

**John Shallman**

144 Main Street, Unit #1  
Stowe, Vermont 05672

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Dear Historic Preservation Commissioners,

My wife and I are thrilled to be nearing completion of the renovations at 144 Main Street and, as President of our HOA, happy to see so many people enjoying the historic building. This week, as we walked through town and took in the beautiful weather and foliage, I was heartened to hear so many kind remarks from residents about the improvements.

Respectfully, we have a modest request regarding the dividing rail between our porch and that of our neighbor, Black Cap Coffee. While we are happy to see our building has become something of a gathering spot, many visitors have difficulty distinguishing our private residence from the adjacent retail space. In addition, it has become increasingly challenging to keep our private stair and porch area tidy, as some patrons inadvertently spill or toss debris under the existing railing—necessitating daily cleanup.

To address these issues, and with the support of our neighbors in the building, we would like to install a simple floor-to-ceiling wall/rail divider to provide a small degree of additional privacy and to prevent the area from becoming a receptacle for coffee cups, crumbs, and paper waste. We also propose adding a small light and tasteful signage to help clarify the distinction between the commercial and residential areas.

Thank you very much for your time and thoughtful consideration. My family and I are looking forward to finally enjoying our home, celebrating the holidays together, and contributing to the charm and vitality of our beautiful Main Street.

Kindest regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John D. Shallman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "John" being the most prominent.

John Shallman