

Town of Northumberland Zoning Board of Appeals
Meeting Minutes
April 9, 2014 7:00 pm
Subject to Approval by the Zoning Board of Appeals
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Zoning Board Members Present: Bruce Bemis, David Gougler, Julie Trollip, Vice-Chairperson and Mark Boyce, Chairperson.

Members Absent: Carl Harrison, Jeremy DeLisle, Rebecca Hodgson and Hugo Leone

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

Mr. Boyce, Vice-Chairperson called the Monthly Meeting to order at 7:15 PM.
All in attendance stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

OLD BUSINESS

Application #: 0002-14, Randal Countermine / Route 50 Commerce Centre, Use Variance & 2 Area Variances.

Mr. Countermine was not present; he was represented by his daughter, Jennifer Countermine. Mr. Boyce stated the Joint Public Hearing with the Planning Board that was held on Monday, March 10th was closed; the State Environmental Quality Review form has been completed as well and a positive response has been received from Saratoga County Planning as "Approved". He then asked if there were any discussion or questions from the Board for the applicant, Mr. Bemis asked Ms. Countermine to identify herself, she stated she is Mr. Countermine's daughter and the owner of the business WuffDorf Astoria to be opened at the location on the application. Ms. Trollip stated she missed the last meeting and asked if the dogs would be outside of the building, Ms. Countermine responded not unsupervised, she pointed out the stockade fence area that will be used for the dogs to relieve themselves, and it would not be a very long period of time, only until they were done. Ms. Trollip asked how often the dogs would go out and if leashes would be used, Ms. Countermine stated owners will use the leashes to bring the dogs in and out of the building. She then added during daycare they would take the dogs out probably every 4 hours, at 1/2 hour intervals, and the animals will not be alone. Ms. Trollip asked about the overnight suites, if someone would be staying there, Ms. Countermine said no, they have installed cameras so they can watch the dogs all night from their homes. Ms. Trollip then asked what the maximum number of dogs at any one time would be, Ms. Countermine responded they use "block scheduling" for the grooming, usually 4 at a time, daycare could be approximately 8 - 10 and the training side she is unsure however, she could get the answer. Ms. Trollip stated that was not necessary, she was satisfied since the training was only for approximately 1 hour sessions; she stated she was concerned with the dogs darting into the road and would like leashes to be a requirement. Ms. Countermine agreed. Mr. Boyce asked if there were any other questions, Ms. Trollip verified the SEQRA was negative, the Clerk confirmed yes. He then reiterated the hours of operation as stated in the business plan as, 7 am - 5 pm, M-F, 9 am - Noon on Saturdays and training would be conducted from 9 am to 9 pm, he asked if Ms. Countermine every anticipates a need for changing those hours, Ms. Countermine said no.

Mr. Boyce made a motion to approve #application #0002-14 for Randall Countermine / Route 50 Commerce Centre, as the use shall conform to the description provided in the application #0002-14, including the attached WuffDorf Astoria Business Operating Plan. Also, dogs shall be leashed at all times when outdoors except in the supervised play area. Ms. Trollip second the motion with a restriction, dogs will be on leashes whenever outside not in the supervised fenced area then as Mr. Boyce stated,
All in attendance unanimously approved with restriction.

Mr. Boyce made a motion to adjourn the monthly meeting at 7:35 pm,
Mr. Bemis 2nd the motion,
All in attendance unanimously agreed.

FUTURE MEETINGS

Regular Monthly Meeting, Wednesday, May 7th, 2014 at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Tia Kilburn, Zoning Board Clerk