

Arundel Planning Board/Comprehensive Plan Revision Committee Minutes

March 7, 2019 - 7:00pm

Mildred L. Day School Library - 600 Limerick Rd. Arundel

Board Attendees: Mr. Lowery, Mr. McGinn, Mr. Ganong, Mr. Redway, Secretary Ms. Goulet -
- Mr. Danylik, Ms. Boissonneault, Ms. Gregoire, Ms. der Kinderen, Ms. Robbins (arrived late)

Attendees: Charles Bassett, Alison Patry, Noah Wentworth, Marc Pinette, A. M. Oliver

Call to Order: Chair Ganong calls the Joint Planning Board/Comp Plan Revision Committee to order at 7:01pm.

I. DISCUSSION OF COMMERCIAL FARM OVERLAY DISTRICTS:

The idea use of an overlay district is eliminated and it's decided that a minimum lot acreage will be decided upon along with setbacks (of fencing & animal structures). Elimination of a farm overlay means Commercial Farming will be a conditional use. Those seeking to pursue this avenue will be required to apply for the use with the Planning Board.

Significant discussion focuses on what the appropriate minimum lot size would be – in R1 and other zones. Attendee, N. Wentworth, speaks on the topic. He points out that he's aware of several local smaller scale farms that are sustainable on 5 acres or less. Mr. Redway is tasked with looking into how many lots/landowners would be affected between the most discussed options of 5 acre and 10 acre minimums in the R1.

Debate shifts from a minimum acreage focus to minimum setbacks. Lengthy discussion ensues and culminates in the following decisions:

In R-1, the setback from the property line will be 50 feet. The applicant will have the opportunity to apply for a waiver.

Vote: Unanimous in favor.

In R-2 and R-3, the setback from the property line will be 50 feet. The applicant will have the opportunity to apply for a waiver.

Vote: Mr. Danylik abstains. Remaining members in favor.

II. CONTINUED DISCUSSION OF FAMILY FARMS:

Not discussed due to time constraints.

Meeting adjourns at 9:00pm.

Adjourn

Respectfully submitted,

Corinne A. Goulet
Secretary to the Planning Board