

Hall, Pam

From: Pennington, Craig
Sent: Tuesday, February 12, 2019 12:55 PM
To: Hall, Pam
Subject: SPEX-06-2018



Pam,

Here is another letter sent for this case in favor of.

Thanks,

Craig Pennington
Planner
Planning & Community Development
Caroline County
(804) 633-1195

From: Arli Quinn Photography [mailto:arli@arliquinn.com]
Sent: Tuesday, February 12, 2019 12:29 PM
To: cpennington@co.caroline.va.us
Cc: Pennington, Craig <cpennington@co.caroline.va.us>
Subject: Vickstrom - Beaverdam Venue

Good afternoon.

I am writing today on behalf of the Vickstrom's who are longtime friends considered family. They own a beautiful historic home on such an amazing landscape in Beaverdam. My family and I have not only been friends turned family for many years but we are also members of the same bible study and believing group. I can't begin to tell you how much of a blessing Doug and Sharon have been to my family from the smallest to the biggest of life happenings.

My husband and I were married at the Vickstrom's home in May of 2014. We were so excited when Doug and Sharon shared that they would not only like to host our wedding but also make the necessary arrangements so that Doug could marry us. We loved the family and home so we were so ecstatic to have everything and everyone we loved in one place which also meant so much to us.

Our family has been to many many functions at the Vickstrom home in which they are hosts. From birthday parties, bridal showers, Fourth of July and Memorial cookouts to church meetings over over 200 people. Everyone who attends or knows the Vickstrom's understands the giving hearts they have. Everyone calls their

home HOME and it's one of the reasons when you step foot on their property you have an immediate calm and peaceful feeling.

On our wedding day and still now we get so many compliments on how beautiful the home is and a favorite is the large oak overlooking the home as well as the beautiful landscape of hydrangeas and peonies. Sharon truly has a green thumb! The pavilion that is there was built for our wedding, since we didn't have a backup plan for rain Doug and Sharon offered the idea of making the pavilion as shelter and a place to host our wedding reception. Everyone enjoyed themselves and raved on how much love could be felt and that can be seen that was put into our day. It wasn't until later events of speaking about the Vickstrom's property and mentioning the history with the home and the river that many of our guests, friends, and family even knew there was a body of water that accompanied their property. Everyone is blown away with that information. They truly had no idea. These are also people that had been to the residence multiple times!

I am also in the wedding industry. I'm aware of many different venues and their surroundings of bodies of water much much closer than the Vickstrom's property and specific guidelines and rules are in place for those venues with water much more present in those venues. In my 9 years of being a photographer for those other venues there have never been any issues that included the bodies of water.

In any event that I've been a guest to at the Vickstrom's residence which is hosted there and not at the river site I have never seen anyone take interest in exploring away from the home and main grounds. As I mentioned above, many people aren't even aware the river is there. The Vickstrom's are very diligent, professional, caring, and responsible people and would never allow anything that could be a danger to be an option.

I do hope my letter will be helpful in helping approve the permit needed for the Vickstrom's to continue to open their hearts and their home to those that they wish to share them with. I can't begin to share what a wonderful inspiration and loving this home and these people are. It's truly life changing!

Respectfully,

Arli Van Gorder

Get [Outlook for iOS](#)