

We would like to appeal the Zoning board's violation for the following reasons:

The Conditional Use Findings and Decision we received states on Page 7 that we are permitted to run our hostel program in building 1, which refers to the barn. In our violation letter it states that we are in violation because we are not running the hostel in the "dormitory" which is labelled building two, which was not what the zoning stated in the Findings and Decision. We are in fact intending to run the hostel in the barn which will follow our zoning approval. Thus far, we have not used the barn as we are currently in the process of receiving permitting from the Department of Health before we are able to open our hostel program. Because of this confusion with the Dormitory we were unable to get our certificate of occupancy for this building as they believed we needed to have it set up as a hostel before getting the Certificate of Occupancy.

In our Conditional Use Findings it states that we are approved to run "transformational programming" but it does not specify a building that we can use for these programs. It also states that we are able to have staff living on our property but does not specify which buildings they can dwell in. It does state in our Findings and Decision letter that the "Dormitory" can be used for the Boarding school program and we would need staff for that program. So, we would like to clarify that we intend to use the "Dormitory" for our transformational programming as well as staff residence and for our boarding school students in the future. Currently, we are using the building to house staff who are doing renovations as well as participants in our adult transformational programming. In the future we intend to transition the space into the boarding school dormitory, however, we do not intend to start this program for at least another year and even then we expect a slow growth with relatively low numbers to start in that program. So, in the meantime we feel it is financially necessary to be able to utilize the building for other transformational programming until such a time that our school program is at its full capacity. We are requesting the approval to have 5-10 staff as well as 10-15 adult program participants utilizing the dormitory building. We will be submitting a Conditional Use application by next week.

Thank you.