

Minutes of the meeting of the Dixmont, Maine, Planning Board, January 8, 2019

The Dixmont Planning Board met at the Dixmont Town Office at 7 pm on Tuesday, January 8, 2019.

Present were Planning Board members: Clark Staples, John Devin, Phil Dolan, Greg Brodek, Lisa York, Mark Guzzi, and Garnett Robinson.

Also present: Bill Brown, Fred Marshall, Justin Davidson, Jennifer Davidson, Debbie Place, Tom Lawler

Chair, Clark Staples, opened the meeting. The minutes of the November 13, 2018 meeting were read, approved and placed on file. The minutes for the December 11, 2018 minutes are in the process of be completed.

Old Business:

In the matter of Bill and Julie Brown of Firefly Kennels: The purpose of the meeting was to give abutters an opportunity to address concerns or ask questions about the proposed project and for the board to complete the Site Plan Review.

Clark opened the meeting for public comments. Bill Brown gave an overview of his plans for the property. Mr. and Mrs. Davidson appeared. They stated that they don't object to the plans, but did inform the board that they don't believe they are actual abutters. A review of town maps confirmed the fact. Ms. Debbie Place also appeared. She expressed concern regarding gunshots during dog training that might scare her horses, especially when there are children present.

The board reviewed the site plan approval standards point by point as outlined in section 9 of the Site Plan Review Ordinance and found that the proposed development is designed to comply with the ordinance. The board did, however, make notations regarding several sections of the ordinance as described below.

Section 9.14 Water Quality Protection: 1) Dog waste must be disposed of in an appropriate manner. 2) All stored chemicals must meet the standards of the State of Maine Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and the State of Maine Fire Marshal's Office.

Section 9.15 Hazardous Materials: 1) When the storage unit is designated, the handling, storage, and use of all materials identified by the standards of a federal or State of Maine agency as hazardous must be done in accordance with the standards of these agencies.

Section 9.21 Noise: Addressing Ms. Place's concern regarding noise, the Brown's are open to coordinating and communicating about events that may be cause more noise than usual.

Section 9.23 Exterior Lighting: No excessive lighting throughout the night.

The board cast a vote for the approval of the application.

The vote of the board: 5 in favor
 1 abstained
 1 opposed

Meeting was adjourned. Next meeting February 12, 2019 at 7:00 PM.

Respectively submitted,
Lisa York, Secretary
Dixmont Planning Board