

TOWN OF HENNIKER, NEW HAMPSHIRE

September 1, 2015

Stephen E. Forster
349 Mt. Hunger Road
Henniker, NH 03242

Dear Mr. Forster,

As you know the New Hampshire Supreme Court upheld the decision of the Town of Henniker Zoning Board of Adjustment that the "weddings, ceremonies, receptions, special events, gatherings, meetings, celebrations and retreats" that you were engaged in were neither an accessory use under the Town of Henniker's Zoning Ordinance, nor an agricultural use. The Town found no pleasure in this litigation, as the Town has been a consistent supporter of its farms. Now that the Supreme Court has closed this matter, we anticipate your compliance with the letter and the spirit of the decision.

The Town has never interfered with the occasional gathering of family members and persons who are well known to and share a warm regard for each other. Such a gathering does not involve compensation. However, if your inquiry is intended as a means of evading the clear import of the Supreme Court's decision, it is likely to meet with resistance.

Naturally, should you wish to pursue the options of expanding your offerings in the future with events such as weddings, gatherings, or other type of events, we encourage you to go through the site plan review process that all entities are required to do. You'll recall that Henniker adopted Site Plan Review back in 1992. While we can't guarantee success it will go a long way to paving a peaceful path, by incorporating concerns of neighbors, with a plan moving forward.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Respectfully,

Christine Trovato, MPA
Town Administrator



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