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Sincerely,

Kitty Reilly Sherpa

Owner, Beacon Natural Market

387 Main Street

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Owner, Drink More Good

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Stacey Penlon

Owner, Beacon Pantry

382 Main St.



Paloma Wake <pwake.bfm@gmail.com>

Letter regarding market location

From: Blessed Brewery <info@blessedbrewery.com>

Date: Sun, Mar 31, 2019 at 5:15 PM Subject: Letter regarding market location

To: Paloma Wake <market@commongroundfarm.org>

To whom it may concern:

As a small Beacon based business owner and a proud vendor of the Beacon Farmers' Market for the last three consecutive years, I believe I can offer insight to the lives of the many vendors that heavily rely on this market for their livelihood.

The Beacon Farmers' market is so successful because it draws many customers in from Manhattan, Brooklyn, all over Westchester and the entire Hudson Valley area. Tourists flock to Beacon because of the unique dining experiences, art exhibits, and shopping. The farmers' market is a large part of this experience. Although we do not have the largest market, we have the absolute best set of vendors.

The most important thing I've learned over the last few years being involved in many farmers' markets is that small changes have big impacts on casual shoppers. Even when vendors change from one end of a market to another, many customers find it confusing, assume the vendor is no longer part of the market, or simply do not realize that they are indeed the same vendor that they have been shopping with on prior occasions. Changing the location of the entire market would be exponentially detrimental to many shoppers and vendors.

This change would also greatly affect my business in particular because of our close ties to More Good. One of the reasons I chose to be Beacon-based is that More Good (our commercial kitchen that we use for production) allows us to work seamlessly with the farmers' market in so many ways. We sell kombucha, a fermented food that is very temperature sensitive. The fact that the market is so close to More Good allows us to quickly access large amounts of ice on hot days, and more importantly, allows us to safely store the majority of our inventory at exactly 41 degrees. This means that families and people of all ages can feel safe that they are indeed buying a completely non-alcoholic beverage. If we lost this location it would greatly limit how much inventory we could safely keep below 41 degrees for the duration of the market, especially on hot summer days.

I also believe that many rotating vendors that are already barely turning a profit would definitely not return knowing that the location of the market could potentially change fearing losing the momentum that they have worked so hard to build.

I think it is crucial to keep the market where it has flourished and not change the location for the third time in the last ten years.

I also strongly believe that the farmers' market should be not only included in the Spirit of Beacon Day but fully embraced and praised for its dedication to feeding the local community.

Sincerely, Adam T. Barfield Blessed Brewery Owner and Producer of Blessed Brew Kombucha Tea



Learn more at www.BlessedBrewery.com



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Keep the Beacon Farmers Market on Veteran's Place

James Spica <jspica@optonline.net>

Tue, Apr 23, 2019 at 1:30 PM

To: mayor@cityofbeacon.org, cityofbeacon@cityofbeacon.org, agrant@cityofbeacon.org, jmccredo@cityofbeacon.org, Paloma Wake <market@commongroundfarm.org>

Cc: aruggiero@cityofbeacon.org, egrogan@cityofbeacon.org, lkyriacou@cityofbeacon.org, gmansfield@cityofbeacon.org, jrembert@cityofbeacon.org, tnelson@cityofbeacon.org

Dear City of Beacon et al, and the Beacon Farmers Market manager,

Having The Beacon Farmers Market on Veteran's Place is perfect. There is a real solid community feel, by being able to walk from anywhere on Main Street to The Market. Local Beacon residents don't need their cars, and can walk with their children though town and meet and greet. This feeling of community connection is one of the things people moved to Beacon for in the first place. The boost that The Farmers Market and The Flee Market give to the nearby restaurants, the health food store, and other businesses are appreciable.

Drink More Good tea and soda shop is steps away from Veteran's Place, but Jason still decided to have a table at the Beacon Farmers Market. His commitment to the community is obvious. "More Good" has grown into a regional brand. This is the kind of business that Beacon needs. The fact that More Good reaches out and offers hospitality to Beacon Farmers Market customers and other visitors to Beacon may be one of the reasons for their success.

Veteran's Place has an adjacent municipal parking lot that is an asset to Central Main Street. I have a table at The Beacon Farmers Market where I sell vegan frozen desserts under my New Confectioner brand. Last year some friends and I sat around chatting until well past 5pm. We noticed that after The Market close at 3pm the municipal parking lot almost completely emptied out. And we saw first hand the major draw that the Beacon Farmers Market is to Veteran's Place is on Sunday.

If there are people who think the market should move, they are being short sighted. If there are nearby businesses that think The Market should move, they should follow Drink More Good's example and participate in The Beacon Farmers Market. If a nearby business thinks The Market is taking away business, that is just false. Without the Beacon Farmers Market Veteran's Place is just a vacant street. Perhaps one sour-grapes business owner would rather point the finger than step-up and do what is necessary to increase sales, and participate in the community.

Beacon has become the shining example of the beauty and positivity of Dutchess County and the Hudson Valley. Let's not give in to the disappointing back bitting that one disgruntled voice is trying to push. The Beacon Farmers Market belongs on Veteran's Place. The Beacon Farmers Market has been part of the Beacon community for a long time, and should continue to be for a long time to come.

Cheers and Best warm Wishes, J. Spica www.newconfectioner.com https://www.facebook.com/newconfectioner 845 661 4902 4/22/19



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