

18 Barberry + O Joffre

Received at Meeting

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From _____

August 18, 2026

Attn: Chairman, Board of Adjustment

Dear Chairman,

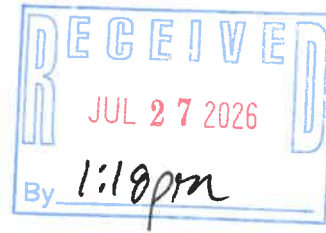
I wish to support Michael Ferrelli's request to allow access to his proposed new house from the foot of Barberry Lane. This access briefly paralleling a lightly traveled, unmade utility road from the Route 1 Bypass will avoid development of a much longer paper street from nearby Foch Avenue, a dead-end street, as well as destruction of a healthy forsythia hedge that has been an attractive feature of this neighborhood for generations. This is an important decision for a small neighborhood close to downtown Portsmouth and approval will help preserve the city's well-deserved reputation as a desirable place to live and visit.

Submitted with respect and deep belief in my adopted city's bright future.

John W. Whiteman
26 Foch Ave.
Portsmouth

July 23, 2026

Stefanie Casella
Planning and Sustainability Department
City Hall
1 Junkins Ave, 3rd Floor
Portsmouth, NH 03801



Stefanie:

I (we) am/are writing on behalf of 50 Whidden Street owner, Christopher Daniell, who is in the process of constructing an addition atop the existing footprint of his home. I (we) understand the plans call for an additional 400 square feet be added to the backside of his 1600 square foot home and that the project is anticipated to take 3-4 months.

As planned and contracted, construction will be performed by River Branch Builders, whose organization has been given excellent reviews and whose office is located on Islington Street.

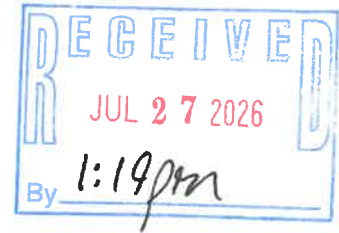
I (we) have known Chris and his partner Margaret for many years. I (we) feel that the two of them will be considerate of the neighbors during the building process. Interactions with them in the past have always been neighborly and positive. We recognize that the architecturally designed addition will be in keeping with the structural modifications, additions and upgrades to homes on our street, and in our neighborhood, which have occurred since the late 1700's. The Historic District Commission approval of the project gives weight to, and validates, the design.

I (we) understand the street facing appearance of 50 Whidden will not change and that this was a factor in the HDC's support of the project.

I (we) appreciate being asked to comment on the project and approve of the undertaking.

Rich M-y-wb
53 Whidden ST

John W. Seavey
17 Whidden Street
Portsmouth, NH 03801



July 23, 2026

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Planning & Sustainability Department
City Hall
1 Junkins Avenue
Portsmouth, NH 03801

Dear Stefanie:

We are writing in support of Christopher Daniell's addition to his home at 50 Whidden Street. Whidden Street consists of nine close homes on a dead-end street. We own and live at 17 Whidden Street. One thing to know about our street is that all permanent residents/owners are very close. We have multiple block parties during the year to celebrate various events. We all get along and feel lucky we live on Whidden Street. We have known Christopher since he purchased his house. He and Margaret are among the Whidden Street block party participants as well as everyone else on the street except one absentee owner/ renter who lives in one of his rental units for a couple months in the summer.

We understand the extent of the request for an addition. Having been inside the house, we also understand the rationale for the project. We also understand that the Historical District Commission has given its approval for the project and that it will not change the appearance of the front of the house on Whidden Street. Chris has been diligent about the upkeep of the property. In July they were on the South End Garden tour.

As owners & residents of Whidden Street, we support Christopher Daniell's construction of the addition.

Sincerely,

John W. Seavey

Bruce A. Doty

From: Ed Hibbard
Sent: Friday, July 24, 2026 5:07 PM
To: Stefanie L. Casella <SLCasella@portsmouthnh.gov>
Subject: Christopher Daniell 50 Whidden Street

We understand that the HDC is considering the application of Christopher Daniell for the construction of an addition to his residence at 50 Daniell Street. We are neighbors at 19 Whidden Street and have reviewed the architectural design for this project. We are pleased to support this project and highly recommend its approval.

Ed Hibbard
Former member and past president of Portsmouth Advocates

Maija Hibbard
Former Commissioner of the HDC

Sent from my iPhone

From: Ed Hibbard
Sent: Friday, July 24, 2026 5:16 PM
To: Stefanie L. Casella <SLCasella@portsmouthnh.gov>
Subject: Christopher Daniell 50 Whidden Street

Correction: 50 Whidden Street

Ed Hibbard Former alternate

Sent from my iPhone

From: Evan Young
Sent: Monday, July 27, 2026 10:08 AM
To: Stefanie L. Casella <SLCasella@portsmouthnh.gov>
Subject: 50 Whidden St Addition

Stefanie,

I am writing on behalf of 50 Whidden Street owner Christopher Daniell, who is in the process of constructing an addition within the existing footprint of his home. I own and have made my primary residence at 43 Whidden St, directly across the street. I understand the plans call for an additional 400 square feet be added to the backside of his 1,600 square foot home and that the project is anticipated to take 3-4 months.

I have known Chris and his partner Margaret for several years. I feel that the two of them will be considerate of the neighbors during the building process. Interactions with them in the past have always been neighborly and positive, an experience that even extended to a period in which he was my landlord for a short time in 2022. I recognize that the architecturally designed addition will be in keeping with the structural modifications, additions and upgrades to homes on our street, and in our neighborhood, which have occurred since the late 1700's. The Historic District Commission approval of the project gives weight to, and validates, the design. I understand the street facing appearance of 50 Whidden will not change and that this was a factor in the HDC's support of the project.

I appreciate being asked to comment on the project and approve of the undertaking. I can be reached at this address or by phone at the number in my signature.

Thanks,
Evan Young
Chief Financial Officer
(603) 502-4691
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Received

JUL 29 2026

By _____

37 Franklin St.
Portsmouth, NH 03801

7/27/2026

Stefanie Casella
Planning and Sustainability Dept.
City Hall
1 Junkins Ave, 3rd Floor
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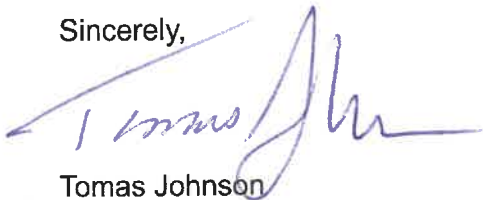
RE: Proposed renovation at 50 Whidden St.

Dear Ms Casella:

My family has owned and occupied the property directly behind 50 Whidden St since the 1940s. Over the decades we have seen many changes and updates to the home on Whidden St. In my opinion the proposed renovation is consistent with and a logical progression of the improvements made in the past. As I'm sure you know, these are very old homes which require, from time to time, alterations so as to better serve the needs of those who inhabit them today.

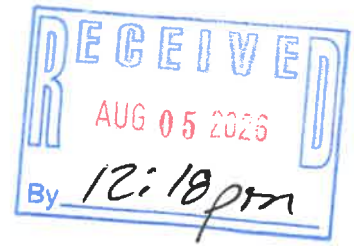
Consequently I want to state for the record that I have no objection to the renovation presently under review.

Sincerely,



Tomas Johnson
37 Franklin St.

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Charles Neal

28 Whidden Street

JOSEPH MCCARTHY
CHARLES NEAL

Good morning –

Included is a sample letter to Stefanie Casella at the City of Portsmouth Planning and Sustainability Department.

Please feel free to simply sign it, modify it or write a completely alternate version. I have also included a stamped envelope addressed to Stefanie.

As some of you know from experience, receiving approval from the HDC can be a long and winding road. Add to that the wetlands and/or shoreland approval, and the permitting process is an undertaking unto itself.

Soliciting input from neighbors is part of the requisite process for the approval – thank you very much for supporting us and our endeavor.

Your help is very much appreciated

Chie

August 3, 2026

Dear Mrs. Stefanie Casella,

We wanted to write on behalf of our neighbor Chris Daniell, and the addition project that he plans on constructing once all permits are in place. We fully support his plans and we know that he and his partner, Margout, will be considerate of the historic nature of our street. Chris and Margout are excellent neighbors in that they are thoughtful of the needs of others, quiet, helpful and kind. Chris has shared his plans with us and we believe the addition will be very much in keeping with the current late 1700s architecture.

Thank you for allowing us to share our sincere support of this project at 50 Whidden Street!

Sincerely,

Chris & Margout
37 Whidden St.
Portsmouth, NH