

TOWN OF ASHBURNHAM
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS MINUTES
LOWER LEVEL MEETING ROOM – TOWN HALL
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Present – Chairman Dave Perry, Terry Girouard, Heather Carlisle, Mark Carlisle, Rich Archer and Ken Mullen

Applicant Kirby Lacy and Joey Baldic present

*Dave Perry states that his company installed septic system on property for previous owners – no money is owed.

1. Meeting opens at 7:04 pm.
2. Kirby Lacy & Joey Baldic state that they purchased this property a year ago and would like to sell eggs & vegetables 8-8 / 7 days a week.
3. Discussion on location of chickens & vegetables. Garden is to the left of property, septic system is up to the right (not close to septic system).
4. CSA opened to friends, not the public – items they are selling will all be produced on the property.
5. Discussion on 5 acre issue relating to by-laws – State Issue that 5 or more acres is a farm, less than 5 is subject to by-laws.
6. Dave brought up signage. Asked if interested in hanging one.
 - They need to keep it less than 10 sq. feet to comply with bylaw.
 - Applicant agreed they would keep it less than 10 sq. Feet, and do not want to request a special permit for sign at this time.
7. Terry asked as to the number of vehicles?
 - Applicant stated that they currently have 4; however one will be gone before stand opens.
 - Terry expressed concern as to vehicles pulling over to get to stand based on location of property.
8. Mark brings up signage again.
 - That the 10 sq. feet limit is also a non-flashing.
 - Applicant understands the limit. Will limit the sign to 2 x 3.
9. Dave asked how many chicken they currently have or plan to have,
 - The maximum amount they can have on site is 50 birds – 25 egg layers, 25 meat birds.
 - Meat birds are only allowed on site for 4 Months.
 - Mark asks if there are any other limits to the amount of birds.
 - Discussed the current limitations are sufficient.
10. Dave asked if there is an existing fence.
 - Applicant stated they already meet with building inspector and fence has been Okayed.
11. Dave states that they will close the meeting and make a decision.
 - Dave made a motion to close, Mark seconds, all in favor.

- Hearing closed at 7:25 pm.
12. Dave has no issues but suggests limiting the number of birds.
 - Mark, Terry & Rich do not see an issue with birds.
 - Others agree.
 13. The board goes over conditions.
 - Would like time frame to be limited to 7-8 instead of 8-8. Terry wants to have it 8-8 due to neighbors (7 days a week).
 - Want a condition that produce sold produced on property. Mark wants wording to be products.
 - State that signage is limited to the bylaws – 6x10x8
 - Mark want to state about processing meat – that applicant is not looking to sell meat. Any meat on property is for applicant consumption only.
 - Dave makes motion to approve application, Terry seconds, all in favor.
 14. Dave / Terry / Mark have a question about 12/30/15 minutes (#10), would like to double check notes before approved.
 15. Dave makes a motion to adjourn meeting, Terry seconds, all approved.

Meeting adjourned at 7:58 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Carlisle