

June 14, 2021

Town of Temple  
Zoning Board of Adjustment  
423 Route 45, P O Box 191  
Temple, NH 03084

RE: Isabella Martin/Stepping Stones

Dear Members of the Board:

With this letter we enclose an explanatory printout from the State of New Hampshire Fire Marshal's Office concerning fire protection measures which must be undertaken in lodging facilities. Our purpose in doing so is to request that the Board discharge the obligations it has under the Temple Zoning Ordinance. Under Article IV, Section 6, Special Exceptions, the Board is charged with seeing that all special exceptions shall be made in harmony with the general purpose and intent of the ordinance. Article I, Section 1, Authority & Purpose, sets forth the general intent of the ordinance and includes a specific charge that the ordinance secure safety from fires and other dangers and promote health and general welfare.

Depending on the source and depending on the time when viewed, Stepping Stones has indicated the Homestead has accommodations for between 14 and 18 people. Up until the middle 2010's, the homestead was a private residence. With the conversion of the Homestead to a lodging facility, the requirements of the National Fire Protection Association have not been met, and in fact, it appears that the conversion has been permitted in complete disregard of the safety requirements imposed.

In fairness to the abutters and to all Temple residents who are concerned about the change this application would make in a quiet, rural area, the Board should require Ms. Martin to withdraw the application and resubmit when she has examined what is required to obtain the necessary approval from the Zoning Board of Adjustment to conduct the proposed hotel & event center.

Sincerely,

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George Russell, for Woodcock Farm, LLC

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Julie Russell, for Woodcock Farm, LLC