

## Zoning Board Meeting

November 21, 2019

December 8, 2019

Present: Morgan Wade, Julie Giroux, Julie Nadeau, Gail Fisher, Fern Brown, Renee Marchesseault, Robert Lee, Frank Sawicki, Haven Haynes, Michael Falconer, Amy Falconer

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m.

The Board was informed that this meeting was being held to consider a conditional permit request from Michael and Amy Falconer, 72 River Rd, Beecher Falls, Vermont 05902. This property is zoned as Residential/Commercial and the petitioners are looking to use their property for a firewood business, this a change to the use of the lot. There is currently a storage unit that has already been permitted on the property to be used for the requested business. The business would be used to saw and sell firewood on the property, no one would come to the lot as a customer.

The following was discussed:

- Property meets the setbacks
- There is no screening from noise (some trees)
- Hours of operation should be considered
  - Chainsaw is run approximately 2 hours per day
  - Been running this business since 2005
  - Continuing to do business.

It was discovered during discussions that the abutting property owners were not notified of meeting. Letters will be sent and the meeting will be continued to December 8, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. Motion made by Julie Giroux, seconded by Renee Marchesseault. Motion passed.

The continued meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m.

Present: Morgan Wade, Renee Marchesseault, Gail Fisher, Cheryl Cote, Julie Nadeau, Amy Falconer, Michael Falconer, Sun Fuller, Dennis Fuller, Greg Noyes and Haven Haynes.

The abutting property owners, Sun and Dennis Fuller discussed their concerns, there is too much noise, it is too close to their property and piles of sawdust are flowing into the Fuller driveway.

At 4:10 p.m. Michael Falconer left the meeting after an outburst at Sun Fuller. The board recessed the meeting for 10 minutes. Amy Falconer left shortly after to speak with her husband and returned without him.

The Fullers left the meeting at 4:20 p.m.

The Community Forest land was offered as an option to move business to. There is a Community Forest meeting scheduled for January and it will be discussed. Michael Falconer returned to the meeting. The Falconers were agreeable to looking for an alternative location.

On a motion made by Renee Marchesseault, seconded by Gail Fisher the Board granted a temporary permit to allow business to continue at current location. The permit will expire on May 31, 2020 with limited hours between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Motion passed in the affirmative.

No other business.

On a motion made by Renee Marchesseault, seconded by Julie Nadeau the board adjourned at 4:37 p.m.