

November 19th, 2012

To Whom It May Concern:



I am writing in support of the request of Kim and Annette Ringeisen to rezone property from residential to commercial, for a "special events venue to host weddings, receptions, anniversaries, reunions, company socials, photography, and other similar events". My husband and I were just recently married at Ward's Hollow on November 11, 2012. Kim and Annette graciously allowed us to use their property for both the ceremony and reception; the event was a rather intimate affair with approximately 40 guests. I conducted extensive research on wedding ceremony and reception locations. No other venue matched the beauty of Ward's Hollow or more importantly, the kindness, understanding, and professionalism of Annette and Kim. They are fantastic people with great pride in their community and historic property as well as support for love and family. I am sure that they would be very successful in this commercial venture while considering all surrounding individuals and neighbors.

I think it is important for the board members to consider the positive impact that this business would have on the economy of Pittsboro and surrounding areas in Chatham County. For example, our out of town family members and wedding guests stayed several nights in downtown Pittsboro accommodations including the 458 West Bed and Breakfast, the Rosemary House Bed and Breakfast, and the Small B&B. In addition, our family ("rehearsal") dinner was held at the Oakleaf restaurant and lunch for the bridal party was provided by the Small B&B Cafe. We also visited other various local stores and establishments. My bridal party received several services from the Spa at Bell House. My husband and I spent our first night of marriage at the Farrington House Inn. Furthermore, my husband and I have already returned to Pittsboro. In fact, this past weekend we bought some furniture from Reclamation Home Furnishings as well as Old Pittsboro Antiques. We will continue to frequent Pittsboro and its unique local, small businesses in the future, which is largely due to our wedding at Ward's Hollow and Annette and Kim.

Pittsboro is very unique and is clearly an amazing town that encourages and supports local businesses. It is my hope that Ward's Hollow will be one of these businesses and that the property of Kim and Annette Ringeisen will be rezoned from residential to commercial. I think it also particularly important to support veteran-owned businesses.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions regarding my experience working with Kim and Annette Ringeisen as well as getting married at Ward's Hollow. It was truly the best day of my life, and I am extremely grateful to Kim and Annette and Ward's Hollow.

Sincerely,
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