

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ASKED AT PUBLIC SECTION OF MEETING 2/6/23:

1. Website and Facebook page is already active  
***Yes, but this is only to try to ascertain potential level of interest. We have taken no bookings***
2. House modified to be part of venue  
***This is not the case. I am renovating my house and thought it would be nice for the bride and bridal party to be able to take some of their wedding photos in the house; the rooms were not renovated for weddings.***
3. Seating for 200 people  
***I have 200 chairs. I will need 100 chairs for the ceremony and 100 for the reception/meal. I can't move chairs to the tables after the ceremony. 200 chairs caters only for 100 people.***
4. Commercial operation  
***First and foremost this is my private residence. I do not intend to run a commercial operation here. We enjoy where we live and do not want to have people here constantly.***
5. Special use effects original zoning can it still be put in place?  
***That is what the special use permit is for.***
6. Manure smell – happy?  
***I own the land around the barn and the farmer that I rent my land to, rents most of the land beyond mine. His crops are in the ground long before May. In any case, someone booking a wedding on a farm would have to understand the possibility of some country smells. This does not concern the neighbors.***
7. Rainy day – week of rain – no parking – mud  
***The parking area is so large that I am able to rotate which part of the field is used to park on should it get muddy. However, as you will see from the engineering study (and as I mentioned at the last meeting) this field has well-draining soil.***
8. Chop haylage – can't park in parking lot – who moves  
***The area the cars would park on is not used for farming. It is grass that I cut weekly. There would never be an occasion when the cars are in the way of the farmer.***
9. Saratoga county lost court case in similar situation  
***I have spoken to the owners of the venue in Saratoga and it is a completely different situation. He purchased the property with the special use permit already in place. He has since found out that the special used permit was granted for a restaurant with occasional weddings. The judge ruled that the permit was now not valid as the venue***

***is used only for weddings. However, the owner is hopeful that the judge's decision will be overturned/nullified.***

10. Neighbors all around it

***Impact on the neighbors would be minimal. We have conducted a sound test with music playing at maximum level, and even with all the barn doors open the levels at the nearest houses are so low that the cars passing by, and the birds, produced a higher DBA reading than the music.***

11. Noise

***See above.***

12. Traffic

***The roads are clear and accessible at all times***

13. Bands and music

***There will be no live bands. We will always have full control of the music as only Joe Goode, or an employee from 'Complete We Do', will be responsible for music.***

14. Intersection route 160 and McDougall Road – dangerous spot

***It is not a dangerous spot. Sight lines are clear in both directions. See photos of the junction mentioned on the next page (page 3)***

15. Letters not sent to other side of the road

***Letters were sent to people on both sides of the road. See copy of letter on page 4***

16. No personal contact

***We invited anyone with concerns to contact us – nobody did. We have had personal contact with many people. We are not required to make any contact, but we did write a letter to every house in the area as we want to be upfront about our intentions.***

17. Alcohol serving concert venue

***Absolutely not. Again, this is my private residence and I have two young children. Add to that, I am the Pastor of a local Baptist Church – If I applied for a license and turned the barn into some sort of a bar, I would probably lose my job.***

18. Infrastructure – caters, garbage truck, porta potty trucks

***This will be minimal. There will not be a garbage truck, we will dispose of the garbage ourselves after each event. We plan to purchase an annual permit to the dump.***

19. Portable lighting – generators? Noise

***They are completely silent as they are battery powered. Specifications re the lights is included with the updated engineering drawings.***

LOOKING RIGHT



LOOKING LEFT



## LETTER TO NEIGHBORS

### **Maple Tree Farm Wedding and Events Information**

By now you have probably heard that we are hoping to use the barn on our property for weddings and events. We wanted to take this opportunity to let you know some of the details of the hopes we have for the barn.

At this moment in time, we are seeking a special use permit from the Town of Florida Planning Board to use our barn for occasional weddings and events. As most of you know, I am the Senior Pastor of Faith Baptist Church in Rexford and as such, I do not have time to run a business. We are simply seeking a permit to allow a friend of ours from our church to use our barn for weddings and events. Joe Goode is the owner of a wedding and events franchise called *complete we do*; details of his business can be found at [www.completewedo.com/albany](http://www.completewedo.com/albany). Our hope is that, with a special use permit, Joe will be able to hold occasional weddings and events in our barn. Joe and I have agreed on some guidelines for its use which we wanted to share with you. The barn may only be used for weddings and events from May to October. All events must end by 10pm at the latest. We will not be allowing live bands to play at these weddings/events. Joe will always be the events manager for weddings and events (he will have exclusive use of the barn) and as such, we will be in full control of all that happens there. The road will never be blocked as we have a grass area beside the barn for cars to park on, and there will be no change to the appearance of the barn whatsoever.

We love the area we live in, and we consider ourselves blessed to own the property we have. We simply want to share the beautiful area we live in with others, and we want to do so in the most considerate way possible.

If you have any questions or comments about our hopes for the barn, please don't hesitate to contact us. We are very happy to hear from you!

Warm regards

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