

**NORTH BERWICK, MAINE, 03906**

**MINUTES OF PLANNING BOARD MAY 10, 2012**

**Present:** Chairman Barry Chase, Shaun DeWolf, Julie Fernée, Rick Reynolds, Mark Cahoon and Lawrence Huntley, CEO.

**Also Present:** Stephen Rand, Peter Waterman Leo Langlier, Roland Jacques, Peter Carmel, Walter Shaw, Brian Shaw, Dale VanDeWal, Debra VanDeWal, Jim Kimball, Michael Smith, Samantha Fortier, Stanley Hersom, Sue Evans, William Evans, Leo Harriman, David Fisette and Mary Lovering

Rick Reynolds arrived at 7:00 p.m.

**1. Call To Order:**

Chairman Barry Chase opened the Planning Board Meeting at 6:32 p.m.

**2. Current Business:**

**A. North Berwick Rod & Gun Club----**Applicant proposes to relocate the handgun shooting bay within the existing range at 40 Butler Road. (Map 4, Lot 17A)

Stephen Rand explained the relocation of handgun and .22 caliber shooting bay within the existing range:

This will separate the pistol and .22 shooting from rifle/shotgun range providing more efficient utilization of existing services.

Allow for a separate bay for LEO (Law Enforcement Officers)

Relocate twenty five (25) yard bay for current structured handgun shooting activities as well as open membership usage.

Clear cut an area one hundred twenty five (125') deep by two hundred forty (240') wide to accommodate grading of the shooting bay and berms.

This area is at its closest point is two hundred sixty feet from the Great Works River.

Grade the top soil and use existing material in the berms (back stops)

Obtain and transport additional material as required (sand) to complete the berms.

The Planning Board tabled the vote and asked that the North Berwick Rod & Gun Club come back in two weeks with a detailed plan:

1. Show profile cross section:
  - a. Berm width
  - b. Berm height
  - c. Length
2. Label shooting direction
3. Label shooting area
4. Label dimensions

**B. Samantha Fortier**----Applicant proposes Animal Husbandry (raising pigs) at 1420 Lebanon Road. (Map 9, Lot 7-7)

Samantha Fortier explained I am requesting a permit to construct a structure to raise 4 pigs on a year round basis and will have a total of 8 pigs for 7 months year roughly between April 1 and November 1 when we will be slaughtering 4. I would like to raise around 10 chickens (laying hens) for eggs. As goats thrive in pairs we would like to raise 2, they are great at keeping areas clean of debris.

Lawrence Huntley, CEO spoke: that this application will fall under Animal Husbandry on page 5-27 in the ordinance. Samantha Fortier has covered basically everything in her cover letter and the drawing shows where she is proposing the building to be. I also want to mention that I received a phone call from a person directly behind her on a vacant property that is adamantly against this project, but there are no houses 500 feet from this project.

Chairman Barry Chase opened the meeting for public comment at 7:08 p.m.

Debra VanDeWal explained that our house is less than 200 feet from this structure and the pig's today even though the ordinance requires 500 feet.

Debra VanDeWal passed out to the Planning Board a document with photos of concerns of manure odor and accumulation of manure on premises, unsanitary conditions and breeding ground for insects and rodents and any potential run-off and health conditions. A handout was given to the Planning Board on Animal Husbandry that is highlighted in yellow the requirements that is not being followed by the Town's Zoning Ordinance.

Dale VanDeWal spoke: that our concerns are property value and also the land is wetlands which the pig area promotes the smell of manure that is horrendous.

William Evans spoke: that I have been living there for over 30 years and the lower part of the property has always been wet and swampy. I live across the road from the applicant and even if they place the structure for the animals higher you have run-off.

Mary Lovering spoke: that she had concerns about the odor, sanitation and run-off from the animal farm.

Chairman Barry Chase closed the meeting for public comment at 7:35 p.m.

Mark Cahoon moved to table Samantha Fortier application for Animal Husbandry and have a site walk of the area, Julie seconded a motion. Vote, 2-3, the motion does not pass.

Chairman Barry Chase spoke: that if they have this, they have to follow the rules in the Town Ordinances and we just can't arbitrarily say no they can't do it, because we don't like it. Samantha Fortier is here tonight to rectify the problem and that is what we trying to help them do and come to an understanding that everyone can live with.

It will be up to the Code Enforcement Officer to make sure Samantha Fortier property is to code.

**Conditions:**

1. Proper storage and removal of manure, once a month
2. Limited to 8 pigs, 10 chickens and 2 goats
3. Starting May 14, 2012, clean up existing pen within 14 days; 30 days (6-27-12) to move existing pigs to new site; 14 days (7-11-12) final cleanup of the existing site and no animals
4. Code Enforcer to visit randomly once a month for 6 months

Rick Reynolds moved to accept Conditional Use Permit to Samantha Fortier located at 1420 Lebanon Road, in addition to the four conditions stated previously, Mark Cahoon seconded a motion. Vote, 5-0

**3. Preview Next Agenda**

**4. Other Business:**

**5. Review Previous Minutes:**

*Rick Reynolds moved to approve the minutes of April 26, 2012 as corrected, Mark Cahoon seconded a motion. Vote, 4-0*

**6. Adjournment:**

Shaun DeWolf moved to adjourn at 9:00 p.m., Mark Cahoon seconded a motion. Vote, 5-0

Lawrence Huntley, CEO  
Planning Coordinator

Respectively Submitted  
Anita Merrow, Stenographer

Chairman Barry Chase

Julie Fernee

Shaun DeWolf

Mark Cahoon

Rick Reynolds

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Shaun DeWolf  
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