

Heidi Leech

From: Eric Trott
Sent: Monday, August 8, 2022 3:07 PM
To: Heidi Leech
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] Feedback for 8/8 Coventry Public Hearing on #22-10S

Please post on web – thanks!

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Good afternoon:

We were recently notified of tonight's public hearing on #22-10S for the special permit for Cassidy Hill Vineyard, hosted by the Coventry Planning and Zoning Commission. We are not able to attend tonight's public hearing, but would like to provide some feedback in consideration of the permit.

Our family moved into 286 Baxter Street in Tolland last summer with our two young children and have very much enjoyed the peaceful community of our neighbors. Our house is situated next to the S-curve of Baxter Street and, last summer during Friday nights, we were surprised by the lack of attention and caution drivers had to maintain the speed limit. Although there have been no Friday night events this year at Cassidy Hill Vineyard, we are very concerned for the potential increased traffic and risk for intoxicated drivers down our road, particularly around the curve. As parents, the safety of our children is imperative. If this or a modified proposal for Vineyard events is approved, we *strongly request* that a "Please drive slowly" or "Watch for children" traffic sign is placed on the south-bound side heading toward the Vineyard and prior to the S-curve and driveway for 262 Baxter Street.

Baxter Street is also frequently used by neighborhood walkers and bikers of all ages, including our family, and therefore increased traffic related to winery events will also pose safety risks to our community. Both Baxter Street and Cassidy Hill are small country roads, which do not have the capacity to accommodate the traffic from multiple large events each weekend in the summer. Considering the Vineyard's history of violations over 10 years and the proposed application, we have little confidence that the plan to monitor and restrict parking (both in the zoned lot and in the residential neighborhood) will be adhered to over time. Anything more than one event per weekend would disrupt our neighborhood community and roadways.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Chris and Katherine Carney