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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

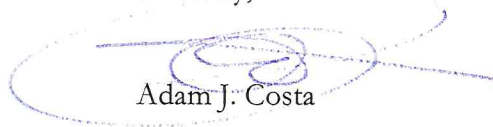
Dear Mr. Chairman and Members of the Board:

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 tonight's 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. The parties have exchanged proposals regarding the settlement of pending litigation associated therewith. A postponement of the Board's proceeding to its March 26, 2024 meeting will allow these discussions to continue. Of course, additional continuances may be necessary if and as progress is made toward a resolution.

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 April 16, 2024, i.e. three (3) weeks following the March 26, 2024 continuance.

Thank you in advance for your courtesy.

Sincerely,



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