

Town of Boscawen, NH
ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
Boscawen Municipal Complex

MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, May 28, 2019 at 7:00 PM

Members Present: Dr. Gail Devoid, Chair, Vice Chair Doug Supry, Ann Dominguez, Tracy Jo Bartlett, Roger Sanborn.

Others present: Kellee Jo Easler, Planning & Development Community Director

Absent: Edward Cherian Jr.

Meeting opened at 7:01 pm.

Roll Call by Kellee Jo Easler.

Application for a **special exception** for an amendment to the special exception granted on 12.27.18 to include up to six ducks submitted by Melanie Welch and Louis Champagne with a location of 6 Baker Street, Boscawen NH 03303 on Map 183D, Lot 29 in the R2 Zone.

Testified: Melanie Welch testified that they had 4 goats already. They are now asking to be allowed to have 6 ducks on their property. Josh and Bill from the AgCom came out to do the 1 year inspection of the goats that they have on their property. They found that the goats are well taken care of it. They took the opportunity to speak with them regarding having ducks on their property and discussed how they would contain them and care for them. They are asking the Board for permission to have ducks on their property at this time.

Abutters in favor: none.

Non-abutters in favor: none.

Abutters in opposition: none.

Non-abutters in opposition: none.

Sanborn asked if they would like to ask for 10 or 12 ducks vs. 6 ducks, just in case. Ms. Welch would like to do that but wasn't sure if they would be allowed to ask for that much. Mr. Champagne said that they are pets. Ms. Welch said they would be happy if they provided eggs, but it is not necessary as they will be pets. Sanborn asked if a motion was made to add more to their number requested, would they have an objection. Ms. Welch said they would be delighted. Sanborn suggested 10 as a number allowed. Ms. Welch and Mr. Champagne said that would be an acceptable number.

Sanborn made a motion that they would be allowed to not have more than 12 ducks which was seconded by Dominguez. Supry asked if the AgCom should do an inspection. Easler said that they would need to add a water source and invited the AgCom to come and confirm that the change was made before they purchased the ducks. Sanborn would like to amend the motion for up to 12 ducks with approval from the AgCom. Dr. Devoid felt that the Board was ready to allow them up to 6 ducks, but the Board could make a motion for up to 12 ducks; 6 now and up to 12 with the consultation of the AgCom. Supry asked how large their property is. Ms. Welch said 2 acres.

A **motion** by Sanborn that they are allowed 6 ducks but not to exceed 12 ducks and that AgCom inspect their property and have their input, seconded by Dominguez and passed by a unanimous vote.

Minutes: A **motion** to approve the Minutes from 4.23.19 was made by Dominguez, seconded by Bartlett and passed by a 4-0 vote with Sanborn abstaining.

Kellee Easler brought to the Board, for discussion, the idea of possibly reducing fees for agricultural issues such as the 4H project i.e. a goat, or something of that nature, as going before the Zoning Board is costly. Much discussion ensued regarding this issue. A suggestion of a town scholarship was brought up, but not favored.

Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting scheduled for June 25, 2019.

*Respectfully submitted,
Rose Fife, Recording Secretary*