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To: Planning and Zoning Commission, Town of Litchfield
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From: Lukas Hyder, Executive Director, White Memorial

Re: Proposed Standards and Requirements for Food Vending

The White Memorial Foundation is encouraged that the Town of Litchfield is considering allowing food trucks (food vending units) and drafting P&Z regulations to clarify the usage. We have seen increased interest in this by groups using the property.

However, White Memorial has several questions/concerns regarding the proposed requirements on the Specific Standards and Requirements on Food Vending, dated January 4, 2021. See comment below:

Item 1.

It is my understanding that White Memorial is a preexisting non-conforming Outdoor Recreational facility and could apply for a zoning permit for food trucks.

Item 2.

White Memorial has only one or two events where we as the property owner are the host, but many events involving renters who would like to utilize food vending. As written, the regulations would require White Memorial as host to apply on behalf of the renters. If this is the case White Memorial would not allow food trucks by renters due to extra administration and scheduling headaches. What if the event has rented portable toilets for the event independent of the food vendor? We encourage groups renting the fields and certain buildings without bathrooms to rent toilets. Also, tables and chairs are not permitted. White Memorial has numerous picnic tables in the lawn areas. We recommend that the regs allow for portable toilets and seating in non-parking areas.

Item 3.

The 7 consecutive day permit period is restrictive and would make it difficult if two separate groups wanted a food vendor on consecutive weekends. We would prefer a permit per event. Also the maximum of two permits per year per property is restrictive and we would like to see that increased.

Item 4.

For large events (like White Memorial's Nature Day) it would be desirable to have more than one food vendor allowed.