

Penacook Village Association

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Mayor Jim Bouley
City Hall
41 Green St.
Concord, NH 03301

Dear Mayor Bouley, City Councilors, and City Staff,

The residents of Penacook and the Penacook Village Association would like to thank you for a job well done, and for giving our community an amazing downtown. Ed Roberge and staff were more than patient during our numerous charrettes. But, by holding those meetings and asking for input from residents, we were able to work in cooperation toward a safer, well lit, and beautiful downtown. Staff guidance resulted in a majority vote by residents to proceed with a traffic circle configuration to achieve our goals.

After the dust has settled, our downtown functions better than anyone envisioned. Thank you for increasing the lighting and bumping out the crosswalks making it safer for pedestrians. Thank you for convincing us that a traffic circle works to slow vehicles traveling along Village Street and reduce backups at Washington Street. Thank you for design elements like the greenspace around the monument and including fixtures that allow us to hang banners from the light poles.

We offer sincere thanks to our City Councilors for listening to us when we asked to have the utility poles removed along the downtown corridor, and voting to fund the increased cost while reconstructing Village Street. Removing the utility poles changed the appearance of our business district in ways no one expected. Without the poles obstructing our view, the street looks wider, and downtown Penacook looks more attractive. Now, the buildings and businesses that support our community are more visible.

We are proud of our downtown, of how it looks and how it functions, and foresee a future with new businesses renting and building in Penacook. Thank you for your help making it possible.

Sincerely,

Penacook Village Association Board of Directors