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Town of Wareham
Zoning board of Appeals
54 Marion Road
Wareham, MA. 02571

RE: Peace for Ponies Zoning Issue

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter on behalf of Peace for Ponies and to bring to your attention what a tremendous asset they have been to our community. For 12 years, and without issues, this organization has been operating at this location. (12 Great Neck Road). But, now because of ONE neighbor, only ONE, they are being forced to limit the services they provide.

I would also like to point out that in a time of financial hardship and uncertainties, these rescue services are needed more now than ever. They are not just helping abandoned and suffering animals, they are helping the people who love and care for these poor creatures. This establishment is beneficial to our community and is providing a service that is so desperately needed.

I would like to ask the board to reconsider their current stand and give them a chance to finish developing the land that was donated to them. The additional land would give them the room needed to care for their animals and hopefully eliminate the complaining neighbor's issues. This is a non profit organization that runs entirely on donations and the blood, sweat and tears of their volunteers.

The establishment has always been well maintained, clean and mindful of all of their neighbors. They bend over backwards to insure that they are never infringing upon anyone's peaceful enjoyment of their property. As I said before this is an issue with ONE neighbor, who apparently has the money to hire lawyers to force a non profit that has been there for years, out of business. Knowing full well that a non profit cannot afford the attorney fees to fight this in court.

As a longstanding resident of Wareham and a neighbor, I respectfully request your help in amicably resolving this issue not just for one neighbor, but for all concerned.

Thank you



Received
Planning Office
Jonni Raposo
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