

TOWN OF LISBON, NEW HAMPSHIRE
ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS

Present: Robert Clark (RA) Scott Champgane (SC) and Jennifer Trelfa (JT)
Secretary: Suze Tavernier

RC opened meeting

Present: James Raia (JR), Thomas White (TW), Ina Lippard, G. Ardolino and Judith Patterson

SC made note all the certifieds were received back

RC made motion to accept minutes from prior hearing JT 2nd so voted all
Hearing on Animal Husbandry District A requires a special exception

RC explained the application was in reference to chicken and ducks on 135 Atwood Street.

He reviewed a letter from abutter Marcia Heathe

RC asked Mr. Raia to explain how he is currently keeping the ducks and chickens

JR explained he has been keeping 8 hen and 3 ducks in an enclosed pen in the yard. There is a chain link fence. He further went on to say the Building Inspector has been out to look at the situation. He said there is no smell, he clean out area 2 times a month during the summer but it is not cleaned as much during the winter. He told the Board he has had chickens for 5 years.

SC- You currently have 10 total. Ever have a rooster?

JR -No

JT-What is the most you have ever had?

JR-18, they supply the eggs for the home

JT-You said you clean out 2 times a month?

JR-The yard the coop gets cleaned once a week

TW- Only concern water tested annually, any contaminates that show up in test, we will be liable for. There are concerns the water comes down the hill from that area. Our main concern is EPA testing. We want to be a good neighbor.

JR-Have you had any bad tests in the last five years?

TW-No, but it only takes one. May happen in ten years, may never happen. But that area is a run off to the drainage and that is where test point is.

Ardolino- Asked which house on Atwood Street. The only concern I would have is smell.

RC-Have you had any issues with smells?

Ardolino-No, not really

There was a discussion regarding the run off and how wet area was.

RC- Is there any construction, barrier fencing being used for the run off

JR-Yes, there was some but had taken a section down when it was damaged

RC-It's important to stop any contaminates into water

RC- Noted a letter from JR's Doctor explaining the positive influence having the chicken and ducks has on JR

SC -Noted letter from Dr's states a limited amount. When we look at this there needs to be a limit of how many.

RC-Not more public input. We can either entertain a motion to continue hearing to later date or

continue on to decision

SC-motion to continue on to criteria JT 2nd so voted

RC on Criteria 1# how do you vote?

SC-based on limitation on the amount allowed-yes

JT- vote yes, based on a limit set

RC-I agree yes, with limit and fence near railroad track, across bottom to protect from run off.

And to me a few is a smaller limit too many currently

So voted all

RC on Criteria 2# how do you vote?

SC-Yes, but with stipulations and limits on amount allowed limit to

JT-yes, agree on limits

JR-Can I have until the end of winter, some are older and might not make it and would like to keep the healthier ones?

RC- Agree with limits, yes

SC, JT and RC agreed to allow until spring bring number of birds down to set

So voted all

RC on Criteria #3 how do you vote?

SC- no objections from abutters, other than letter from MH, but limit amount. I agree limit amount, yes

JT-the concerns regarding the wire mill, I agree limit amount, yes

RC-limitation on the amount of bird is the biggest way to eliminated run off concerns, yes

So voted all

RC on Criteria #4 how do you vote?

SC- Yes, Again with limit, fencing and as long as inspector able to go in and check

JT-Yes, agree with limit, fencing and inspection

RC-yes, limit amount and the other stipulations

So Voted all

RC on Criteria #5 how do you vote?

SC-Motion to add limited to 6 total birds and 2 times a year inspector can go in and check to make sure cleaned up and fencing to be installed. Bring down to limit of 6 by spring 2015

JT 2nd so voted

SC-yes with stipulations

JT yes, with limits of 6, fencing, inspection twice a year all the stipulations

RC-yes, with amendments add for stipulations

So Voted All

RC do I have a motion on variance?

SK-motion to pass with stipulations under article 5 JT 2nd

So Voted All

JT made motion to adjourn SC 2nd so voted all