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Requested Info on the Matter to go before the Planning Board 2/20

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Hello Mark,

The barn at Powder Major's Farm will be opening for the season in June. We're finding that a lot of brides are planning 1-2 years in advance to make sure they are able to secure the vendors of their choice. We were very excited when Peter and Kathy Frid, Hayes Road residents, approached us about their son Erik getting married at the farm. Their wedding is slated for the fall of 2020. The problem is numbers. We are restricted to 150 guests, their invitation list is between 175-200. It's not likely that all invited will be able to make it – but, it's likely it will exceed 150 and could be close to 175. Both Kathy and Peter as well as Erik and his fiancée Mackenzie asked if there might be any relief on the guest list number as they have their hearts set on having the ceremony at the Powder Major's farm in Madbury.

We told them it was not up to us – that it was the Planning Board that set the number and that it was a matter they would have to address.

Currently we are slated for a review at the end of the season at which time our CUP allows us to go before the board and make such a request – however, they need to make their plans way in advance of that date.

Both Kathy and Erik are hoping the fact that they are from town might make a difference in the board's decision to grant them relief and offered to come and make the request themselves. We approached Eric Fiegenbaum about what the process might be in getting relief on the guest number in the CUP and he indicated that the request would likely have to come from us as we hold the permit. If that is the case, Chuck and I wanted to make the appeal on the Fred's behalf.

We love the idea of hosting Madbury families here at the farm and would especially like to help residents like the Frids who not only have been generous to the town in terms of their time, energy and volunteerism but have been great supporters of conservation in Madbury as well. We told Erik and Mackenzie that we would go before the board and ask if they might make an exception in this case. We are not sure if there is anything else you need from us with regard to going before the board on the 20th – please let us know if there is and we will try to accommodate.

Many thanks,
Beth & Chuck Goss
Powder Major's Farm LLC