

4/20/2021

Dear Town of Barrington Selectmen,

In light of the current situation surrounding the "drama" with 2A Tactical, and as close neighbors along Tolend Rd, we would like to offer our personal and unwavering support for Rob Russell and his business. We truly believe that the negative effects of shutting his business down before he is able to build and occupy his new business space, would overshadow any positive that would be done.

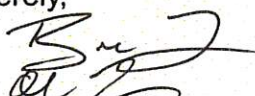
Rob and his family have consistently been honest, generous, and compassionate neighbors. They are the kind of people you can call on to ask a favor of, to borrow a garden tool from, or to keep an eye on your house while you're out of town. One of their daughters has been one of the very few people we have trusted to babysit our young children. They are part of the community we chose to be a part of when we purchased in Barrington--a well-rounded community of supportive and thoughtful people.

While we are not people who support breaking an agreement, we also understand that this world is not black and white. Rob has been working toward moving his business into a new location. He understands the need for a new space with the growth that has happened over the years. He has been honest in his conversations about his employees and recognizing the need to move his business out of his home. He is also a hardworking family man, a veteran, a father, a husband, and a man of integrity. He has faced things in his life that many of us living in this land of the free can't even begin to imagine or understand. He has a deep respect for other veterans and his passion for helping them maneuver through a world designed for our "taken for granted" civilian lives, is something that should be honored and not shot down.

He has given some of these men and women a purpose in their lives. To take away his business, his livelihood, his baby that he has raised from the ground up, would be immoral in my opinion. If he was not taking the proper steps and moving his business to a new location, there may be a foot to stand on, but to argue that cars along the side of the road is a reason to destroy lives in the meantime, is just disgraceful.

Never in our time here have the cars along the road, or the business itself been an issue for my family. In fact, Rob has gone out of his way to reach out to us of his own accord and ask us to let him know if we have any concerns so he can deal with them appropriately. This is a man of integrity, a man who sacrificed more than many of us will ever understand for our country, an honest man making a living, and in turn helping so many others along the way. We are in full support of Rob continuing to run 2A Tactical out of his home, on his own property, until he is able to move to the land he has already purchased in our hometown and we ask you to truly look into your heart and say that shutting him down now is going to better anyone's lives. This isn't about pride. This is about doing what is right.

Sincerely,


Ben and Alicia Zink
130 Tolend Rd

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