

DOCUMENT 10: History of Property with Key Dates & Timeline

- Our Martin family moved to property on June of 1965.
- I, Isabella (Boo) Martin began Pony Farm, a for profit business, in June of 1972 on the property.
- We, V. Gene and Isabella M. Robinson (Boo) were granted a Sub-Division of the 28 acre +/- property to build the Stepping Stones Lodge and granted a Variance as a retreat business, horse business and summer camp. The property was surveyed by William C. Mac Adam and Associates of Frankestown, NH and approved by the Temple Planning Board on 7/6/77. Recorded with the Hillsborough County Registry of Deed on July 27, 1977. This created Lot 14. Minutes available for review.
- In 1986, Horse Power was founded as a nonprofit therapeutic riding program for individuals with disabilities.
- We, Robert E. McDaniel and Isabella M. McDaniel (Boo) were granted a Special Exception by the ZBA to build an Indoor Arena on Lot 15 to expand our equine business and to begin a national instructor training school. This Special Exception was granted by the Town of Temple in 2000.
- Touchstone Farm, a 501©3 organization, was created in 2011 with a merger of Pony Farm and Horse Power. The nonprofit rented the property from Boo, the owner. Touchstone conducted a national level therapeutic riding, summer camp, veteran and training business on the property until September 2020, at which time they moved to a new location.
- In anticipation of Touchstone's move, Boo came to the Planning Board to seek permission to begin a small event center on her family farm in January 2020.
- This application is the culmination of input and requests from both the ZBA, the Planning Board and the Select Board since January of 2020.