

Dummerston Development Review Board Meeting: September 17, 2019

Attending: Alan McBean, Dennis Mewes, Chad Farnum, Cami Elliott, Patty Walior and ZA Roger Jasaitis.

Also in attendance at both site visit and hearing: Archie Clark Jr., Archie Clark III, and Winn Clark.

Hearing called to order at 7:00 by Chair Alan McBean. Minutes from August meeting accepted with amendments. Roger informed board that there is an application by Maple Valley for October 15th meeting. It will be a conditional use request for a distillery and brewery. Chad will run second hearing as Alan has recused himself from the continuation of hearing for application #3555 from Anne Black for a setback waiver.

Hearing for application #3564 from AS Clark began at 7:06. Alan read warning and swore in all interested parties, a site visit was completed prior to hearing. Archie Clark Jr. reported that their attorney is having health problems and they will explain the application to the best of their ability. (It's a big one!) Archie reported all notices were posted as required. They describe their business as excavating, trucking and plowing. They do some repair work but mainly on their own equipment. They would like to put up a new fence for screening that would take the place of existing trees that are not healthy or providing the screening that they desire. They would put fence inside of the trees and then remove trees. Their typical hours are 7-5 but that can vary especially in the summer. Act 250 isn't required for this property and zoning. They have two 1000 gallon fuel tanks, one for on road and one for off road. It is under cover with concrete bunker. They have a total of 5 employees, 3 are family members. There is more than adequate parking for employees and stored vehicles. There a 2 down facing lights on building and a 9 x 4 two sided sign. The well and septic are in working order. There is some wood on site for heat in the shop. Several abandoned vehicles are located on property but they are working on removal. Other solid waste is on site, when they get a full load it is removed. They report they have never had a complaint by neighbors, and they feel they try to be good neighbors and community members. Hearing closed at 7:25.

Chad re-convened hearing #3555 at 7:26. This is an application for a waiver to setback by Anne Black. Anne was not able to be in attendance. Alan, neighbor reported that Bill Fitzgerald surveyed the property and the deck in question is 7 feet from neighbor's property line. (Setback is supposed to be 40 feet). He flagged the property line which is standard process. John Scherer had requested more accurate measurements. Alan is not aware if John has seen results of survey. The barn on property is permitted but Roger stated it was done in error.

Hearing closed at 7:40.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Walior, DRB Member