Lynne;

I hope my email finds you and your family well.  I am writing relative to the ZBA meeting this past Tuesday evening and Connemara Farms application for a new Special Permit.

Mary and I have lived at English Commons for almost 10 years.  We have been very aware of the ongoing problems caused by the noise from the various functions at Connemara Farms.  We live on the far side of English Commons and we are affected by the noise each time a function is run.  We attended the meeting in September, which resulted in the issuance of a Special Permit with specific guidelines to be met by Connemara Farm.   In watching Tuesday’s meeting, it was very apparent that the items outlined in September were not successful in reducing the continuous noise levels.

I am not opposed to Connemara Farm running this type of business.  There are other venues in town who do similar types of events.  However, the big difference is that these venues have enclosed buildings which, obviously, limits any potential noise problems.   The Board seemed to indicate that they didn’t have enough information to make a final decision.  They seem to want to have another period of time to secure more data.  I disagree.  I feel this is unreasonable as our Community has had to endure this situation for the past three years and to ask us to accept another number of months with things remaining the same is not fair.   At the very least, this new trial period should require that the tent be enclosed on all sides.  In truth, Connemara Farm should be required to build structure which allow them to successfully run their business, while not affecting the quality of life for surrounding Community.

I would sincerely request that you forward my thoughts to the Board for their consideration.

Richie Cawthorne