

Town of Temple, NH

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

August 5, 2021 Public Hearing (Con't)

APPLICANT- Stepping Stone Farm and Event Center LLC

ZBA Members Present: Emily Sliviak, Deb Harling, Allen Pickman

Others Present- 15+ Interested people.

Deb Harling called the hearing to order at 6:05 P.M. as the acting chair.

Deb Harling informed Boo Martin (applicant) that tonight the board will look over any new material but will not make any decision due to an incomplete board and waiting for new members to be appointed.

Harling further explained that questions have been sent to the attorney on how to best proceed with a partial board and questions pertaining to Martin's application.

Boo Martin stated that this was the 19th month involved in the process and that she wanted to provide an organized packet with information, some already submitted and some new information. Martin plans to submit more information on her newly and permanently installed sound meter. Martin went on to discuss the questions some may have pertaining to the homestead on the site and that a new surveyed plan will be submitted.

Harling asked Allan Pickman and Emily Sliviak if they had any questions and Pickman responded with his question first. Pickman asked "has the farmstead ever been approved by any town board for anything other than a single-family home?" Pickman reminded her that all previous activities fell under agricultural use and going forward it will fall under commercial use.

Martin replied with her future plans for the farm and that she has retained counsel and hoped to explain the future uses of the site. Martin explained that the farm part was on hold until all the buildings were up to speed. Martin says she already has farm animals there, stables were finished the previous Friday, horses will be boarded and that a plan will be submitted in October involving the 12 back acres. Martin would like to continue to improve the different pastures, bring in sheep and bees in the Spring of 2022 and introduce cattle in 2023. Martin will be living in the cottage on site soon to be part of it all and be there for the animals and guests.

Emily Sliviak asked about the newly surveyed plans and Martin requested additional information from the 4 abutters. Martin will need the abutters to verify their tax maps and addresses in order for the surveyors to complete all plans.

Harling made a motion to continue the meeting on Tuesday August 31, 2021 at 6 p.m. Allan Pickman seconded the motion.

Meeting minutes from June 15th and June 21st 2021 were approved as written due to the fact that no current members were involved in the previous meetings. Harling made the motion to approve the minutes as written; second by Sliviak.

Harling made the motion to approve the meeting minutes from July 14, 2021 as amended, second by Pickman.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Deb Harling, second by Emily Sliviak, until Tuesday August 31, 2021 at 6 p.m.

Hearing adjourned at 6:28 p.m.

Minutes by Sliviak