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Re: Stepping Stones Farm and Event Center

Dear John Kieley & The Zoning Board of Adjustment,

I am writing to you today in support of Boo Martin's application for a special zoning exception to operate Stepping Stones Farm & Event Center. I will be the first to admit that I am not familiar with various zoning laws and regulations in the area, but what I am familiar with is Boo Martin and the impact her event center has had on the community.

I have visited Stepping Stones multiple times now and am continuously blown away by the work Boo and her team have put into creating a space that is not only astonishing beautiful but also functional. The need for such an event space in our area is without a doubt a huge necessity. Boo's involvement in multiple local organizations has been extremely beneficial in helping those organizations plan for events and meetings by utilizing her event space. Not only does this benefit Boo, but also other small businesses in the area as well.

My husband and I recently became the new owners of Grappelli's Pizza back in September of 2020. We met Boo at an open house event she had at her farm. At the event we were introduced to multiple other organizations that we now have formed partnerships with and have also donated to. In meeting Boo, we were able to become a preferred partner of Stepping Stones Farm and work with multiple clients to cater past and future events. This is only one example of hundreds of connections that have been made by people who have visited the farm. It proves that the community needs a place such as this to create connections that better small local businesses and business owners.

Boo also understands the importance of preserving the rural and historical nature of our community. Her farm not only attracts locals, but also brings people from all over New England to our region. The grounds are perfectly maintained, and animals well cared after. The farm poses no threats to other landowners or causes any issues with parking and street traffic. Running her farm and events will also increase many employment opportunities for local individuals.

Stepping Stones Farm is much more than a simple event space. It is the heart of the community and so is Boo Martin. There is no place like it around and if you visit it once, it's easy to see why. Boo deserves to grow her business and she will always have the support of the community behind her.

Please feel free to reach out to me if you would like to speak with me about this further.
Kind Regards,
Evelyn Jordan