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To whom it may concern,

Thank you for putting this out for community input. My family and I feel that the school house is a defining feature of the Colchester village, and should not be torn down, but restored. The community garden there is a good start, and the work there should be continued and not rezoned into a business. The school house should be a museum and or community gathering space.

There are quite a few residents of the village that offer short term rentals already, and would suffer from more competition. Allowing a developer to do this will take money away from the residents of the village, and not add to it.

Lastly, the Chimney Swifts are a protected species, and you cannot displace them. For these reasons, and any others submitted by community members, the School house cannot be torn down.

Thank you for taking my email,  
Sincerely,

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**Sarah Carruthers**