

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL PLANNING BOARD MEETING, AUGUST 8, 2023 – TOWN OF KINGSBURY

Members Present: Robert Dingman (Chairman), Randy Weaver, Karen LaRose, David Gauci, Todd Murphy

Planning/Zoning Administrator: Todd Humiston

Planning Board Secretary: Alie Weaver

Members Excused: Les Macura, Tim LaSarlo

Julianne O'Donnell, Executive Director of Dapple A Day Equine Center

Jeff Tennison, Member on the Board of Directors of Dapple A Day Equine Center

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dingman at 7:00 PM.

Roll call of all members and officials.

Chairman Dingman entertained a motion to approve the minutes of June 21st and the notes of July 19th, 2023. On a motion by Randy Weaver and seconded by Karen LaRose, these Kingsbury Planning Board meeting minutes and notes were approved as presented.

AYES: 5 NAYES: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 MOTION CARRIED

Chairman Dingman sadly announced the Town of Kingsbury's long-time Planning Board member, Randy Getty's resignation from the Board due to health. A letter from Mr. Getty was read aloud expressing his enjoyment serving on the Board and in the community and offering his assistance with the onboarding of his replacement.

Continuation of Public Hearing for Julianne O'Donnell, founder and Executive Director of Dapple A Day Equine Center, stated that she is seeking Site Plan Approval for a 60' x 120' indoor riding arena with an attached 24' x 48' alley adjoining the arena to the existing barn structure. She noted that it would be 51 feet from the property line. She stated that approximately nine to twelve horses would be kept there as part of their non-profit organization providing therapeutic horseback riding to people with emotional, social, cognitive, and physical disabilities.

Ms. O'Donnell answered questions from the Board Members including the horse waste removal to be hauled away by local farmers looking for fertilizer, hours of operation to be 10:00 am to 6:00 pm seven days a week, and construction hours will remain between 7:00 am to 10:00 pm, as per the Town's sound ordinance.

Chairman Dingman noted that, since this is an agricultural area and use, the only reason a Planning Board Approval is being sought is due to the non-profit status.

There being no further comments or concerns from the Board or the public, Chairman Dingman closed the public hearing at 7:06 pm.

The Board reviewed the Environmental Assessment short Form and David Gauci made a motion to declare a negative declaration with Randy Weaver seconding and all others approving.

AYES: 5 NAYES: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 MOTION CARRIED

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Chairman Dingman reiterated the following conditions for approval:

Removal of horse manure

Any exterior lighting to be facing downward on the buildings

Comply with the Town of Kingsbury's hours of operation

Signage is approved as presented, being 3' x 6' in size, 18 inches from the ground, set back 25 feet from the road with no lighting.

Randy Weaver made a motion to approve the application and Karen LaRose seconded with all others voting in favor.

AYES: 5 NAYES: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 MOTION CARRIED

Chairman Digman stated that there will not be a quorum for the August 23rd Planning Board meeting and the next meeting is scheduled for September 20th.

There being no other items to discuss, Karen LaRose made a motion to adjourn, and David Gauci seconded. The Kingsbury August 8th Special Planning Board Meeting was adjourned at 7:15 PM.

Alie Weaver

Planning Board Secretary