

FROM THE DESK OF  
KEITH B. BADGER

May 25, 2021

Zoning Board of Adjustment  
Attn: John Kieley, Chair  
Temple Town Offices Temple, NH 03084  
Re: Stepping Stones Farm and Event Center

Dear John:

I'm writing in support of Temple resident Boo Martin's application for a zoning special exception to operate the Stepping Stones Farm & Event Center off Webster Highway.

I believe the new operation at this regionally historic farm will continue to provide the invaluable gifts & services to the public that mirror the exceptional history already marked by so many grateful recipients over the years. At a time when communities struggle on so many fronts, Boo Martin's dedicated commitment to upholding the integrity of farming life and practices have helped preserve the environmental, social, and economic health that are the hallmark of New England life. Few farms are left to us these days where such important reminders can be had and experienced. As an educator for the past thirty years in the Monadnock area I am keenly aware of the importance of youth having access to such experiential opportunity, and Boo's lifelong connection to numerous youth who came to her farm years ago speak to the strength of forging such lasting bonds of friendship. If such living relationships to the land, as well as each other, are seen within their proper value during such uncertain times as we now experience, then Boo Martin's past and present service to providing them should speak loudly to all, and any effort, consideration, and cooperation extended to her will serve us all well. Boo is truly one of those rare educators that make real differences upon multiple fronts. She herself is regional community treasure!

Sincerely,



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