

## Letters of Support – Batch 2

For the purposes of consolidating digitized materials the following is a summary list of endorsements followed by the actual documents received.

<b>Item #</b>	<b>Name (Title)</b>	<b>Date</b>
2-a	Michael Loftus and Shaffin Shariff	September 9, 2024
2-b	Brian Hanecak	September 16, 2024

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## Formal Support | Applications for Redevelopment ARADEV LLC

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Mon 9/9/2024 2:00 PM

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Hello!

For the record, the following is a formal letter of support.

As owners of the Wake Robin since 2002, we are writing to support wholeheartedly ARADEV LLC'S applications for redevelopment. We are impressed by ARADEV's awareness of, and commitment to, the history and uniqueness of the property. These plans will help ensure that the property and location are both substantially rejuvenated, as well as continue its long-standing traditions. Under current ownership, the Wake Robin has offered lodging, run a restaurant and hosted private events in full compliance of regulations and ordinances, including hosting outdoor, tented weddings that transition into indoor celebrations without disturbance – an indoor/outdoor balance also common to other properties in the area (such as the Interlaken Inn). The impressive number of enhancements as well as planned services will, we believe, return and unite the Wake Robin to its illustrious full-service past. Community members and local historians may recall the resort amenities offered when the Chamberlain family owned and managed it over many decades. It is this tradition that the new owners plan to return the Wake Robin, a modern continuation of the past that promises to benefit the community no less now than it did then.

Michael Loftus  
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With best regards,

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Town of Salisbury  
Planning & Zoning Commission  
Land Use Department  
Salisbury, CT 06068

Dear Commission Members:

I am writing this letter to be read at the Public Hearing on Tuesday, September 17th in reference to the Wake Robin LLC application, as I am unable to attend the scheduled ZOOM meeting.

I have been aware of the proposed project at Wake Robin Inn for approximately one year. Steven Cohen initially contacted me as he had been given my name as someone who might be able to help with recommendations for local engineering & design consultants on a potential project he was involved with in Salisbury. I was recommended due to my experience with projects at Hotchkiss as Associate Director of Facilities/Project Manager for the school. It's not often I get "cold-called" from a developer from New York, so my interest was piqued. Throughout our email correspondence, I could tell Steven was serious about this project and hiring local consultants to help him with the process, which gained my respect. I feel strongly about using local businesses, so I was happy to assist as much as possible.

As the months progressed with intermittent emailing of Q&A, Steven and I eventually met in person earlier this year. He brought along an early version of the site plan and excitedly described the various aspects of the project. I had worked at Hotchkiss for almost 9 years at that point and worked in NW CT for 15 years before that and was unfamiliar with the Wake Robin, so I was excited to learn about the potential of the property. I was surprised that the Inn has been in business for 30+ years and I have never been to a function there, or met anyone who works there.

With its proximity to Hotchkiss, I foresee the Inn and the School partnering for occasional events, and a place within walking distance for students to spend afternoons off campus. I envision a modern facility that will provide additional event space to an area of the state that has high demand. Additionally this will benefit the town by providing another source of employment and additional local hotel beds instead of the overflow heading up to Great Barrington, which in turn will provide customers for the local restaurants and shops.

In conclusion, I fully support this project and wish the very best success to Steven and his team.

Thank you for your time,

Brian Hanecak