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Dear Lisa Piombino,

Re: BW Bishop and Sons special permit request

I am concerned that the music from the Wine Café will force me to keep my windows closed in the evenings all summer for as long as the Café is operating outside. I am able to hear clearly whenever an affair is held at the Barn that uses a microphone. My impression has been that many of these affairs have been to benefit charities or to celebrate a special event. They have all been in the afternoon so that the Orchard noise has competition from the traffic, gardening machines and orchard machines.

The evenings in Guilford have always been a peaceful quiet time. The traffic slows and the heavy trucks and equipment that make the noise are gone, so the evenings are extremely pleasant.

I am afraid if this special exception is granted that until 10 pm every night there will be the annoying sound of music.

Please do not misunderstand my concern. I am a music lover. However, when music is amplified, the various frequencies do not travel equally well so that no matter how wonderful the music sounds to the people in the Wine Café, what is heard in the adjacent homes will be the annoying sound of the beat of the base notes. This means no open windows to enjoy the cool night air.

My understanding of the Town Ordinance is that there are no restrictions on the sounds except that they stop at 10 pm. That means that any type of music/noise is considered acceptable until that time.

In closing I would like to emphasize that this noise pollution will clearly destroy the quiet peaceful existence that living in Guilford has always provided.

Thank you for your consideration.

Margaret Azarian

