

LOOKOUT RIDGE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION, INC.

Amy K. Mistrot, Chair

Board of Selectmen, Natick Town Hall, 2d Floor

13 East Central Street

Natick, MA 01760

Re: Undated Public Hearing Notice concerning Application for an Amendment to Farmers Winery Pouring Permit

Dear Madam Chair:

I submit this letter in my capacity as President of the Lookout Ridge Improvement Association, Inc. to express concern on the part of our membership about the proposed expansion of facilities serving alcoholic beverages at Lookout Farm in South Natick. Please consider this an urgent request that the Board extend the hearing currently scheduled for May 14, 2018 for at least 30 days to enable the Association and others sufficient time to become familiar with the details and impacts of the developer's current proposal.

This is the latest in a series of expansions on the part of the developers of Lookout Farm to attract additional visitors to the site for the purpose of increasing alcohol consumption and the sale of the alcoholic beverages the Farm produces. At a minimum, the developer's proposal raises concerns about the safety of residents in our community that must be addressed.

We received the Town's abbreviated Public Hearing Notice less than a week ago. The same envelope contained a slightly different version prepared, but not disseminated, by the developers, dated April 11, 2018. I attach copies of both documents. Neither provides adequate information for residents to understand the impacts of the developer's proposal or to determine whether or how the developer's proposal complies with the Town's detailed Rules and Regulations governing such activities. Furthermore, the Association was informed for the first time on May 10, 2018, that the Lookout Farm Advisory Committee, formed for the purpose of monitoring and advising on the Farm's activities, has been inactive.

Our membership would very much appreciate the opportunity to designate a representative to review all relevant information submitted by the developer to the Town and to meet with Town officials about this important matter at their convenience. Please contact me in advance of the hearing tomorrow for this purpose at Judith_thomson@yahoo.com. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Respectfully,

LOOKOUT RIDGE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION, INC.

Judith Thomson, President