are local residents looking to bring their practice here. Their aesthetics of preserving and loving all things natural and outdoorsy assure me that they will work hard to preserve the feel of the area/property only improving the area and becoming a positive neighbor. East Hampton needs a business like theirs as part of our community and I encourage you to support their endeavor.



Please share this with the members of the Planning and Zoning Commission as well or let me know where to forward so they can receive it.

Thank you,  
Jamie Owen  
4 Forest Street  
East Hampton

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**From:** DeCarli, Jeremy  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 10, 2020 9:55 AM  
**To:** Castonguay, Christine  
**Subject:** Fwd: PZC-20-023 - 9 Middle Haddam Rd

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**From:** Thomas Obligado <[oblitwo@hotmail.com](mailto:oblitwo@hotmail.com)>  
**Date:** November 9, 2020 at 7:27:47 PM EST  
**To:** "DeCarli, Jeremy" <[jdecarli@easthamptonct.gov](mailto:jdecarli@easthamptonct.gov)>  
**Cc:** [wgesq@snet.net](mailto:wgesq@snet.net)  
**Subject:** PZC-20-023 - 9 Middle Haddam Rd

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Jeremy,

I listened in to the town zoning meeting on Wednesday. Unfortunately, I had some computer issues and it wouldn't let me raise my hand to talk.

I just wanted to reiterate what many were saying during the meeting about the concern of changing the 5 acres to commercial property. The 2 main concerns would be what business could go in there if the veterinary clinic were to leave and the concern of St. Clements trying to change the remaining 12 acres into commercial once they are adjacent to commercial property.

My concern about future commercial businesses in that location would be the added traffic. It is difficult to get out of Oakum Dock Rd. during rush hour currently. Usually, in the morning I have to wait until the traffic light at Rt 151 turns red and that allows a brief window of no cars since there are usually only 1 or 2 cars turning out of Rt 151. My concern is that if a business with a lot of traffic were in that location there wouldn't be that brief window and it would be impossible to get out of Oakum Dock.

I think the veterinary clinic would be a good business in that location since it wouldn't draw a lot of traffic. So like what was mentioned in the meeting, it would be great if there were a way to allow their business without the commercial concerns mentioned above

Thank you,  
Tom Obligado  
38 Oakum Dock Rd.  
860-759-0683

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**From:** DeCarli, Jeremy  
**Sent:** Monday, November 16, 2020 10:50 AM  
**To:** Castonguay, Christine  
**Subject:** FW: Property at 9 MiddleHaddam Road (Route 151)Cobalt Center (Jon and Christine Gustavson)

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**From:** Sue Govoni <[suegovoni@aol.com](mailto:suegovoni@aol.com)>  
**Sent:** Saturday, November 14, 2020 6:25 PM  
**To:** DeCarli, Jeremy <[jdecarli@easthamptonct.gov](mailto:jdecarli@easthamptonct.gov)>  
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Jeremy, I would like to take this opportunity to endorse, and fully support, the Gustavson's plan to move their successful Veterinary practice from Portland to the property at 9 Middle Haddam Road Cobalt CT. We have been with Portland Veterinary Practice for approximately 8 years and find they are by far the best Vets in our area. We like the feel of the of that home town country service you get with the Gustavsons. They take pride in what they do and how it is presented to the public. I know that the building at 9 Middle Haddam Road would be a beautiful asset to the town of East Hampton making it a place that we as towns people could all be proud of..

In summary my husband and I would like to submit this letter as we are in full support of this project ,

Thank you in advance for your time.

Pete and Sue Govoni  
8 Sunrise Lane



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I am writing in response to the proposal by Drs. Jon + Christine Gustavson at 9 Middle Haddam Rt (Rte 151) in Middle Haddam. They would like to renovate both the house and barn on the property and move their successful veterinary business from their Portland location and relocate to Middle Haddam.

I have gone and looked at the property and I can see NO reason not to approve this request. The house and barn sit back from the road and the parking lot could be obscured so passers-by don't see vehicles from the road.

I may add that Cobalt Lodge ~~which~~ which is practically next door has employee and visitors cars which are practically in the road not to mention the 2 unsightly dumpsters that sit in front of the facility, yet this doesn't seem to concern anyone.

There is a concern that Dr's Jon + Christine will build a strip mall at this location. If they say that this is not what they plan to do, then they won't.

There is a traffic light at Cobalt 4 corners - North, South, East + West - and this will allow for a safe flow of traffic to and from the property



I live at 394 West High Street (Rte 66). I have lived here for 27 years. I raised my family here. My oldest daughter Allison lives 2 houses away from me with her children. She is one of East Hampton's Animal Control Officers. This property is approximately 500 feet from my home and I can literally walk my dog Nellie there for her appointments. It's good exercise for both myself and her.

Dr's Jon + Christine have cared for my animals for years. They have been nothing but competent when it comes to their care, and compassionate when it's time to say goodbye. For these reasons I will follow them wherever they go. No one but them will ever care for my animals. I am very particular about my pets.

They have lived near me for 13 years with no complaints. They are often seen in the community with their 3 beautiful children.

To summarize - I have absolutely no objections to the Gustavsons purchasing, renovating and moving their business to 9 Middle Haddam Road. This is a reasonable request and if they are willing to put

their time and resources into making a historic house and barn beautiful again I see no problem with this. It will in no way interfere with my property or lifestyle. It will not affect my property value - it may increase it.

Dr John + Christine are dedicated to one another and their family and will be towards this endeavor. They have good intentions.

Lisa D'Erocle

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**From:** DeCarli, Jeremy  
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**To:** Castonguay, Christine  
**Subject:** FW: Jon and Christine Gustavson - Veterinary practice

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**From:** Jamie Davidson <jln777@hotmail.com>  
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**To:** DeCarli, Jeremy <jdecarli@easthamptonct.gov>  
**Subject:** Jon and Christine Gustavson - Veterinary practice

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Hello Jeremy,

I'm writing today to extend my support for Jon and Christine Gustavson and their veterinary practice. I'm not sure the specifics of why they were denied the opportunity to move their well-established practice to the 9 Middle Haddam Road-Cobalt property, but I can tell you that they would absolutely be an incredible addition to the businesses and families in this town. I myself moved to East Hampton in 2010 when my husband and I were due to have our 1st child. We chose East Hampton to raise our family because of its kind people and small-time charm. Knowing Jon and Christine has been an example of exactly what we were looking for in a friend and Veterinarian. I've had dogs all my entire life and they are the first that I feel completely comfortable with. I have recommended them to several friends and family members who have since shared the same experiences. One even called to tell me how great they were and joked that he didn't even feel bad giving them his money. Jon and Christine are very involved in East Hampton and I can't speak highly enough of them, their practice would be a great fit for this town and would be beneficial to so many.

Kindly,



Justin and Jamie Davidson

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**Sent:** Friday, November 20, 2020 2:35 PM  
**To:** DeCarli, Jeremy <[jdecarli@easthamptonct.gov](mailto:jdecarli@easthamptonct.gov)>  
**Subject:** Gustavson Vet

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Hi Jeremy,

I understand that the Gustavsons are trying to purchase a property in Cobalt In order to move their veterinary clinic. This is such a great opportunity for them and for East Hampton.

The center of Cobalt needs something. A clinic there could be just the thing to draw people to the spot and promote interest from other businesses. Veterinary clientele is drawn from a fairly wide radius, and I imagine that bringing people in from out of town would be a huge plus for East Hampton.

It is unfortunate that the Gustavsons want property now owned by Saint Clements. Hopefully, the bad feelings East Hampton might have against that establishment will have no influence on the veterinary endeavor. All decisions, of course, should be objectively made.

Thank you for your service to the town!

I look forward to the vet's office opening in Cobalt.

Molly

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**From:** Karen Lee <leekarenrh@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, November 28, 2020 3:32 PM  
**To:** DeCarli, Jeremy <jdecarli@easthamptonct.gov>; portlandvethospital@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Portland Veterinary Hospital - zoning change for 9 Middle Haddam Rd

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Jeremy,

We are writing in support of the zoning change for the property at 9 Middle Haddam Road.

Having grown up and lived in both Cobalt (lower end of Depot Hill Road) and Middle Haddam we have seen changes in Cobalt Center over the years. Currently the area is in desperate need of revitalization. Cobalt center used to be a place where the community came together whether it be to go to the post office, market, package store, or gas station. As we go to the post office to get our mail, we do not see the volume of locals in the area.

We believe that bringing in a commercial property to Cobalt center will not only add to the economic growth in our town but will bring needed life into Cobalt.

We understand that some expressed concern regarding the possibility of noise resulting from a veterinary hospital moving in. The five acres being allocated as part of the sale is sufficient space to provide a buffer to all abutting



neighbors. If you feel it is not, we encourage you to do your due diligence and seek input from both town officials and neighbors of those veterinary clinics in neighboring towns (e.g., Marlborough, East Haddam). In rural areas, veterinary hospitals are intertwined with residential properties. It is my understanding that these clinics operate without any concerns or issues with neighbors that are close by. We don't feel the concern raised to be appropriate in this situation and encourage the zoning board to substantiate the concern if it is a factor in making your decision.

This is an ideal opportunity to see growth in Cobalt Center without impacting the character of the area and more importantly the change will not have impact on town services (e.g., schools, public works). The entire parcel at 9 Middle Haddam Road could result in other developmental opportunities which could cause stress to town services that may be unforeseen at this time. So the change to commercial allowing the veterinary hospital may be a long term benefit to the town.

On a more personal level, we have been customers of Portland Veterinary for years and find the care and environment to be exceptional. The professional, friendly, and compassionate care the team provides is ideal for our community, a community that values these same things.

And finally, with the Gustavson family you have an existing East Hampton family who is trying to bring their successful established business to town. An opportunity for the family to continue to establish roots in our town and an opportunity for the town to see growth and show support for one of our own.

We hope the board votes in favor of the zoning change and in favor of supporting positive impact to Cobalt center.

Best Regards,

Ken & Karen Lee  
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Dear Mr. DeCarli,

We are writing in support of the request for zoning variance for the property at 9 Middle Haddam Rd. Dr. Jon and Dr. Christine Gustavson have been our family veterinarians since we moved to town in 2006. Aside from our professional relationship, the Gustavsons are residents of our community.

Their children attend East Hampton schools. They are active members in their community. Like my family they are also taxpayers here.

It would seem to be a no brainer when long term residents of the community want to invest in their town. This small business employs numerous individuals. Their business is a small family veterinary practice. They are not proposing to build a factory, concert venue, or other business that would detract from the character of our small town. Quite to the contrary, a country veterinary practice in a renovated home balances the interests of maintaining our small town character while expanding the tax base to support the community. For East Hampton this will be a win.

We strongly urge the P&Z board to support these residents in their business endeavor. Their choice to move the practice to East Hampton further demonstrates their commitment to our community.

Sincerely,

Brett and Lesley Salafia

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## Castonguay, Christine

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**From:** DeCarli, Jeremy  
**Sent:** Monday, November 30, 2020 8:41 AM  
**To:** Castonguay, Christine  
**Subject:** FW: Zoning Change 9 Middle Haddam Road Cobalt Center

Jeremy

East Hampton is now in a RED Covid Alert.

Find out what it means and what YOU CAN DO to stop the spread of COVID.

Wear a Mask, Wash Your Hands, Watch Your Distance.

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**From:** JoAnn Bigelow <[rgjb1975@gmail.com](mailto:rgjb1975@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 30, 2020 8:32 AM  
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We ask you and the Zoning Board to please approve a zoning change for the above mentioned property. The Drs. Gustavson of the Portland Veterinary Hospital would like to develop the property for their Veterinary Hospital. What a wonderful use for the land. The property is in the center of Cobalt which already has commercial property. The Portland Veterinary Hospital is a thriving business and would be a great for our town. They would pay taxes to our town, it's a winning situation for East Hampton.

We hope that you and members of the zoning board will approve the zone change from residential to commercial.

Thank you,

Randy & JoAnn Bigelow

67 Chestnut Hill Road, East Hampton

Sent from my iPad



## Castonguay, Christine

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**From:** DeCarli, Jeremy  
**Sent:** Monday, November 30, 2020 3:14 PM  
**To:** Castonguay, Christine  
**Subject:** Fwd: 9 Middle Haddam Rd

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Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Melissa Baribault <[melissa.baribault1@gmail.com](mailto:melissa.baribault1@gmail.com)>  
**Date:** November 30, 2020 at 2:55:31 PM EST  
**To:** "DeCarli, Jeremy" <[jdecarli@easthamptonct.gov](mailto:jdecarli@easthamptonct.gov)>  
**Cc:** Christine Gustavson <[portlandvethospital@gmail.com](mailto:portlandvethospital@gmail.com)>  
**Subject:** 9 Middle Haddam Rd

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Mr. DeCarli I am writing to provide my support for the Zoning change to commercial for the above property. I am a client of Drs. Jon and Christine Gustavson at Portland Veterinary Clinic who care for my dogs Charlie and Lucy. I have spoken to Dr. Christine Gustavson about their plans to expand their current practice in Portland and relocate it to 9 Middle Haddam Road, and could not be more thrilled.

The doctors intend to renovate the property in line with the protected and historic nature of Middle Haddam; an additional step toward improving the aesthetic quality of the 151 and 66 Intersection. Their vision is to offer a traditional country veterinary practice and hospital in the current colonial building and barn on the property.

I am confident the Gustavsons' are committed to their endeavor in utilizing this property as proposed and will not transition the property to a subsequent buyer with less desirable commercial aspirations. For my dogs the Gustavsons provide affordable and quality care. I believe that speaks to their character and why I heartily welcome them as our neighbors in Middle Haddam.



I will be in attendance at the December 2nd meeting to further lend my support for the decision to approve commercial zoning for 9 Middle Haddam Road.

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Pauline Simko  
30 Long Hill Rd

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30.11.2020

E.H. Planning Zoning

**Please read into minutes of 12/2/2020 meeting**

Dear Sir or Madame,

I welcome a change in zoning to allow for a small business to improve the currently vacant property at 9 Middle Haddam Rd, Cobalt.

There are a number of vacant properties in Cobalt/Middle Haddam in disrepair and an eyesore to those who are current property owners. Changing the zoning to allow for this improvement would be benefit to the neighbors and town.

It is time to accept the progress of the area and not wallow in what could have been. The interest in this type of area has diminished and we need to move forward.

Pauline Simko



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