

From: **Mary Anne Malkine** <[wisemalkine@gmail.com](mailto:wisemalkine@gmail.com)>

I am writing to show my support for the approval to open the Krumville School House. A center such as this encourages neighbors to get to know each other and thereby share the knowledge and welfare of our neighborhood. The opening of this center will enhance and protect our beautiful rural community.

Sincerely,  
Mary Anne Malkine

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Dear Krumville Schoolhouse,

Please share the following at the Town Board Meeting:

I am a neighbor residing in Ulster County and am writing in support of the Community Arts Center at the Krumville Schoolhouse. I am looking forward to taking classes, enjoying musical and theatrical performances and just meeting my neighbors over coffee. This group is a positive, beautiful and meaningful addition to our neighborhood, supporting a wide range of interests and age groups. I strongly endorse its continued existence and growth and I plan to attend in the future.

Sincerely,  
Kate Sanford and Gary Levy  
[173 Cherry Hill Road](#)  
[Accord, NY 12404](#)

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To whom it may concern,

I want to voice my support for the planned community center located at the brand new schoolhouse at the corner of County Road 2 and Krumville Road.

I think your plans for making the space available as an arts and community center where locals can gather for art shows, artisan markets, workshops, performances and more is a fabulous idea and would be a gift to the community. It would be great for us all to get to know our neighbors and enliven the community.

Anything I can do to help, please let me know.

Sincerely,  
Dorothy Solomon, Director  
**DSA Fine Arts Ltd.**  
1218 County Road 2  
Olivebridge,, NY 12461

From: **Natasha Williams** <[natashakircher@gmail.com](mailto:natashakircher@gmail.com)>

Engaging the community in art and creative expression is a surefire way to build community- I am a writer and live in Marbletown and look forward to what the school house has to offer.

Natasha Williams

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We are **so** looking forward to having a community center in Krumville where we can gather, meet neighbors and talk. This will be such an asset to our community. Hoping this delay is short lived.

Victor Winograd  
917-324-1082

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Your idea for the former Schoolhouse is wonderful. Using these historic buildings is a link to our colorful and interesting past. I am encouraging the town to give you their approval to use this building as a meeting space and a space for the community to enjoy time together and to work for the good of the area.

As the President of The Kripplebush Schoolhouse Museum I look forward to meeting you. Wishing you well...your neighbors in Kripplebush and Stone Ridge.

Gail Many  
Kripplebush Schoolhouse President  
Marbletown Historian

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Hi there,  
My name is Britta and we live on the other end of Krumville Road... just wanted to say that I very much look forward to learning what you have in mind for the Krumville Schoolhouse and how we can all participate in creating a great gathering place!  
I think a meeting space for the community in Olivebridge/Krumbille is sorely needed and I can't wait to be able to hang out with our neighbors again once the pandemic is behind us. I hope that the planning board will agree and grant you the necessary permits soon. Please keep us posted on your progress, and if you need us to show up at the board meeting, just let us know.

Best wishes and thank you for your initiative and investment in Krumville!

Britta Muehlbach  
14 Private Lane/Rd 2A  
Olivebridge

I am absolutely delighted by the proposed Krumville Schoolhouse Community Center! Having been a full time resident in Accord for the past consecutive 36 years, I look forward with unbridled glee to having a new, invigorated social and communal center up here in the sticks, where we can get together as local people, to discuss and produce local art and music, with other excited artists and residents.

I just can't wait.

~ Timothy Allen

468 county rt 2

Accord, N.Y.

12404

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I am delighted to be able to write this message in support of the wonderful new addition to our neighborhood, the Krumville Schoolhouse. While I am fairly new to the area, having relocated from Pennsylvania last fall, I have enjoyed the few occasions where the Schoolhouse was open and I was able to attend a gathering and meet some local folks.

The building itself is beautiful. The design fits perfectly with the surrounding structures, particularly the old church just to the west. The care you had taken in planning and construction is evident inside and out. I live just up the road at 1205 County Rd 2 (Kripplebush Rd), near the pond, across and up from H & R Rock. I am used to the noise from the large trucks coming in and out of their lot all day. There is no noise or congestion resulting from the use of the Schoolhouse, and it would take an awful lot of vehicular traffic to rise to the level of even being noticeable in this spot, where large construction vehicles and other equipment pass by throughout the day.

We are so glad that you have enriched our community with this pleasant place to gather. The possibility of having programs, meetings, discussions, perhaps just enjoy a cup of coffee with neighbors at this lovely schoolhouse greatly enhances the quality of life in this corner of the Town of Olive.

I, along with my friends and neighbors, strongly support you and the effort you have put forth on behalf of the community. We appreciate having the Schoolhouse in the neighborhood, and eagerly await the Town's approval for you to proceed with opening up the spot for public use. Thank you for the opportunity to express our appreciation and support.

-Andrew Simon, 1205 County Rd 2, Olivebridge

Town of Olive,

I wanted to write to express my excitement about the Krumville Schoolhouse as a space for community events and gathering in the future. I remember the first time I realized how much potential and need there is for a space like this when so many of us showed up to roast hot dogs and watch the old church get pushed behind the Lochness Monster to the Krumville Road to make room for the construction of the new schoolhouse. The excitement was clear and it was evident how much we were all looking for small, hyper local gatherings to bring us together.

We live in a beautiful place, and a lot of that beauty comes from how quiet and secluded we are here in Olive. We would all benefit from having a place to join our friends and neighbors in enjoying thoughtful events focused around food, music, and getting to know one another.

Community centers are core to the structure of a town and provide a place for meetings, organizing, and celebrating. I would hope you would consider approving the Krumville Schoolhouse to become the community center we are all lacking here in our little hamlet.

Thanks so much for all the work you do,

Chris Zumtobel

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To the Olive Planning Board,

My name is Nina Stender. I am a homeowner and resident in Olive.

I am writing in support of the Krumville Schoolhouse. I strongly believe that a community center in our little hamlet would be incredibly beneficial and important for the community. Every time I meet a new neighbor, I am amazed by the talents, passions, and skills they have, and I am so excited about having a community-based space that can foster connections, learning, and exchange. I myself have a background working at community centers as well as experience teaching yoga, and I look forward to contributing my own skills and interests.

As a young adult planning to build my life here, I expect that the Krumville Schoolhouse would both foster intergenerational relationships as well as allow me to continuously meet other young adults in the community.

Regard,  
Nina Stender



From: **Jac Conaway PhD** <[jacpath@gmail.com](mailto:jacpath@gmail.com)>  
Date: Mon, Oct 25, 2021 at 11:57 AM  
Subject: We NEED you!  
To: <[Krumvilleschoolhouse@gmail.com](mailto:Krumvilleschoolhouse@gmail.com)>

I'm writing in support of getting the Krumville School House open to public events. It is strongly needed in this community and I want to help in any way that I can. Please approve this application very soon. It has been far too long.

Jac Conaway 51 Tongore Kill Rd. Olivebridge  
845-657-8424

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To whom it may concern:

I enthusiastically support the idea of the Krumville Schoolhouse "cultural center." There are an amazing number of people in this area with all sorts of creative projects in various areas--visual arts, crafts, music, poetry, theater, and more. But there is nowhere for them to gather and share ideas, performances, collaborations, exhibits, and more. However many (or few) letters of support you receive at this moment in time, the volume of participants will naturally increase as word of mouth goes around and more people are motivated to join in the activities either as spectators or participants--or both. I myself am an artist and belong to the Woodstock Art Museum and exhibit there. But it would be great to have an arts community closer to home. I am also a former literature professor and hence would also be able to contribute in that area as well.

Best wishes and encouragement,

Wendy Faris (former professor; Ph.D. Comparative Literature; Harvard 1975).

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As an Emmy-nominated sound designer, composer and new landowner in the area, I am thrilled by the promising cultural, educational, and artistic vitality that the Krumville Schoolhouse will bring to our community. I'm so excited for a venue where I can share my skills, learn from others, and build relationships with all my neighbors.

Jeremy S. Bloom  
Sound Designer  
Oakley Rd

<http://www.jeremyb.com>

Dear Olive Planning Board,

We have lived in Olivebridge, next door to the Olivebridge Firehouse, since 1988. The Krumville Schoolhouse is about five minutes' drive from our house. We urge you to approve the application of the Krumville Schoolhouse to be used as a cultural center and meeting space.

This group of young people is offering our neighborhood an invaluable cultural resource—space to create and participate in a wide variety of cultural activities that are much needed in our area. The organizers are energetic, in harmony with their neighbors, and imaginative in their offerings. They have the full support of their neighbors. Please approve their application.

Sincerely,

Sarah Plant and Zachary Sklar

22 Mill Road

Olivebridge

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Dear Karen,

I am glad to have the opportunity to write in support of making your schoolhouse studio a community center. The church it replaced sat idle for most of the thirty+ years we have lived here, and the idea of making it into a space for our community to share our talents, discuss issues and learn from one another is truly inspired. I would definitely participate in art and craft classes and exhibitions, yoga, discussions and performances. Having a community center would offer an opportunity to get to know our neighbors and counteract the isolation which is one trade-off of living in this beautiful rural environment. Thanks for your generosity in proposing this project which would be such an asset to our area.

Best regards,

Carol Monteleoni

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Dear Planning Board,

I am writing in support of the Krumville schoolhouse and request that you approve their application. The Krumville schoolhouse will be a wonderful and much needed addition to our community. As I understand it they envision using the facility for cultural events such as music and plays, classes, workshops and many other activities that will benefit everyone in the community, children and adults.

To have a venue that can provide so many benefits to our community should be supported. As a member of the community I welcome the schoolhouse and salute those responsible for it. They are providing a great public service by introducing into the community activities that we don't have but are sorely in need of.

I urge you to approve their application.

Very truly yours,

Eric G. Poulos  
76 Lower Sahler Mill Rd  
Olivebridge NY 12461

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From: **Rosamund Else-Mitchell** <[roseoftheworld@icloud.com](mailto:roseoftheworld@icloud.com)>  
Date: Monday, October 25, 2021  
Subject: Re: Letters of Support!  
To: [krumvilleschoolhouse@gmail.com](mailto:krumvilleschoolhouse@gmail.com)

"We do loved our mycology experience organized by the Krumville Schoolhouse folks and the inclusive atmosphere they created. I really hope we can have more programming and events as a community for kids and grown ups". - Rose Else-Mitchell, Kingston

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From: **Marji Zintz** <[marjimusic@gmail.com](mailto:marjimusic@gmail.com)>  
Date: Monday, October 25, 2021  
Subject: My Letter of Support  
To: Krumville Schoolhouse <[Krumvilleschoolhouse@gmail.com](mailto:Krumvilleschoolhouse@gmail.com)>

I am delighted to weigh in on the Krumville Schoolhouse.

I can't get over that we have such a potentially rich resource right in our "neck of the woods," available to anyone and everyone! Resources like this are powerfully healthy for the members of the community. Knowing neighbors; learning from neighbors; and sharing knowledge, resources, laughter, and camaraderie with neighbors cannot help but strengthen bonds and create wellness for all.

And, at a time when people are potentially isolating more and more and relying on social media for human connection (which I am not saying is *necessarily* a bad thing), Krumville Schoolhouse would offer an opportunity to get to know one's neighbors. Those kinds of connections are richer and more satisfying than virtual connections. In-person community, I believe, is what humans thrive on.

Recently, my husband and I attended an "open mic" put on by the Krumville Schoolhouse around the corner from the site. It was wonderful and while we saw some folks we knew, we were surprised to meet people we had never met before. My husband has been here since the

late 1970s! The joy was in the air and there was something that felt almost ancient about gathering that way and sharing arts with each other.

I teach guitar and singing, and I work with a small group of people in Orange County, where I travel once a week. One of the women who participates calls it "Magical Fridays." I wonder if something like this would be a good offering for the Krumville Schoolhouse. I'd be delighted to offer it if there is an interest.

I hope to see the Krumville Schoolhouse open its doors and flourish as a community hub for arts, connection, community, joy, learning, and wellness!

With gratitude,

Marji Zintz

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To Whom It May Concern:

The Krumville Schoolhouse event space is a great idea for our community. At present, the only event space in the immediate area is the Olive Library and while they offer a wonderful array of programs and activities, the selection and hours are very limited on a daily basis, as one might expect with a publicly funded venue.

Building community is critical to maintaining a successful community and there is no better way to do that than with a local venue that can accommodate a range of activities and events that speak to local interests and encourage a sense of community among its residents.

I would urge the Town Board to approve the project!

Yours truly,

Peggy Berk

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snail: [26 brown rd..olivebridge..ny..12461](mailto:26%20brown%20rd%20olivebridge.ny.12461)

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Dear Ms. Ranucci,

It is with great enthusiasm that I write this letter of support for the Krumville Schoolhouse.



I recently moved from NJ to Olivebridge, having purchased a home at [220 Lower Sahler Mill Road](#). On my very first visit to the area, I noticed the Krumville Schoolhouse and asked my realtor about it. I was so excited to learn that the Schoolhouse would serve as a community center offering classes, events and other activities to unite the community while offering interesting and diverse programming. As a person who has worked for a variety of community-based organizations I know how valuable it is to offer a community space where people can gather, work together and create a real sense of community. These connections are especially important now when so many people feel isolated and alone as a result of COVID.

I am thrilled that the Krumville Schoolhouse is part of the community in which I reside. I have been waiting with great anticipation for the Schoolhouse to open. I look forward to supporting this important community center, to volunteering at community events and to participating in the programs that will be offered at the Schoolhouse.

I hope the Town Board will approve the opening of the Krumville Schoolhouse and I appreciate your consideration.

Sincerely,  
Donna Lawrence  
[220 Lower Sahler Mill Road](#)  
[Olivebridge, New York](#)

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Dear Town Board,

I would greatly welcome the Krumville Schoolhouse into our neighborhood. It will be a wonderful place to meet fellow neighbors, see/hear performances of local artists, and build a positive community spirit.

There's no better way to connect people than through a shared experience and the Krumville Schoolhouse has the potential to help us establish new friendships, learn new things and work together to ensure our community remains welcoming, vibrant, and cared for.

Warmly,  
Leonora Wiener  
373 Sahler Mill Rd.  
Olivebridge, NY 12461

From: **Debra Trager** <dtrager@hvc.rr.com>  
Date: Tue, Oct 26, 2021 at 9:01 AM  
Subject: Debra Trager show of support for the Schoolhouse  
To: <Krumvilleschoolhouse@gmail.com>

I feel that the Schoolhouse would be a great asset to our neighborhood. It would be a great place to have for classes for art. And also for exercise and to have a place to get together to meet our neighbors.

As a ceramic sculpture artist and a graphic designer I think it would be a great asset to have a place to take classes and not to have to travel to Kingston or Woodstock.

We have a very rich local community of artists and musicians to enrich our hamlet of Krumville.  
Thanks,  
Debra Trager

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John Burt  
Lower Sahler Mill Rd.  
Olivebridge, NY 12461

October 27, 2021  
To whom it may concern,

I want to voice my support for the the planned community center located at the brand new schoolhouse at the corner of County Road 2 and Krumville Road.

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Anything I can do to help, please let me know.

Sincerely,

John Burt

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To Whom it May Concern:

As a former chairman of a local arts council, a music teacher of 35 years and an active and long-standing performer, I can attest that the number one challenge for any arts presenting

organization is the actual space itself - more than finances or talent. The Krumville Schoolhouse is a perfect space in a perfect location to facilitate a wide array of arts-related activities including classes, workshops, small performances, art shows, children's groups and low key social events.

I am encouraging the town board to consider this project to be a win-win for everyone involved - artists, organizers, neighbors, and the wider community.

As well, I can vouch for the commitment and the capabilities of the organizers themselves. Thank you for your support of the arts which always make our world a better place!

Sincerely,  
Dagen Julty  
High Falls, NY

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Dear Krumville Project,

I am very excited to hear that your marvelous center is proceeding. This center can be a leadership hub for so many who are working to make creative options for our Catskill communities. I live in Willow and everyday I pass the sad deterioration of our beautiful Willow Church. The steeple is disintegrating and I wish there was a similar lively group of young people who could take it on as a community center! One of the things that impresses me about what you are doing is to return a local community space to the community! A true inspiration for all of us !!

As a teacher I look forward to hosting some classes in creative use of media. I have worked in the past with New York State's Division for Youth to lead classes in low budget media production. These workshops were with the Wyoming County Arts Council, Cortland College and Maimonides Center near Monticello.

I know that your work will be a unique resource for this area.

DeeDee Halleck  
[386 Sickler Rd](#)  
[Willow NY 12495](#)