

To whom it may concern,

I am writing in regards to the proposed uses of Cassidy Hill Vineyard.

First, let me say that the vineyard is a beautiful place that is very well maintained. As a neighbor, I love to take walks by there and just gaze at the beauty. They have created something wonderful.

The challenge of use is the traffic, the problem of many people who have been consuming alcohol all being let out onto the residential roads of Tolland and Coventry at the same time and the Noise of the music that cannot be contained to a certain amount of acres.

I live on Baxter, half a mile up from Cassidy hill and several times the beat of the music is heard in my backyard. I have lived here for forty five years and have stayed here in great part because I treasure the quiet peace and tranquility of the area on a road that sees little traffic. My home is my sanctuary where I enjoy sitting out on my screen porch listening to the water fountain trickling in my garden pond. It is my medicine. As I said, several times my peace has been disrupted by loud music beating through the air from the vineyard. I have not complained because it doesn't happen all the time and I do want the vineyard to succeed and know what a place of beauty it is. However, I am concerned about the increased noise and traffic and the disruption to the peaceful enjoyment of my own home and property and the detriment to my peace and well-being should this noise and traffic increase. At times, I have been compelled to just come inside instead of staying outside because of the noise...and particularly the deep beat like when a car pulls up beside you and all you hear is the bass of their music. It's bad enough hearing it until eight. Nine is too late – children and some people are in bed by then.

This is a residential neighborhood and the fact that the vineyard is on a dead end is an added problem because then all the traffic has to go down Cassidy hill or Baxter. It is an accident just waiting to happen with all these people who have been drinking, unless of course they all have designated drivers, which I doubt. People speed down Baxter when going on a Friday night and then at eight when they leave there is a constant stream of cars. We are aware of this and know to be extra cautious if we are on the road at that time. This problem would increase with making the vineyard into a venue for events. Perhaps, they could look at putting in a new access road from 32 or 195 or wherever would make more sense so that all these cars are not going through residential neighborhoods.

As far as the sound perhaps there could be a decibel restriction or use that big barn they have for indoor music that would be more contained. I can't even imagine how it is for the closer neighbors.

I am sure there are mutually agreeable solutions and I think of the phrase, "Good Fences make good neighbors," which means keep to yourself and don't disrupt other people's lives. Unfortunately, the traffic and the noise cannot be fenced in but Cassidy Hill Vineyard is a little treasure in the corner of Coventry and my hope is that some creative solutions are worked out that continue the success of the vineyard while insuring the peaceful enjoyment of homes and property of the surrounding neighbors.

Sincerely,

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