



**Au Sable Forks Revitalization Group
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Au Sable Forks, New York 12912**

Appleby Foundation, Inc.
579 Broadway, 4B
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Dear Sir or Madam,

It is with sincere pleasure that I take this opportunity to endorse the Tahawus Lodge Center project initiated by Rebecca Kelly Ballet. As Chairperson of the Au Sable Forks Revitalization Group, Ms. Kelly, Mr. Brashear and I have had many opportunities to discuss their ideas in great detail. The Revitalization Group heartily supports their plan, not only to rehabilitate this landmark building but to use it as the centerpiece of a greater effort to breathe new life into our community through the arts and cultural awareness.

The village of Au Sable Forks has enormous potential to serve as an example of what is possible in the realm of rural redevelopment. Directly situated on the corridor between Montreal and the High Peaks region, our small Adirondack town has historically served as the commercial center for neighboring communities. A classic example of a once prosperous mill town, it still retains an abundance of natural and human resources. The remnant of pride in its cultural and historic heritage remains, along with the community spirit that enabled it to rebuild itself after a series of natural calamities (including a fire and flood some years ago) which destroyed 95 percent of the town.

We understand that cultural life is vital to the growth of a community. The community supports two recreational parks, an outstanding Library, and, most recently, the efforts of a young local couple to reclaim the historic Hollywood Theatre. We are also aware that there is a groundswell of support for the arts in many quarters, from the many city folk who visit as tourists and have vacation and weekend homes in the area to the natives and newcomers who hunger for cultural enrichment and travel far and wide to find it. Local parents have been traveling many miles for years to avail themselves of opportunities to nurture their childrens' creative abilities. Unfortunately, the needs of many youngsters with parents of limited financial resources go unaddressed. There is also a niche for a healthy lifestyle initiative incorporating movement education and physical fitness.

We in the Revitalization Group, (approximately twenty enthusiastic members) feel that the Rebecca Kelly Ballet is the perfect entity to act as a catalyst in achieving the dreams that we all hold for our community. Rebecca and Craig have lived among us for years, know the people and share our vision for our town. The programs that they propose will enhance the quality of life for every segment of our population. Having had success in the reclamation and restoration of derelict structures, we recognize that they have the experience and connections to attempt a project of this nature and scope. In addition, they are cognizant of the marketing needs of our community as well as the importance of collaboration and addressing environmental concerns. We have no doubt that they would provide the infusion of energy and creativity necessary to ignite the smoldering embers that will allow Au Sable Forks to rise like a Phoenix once more to reclaim its place as a commercial and cultural oasis in the Adirondack Park.

With sincere thanks for your consideration,

Susan Pulitzer,
Chairperson
Au Sable Forks Revitalization Group
February 2009



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Dear Sir or Madam,

It is with sincere pleasure that I endorse the Tahawus Lodge Center project initiated by Rebecca Kelly Ballet. As President and owner of Feek Pharmacy Inc. in Au Sable Forks, I feel it is very important to the community to support their plan, rehabilitate a landmark building and to bring culture and awareness to our town.

We are directly situated on the corridor between Montreal and the High Peaks region. Our once prosperous mill town has historically served as the commercial center for neighboring communities. Our community pride in cultural and historic heritage remains along with the community spirit that is so evident in our town.

We understand that cultural life is vital to the growth of a community. Au Sable Forks supports two recreational parks, an outstanding Library and a revitalized historic Hollywood Theatre. Our area supports many tourists, vacation and weekend homes owned by city folk to the natives who hunger for cultural enrichment and travel far and wide to find it. Our area is nestled in the Adirondacks giving way to a healthy lifestyle.

As an owner and operator of my own business I enthusiastically support Rebecca Kelly Ballet and her desires to bring more revitalization and culture to our town. We believe there is a need and that they have the drive and ambition to complete this worthwhile project.

I sincerely thank you for your consideration.

Stephen T. Godlewski
Feek Pharmacy Inc.

The Au Sable Forks

Free Library



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2/3/09

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Dear Sir or Madam,


It is with sincere pleasure that we endorse the Tahawus Lodge Center project initiated by Rebecca Kelly Ballet. As President of the board of our local Library we recognize the need for more culture in our community. This project will revitalize an historic building and bring cultural awareness and the arts to this once prosperous mill town that has served as the commercial center for our neighboring communities.

We at the Au Sable Forks Free Library work with people of all ages to bring culture and education to our town. We believe that the project will enhance our work for the people of the area. We understand that cultural life is vital to the growth of a community.

We are situated in the corridor between Montreal and the High Peaks region and recognize the opportunity for our town to experience revitalization to a historic landmark and bring education in the form of arts and culture.

We enthusiastically support Rebecca Kelly Ballet and her desire to bring her project to the area.

We sincerely thank you for your consideration.



Stephen T. Godlewski
President, Au Sable Forks Free Library

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Dear Sir or Madam,

Restoration of the Tahawus Lodge to house non-profit and commercial endeavors would be a vital heartbeat to our community and surrounding hamlets.

Our community is abundant with natural talent that could/would be cultivated by the reuse of the Tahawus Lodge by the Rebecca Kelley Ballet Company.

Imagine what is now a pigeon roost being transformed into a center of our community life.

As the owner of a business, we know all too well what our town needs is a transformation of a run down building to enhance our esthetic appeal, as people contemplate moving to our area. It would be an invitation for people to stop on their journey into the Adirondack Park, as we are a gateway and first impressions count.

We whole heartedly endorse the revitalization of the Tahawus Lodge Center in its reuse by the Rebecca Kelley Dance Company and trust your foundation will also feel the same and offer your financial support.

Sincerely,



Dayle Richards, President
Joseph Richards, Vice President



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TOWN OF JAY

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February 13, 2008

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in support of the Appleby Foundation's appropriation funding request for the rehabilitation of the Tahawus building in Au Sable Forks. This old Masonic Lodge, known as an "anchor building", having survived the fire of 1925, is important historically to the town of Jay.

The town is currently going through a revitalization process and this building is key to restoring economic vibrancy. This project, which will turn the Tahawus building into a vibrant community center has already generated much local interest (promise of local fund-raising efforts such as one described to us at American Legion, etc.)

The cost is probably in the \$1M range over a 3-year time period and has great potential in terms of timing and by virtue of the fact that it's being generated by people who are local taxpayers, have lived in the area for a number of years, have the knowledge and resources to make it happen, and who truly care about the town.

I urge you strongly to help facilitate this vital project which will be of great benefit to the entire region. Thank you so much for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, which appears to read 'Randall T. Douglas'.

Randall T. Douglas
Town of Jay Supervisor



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April 24, 2009

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As Town of Jay Supervisor in Essex County, NY; it is with great pleasure that I whole heartedly support the efforts of Rebecca Kelly Ballet to purchase and revitalize the Tahawus Lodge located on Main Street within the Town of Jay.

I have read their project overview and their overall plan for enhancing an anchor building in Au Sable Forks will have a significant economic impact on our community. I applaud Rebecca Kelly Ballet for their efforts and will gladly assist them in obtaining their goals.

Their sincere dedication to enhancing new opportunities for our youth is greatly appreciated. I wish them all the best in their endeavors.

Sincerely,

Randall T. Douglas
Town of Jay Supervisor

Cc: Rebecca Kelly Ballet