

From: [Private General](#)
To: [Planning Info](#)
Subject: for ZBA
Date: Monday, November 22, 2021 11:32:01 AM
Attachments: [Successful Walled and Sloped Commercial Spaces 11-18-21.pdf](#)

Dear Planning Dept,
Please forward this pdf and email to the members of the Zoning Board of Adjustments as soon as possible. Thank you, Liz

Dear Zoning Board of Adjustments,

Please find attached a few pictures of local businesses on sloped and/or walled properties. One Harbor Place is both sloped and walled. It has quite a few walled areas and its commercial entrance is over 75' from the sidewalk on Bow St. These are presented for your review, sometimes its hard to immediately think of similar anomalies in town when a property presents theirs. These two anomalies have come up for a few new developments in town.

Respectfully,

Elizabeth Bratter
159 McDonough St
Property Owner

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Successful Walled and Sloped Commercial Spaces





On Dec 9, 2021, at 8:00 AM, Jennifer Cornwell <jiffcornwell@gmail.com>

To Whom it May Concern,

This is a letter of support for PortCity Barbers.

I have lived in this neighborhood for the past 10 years (Prospect St), and 20 years prior to that, on Dearborn. This is my home, my neighborhood. I have seen many changes throughout the course of 40 years living in Portsmouth, and many have been greatly disheartening as I see few and few small businesses and the ensuing loss of community.

However, this addition of PortCity Barbers has quite simply brought light and a sense of community to our neighborhood. I pass by Brass' shop at least 4 times per day, walking my dog. To the great delight of so many of my neighbors, Brass has continued the last proprietor's kindness of leaving out biscuits and a bowl of water for all the neighborhood dogs. On my evening walks, I see the shop lit up, the commonplace activity of a barber and his client. It is actually quite comforting.

My walk often takes me down to the public water access, and up around by the historic Jackson House, there are always spots available for anyone looking for a spot to park for a quick cut and a shave at PortCity Barbers.

PortCity Barbers is a very welcome and much needed addition, and I do hope to see this business stay in my neighborhood and thrive for years to come.

Sincerely,

Jiff Cornwell

Prospect St resident

Anthony Coviello <tony@iron-eng.com>

Hello:

I just wanted to send this message in support of the Port City Barbers' application for a special exception from the zoning ordinance. We live in the neighborhood and walk by PCB daily. We are very excited to have a barber located in our neighborhood. It's such a great addition and a huge convenience to be able to walk from your home to get a haircut. We have lived in Portsmouth and this neighborhood for more than 20 years and we choose to do so because of the community that has developed. Allowing neighborhood shops like PCB is important to that community feel. I hope the board agrees that the parking impact is less than the previous businesses that have operated in that space and even those never really had a negative impact on the neighborhood.

Please support this application and approve the barber shop use at this location.

Thanks

Tony Coviello

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From: [dinanroom](#)
To: [Peter M. Stith](#); [Kimberli Kienia](#)
Subject: Letter for the Zoning Board of Adjustment re: pending application
Date: Sunday, December 19, 2021 8:09:00 PM

To the Zoning Board of Adjustment,
I write in support of an application from Patrick Lavoie regarding Port City Barbers at 295 Maplewood Avenue.

I have walked Maplewood Avenue almost daily for the past 17-plus years and watched grit turn to greed. During that time, an insurance agent operated at the location subject to this application. The barber shop is no more intrusive and some, like me, may find it more in keeping with the character of the neighborhood than what's being proposed across the little bridge.

Also, did you know Patrick Lavoie once cut President George H. W. Bush's hair?
<https://www.seacoastonline.com/story/news/local/york-star/2018/12/06/cutting-president-bush-s-hair/7100675007/>

Thank you for your important work for the city,
Elizabeth Dinan
639 Maplewood Ave.

From: Dan Freund hey@myfrienddan.com
Subject: I Support Port City Barbers
Date: Dec 16, 2021 at 5:17:58 PM
To: laurengrady6@gmail.com

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to express my support for Port City Barbers located at 295 Maplewood Ave, Portsmouth, NH. I have lived in Portsmouth for nearly 20 years, and have been a neighbor to the location listed here for nearly 15 years. When I saw that the business located here had changed, I took the first opportunity I had to introduce myself to the new owner and welcome him to the neighborhood. I expressed to him that I want to see his business succeed, and to see him personally thrive. I am delighted to see Brass working into the evening these past weeks as I walk into town. It is evident to me that he takes great pride in his work, how he presents the business to the community, and has been exceptionally respectful of his neighbors. I am strongly in favor of all relevant governing boards and committees allowing him to continue in his pursuits at this current location. I have seen no adverse effects related to parking, and to my observation, I have seen no discernible changes other than the addition of a bright and welcoming new business to our neighborhood. I offer my full support.

Kindest regards,

C. Daniel Freund

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Dan Freund
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From: Pkeenán pkeenán49@gmail.com
Subject: 295 Maplewood
Date: Dec 16, 2021 at 1:43:35 PM
To: laurengrady6@gmail.com

We enthusiastically support the new business at 295 Maplewood Ave. We live around the corner. It is a welcome addition to our neighborhood. Being a one chair barbershop, parking is never an issue. The owner is very professional, gives a great cut, and is dog friendly. Our dog Archie looks forward to getting a treat when we walk by the shop.

Peter Keenan

Jane Keenan

Sent from my iPhone

December 9, 2021

To Whom It May Concern:

We have enjoyed seeing new life brought into the neighborhood at the corner for Jackson Hill St and Maplewood Ave, with the addition of Port City Barbers. The storefront is very well kept and most recently, our kids have enjoyed the holiday train set decorations in the front window.

The owner, Brass, is very friendly and welcoming, always saying hello to our family as we walk by and often asking if there is anything he can do to make his presence in the neighborhood more enjoyable for the community.

The business adds much to the character and convenience of Portsmouth. Clients seem to be respectful and infrequent. We rarely see more than 1 client inside at a time, such that the community is not overwhelmed by additional traffic.

We welcome Port City Barbers to the neighborhood and look forward to their ongoing presence.

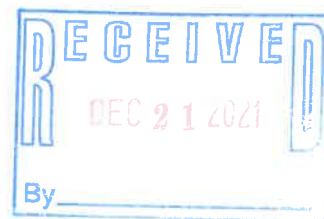
All the best,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Ben & Amberlynn Slavin". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping loop at the end.

Ben & Amberlynn Slavin

2 Marsh Lane
Portsmouth, NH 03801

From: Michelle White mlwhite@baxterofcalifornia.com
Subject: LOVE THE ADDITION TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD
Date: Dec 17, 2021 at 8:23:27 AM
To: laurengrady6@gmail.com



To the city of Portsmouth,

Reaching out to let you know that we are in support of the PCB Barbershop, from a personal and professional supporter! See the information below:

1. I have lived in this neighborhood for over 25 years and it is actually a great business to have close to home. It draws community to the neighborhood as well, it is a day time business in the neighborhood. We are supporting small independent service providers and it is Portsmouth local.
2. I work in the professional beauty industry and have for over 35 years. Barbershops provide services that are never more then 30-40 minutes and so parking should not ever be an issue.

We welcome the barbershop and the customers that they serve and are excited to support them. There is parking by the location as well at the end of the street. In addition, the Foundry Place garage is a block and a half away so there are plenty of options.

The prior business had 4 full time people in the office all day that parked by the power lines. The best part of the change in this business is the quick parking and the short time of service.

Please know that my husband and I live at 3 Marsh Lane and we are very supportive of this addition to the neighborhood!

If you have any questions, please call any time.

In gratitude,

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