

Zoning Board of Appeals

From: Galen and Bridget Sampson <innkeepers.lambertscoveinn@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 8, 2022 1:39 PM
To: zba@westtisbury-ma.gov; Galen and Bridget Sampson
Subject: letter supporting outdoor dining at Lambert's Cove Inn

Can you also enter this into the written record? Thank you.

Town of West Tisbury/Zoning Board of Appeals,

As someone who is now friends and has a working professional relationship with the Lambert's Cove Inn, I fully support Bridget & Galen Sampson as Innkeepers and resort Managers to have outdoor dining options for their restaurant guests. This is an option I witnessed many dinner goers choose this summer. The place is in an enclosed garden area (same spot the hotel hosts outdoor weddings) and even when multiple parties were seated and outside I did not hear them from either the other side of the venue or the parking lot, which is adjacent to the garden. While showcasing my own art at the Inn, I brought friends and family over this summer to tour the show. Sound volume was never an issue. I witnessed the Sampsons and their staff treat guests with a high level of hospitality service and professionalism. Both new and veteran servers worked well as a team. This sense of professional integrity was carried over to the attitude in which guests were treated, creating a relaxed atmosphere. A wide range of travelers and guests included many international families and tourists new to the island. This is a team to keep around and encourage. An outdoor dining license for the Lambert's Cove Inn (perhaps, contingent upon Bridget & Galen Sampson being the Innkeepers of the resort) is necessary to help small business in West Tisbury and the health of the island as a whole.

Katherine Gagnon & Brian Leistman
West Tisbury

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From: Galen and Bridget Sampson <innkeepers.lambertscoveinn@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 8, 2022 1:34 PM
To: zba@westtisbury-ma.gov
Subject: letter supporting LCI

Hi Kim, Can you enter the following letter of support into the written record regarding the outdoor dining hearing for Lambert's Cove Inn.

Thank you--

Town of West Tisbury/Zoning Board of Appeals,

I am writing to you to voice my support for the new owners at the Lamberts Cove Inn. This historical building has a long tradition of special events and family celebrations for us, over our 28 years on the Island. We also have housed our overflow guests here, because it is so welcoming and beautiful. The Inn has changed hands many times over the years. The prior owners seemed to want to create a nightclub sort of vibe, with late night parties and music. We went to see the new renovation, but were not happy with the food options or the service. We hadn't been back since their opening weekend. We were unaware that there was a new owner, Jon Saunders. At the suggestion of friends, we tried our old favorite again and were so surprised to find our quiet gem, nestled in the woods, graciously restored. The gardens have been beautifully tended. No loud music playing, just quiet conversation and Amazing food. There are so few places for fine dining in West Tisbury. The Lamberts Cove Inn has a long history of serving our community. Because of our lovely rural town, people enjoy the outdoors while they dine. Fireflies light the garden, frogs call from Ice House Pond, screech owls call to their mates across the woods. Dining Al Fresco is such a blessing during the summer months. I want to do all I can to support our new neighbors at The Lambert's Cove Inn. They have brought back excellent food and a warm and welcoming atmosphere. As I told Bridget, the InnKeeper, I may ever go down island again. Please allow them to continue their outdoor dining, and make the Inn the culinary destination it once was.

Sincerely,

Susan M Cahill

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