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Planning Board  
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Please accept this letter as explanation of our proposed **home business** and additional information regarding the site plan attached to this letter.

I have lived in the town of Brookline since 2013 and have deep roots and a tie to the community that has been forged by both good times and bad. In 2017 my oldest daughter, Hannah Grace Bazemore took her own life at the young age of 16 here in town. I am sure all of you remember the incident or have at least heard her name. It was a tragedy that no parent should ever have to endure. Yet in that dark time, this town rallied around my family and I with love and support that I could not have imagined. I have worked hard to give back to this community and to live a life that would make Hannah proud.

Hannah has truly been the inspiration and motivation for us to take on the endeavor of Grace Retreat. She had an intense love for the outdoors and all of the creatures within it. Our goal is to create a space where we can share her love of nature with others. From native wildflowers and wildlife, to blazing orange sunsets and endless starry skies each complemented by the New England seasons, we know this is a project that Hannah would be in awe of. Her passing has left a permanent hole in our hearts, which no person or project can fill. However, we know that she will beam with joy as she looks down on her family and their guests enjoying the beautiful grounds of Grace Retreat.

The proposed home business will be built and operated within our existing property lines, at a distance from all existing dwellings (see site plan). This will be a short-term rental business with two business owners who occupy the current dwelling as the only employees. The total area for the proposed business shall be about 1.3 acres. Two 26' wide x 15' high geodesic domes with a floorspace of 541 square feet each will be **built on compacted, non-combustible dirt and crushed stone** and will be equipped with sleeping arrangements as well as an enclosed bathroom. Each dome will have a wood stove and an electrical, wall mounted heating/cooling unit. An additional 60'x30' stone patio will house a cooktop, pizza oven, a picnic table with

chairs, a grill, a hot tub, and a barrel sauna. The grounds will be decorated with existing and new natural features, such as trees, shrubs, native wildflowers, and a gazebo. Small battery powered lights with automatic switch off timers will line the walkways and the driveway to enhance safety when dark. A motion sensor light will be installed at the entrance of each dome. A 70'x20' parking lot to accommodate an emergency vehicle in addition to the estimated 4 daily guest vehicles will be connected by a stone walkway to the shared leisure deck, and to each of the domes. Additional walkways between the gazebo, the driveway, and domes will be created as well. All business-related materials, such as firewood, cleaning supplies, and linens will be stored inside the existing dwellings (house and garage) on the property. Signage will not be used. Lastly, we are requesting a waiver from the septic plan completion requirement prior to plan approval. The \$2500 cost of a non-refundable septic plan is not justifiable prior to site plan approval. Once the site plan is approved by the town's planning board, we will promptly obtain and share a professional septic design plan with the town. A minimum of 75-foot distance between a new well and septic system is easily achievable given the square footage of the proposed business site. If the septic company determines that a new septic system is not feasible, the existing septic will be updated to meet both the home and home business demands. Similarly, if a new well is not possible to be built, the current (unused) dug well will be updated and tapped into to provide running water for the home business. Please see site plan for estimated locations of new and actual locations of existing features.

We look forward to working with the town and our neighbors to actualize our dream and share our beautiful surroundings as well as the town's hidden attractions with visitors from all over the world.

Please call or email us should you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Jason Bazemore and Goharik Azarian

Enclosure: application, site plan 4 copies, check for application fees, and postage