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Chris,

I hope that all is well.

I have attached a letter that we sent to the neighbors of the farm and event space. While we did not think it was responsible or appropriate to knock on additional doors, particularly at this time, we did want to reach out to the other neighbors and solicit any feedback or concerns and also invite them to tour the farm if they have not been or to ask any questions.

Also, in connection with the narrative we prepared previously, I don't think that we indicated the number of guests we typically have. While we noted that there is room for 70 cars and a bus to park out of view and of the road, that does not mean we ever have events of 240 or more people. Indeed the space is not conducive for that. In addition, if the guests provide a bus that reduces the number of parked cars. The maximum we can comfortably host is 175. While we do occasionally have weddings of that size, the vast majority of our events have 110-140 guests.

Finally, we have asked a sound consultant to conduct some readings and measurements, and while those are not currently available we hope that they will be in the new future.

Please forward this to members of the Planning Board and ZBA.

As always, thanks for your assistance and we appreciate your professionalism.

Mark & Bev Cheffo

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Dear Neighbors,

We hope that you and your families are all doing well in these unusual times. With the benefit of extra time from our usual routines, Bev and I wanted to reach out to our neighbors to introduce ourselves and Liberty Farms to those of you who we may not have met.

Liberty Farms on Ostrander Rd is a certified organic farm. Bev and I purchased the farm around 7 years ago after it had been neglected and fallen into some disrepair for many years. We currently have horse boarding, vegetables and animals, a CSA, and a seasonal event space. We have hosted a limited number of events over the last few years and have taken steps to avoid any impact on our neighbors. We also have a farm store open every day. We employ local folks and seasonal farm interns to care for the animals, vegetables and other operations. We bought a house here 15 years ago when our kids were small and have been here ever since.

If you have not been by and would like a tour anytime, please just call. We love this area and have tried to be good neighbors in all that we do. My cell is 917. 514. 2020. And also feel free to stop by the "honor" farm store. In addition, we have tried to support our neighbors in need in Ghent so if you are aware of anyone who may need a little help with food to get through these times, they should contact us.

As noted, if you ever have any questions or concerns about anything going on at the farm or event space, please feel free to contact me directly. We look forward to seeing and meeting you.

Best,
Mark & Bev Cheffo