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Via E-mail Only

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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 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 continuance of the upcoming Tuesday, August 22, 2023 public hearing on the Petitioner's administrative appeal. The Petitioner and the Town are in ongoing discussions about past, present and future uses of the Fairgrounds. A postponement of the Board's proceeding to its November 28, 2023 meeting is appropriate, while these discussions continue.

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 December 19, 2023, i.e. three (3) weeks following the November 28, 2023 continuance.

Thank you in advance for your courtesy.

Sincerely,

Adam J. Costa

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