**Martha and Robert Rose**

**38 English Commons**

**Topsfield, MA 01983**

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Robert Moriarty, Chairman

Topsfield Board of Zoning Appeals

Topsfield Town Hall

8 West Common Street

Topsfield, MA 01983

Dear Mr. Moriarty,

Your position at the conclusion of the public meeting of the board simply insures that the residents of English Commons and the Rowley Bridge Road neighborhoods will be forced to endure yet another six months of intolerable noise from the Connemara Farm operation. To grant another special permit without any specific commitment (beyond “we are working very hard.”) to any measure which would actually reduce the level and the nature of the sounds is to guarantee a continuation of our distress of the last three years.

You have only one event on which to base your decision because the perpetrators of the wedding venue chose to engage the sound engineer for only one event. The non-event measurements are meaningless. There were multiple events hosted during the remainder of the season following the ZBA’s issuance of the special permit. Connemara Farm chose to again make the most minimal effort toward any form of compliance with the intentions of the Board,

In addition to the noise of the event itself, we are subjected to the sounds of automotive horns blaring as celebrants often form parades to leave the event at it’s conclusion. The driveway they use immediately abuts the English Common property line.

The operators of Connemara Farm have repeatedly shown that they are not interested in any accommodation to the well-being of the community. They have made NO effort toward compliance to the requirements of the special permit you granted them, and for the last three years, they have failed to make ANY significant commitment to improve the situation. Please show that you care for this community.

Sincerely yours,

Martha and Robert Rose