

Town of Northumberland Zoning Board of Appeals
Special Meeting Minutes
Wednesday,
August 04, 2010 7:00 pm
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Accepted by the Zoning Board of Appeals

Present: Hugo Leone, Julie Trollip, Carl Harrison and Clinton Barber, Vice-chairperson, and Mark Boyce, Chairperson

Absent: Bruce Bemis and Rebecca Hodgson

Town Employees Present: Richard Colozza, Code Enforcement Officer, Tia Kilburn, Zoning Board Clerk.

Mr. Boyce, Chairperson, opened the **Public Hearing** for application 0003-10 for applicant William McEachron at 7:03 PM.

Application #: 0003-10 – Area Variance / Agricultural Pursuits
Applicant: William McEachron
Location: 68 Pettis Rd
Acres: 2.61
Zoning: R-3
SBL: 103.-3-31

Mr. Boyce asked Mr. McEachron to explain his application to the Board, no one from the public was in attendance. Mr. McEachron stated he wanted to raise animals for his families consumption and use. Mr. Barber asked what kind of animals. Mr. McEachron stated he would like 6 or 7 pigs some chickens and turkeys. Mr. Leone asked if there would be any cows. Mr. McEachron responded maybe just one. Ms. Trollip asked to see the site plan map. Mr. McEachron showed the Board a large map he had created. Ms. Trollip shared a printed aerial view of Mr. McEachron's property with the Board she had printed from the internet. Mr. Boyce asked if the map was the way the property existed today. Mr. McEachron said yes. Ms. Trollip asked if he was going to remove any of the trees, Mr. McEachron stated he did not have any plans for that.

Discussion ensued on the use of the neighborhood.

Ms. Trollip asked where the chickens and turkeys would be, if they would be free range. Mr. McEachron said they will be in a coop, and he showed the Board where on the map. Mr. Boyce asked if he planned on having any commercial business or a sign. Mr. McEachron stated no, it would be only for his families use, this year he planted to many vegetables and added he was not looking to sell anything, the chickens are the main source of meat. Mr. Leone asked if he was going to sell eggs, Mr. McEachron stated he did not want to sell anything from his home. Mr. Boyce asked if there was any correspondence from the public, the Clerk stated no, however, one neighbor had come in and spoke with Mr. Colozza, the Code Enforcement Officer. Mr. Barber asked what that neighbor's thoughts were, Mr. Colozza stated he was just inquiring what was going on because he had received a registered letter for notification. Mr. Boyce confirmed this application did not have to go to any other agency such as Saratoga County Planning, and the

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Clerk agreed.

Mr. Leone made a motion to close the Public Hearing for application #0003-10 for applicant William McEachron.

Mr. Barber 2nd the motion,
All in attendance unanimously agreed.

Mr. Boyce, Chairperson, called the regular monthly meeting to order at 7:12 PM.

All in attendance stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

OLD BUSINESS

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Mr. Boyce asked for any discussion on this application #0003-10. Mr. Barber asked if the application was complete and if there was a State Environmental Quality Review Form, SEQRA form. Mr. Boyce reviewed and completed the SEQRA form. Mr. Boyce asked the total amount of land owned and the amount of the area variance requested.

Mr. Barber made a motion to accept a negative declaration on the State Environmental Quality Review Form, as the proposed action will not result in any significant adverse environmental impacts, as reviewed for application #0003-10, applicant William McEachron.

Mr. Leone 2nd the motion,
All in attendance unanimously agreed.

Mr. Leone asked if any live stock would be free range. Mr. McEachron said no and asked if he could have a cow. Mr. Barber responded no cows. Mr. Boyce asked for any additional concerns, comments or remarks. None were noted.

Mr. Barber made a motion to accept application #0003-10, for a 6.5 acre area variance for applicant William McEachron, for the use of agricultural pursuits, at the location 68 Pettis Rd, Town of Northumberland, based on the following stipulations;

1. No more than 50 chickens and
2. No more than 50 turkeys and

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3. No more than 4 pigs and
4. The proper animal husbandry practices will be followed, including health and cleanliness of the property and surrounding properties. and
5. Not for commercial gain.

Mr. Leone 2nd the motion,
All in attendance unanimously agreed.

Action

Application approved.

Mr. Boyce explained to Mr. McEachron he had 6 months to begin his project and if it took longer he would have to return to this Board for an extension because the variance will expire if not enacted.

NEW BUSINESS

NONE

Miscellaneous

Mr. Leone made a motion to accept the July 12th, 2010 meeting minutes as submitted.

Mr. Barber 2nd the motion.

All in attendance unanimously agreed.

Mr. Barber made a motion to adjourn the monthly meeting at 7:30 PM.

Mr. Leone 2nd the motion.

All in attendance unanimously agreed.

FUTURE MEETINGS

September 1st, 2010 – as needed

Respectfully submitted,
Tia Kilburn, Zoning Board Clerk