

From: amy Campbell
To: [Rockport Planning](#)
Subject: ZBA should invalidate the building permit for the hotel
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Dear Orion, sir,

Allow me to introduce myself. Please know that I spent part of every summer of my life in our beloved town of Rockport, not far from the center of town, the remembrance of the enjoyment and love of which when I was a child inspired me and my family to move to Rockport in 1994. I have been a Maine resident and a mostly year-round Rockport resident for 27 years. My parents before me were summer residents from the 1950s until their deaths. Our children grew up here. It has brought me endless joy and often solace to look out over the harbor every time I walk or drive down the hill to the bridge, or up through the town on returning home. Imagine my excitement crossing the bridge on returning now and how it is cancelled by the sight of the building project that not only removes a big aspect of the harbor view but also is a forerunner of the change the hotel will bring to the spirit of Rockport. The extra traffic, the parking issues, the noise, the lights, all are antithetical to the nature of the town. And it didn't have to be this way which makes it even sadder. But now there is a window to perhaps correct some of the wrong. I implore you to request that the ZBA invalidate the hotel building permit and to start a new process with the Planning Board that fulfills the desires of a majority of residents who voted to limit the size of the hotel to 20 room, and to preserve the view, to limit the public room capacity to bring it within the limits of what is appropriate in a small town with one sweet main street. Rockport is not Camden or any other town. It has its own flavor with the harbor being the front and center piece de resistance. The hotel as it is being constructed and as it will be marketed does not belong here.

Thank you,

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"If all mankind were to disappear, the world would regenerate back to the rich state of equilibrium that existed ten thousand years ago. If insects were to vanish, the environment would collapse into chaos."
E.O. Wilson, Ph.D.

"If your garden is only beautiful, you are missing half the point." Dr. Lois Berg Stack, horticulturist, UMO Emerita

"By the sheer fact of their staggering diversity and vast ecological connectedness, insects are interwoven into the fundamental functions of virtually every ecosystem. An insect apocalypse is our apocalypse." Michael Engle, U. Kansas entomologist

"My ears filled with the dozy hum of bees and those tiny and odd insect sounds that rise up all around, the sounds mingling in my mind with the good, deep smell of earthy life." Elisabeth Tova Bailey, in *The Sound of a Wild Snail Eating*

"In the name of the Bee —
And of the Butterfly —
And of the Breeze — Amen!"
Emily Dickinson