

# Town of Acton, Maine Planning Board Meeting

July 16, 2020 (Zoom Meeting)

## PUBLIC HEARING

**Val and Jennifer Bickford, 153 Buzzell Road, Map 216-002, Conditional Use Application to process and sell firewood:** The Chair opened the Public Hearing at 6:30 p.m. Val Bickford explained he is applying to cut and sell firewood at his home on Buzzell Road. He said his hours of operation would be Monday through Friday 7:00 AM – 4:00 PM and Saturday and Sunday 9:00 AM-12:00 PM. He stated he would not have any signs at his location.

David Hobart, a resident on Youngs Ridge Road, stated he is in favor of Mr. Bickford's business.

Ryan Gleason, an abutter on Buzzell Road, said he also is in favor of Mr. Bickford's wood cutting business.

## REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

**Members Present:** Joyce Bakshi, Chair, Leslie Berlan, Dennis Long, Jim Crowley (Alternate), Tom Cashin (Alternate)

Also present: Ken Paul, Director of Planning; Kristiina Robinson, Land Use Secretary; Jennifer Roux, Town Administrator; Scott McLeod; Jim Domoraki; Dana Libby, Corner Post Surveying; Dan Krampetz, Zoom Coordinator; the Zoom Meeting, open to the public with no questions or comments

**Call to Order:** The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:38 p.m. The Chair stated that because there was a full Board there was no need to designate an Alternate.

**Approval of Minutes, July 9, 2020:** The Chair stated that there was a mistake, in the header the date read July 2, 2020 and should be corrected to July 9, 2020. Dennis Long moved to accept the minutes of July 9, 2020 as corrected. Jim Crowley seconded; motion passed 4-0-1.

### **Old Business:**

- **Val and Jennifer Bickford, 153 Buzzell Road, Map 216-002, Conditional Use Application to process and sell firewood:** The Chair asked Mr. Bickford if there would be any storage of salt on site. Mr. Bickford stated that he maintains roads in the winter and keeps some sand on site, he said there is some salt mixed into the sand but it is only enough to keep the sand from freezing.

The CEO stated that if salt is to be stored on site, Best Management Practices will be included as a condition.

Dennis Long moved to approve the Conditional Use Permit Application for Val and Jennifer Bickford, to process and sell firewood with the following conditions:

- Hours of Operation will be Monday – Friday 7:00 AM- 4:00 PM, Saturday and Sunday 9:00 AM- 12:00 PM;
- Fire Extinguisher will be kept in close proximity to operating equipment;
- No one else will be employed;
- If salt is to be stored onsite, Best Management Practices will be used.

Jim Crowley seconded; motion passed 4-0-1.

- **Grammy Rose, LLC, Route 109, Map 233, Lot 004, Site Plan Review Application for a Dog Rescue and Sanctuary, Mini Golf Course and Ice Cream Shop:** Dana Libby of Cornerpost Land Surveyors submitted a site plan reflecting the smaller size and new placement of the dog cabins, an accurate floor plan for the adoption center and ice cream shop, and a larger maintenance building, dumpster placement and pavement area for turnaround.

Dana Libby said that the DOT permit application was sent out with the requests from the Board.

Mr. Libby added there will need to be some changes to the grading to allow for drainage due to the added pavement. Once he receives those changes from the engineer, Mr. Libby will submit a final plan.

Dennis Long asked about landscaping islands in the parking area. Mr. Scott McLeod proposed adding two 10-foot, permanent islands on either side of the handicap parking area. The Board agreed that two 10-foot islands would satisfy this requirement.

Dennis Long moved to approve the Site Plan Review Application for a Dog Rescue and Sanctuary with Mini Golf and Ice Cream submitted by Grammy Rose, LLC at map 233, lot 004 with the following conditions

- The hours of operation for the Dog Rescue and Sanctuary will be 9:00 AM-5:00 PM, seven days a week with employees onsite 6:00 AM- 9:00 PM.;
- The hours of operation for the Ice Cream Shop and Mini Golf will be 11:00 AM-10:00 PM, seven days a week;
- Exterior lighting will be shielded, downward facing and will not exceed .5-foot candles at the lot line;
- A maximum of 48 dogs will be housed in the facility;
- An AED will be kept onsite;

- A Knox box will be located at the entrance;
- Noise will not exceed 60 dB during the day and 50 dB at night;
- A DOT approved permit will be forwarded to the Building Department prior to construction;
- The Dog Sanctuary will have 5 Full time employees and 12 part time employees;
- The Ice Cream Shop and Mini Golf will have 12 part time employees.

Leslie Berlan seconded; motion passed 5-0.

**Adjournment:** The Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:17 p.m.