

Minutes of the Sandy Creek Regional Planning Board
Wednesday, August 2, 2023
Sandy Creek Town Hall

Members present: Larry Rice, Frank Dixon, Bill Joyce, Richard Macheimer, Pat Macheimer, Sybil Cummins and Shirley Rice.

Also present: Amy Boone

At 7:00 pm, Larry Rice reopened the Public Hearing for Best Furriends Doggie Daycare and Boarding, recessed from June 7, 2023. Ms. Boone was in attendance for this meeting. No other participants came to the hearing. Bill informed Ms. Boone of the three questions that were asked at the July 7 meeting during the Public Hearing. Specifically the questions were 1) Noise from dogs at night; 2) Removal of dog waste from the property; 3) Concern about the neighbors having loud parties and disturbing the dogs. Concerning loud parties, the Board cannot regulate what neighbors do on their property and informed Ms. Boone that should this become a problem, she would need to contact law enforcement to handle the problem. The concern for noise from boarding dogs at night is valid. The Board proposed that a condition for approval be that hours of operation be from 7:00 am to 9:00 pm. Ms. Boone stated that any dogs boarding overnight would be inside and settled by 8:30 pm and agreed that the condition was fair. Removal of waste was discussed. Ms. Boone stated that she was looking into composting as an alternative. The Board agreed that composting was potentially worse than regular removal from the property. The waste will be collected and appropriately bagged and put into the trash for removal (currently on Fridays). The Board asked about the number of dogs in daycare on a regular basis. Ms. Boone stated that she did not want to have more than 4 dogs per day for daycare and perhaps three dogs for overnight boarding. The Board suggested that the property have no more than 10 dogs on the premises at any given time. Richard asked about the sheds that are on the property and if Building Permits had been obtained for all of them. Ms. Boone stated that she had all of that taken care of in CEO John Howland's handwriting and began a search through her papers to find this document. She was unable to find any documentation to this affect and stated that perhaps her father had the document. No evidence of this document was produced. A chicken coop measuring less than 10 X 10 feet was recently placed on the property which does not require a building permit. The 14 X 20 foot shed that was placed on the property earlier this year will require a building permit. Ms. Boone stated that she would be in CEO John Howland's office on Thursday, August 3, 2023 to take care of this issue. Ms. Boone was then made aware that any changes to this Site Plan in the future will require that she come back before the board for a modification to the Site Plan. With no further questions from the Board, a motion was made by Pat Macheimer and seconded by Frank Dixon. The Board then voted unanimously to close the Public Hearing at 7:20 pm.

Larry Rice opened the regular meeting at 7:21 pm.

Discussion on the minutes of July 5, 2023 found no changes were needed. A motion to accept the minutes as presented was made by Larry Rice and seconded by Frank Dixon. All voted in the affirmative and the motion carried.

Bill provided the Treasurer's report. Expenditures for July 2023 are for salaries for Board members of 92.35 per person and 438.66 for Bill Joyce as Secretary/Treasurer. Also, there was a payment of \$164.48 for EFTPS. A balance of \$10,301.33 remains in the account.

Correspondence included: The History Center report for June, 2023; A flyer for the New York Towns Annual Meeting and training to be held in New York City from February 18 to the 21, 2024; A catalog from 4Imprint selling personalized items such as pens and cups.

The Board then moved on to finalize the Site Plan for Best Furreinds Doggie Daycare and Boarding. The following conditions were attached to the Document for Decision: 1) A limit of 10 dogs in daycare or Boarding at any given time; 2) Hours of operation shall be from 7:00 am to 9:00 pm; 3) No business shall be done until a Building Permit for the 14 X 20 shed has been properly obtained and paid for in the Town of Sandy Creek; 4) All dog waste shall be removed at a minimum of once per week. A motion was made by Pat Machemer and seconded by Frank Dixon to approve the Site Plan with conditions. A unanimous vote passed the motion with no abstentions. Larry Rice then signed the Document for Decision as did Ms. Boone agreeing to the conditions imposed. A copy of these minutes, the minutes from July 5 meeting and a copy of the Document for Decision will be sent to the County to follow up on the 239 request. A copy of the Document for Decision will be sent to Ms. Boone within 30 days.

The Board moved on to the Comprehensive Plan update. The scope of work to be done was discussed, general questions concerning the document including some out of date pictures, a previously proposed boat access point near the intersection of Route 15 and Route 3, and a timeline for proceeding with the project. The Board expressed an interest in moving forward and work will continue in September.

With no further business before the Board, a motion was made by Larry Rice to adjourn and seconded by Pat Machemer. The motion was passed by unanimous vote and the Board adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Recording Secretary - Sybil Cummins