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TOWN OF CARLISLE

OFFICE OF Zoning Board of Appeals

66 Westford Street
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Minutes: Board of Appeals, July 1, 2019

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Town Hall, 66 Westford Street. Acting Chair Hinton noted that the meeting was being recorded and asked those present if they were recording. Helen Lyons reporter from the Mosquito said that she was recording the hearing.

Roll Call and Declaration of Quorum

Acting Chair Hinton recognized the required quorum of Members. Present were Members Steve Hinton (Acting Chair) and Manuel Crespo (Clerk), Associate Members Lisa Davis Lewis and Gretchen Anderegg.

Statement of Compliance

The issue of compliance regarding posting of the hearing was confirmed by the Chair. According to Secretary Wang, the Meeting Notice was posted in Town Hall on June 26, 2019.

Public Comment – Approval of Agenda

Acting Chair Hinton asked those present if there were any matters other than those listed on the agenda which the public would like to add to the agenda. When none were offered, the agenda was accepted.

Old Business – Review of proposed materials to be used by Carlisle Canines

Linda Rubenstein, business owner of Carlisle Canines, appeared before the Board as conditioned in the decision that granted a Special Permit on June 6, 2019 to operate a Commercial Kennel. Condition 6 reads; The Applicant shall present a detailed plan to be approved by the Board that addresses screening which balances cost with neighbors' concerns for noise reduction and a visual barrier at the next Board meeting on July 1, 2019.

The Applicant presented to the Board various samples of fence screening material that could be used on the existing chain link fence that encloses the area on her property used by the dogs in her care and her own dog.

The Board reviewed the samples for the ability to provide both visual and acoustical barrier. The Applicant explained that if the dogs cannot see people on the other side of the fence this will reduce their barking. It was determined that Commercial Block 750 series dark green distributed by FenceScreen, Inc. was the material the Board and Applicant supported.

Member Crespo made the motion to approve Commercial Block 750 series dark green, Member Davis Lewis seconded the motion and all voted in favor of the motion, Hinton (aye), Crespo (aye) and Davis Lewis (aye). A second motion was made to remove from condition 3 of the decision "intervals with at least of 15 minutes between each other". All voted in favor, Hinton (aye), Crespo (aye) and Davis Lewis (aye).

The Applicant was reminded that she is required to appear before the Board again in 6 months to allow the abutters to provide input and determine if any changes in the conditions are warranted. The Applicant distributed a report for the month of June 2019 as required in the decision.

Adjournment

Acting Chair Hinton asked those present if there were any additional issues to discuss. When none were offered the meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted
Peggy Wang