

Barrington Zoning Board,

Katie and I have been proud to restore the c.1791 barn at 130 Ham Road. Having people continue to enjoy the barn is a dream that is at our fingertips. We live it each day. While it is not for everyone, for us, it is the vast space and simplicity of a historic era that helps put some perspective into our busy lives. At times, the barn has helped bring people and the Barrington community together.

It is our desire to be part of that community, and we feel we have proven this time and time again. It is our desire to be one with Barrington and to give to others what we have. For our community to experience the joy of the barn and to see and live a small part of their lives in a piece of Barrington history. There are not many places where this can happen and the history that barns can bring is slowly diminishing.

For the past 15 years of ownership, it has been a priority not only to share the property with our friends, neighbors, family and community, but also give back to those in need. The barn has helped us do so. Moon Shine Barn provided a solemn space for a Barrington teacher to marry her terminally ill fiancé and has been a meeting space for local Boy Scout chapters and church gatherings. Big Brothers Big Sisters of NH and food drives have been other examples of state wide charities who've used the barn. Moon Shine Barn has even touched national organizations, hosting meet and greets for families who've escaped Afghanistan and have united them with local organizations to help house them during this excruciating war they've experienced.

We do not know what the future holds for Moon Shine Barn or for us. Tomorrow is a mystery as they say. We want to be optimistic and to say, "It will be alright." The barn has more work to do on it to make it weather-tight and finish what we so greatly wished to accomplish. "Good things take time," is a common saying from my Dad and applies to this situation.

With all of this said, we want to withdraw our application for a variance from article 19, table 1 to allow for mixed use at our property on Ham Road. We will not be going to the Planning Board for a conference center. We desire to maintain relations with our neighbors and be a good steward to the road and the town. Our business plan changed dramatically from our initial submitted plan with hope that we could replenish funds needed to keep the renovation in motion. Despite that, we do not believe that we can be successful with both a business and as a neighbor. This no win situation does not promote the barn like we wish.

We want to thank John, Jamie, Vanessa and Barbara from the Barrington town office for all of the hard work and support they've provided. Thank you Zoning Board for your time.

Tyler & Katie Rand