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Select Board Member

Town of West Tisbury
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Dear Town Administrator and Members of the Select Board:

In the past, we have always requested approval to close for five weeks over the winter and operate the restaurant eleven months of the year. Last year the board approved a longer closing for us due to complications related to covid. At that time, we thought we would reopen in the spring of 2021 and continue back on the path to normal operations and our typical year-round schedule.

Now we find ourselves grappling with the severe labor shortage. We have made every effort to patch together staffing that would allow us to remain open, but this past week it became clear that we are not sufficiently staffed to continue operating successfully much longer. As such, we are requesting to close beginning October 3, 2021. We are focused on developing a year-round crew and reopening no later than March 2022. We have been trying our best to navigate the ever-changing demands related to covid. We are hoping to retain our annual license. Our goal is, and always has been, to be a year-round restaurant.

We very much appreciate your consideration.

Sincerely,

Jackson Kenworth Mary Kenworth