

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**  
**TOWN OF LENOX**

Filing fee is due with the petition. If hearing expenses exceed this amount the Zoning Board of Appeals will bill the petitioner.

The undersigned hereby petitions the Town of Lenox Zoning Board of Appeals for:

A Special Permit for exception under the provisions of Section 3.5 of the Town of Lenox Zoning By-Law. C-1A and C-3A zones

A Variance from the following provisions of Section \_\_\_\_\_ of the Town of Lenox Zoning By-Law.

To permit the following use or activity (describe proposed use or activity):

please see attached documents.

For premises:

Owner of Record Diane Cummings  
Address 385 Pittsfield Road  
Map and Parcel ID # 49-11-0  
Zoned as C1A  
Deed Reference Book \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_

*(This information is available from the Assessor's Office or townoflenox.com in the Property Assessments-Online Database section.)*

Petitioner Ashley Davidson  
*(Your signature here also acknowledges that you agree to pay all hearing expenses relative to this petition.)*

Address (Mailing Address) 48 Balance Rock Road Lanesborough MA 01237  
Telephone Number 413-822-8180  
Email address thistlethornfloral@gmail.com  
Date 4/23/21

## Thistle 'n Thorn Floral

Ashley Davidson  
385 Pittsfield Road  
Lenox, MA 01240

I am applying for the change of use of property to a retail establishment. I am filing under Section 3.5, Site Plan Approval in the C-1A and C-3A zones.

I did originally plan to have this be a seasonal endeavor, but now that I have been in the space I just do not want to leave. I love this location and love being a part of a great community. I would like to remain open until December again and then close for the winter months.

I mostly sell fresh floral arrangements, wreaths and home décor. I specialize in weddings, events and anything else floral! I will also be joining the Lenox Farmers Market and am very excited to spread the word about this location. My hours of operation will vary; I plan to be open 3-4 days per week. I would like to put a few signs closer to the road so people know I am there and open. What are the regulations for that?

I am renting the space now from Diane Cummings and William Vahle. I will get a signed letter stating that for you as well.

I did reach out to Steve O'Brien last year about being in the space and addressed the concern for the traffic flow. He acknowledged that people go in and out of that area everyday, whether for use of the West Mountain Road or Arizona Pizza. There is already a traffic plan in place and nothing else to address regarding that matter. I have also reached out to him again this year and he is aware of what I am trying to do and on board with the traffic/parking proposal.

Thank you all so much for guiding me through this process, please let me know what else you need from me.

Sincerely,

Ashley Davidson  
413-822-8180

# Thistle 'n Thorn Floral

385 Pittsfield Road  
Lenox MA 01240

## Upcoming proposed events

Thistle's Spring Fling

Event Date – May 8<sup>th</sup> from 11:00-6:00

Thistle's Father's Day Bash

Event Date – June TBA

Thistle's Back to School

Event Date – August TBA

## Vendor set up

I will have all local vendors setting up pop up tents and tables in the large back field. The tents will be social distant from one another and I will enforce mask wearing and social distancing from guest to guest. I have spoken with the health inspector in regards to vendors serving food and have been told what they need and will need to do. I have informed the “food” vendors of this and will make sure that they maintain a hand washing station at their tents. We will mainly only have “food” vendors that will sell pre-packed goods. I do have Biggins Diggins serving food under a tent and will report that to the health inspector to make sure that is all set.

## Bathrooms

There will be a portable restroom available for vendors and guests on the property.

## Traffic

I will post “no parking” signs along the West Mountain Road lining the field. I will enforce no parking along that road as well. Parking will be in the Five Chairs parking lot and the Car wash right next to the Luau Hale. I do plan on asking the Luau Hale if we can use their parking lot as well for guests. There is a side walk along route 7 that guest would be on for a very short time, then they are able to walk on the side of the property towards the back field to enter this event. I will also ask Luau Hale if it is ok that guest cut through their parking lot (they are closed and not open until later that day) so there would be no traffic going in and out of there, making it safe for pedestrians to walk. I have run this plan by the Chief of Police and he is aware of my plans and on board with it.

## Music

I would like to have live music for guests for a couple of hours (Not definite yet but possibly 1-3pm)

I have reached out to Pamela Keenan Rawson and received the ok from her as an abutting property owner.

William Vahle & Diane Cummings  
385 Pittsfield Road  
Lenox, MA 01240  
Property Owner

Ashley Davidson  
48 Balance Rock Road  
Lanesborough, MA 01237  
Property Renter

This letter is in regards to Ashley M. Davidson, Owner of Thistle 'n Thorn Floral renting and occupying my property located at 385 Pittsfield Road in Lenox, Massachusetts.

I give consent to Ashley M. Davidson, owner of Thistle 'n Thorn Floral, permission to use the property and grounds.

Signed by Owner of Property: <sup>Diane m.c's</sup> William A. Vahle Date: 4/23/21

Signed by renter of Property: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

