

Town of Northumberland Zoning Board of Appeals
Wednesday,
March 6, 2019 7:00 pm
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Zoning Board Members Present: John Amidon, Aimee Smith, Gary Applegate and Mark Boyce, Chairperson

Zoning Members Absent: Sarah Mojzer, Bruce Bemis, Paul Becker and Carl Harrison, Vice Chairperson,

Town Employees Present: Tia Kilburn, Zoning Board Clerk

Mark Boyce, Chairperson, called the monthly meeting to order at 7:05 PM

All in attendance stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Boyce introduced application #0001-19, Area Variance, Keith Burch & Misty Stipe, he stated there was a note on the agenda. The Clerk responded Richard Colozza, Code Enforcement Administrator sent the comment to explain the dwelling does not need a variance it is an allowed use, the variance is for the harboring horses. Chairman Boyce invited the applicants to explain their request.

Mr. Burch stated they are looking to build a home and the request is to have horses. Chairman Boyce asked if a building permit had been issued, Ms. Stipe responded, no they have a contingency on the sale, Mr. Burch interjected they put down a deposit but the sale contract is contingent on the variance and they would like to build in the Spring.

Chairman Boyce asked if they had any thoughts on the number of livestock they would have. Mr. Burch stated just 4 horses, Chairman Boyce asked if they were considering any other type of livestock, Mr. Burch responded no.

Chairman Boyce asked if there were an authorization from the current owners, the Clerk responded yes and it is notarized.

Mr. Amidon asked what is the road frontage, Mr. Burch stated 840' on Wall Street and he believed 208' on Williams, Mr. Amidon then asked if there were a hedgerow for separation, Mr. Burch responded yes.

Chairman Boyce asked if there were a SEQRA, State Environmental Quality Review Form, Ms. Stipe responded yes and submitted it to the Clerk for the record. Chairman Boyce asked if the Board had any questions?

Ms. Smith asked how long it had been since horses had been there, Ms. Stipe responded maybe since 2014. Ms. Smith asked if they had 4 horses now, Ms. Stipe said she currently owns 2 however, 4 would be the max, maybe if they have children, they would like to have a pony.

Chairman Boyce asked when was it subdivided, Ms. Smith added it has a point one in the SBL tax number, the Clerk responded she did not know right off but it was not recently.

Chairman Boyce asked if there were a motion from the Board to accept the application and schedule the public hearing?

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Ms. Smith made a motion to accept the application as submitted and schedule a public hearing,
Mr. Amidon 2nd the motion,
All in attendance unanimously agreed.

Chairman Boyce stated the next meeting is the 1st Wednesday of April, the 3rd, he explained the public hearing would be held and the monthly meeting after, he added the Board will then have 60 days to keep the hearing open or to close it and make a decision that same night.

Discussion ensued on the procedure(s) for the public hearing and SEQRA, State Environmental Quality Review Form.

Chairman Boyce asked if there were additional comments or questions, none were noted.

Mr. Amidon made a motion to adjourn the monthly meeting at 7:20 pm,
Ms. Smith 2nd the motion,
All in attendance unanimously agreed.

FUTURE MEETINGS

April 3rd, 2019 Public Hearing, monthly meeting to follow.

Respectfully submitted,
Tia Kilburn, Zoning Board Clerk