

Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA)  
Temple, NH

Dear Members of the Zoning Board,

This is a recap of my submission to the TBA on 4/14/22 at the hearing on Isabella Martin's Application for a Special Exception for the Barn for the proposed Stepping Stones Farm and Event Center.

There are a lot of problems with this Application.

Some of them are:

1. The Plan submitted is inadequate. One problem with the Plan is that it doesn't show setbacks.

At the end of the Martin I session, the ZBA asked for a new Plan by a licensed surveyor, showing all the setbacks, all the structures on the property and how they were to be used.

That hasn't been done.

2. There is no detailed list of proposed uses for the property and where they will take place, numbers of people, times, etc.

In the Martin I session, the ZBA repeatedly asked for this information.

That hasn't been done.

3. The Application references wanting to provide SEASONAL OUTDOOR DINING, but does not describe when, for how many people, where it is to take place, what days, what times, or who is providing the food. And dining often includes alcohol. Will alcohol be served outside?

In the Martin I session, the Applicant repeatedly stated that all dining and alcohol served would be indoors in the Barn.

Another point is that this Application is only for the Barn, not the rest of the parcel. So, outdoor dining cannot be part of this application, because it wouldn't be in the Barn.

In the Martin I ZBA Minutes of 6/1/21, the Applicant said they were committed to limiting activity to 20 Events per year. In the current Application, the Applicant says 30 Events.

I urge the ZBA not to rush through this Application, where there are many complications and inconsistencies. A Special Exception goes with the LAND, NOT to the PERSON making the application. It is not a popularity contest, and the ZBA should not succumb to social pressure and have that influence your decision.

Thank you,  
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