

APPLICATION FOR  
SPECIAL PERMIT HEARING

Name of Applicant SARA KEENE / The Egremont Village Inn  
Address 17 Main St, South Egremont, MA 01258  
Location of Property "

Registry of Deeds Recorded Book \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant is \_\_\_\_\_ (owner, tenant, licensee, prospective buyer)

Applicable Section of the By-Law Section \_\_\_\_\_

Nature of Application (description of business, hours of operation, etc.)

To modify special permit to include live music outdoors with special provisions as per type and schedule

To be sent in completion 7/1/20

I/We hereby request a hearing before the Special Permit Granting Authority with reference to the above noted application.

Signed: Sara Keene Date: 6/30/20

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Title or Interest: owner

Applicant must also submit all information required by the Zoning Board of Appeals Rules and Regulation, available at the Egremont Town Hall.

Please note that Assessors require seven (7) days notice to compile abutters list.

Received from the Applicant(s) the sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to be applied against postage, advertising costs, and permit fee on (date) \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: Juliette J. Haas

Town Clerk 6/30/2020

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Egremont Zoning Board of Appeals,

As a result of the difficulties to our business created by the current Covid-19 crisis, we seek a modification to our special permit that governs the use of the Barn at 17 Main, as pertains to being able to present live music outside.

We request the following:

**To be able to present minimally amplified acoustic music with no more than 2 or 3 musicians.**

Important factors:

- Due to the necessary social distancing restrictions in place during the current pandemic, our capacity for indoor food service and entertainment, when re-opened, has been reduced by 66%. Having outdoor music would make it possible for us to operate at our normal capacity (as per our entertainment offering) while following all guidelines.
- We would properly curate any outside music to make sure that there were no deleterious effects to our neighbors employing only smaller, quieter artists or groups. When we chose to book an artist with a louder profile, they would ONLY be allowed to perform inside for a smaller in-room audience. We can ensure this by forbidding use of electric guitars and full drums sets outside and curating only acoustic instruments and quieter percussion. This is in our own best interest as the Barn is near our Carriage House which also has hotel guests.
- We would only have musicians play directly outside the Barn under our overhang, further mitigating any problems with sound. We plan to have a small area for musicians to the left of the front doors approximately 12' x 12'. The small footprint will further ensure that we will only permit solo acts or small quiet bands. Bands follow social distancing rules too.
- It would be seasonal, as it will naturally end with the weather as it turns cold.
- The majority of our customers have asked us to make this request. People are hungry for music to start again and will feel more comfortable to be able to be outside in the fresh air while enjoying it.
- Phase 2 guidelines for restaurant operations mandate creating better ventilated spaces for people to work if possible. As our musical acts are our contracted employees, we seek to give them a safer work environment as well. This is a way to do it.
- We have a unique property with very large setbacks. We have had a comprehensive analysis done by an audio professional showing what we are planning is NO LOUDER than the sounds from road traffic. It would be not produce any additional noise pollution. We have a huge setback. This report will be submitted for review ahead of the scheduled ZBA meeting on July 27th, 2020.
- We have an excellent track record of following the guidelines of our special permit and will continue working to make the Barn an asset to our community with accessibility to all.

Thank you for your time in this matter and we look forward to working this out with the ZBA,  
The Egremont Village Inn