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Thank you for your time,

Jeff

From: Alexis & Russ Burgess [mailto:jeas16@gmail.com]
Subject: Application for special events
Date: Oct 24, 2022 at 11:42:36 AM
To: hello@coldspringfarmct.com

Hello Jessica and Jeffrey,

We wanted to let you know we support your application to hold more events on the farm. We have emailed Mr. Ventres to let him know of our support and have no objections to your application. We look forward to supporting you in the future.

Thank you,

Alexis and Raymond Burgess
(cottage at 10 Hay Field Rd., East Haddam)

October 20, 2022

Town of East Haddam

Land Use Office

P. O. BOX 385

Moodus, CT 06464

Re; Application 22-06

To Whom it May Concern. I Have a Summer Cottage on 119 Longwood Dr, East Haddam that has Cold Spring Farm's 18 acre field abutting our property. We have owned our home for 10 yrs.

They are a great Neighbor! I have spoken with Jessica Stone & Jeffrey Savitsky several times every year about their farm, the crops, the livestock and their events. They are very considerate, helpful and organized. Their events have never been loud or disruptive to us and have been fun to attend as well.

I fully support their application for a Special Exception Review for accessory uses on a farm. If there is any additional information, you may need please call me on my cell anytime 401.297.5602.

Thank You

Jeffrey Conway

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jeffrey Conway", is written over a faint, illegible background. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Susan Magri

From: Amy Clarke <amy.clarke722@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 27, 2022 6:24 PM
To: TO-Landuse
Cc: Amy Clarke
Subject: [External] Public Hearing #22-06-46 Lake Hayward Town Road Special Exception

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Hello Jim,
Please share this with the Planning and Zoning Commission members.

My husband and I (Doug and Amy Clarke) own the property at 32 Forest Way. Additionally we lived at the lake year round for the previous three years. We attended the meeting on 10/25/22. but can't attend on the 8th. I request that the commission take a balanced approach when considering the request for exception for accessory uses to the farm.

Jess and Jeff are good neighbors to East Haddam and the Lake Hayward Community. They are hard-working, dedicated farmers who are committing their lives to making a living from the land. They give back to the community in countless ways and have improved the beautiful farm property tremendously. They work hard to provide wholesome and healthy access to good food and events. They work with school children and interns to help educate our upcoming generation about where their food comes from. They care about sustainable and clean farming practices. They also support other local small businesses by offering their products in the farm stand and sponsoring a winter farm market. Our small farms are closing at an alarming rate and I would hope everyone in our community would see the value in supporting our local farmers.

For years Jeff and Jess have run many small, successful events on the farm and have provided many opportunities for families to interact with the farm, its livestock and the food growing process. During the pandemic they delivered food to people. This is a good, caring, hardworking family.

Although I have not witnessed the bike race and don't live close enough to the farm to be impacted by the noise, I have never seen another event have a negative impact on our lake community. I have attended the winter market many times as well as several of their other seasonal events. Among the many activities, they offer yoga, have plant sales and evenings of stargazing. I see these all as enhancing lake life and East Haddam in general. We have participated in the CSA. I also frequent (sometimes several times a week in the summer) the abutting trails and love walking by the farm.

That said, we do have concerns about the request in its current form. It was unfortunate that Jess did not represent all that they offer and do in a manner that educated the public that was present that night. 90% of the events have been happening with no negative impact and we fully support their continuance. The application regarding new events and venue activity is too open ended and lacks specificity that would make us feel comfortable. The bike weekend, while it sounds like a fantastic event needs to be studied carefully. Words like campground and wedding are frightening when not defined. If there was a detailed and limiting explanation (ie: up to 4 weddings per year of no more than 60 attendees) then I think there might be more support. My recommendation to Jess is that she remove the bigger events from her request and revisit those separately with well articulated plans.

I plan to share this with Jess and Jeff as well.

Susan Magri

From: Chris Tyrrell <chris.s.tyrrell1@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 26, 2022 9:58 PM
To: TO-Landuse
Subject: [External] Cold Spring Farm Proposal

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Hello

My family and I own a home on 92 Wildwood Road in East Haddam. I cannot attend the land use meeting on November 8th but would like to express my support for their application to host the proposed events on the farm.

Thanks
Chris Tyrrell

Sent from my iPhone

Susan Magri

From: Wayfarer Bicycle <wayfarerbike@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, October 28, 2022 7:43 AM
To: TO-Landuse
Subject: [External] Events at Cold Spring Farm

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Morning Jim,

I am a property owner at Lake Hayward and would like to share my experiences with events held at Cold Spring Farm. Unlike other lake residents, I actually attended two of the bicycle weekend events, one in 2019 and the other in 2021. I might be one of the only people with feet in both camps so perhaps I can offer a unique view.

First of all, before retirement I was in the outdoor sports industry for 40 years. For 14 of those years I was a bicycle race and charity ride promoter often running one to three events each year serving thousands and thousands of cyclists. I doubt anyone here in CT has had the experience I have had running events.

Jon Wheeler, the organizer of the Nutmeg Nor'Easter bicycle event has been a neighbor and friend of our family for many years. When his small shoreline event started to grow he asked me to help him take this to the next level. First on the list was finding a larger venue. My wife was friends with Jess Stone and was the person responsible for bringing these two parties together. Cold Spring Farm offered plenty of space and most importantly, quiet and safe roads to cycle. Ask any cyclist in CT where are the best places to ride and Mt Archer in Lyme and Devils Hopyard in East Haddam will be on the list.

The cyclists that have attended these events are quite different than the typical race crowd. My first impression of the crowd was they were so quiet for 425 people. They were appreciative to have a venue that allowed them to be together. They helped the farm workers with chores that had nothing to do with the event. They stayed hours after the event to help clean up. By far this is the most time consuming part of running an event - everyone heads home quickly once the ride is finished. I stopped by Cold Spring Farm the day after and you would not know an event had been held.

I attended a Lake Hayward meeting of about 50 people days before the first town meeting. My wife and I were the only ones speaking in favor of the event. We pointed out that we were there and tried to share our experiences like I am doing with you - there was no interest at all in an opposing view. We reminded them the event is held one month after the beaches are closed for the season and most cottage owners are back in Florida - the lake is in the winter mode by late October.

This is a once a year event, not a year round campground like so many lake residents think. If it was the latter I would be not in favor either - it's my backyard as well. I hope you will support Cold Spring Farm and allow them to hold this off season event. They work hard running events for the town of East Haddam and are good neighbors to Lake Hayward. We should do the same.

Robert Harrington
Ridgewood Rd
East Haddam

Susan Magri

From: Tom Tyrrell <thomas.tyrrell@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, October 31, 2022 12:42 PM
To: TO-Landuse
Subject: [External] Cold Spring Farm proposal

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To whom it may concern,

My name is Jeff Savitsky, Jess Stone's husband and co-owner of Cold Spring Farm.

I wanted to give you my rendition of what the Nutmeg Noreaster is to me.

Friday afternoon:

After a few weeks/months of planning and preparing whether it be organizational meetings with the leaders of the group or prepping of food. The day has finally arrived. It is Friday afternoon, cars start to arrive: Colorado, New Mexico, Vermont, Washington, New York to name a few. Because we are stewards to the land, we manage, the cars get parked and the owners have to leave them there until the weekend is over. The cars have much less of an impact on the land than my dad's three ton tractor baling hay with a load of 180 forty lb bales or a three ton load of chicken manure driving back and forth. When it is all said and done, people have come from all over. 34 states and 3 countries are represented. Many people bike in from all over, some from as far away as northern Vermont. Even though I don't know the exact number approximately 200-250 campers, it was a lot less cars than that because people most people who drove together and others biked in. People settle in and then set up camp. Friday evening dinner is our responsibility. We the assistance of ½ dozen volunteers from the cycling group, we serve everyone dinner that is camping.

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After dinner they have a guest speaker from Mexico (not sure that is 100 % accurate). No loud music, just a guest speaker over a very small sound system. Then 9pm comes, a strict quiet time is enforced by the group. No loud bands playing until 10-11pm like the Lake community at the pavilion during the summer. No huge parties with fireworks, that go until 11pm (like Forth of July weekend where you can't even drive of Lake Shore because people are all over the road)

Saturday Morning:

After a good night of sleep, we are up early, 4:30am. Greeted again by 6 plus volunteers who will assist us in preparing breakfast for everyone before going out on their rides. After breakfast the riders all head out for their on their 20, 40, or 60 miles treks.

Saturday Daytime:

All the riders grab a bagged lunch that we prepared for them. But this isn't your typical bike race. They are not breaking any records, they have scheduled stops, whether it is a state park, like Devils Hopyard, a brewery, a winery, or an eatery. supporting local businesses. Travelling around the beautiful town of East Haddam and other surrounding towns. All going at their own pace. Some are back within 3 hours some are gone most of the day. As the riders begin to trickle in, we put them to work. Part of us hosting this event is the agricultural aspect of the event. We set them up to clove and prep the garlic to be planted. Box after box they prepare for us for the sowing.

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