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Robert Moriarty, Chairman
Zoning Board of Appeals
Town of Topsfield
8 West Common Street
Topsfield, Massachusetts 01983

RE: Request for a Further Continuance
Administrative Appeal
207 Boston Street

Dear Mr. Chairman and Members of the Board:

Reference is made to the above-captioned matter. In that connection and on behalf of the Essex Agricultural Society, I hereby request a further continuance of the upcoming March 26, 2024 public hearing on the Petitioner's administrative appeal. Discussions are still ongoing between the Petitioner and the Town about past, present and future uses of the Fairgrounds; and associated litigation has been stayed. Recognizing that more time will be required to achieve a resolution, and following consultation with Town Counsel, a continuance is requested to the Board's June 25, 2024 meeting.

Per G.L. c. 40A, § 15, the decision of the Board "shall be made within one hundred days after the date of the filing of an appeal..." Accordingly, the Petitioner also extends the Board's deadline for a decision to July 30, 2024, i.e. five (5) weeks following the June 25, 2024 continuance.

Thank you in advance for your courtesy.

Sincerely,

Adam J. Costa

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