

To: Village of Kinderhook Planning Board

From: Alexandra C Anderson, 53 Albany Avenue, Kinderhook NY 12106

Re: Restoration of the Old Dutch Inn and the new Three Sisters Tavern

Dear Chairman Kevin Monahan and Members of the Village Planning Board,

I write in enthusiastic support of the current Old Dutch Inn reclamation project undertaken by Jennifer Ose-MacDonald and Jake Samascott, I do so as the current co-president of the Columbia County Historical Society, as well as from the perspective of my thirty-six years as a Village resident, and my former terms of service early in the 21st century on the Village ZBA. In fact when I first lived here, the Dutch Inn was operational and a real village magnet for us all.

The resurrection of the Dutch Inn now finally stands to revitalize the commercial heart of our village after the more than a decade-long unfortunate stalemate over its fate. It's no secret that the more than a century-old Inn building is an architectural linchpin for the Village's distinctive historic character. Previously operating as a hotel and a tavern for well more than a century in the past, the Old Dutch Inn now deserves the return of its unique importance as an architectural embellishment as part of our special historic district, a magnet for visitors, and a community gathering place. It's return will surely add to the historic riches already here via the Vanderpoel House and Meadow and the CCHS Library and Museum.

Having often heard about many residents' desires for more lively commercial activities in the center of our historic village, I cannot imagine why anyone would want to continue to watch the Old Dutch Inn remaining in its former long-deteriorating coma when its revitalization is already underway. I earnestly urge the Village Planning Board to continue to support and uphold the current Old Dutch Inn/Three Sisters Tavern Special Use Permit.

Yours sincerely,

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