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Richmond Development Review Board
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2/12/19

Dear Mr. Sunshine,

The Richmond Selectboard would like to affirm our support for the Buttermilk, LLC redevelopment of the old creamery parcel on Jolina Court. Ensuring the cleanup of the extremely hazardous and blighted site has been a major goal for the selectboard over the last several years. This past year, the town closed our grant with the state that aided in funding the cleanup managed by Buttermilk, LLC. We are very grateful to have the site in a developable state and see it being transformed for economic development of the community. It is our understanding, that since interim zoning for the property has expired, Buttermilk, LLC must apply to the DRB for any further development or amendments to existing decisions and permits. It is also our understanding that the planning commission will be working toward adopting regulations that support this development and allow for these amendments to occur.

We stand behind the continued development of the parcel for the purposes set forth in the interim zoning process as outlined below:

“The purpose of the Jolina Court Interim Zoning District (IZD) is to provide a location within the existing village core area for employment, light industry, commercial uses, community gathering space, housing, and other compatible uses that bring value to the community and maintain Richmond’s unique sense of place. There are 2 primary goals for the IZD:

- Help restore and improve the economic vitality of Richmond’s state-designated village center by attracting desirable new businesses to the site, restoring jobs and water revenue.
- Consistent with Richmond’s historic connections to its working landscape, re-envision the overall site’s potential to enhance Richmond to better attract residents and visitors to our village hub for community and commercial activities.

Any development in this district shall enhance the overall village growth area, and shall be compatible with the surrounding mix of residential, non-residential, and municipal uses. A key function of this district remains employment and economic development; however, the former commercial zoning designation has changed, and a mixed-use development plan is now allowable to ensure that other important and compatible uses are included.”

Thank you for your consideration,

Respectfully,
