

I make paintings as gifts for friends and family and to donate as auction items to worthy charities. When we first arrived at 242 Tower Hill Rd, I was so excited to set up an easel in my backyard and paint the beauty of Stonehouse Brook. Sadly, after the hostility exhibited here on December 9th I do not feel safe to even walk to the back of my property, let alone to linger for any amount of time. The threatening tone of the Public Meeting in response to our application for a limited farm made it clear that I would never feel safe having my animals at this address, that by all rights, could have supported them with negligible impact to the area using the best management practices we planned to implement.

No one bothered to ask about our past horse keeping habits, but here are some photos of the barn where we've kept our horses for the last six years, at a friend's million-dollar home nestled in among the million-dollar homes of her neighbors. A parcel of land with three brooks and a barn that was cleaned twice a day, every day and which was inspected annually. We welcomed the yearly visit for the renewal of the stable permit as we were proud of how well kept the grounds and our horses were. There was no blight here – not a trace of any old campers full of goats to be found.





Our horses are important to us, but so is a volunteerism, community involvement and a sense of belonging. We thought we had found our dream home in a horse-friendly town in a beautiful part of New England but the commentary at the public meeting made it apparent that is not the case at all. So, with respect to the Chairman, Board and ZEO for your time and consideration of our application, we withdraw our submission.

Liz and Shawn Hunter

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