

Dear Members of the WS Select Board,

December 14, 2023

We, the undersigned West Stockbridge residents and business owners are presenting this letter to you because we feel the decision made by the WS Select-board on Monday, December 4th 2023 to change the conditions for an Annual Entertainment License for TurnPark Sculpture Park was inappropriately and hurriedly decided upon while based on just one person's complaint and without adequate discussion or a fair opportunity for TurnPark to present their defense. Upon further review of the facts, we believe this ruling should be reversed.

We understand information can be presented by the WS Police Department, who were called the night of June 10th to monitor the sound levels at TurnPark that will verify that no sound ordinances were violated, and no citations were issued. The Foundry, which also had an event that night from 7-9PM, has a sound decibel level log and coinciding audio recorded on calibrated and certified professional equipment at their property line, available for review. These recordings (which are required by their Special Permit conditions) indicate no breach of their required decibel level restrictions. Furthermore, the event in question took place 10 times farther away than the Foundry is to the complainants' Commercial property with no other residential homes nearby. While we don't want the Zucchini Festival's permit altered, it is inconsistent that the Zucchini Festival is allowed to operate until 10PM while generating a much higher "decibel level" and takes place much nearer to the complainant's property than TurnPark.

TurnPark's existing License has been a key component for their annual entertainment and event planning. Their events draw residents from throughout the Berkshire's and beyond to our Business District helping other businesses in town and are often Fund-Raising events. The June 10 event donated a portion of the proceeds to aiding Ukraine.

Instead of adding layers of restrictions, we feel it is the Select Board's role to help the operating businesses in our downtown Business District to thrive and to encourage the cultural and economic activity that they provide to the town. June 10 was a particularly successful summer evening for the arts in our downtown district with three performance events occurring in three different locations which also included the West Stockbridge Historical Society. These events brought many people to our beautiful village to shop, eat and find community.

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