July 12, 2023

Zoning Board of Appeals

Topsfield Town Hall

8 West Common St.

Topsfield, MA 01983

Attn: Robert Moriarty, Chairman

RE: Connemara Farm

Dear Mr. Moriarty, and the Board:

First, my gratitude to you all for your energy and extended attention to this matter. I must add my own comments:

1. The noise was very stressful. A nasty experience.

2. Decibels don't tell the whole story. The nature of the noise is at least as important in producing stress\*.

3. This is not just a quality of life issue, it is a health hazard. The harmful health consequences of such noise have been measured by major organizations and the data is available\*.

4. There are practical solutions to this problem.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

Robert M. Rose

by USPS and e-mail

\*PS- see this link for a good example: <https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2023/06/09/health/noise-exposure-health-impacts.html?unlocked_article_code=I-Sa9yYCTdfGlpA8ufOKx3GU6lhVHpYE1nO36-rncs_so8e5WorEb4I0Ubn8Oia5r-aMLQksBBpppgSpXrX3TeDRi-QInFNn89bgLptLW80xAiMY9vobB-pmA1YmMoz6G2Nn7jLad4xL4aZbt-OpMnSTHUXEhziVf2K_epy2uj6hstuKkC1FgqxdMI2brvTkJoW8RAgyIZaKpcTwuW0zb7bSAMV4uIlFrV6HRYLHN60Y0RWjE5g8wQtjTkRCOgrg2uA-WW8XYZ4Cbspyxs3NvYtU0JlWXvGxi7ZROxOsCPOHXWsLExur1gEqc6eb2mSpAmkzkApWmyAmYBOPNqPw1RvYvGj5sJFyWDxZXqNvX-L-7WMJOm8&smid=em-share>

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