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Planning/Zoning vote July 17, 2018.

This is an open letter to council that I would personally like to deliver.

Council is to vote on an issue that has initially and might I add continually been brought up concerning an open blanket allowance by planning and zoning in regards to the operation of halls for weddings and other venues in agricultural areas. Briefly put it states that any person can start an operation known as a banquet hall for weddings, dances or corporate events etc., as a viable business deemed to be farmland, whether the land is farmed or just vacant land. These events could be licensed for alcohol consumption. We all know what alcohol consumption does to many individuals. There are continual incidents of rowdiness and noise reported to the authorities that end up not being acted on due to by-laws not being in place, jurisdictional problems or simply that the by-law officials don't work week-ends. With these problems unattended to in a proper way leads to a culture of **"I can do what I want."** This new by-law (call it what you will) would seemingly have no limitations on exclusions or inclusions on such things as weddings. A vote in favour at this time is a very slippery slope for council to enter into and sets a dangerous precedent on zoning applications in the future. How can council turn their backs on constituents who bought properties in this area many years prior to South Pond arriving on the scene. These properties were purchased so they could enjoy peace and quiet in a rural setting. The old story of **"build it and they will come"** seems to be the case by Iron Horse and should be looked at very thoroughly. I believe that Iron Horse should have entered into their venture and put all their ducks in order by obtaining all the proper approvals and permits prior to construction. You as council should be applying the same standards and series of road blocks that you made the owner of a towing company or a gas station application in Coboconk jump through prior to receiving the proper permits. The philosophy of **"committing the sin and asking for forgiveness later"** should not apply just because of who you know or because you have money and, in the end, get what you want. A person's rights have to be respected that is why you were voted in. Changes made in haste to property zonings that have all the appearances of having been done properly, or

because of approvals that were given in the past should not proceed as you are planning. The theory always remains the same, **"Two wrongs do not make a right"**. The threat of future lawsuits against CKL because someone has wrongly given an approval should not be the basis for another wrong decision. Because of the upcoming election and the uniqueness of this whole issue I believe this vote should not proceed without further study and it should be left and dealt with by the incoming council. As is it will certainly become an election issue.