

TOWN OF JERUSALEM
PLANNING BOARD MEETING

APRIL 1, 2021

Planning Board meeting called to order @ 7:00 pm with Pledge to the Flag

Roll Call:

Tim Cutler

Ron Rubin

Georgeann Farrell

Donna Gridley

John Wheeler

Paul Zorovich

Robin Johnson, secretary

Others present: Galen Burkholder, Rodgers Williams and Jim Bird from Zoning Board

Minutes from February meeting Approval: Motion made by Donna Gridley to approve and John Wheeler 2nd to approve meeting minutes, all in favor, approved.

Tim Cutler– discussed modifications to agenda – none at this time.

(A) 1193 Site Plan for Dog Kennel Special Use for Galen Burkholder, 4581 Belknap Hill Road

Tim Cutler explained Site Plan for 8 females and 200 foot set back line, and 400 foot from road way and materials that were sent to each Planning Board member.

Mr. Burkholder included everything with application that he wanted to put with it.

Tim Cutler– discussed waste management and compost – composting is acceptable for waste management

Tim Cutler- asked if there were any questions from board members.

Tim Cutler – documents included from Eastview Vet Clinic from Dr. Webb that plan was reviewed and that they will be responsible breeders and supplied copy of care plan as well.

Donna Gridley– we know that Ag and Markets have to come in and be inspected. How does the Town get notified if they are not approved?

Tim Cutler – conditions that there would be periodic inspections by Town of Jerusalem. Discussion regarding kennels and how things are going with the ones already operating in the Town. Both Tim Cutler and Ron Rubin would be happy to help out with checking in on the kennels in operation of the Town of Jerusalem. How many kennels is too many for one town? May need to be re-visited by the Town Board and how many kennels can operate within a certain number of miles.

No further discussion

Mr. Burkholder would invite anyone to stop by the property and check out his kennel, animal welfare is very important to him.

Tim Cutler – complete application was provided by Mr. Burkholder and reviewed

SEQR Part I reviewed by Tim Cutler

SEQR Part II reviewed by Tim Cutler - Motion for Negative Declaration made by: Ron Rubin, and Paul Zorovich 2nd, all in favor, motion passed.

Site Plan – motion to approve Site Plan by Paul Zorovich and 2nd by Georgeann Farrell , motion passed, Ron Rubin recused himself.

New Business:

Apple Barrel Orchards Site Plan review and discussion for Cidery

Tim Cutler – Ag and Markets involved regarding Expedited Site Plan – explained that the Apple Barrel will provide a sketch plan and it will not be provided by professional engineer and they will provide a narrative of plans. They will be using their own apples to produce the cider both regular and fermented. Town does not want to take the risk of another fine (Article 78) as discussed due to Ag and Markets being involved. Discussion

Mr. Williams - Zoning board – when Ag and Markets are involved Town does not have much of a choice. Further discussion.

Ron Rubin – appropriate to revise the Special Use section of the Code and that this be spelled out.

Mr. Williams – Zoning Board – questioned the sketch plan, waste water, etc.

Tim Cutler – further discussion – Town authority and Ag and Markets authority discussed. Materials will be mailed within the next few days. This will be on the agenda for May, no public hearing required.

Ron Rubin – need directive from Town of Jerusalem Town Board

Tim Cutler will update the Town Board.

Tim Cutler – when do we want to resume in person Planning Board meetings? Town Board is now resuming in person meetings.

Tim Cutler – options discussed, we could rotate applicants in at specific times, by waiting in the car until they are called.

Tim Cutler – will meet in May as Zoom – agreed by Planning board.

Motion to adjourn meeting made by: Paul Zorovich

Meeting adjourned @ 7:50 pm

Respectfully submitted by:

Robin Johnson, Planning Board Secretary