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From: Peter McAlenney [<mailto:pmcalenney@gmail.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, December 08, 2015 11:49 AM
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Dear NRB Board,

I feel that the assessed and waiver fees are very high and not reflective of the scale of the infraction. We did some work ahead of issuance of the Act 250 permit, much of which was not related to the brewery (but the barn as a whole). This work did not harm or put in danger human life or the environment. We have no past violations either. I would have expected either a lesser fine or a warning that is commensurate with the scale of the infraction - maybe couple hundred dollars. The only thing I can compare our violation to is a speeding ticket - for example someone speeding 15 MPH over. In that situation, depending on their record, typically they may get a warning or a couple hundred dollar ticket. The difference between speeding and our violation is that speeding puts lives and the environment in danger. So why such a difference in the fine amount? From my perspective what we did does not even have close to the potential harm to human life or the environment as speeding in your car. We simply improved portions of a decaying barn ahead of our permit.

I would kindly request reconsidering the assessed or waived fee amount (or a warning) as this has a significant impact on the ability of our small business to get started. We are presently fully complying Act 250.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Peter McAlenney
co-owner, Red Barn Brewing