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**To:** Town Council Group; Fred Allyn, III; Kristen Chapman

**Subject:** Open house

**Attachments:** CSO March 1st Invite.pdf; SB 492R.docx

Hi all,

I would like invite the all of you to join us on March 1<sup>st</sup> from 2 – 4 pm at our open house. Purchasing a building has been a top priority as rental fees for our events have been steadily increasing. We are encouraging folks in the community to stop in, and see the progress we have already made. We plan to be completed with renovations by our official ribbon cutting date of May 31<sup>st</sup>. We would like to recognize both Ledyard and Groton for distributing funds from the Opioid settlement to our organization allowing us to pay for sober living and provide activities to folks in our area. We are scheduled to provide and update to the Groton Town Council at their COW on the 25<sup>th</sup> of February and will reach out after budget season to come in front of your Council on a day that works for you.

I also wanted to make you aware that there is a public hearing tomorrow for (Old SB 492) SB 1285. I attached my letter of support to give you an idea of why its important to me, but understand that it will be tough for folks in the legislature to support. There are questions of losing federal funding, because providing a place to use illicit drugs would violate federal law, but we are losing folks at a rate where something different needs to be considered. I encourage you to send in emails about this bill no matter what your feelings, because I believe the best laws are made when more folks weigh in.

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