

May 20, 2021

Zoning Board of Adjustment
Attn: John Kieley, Chair
Temple Town Offices
Temple, NH 03084

Re: Stepping Stone Farm and Event Center

Dear John and other ZBA members;

It is with great pleasure that we write to you in support of Isabella “Boo” Martin’s recent application for a zoning special exception to operate Stepping Stones Farm & Event Center on Webster Highway.

We have known Boo for over twenty years, while she ran Pony Farm and Touchstone Farm at the same address. These businesses provided a summer camp, therapeutic horsemanship workshops and retreats as well as horseback riding instruction for over forty years. Additionally, she held large events which were similar to those she plans to host with her new business.

As with her previous business, we know “Stepping Stones” will showcase the beautiful surroundings and introduce many people to this part of the Monadnock region. Boo has discussed many of her plans with us when she was in the inception phase and did her research about how to best provide event services and be cost-effective. In the short time she’s been in business she’s already had repeat customers who were understandably charmed by the facility and Boo herself, the perfect hostess. Additionally, as is evident from the itinerary of an upcoming women’s retreat Boo utilizes the expertise of other local business owners, thereby helping the local economy.

Having volunteered or attended many events at Boo’s farm property over the years we don’t foresee an increase in traffic that would tax the local infrastructure. Likewise, there is ample parking for attendees. The facility is rather isolated so light and noise pollution shouldn’t be a problem. In short, Boo’s “Stepping Stones” facility meets the criteria of the ZBA’s sections 13A and 13B.

The town of Temple has been very fortunate to have Boo Martin as a small business owner for at least 40 years and hopefully many more to come with her latest venture, Stepping Stones Event and Farm Center. With Boo at the helm this business will also be a success and continue to be a great asset to the town of Temple. We are fully in support of her new business and ask that you grant her a zoning special exception.

Sincerely yours,

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