

May 18, 2021

Via email: boardassistant@templenh.org

Zoning Board of Adjustment

Attn: John Kieley, Chair

Temple Town Offices

Temple NH 03034

Re: Stepping Stones Farm and Event Center

Good afternoon John,

Chris and I are writing in regard to Stepping Stones Farm and Event Center off Webster Highway. We have frequented the farm for many years now and we even renewed our vows at the adjacent property of the Timberdoodle, many years back. When we were looking for a place for our ceremony, the farm was a full functioning horse farm but regardless of its charm and character was not suitable for a wedding. There is so few places of natural beauty for events in the area, but we were determined! The farm as a venue will attract more business and more interest to the community. Boo Martin, a member of the Peterborough's Women's Group, promotes other local small businesses and only uses local businesses as preferred vendors, increasing local economic opportunities.

It has been many years since we said 'I do, again' and we are now stretching our legs to restart a catering business fresh out of the COVID-19 pandemic. Partnering with the farm will very much expand our business as well give us the opportunity to employ local folks as we grow. We are very excited to continue our partnership with the farm and Boo. Through the reinvention of the farm, we have been able to be introduced and partner with many local small businesses and professionals. Boo has been part of the local business community for so many years that she is a networking apex and not only promotes local businesses but also connects them.

Maintaining the natural and historical preservation of the property is very important not just to Boo but to Chris and I. As the owners of Landscape Innovations for 20 years, we have been assisting in preserving the natural habitat to the adjacent property of the Timberdoodle and numerous properties in the local area. Since the closing of the horse farm, we have been working on the reinvention of the farm with Boo and her staff. During the reinvention, we were able to hire a premier vendor of the farm for our youngest son's senior pictures and all photos were taken on the property at our son's request as he himself has worked the land. He wanted a historical property that said "New England" yet allowed him to be casual and in his element.

In closing, I would like to say how important this farm has become to our family and our businesses. Boo Martin has taken her family homestead and through phases of life, has created countless memories for generations of families by sharing this amazing piece of history with so many. We know she will continue with her family and staff to carry on the vision of a peaceful and natural place for people to gather. She has always and will continue to abide to local zoning laws and ordinances over her many years of operation. We look forward to moving forward with the synergy of Boo and fellow vendors to create an amazing space for locals to retreat and out of towners to make their second home.

Respectfully,

Chris and Elizabeth Faint

Owners and Operators:

Landscape Innovations &

Simmer Down Catering LLC