

Town of Blandford
Zoning Board of Appeals
May 18, 2022

Present: Donald Brainerd, Sumner Robbins, James Kronholm, Sonja Hutchins – ZBA

Joseph Paul, resident

Call to Order: Sonja Hutchins

OPEN MEETING – 7:00 PM

Joseph Paul – Application for Commercial Trucking

Sonja advised that the meeting was called to discuss application by Joseph Paul to run trucking business at 100 Huntington Road, Blandford, MA 01008. Meeting has been rescheduled from May 11, 2022.

Donald made a motion to end public discussion of hearing, and move on to Board discussion and decision making. Sonja seconded. Voted unanimously.

Donald explained to the gallery that the public opinion section of the hearing has been closed, and no further public comments would be heard.

Sonja advised that she spoke with town council, and stated that with town council's recommendation, the Board is asking Mr. Paul to withdraw his request without prejudice, based upon the effects of proposed use to abutting property owners, and to reduce further liability to the Town.

Town council has recommended that Mr. Paul complete requested conditions prior to reapplying for special permit. Recommended conditions are as follows:

- All commercial vehicles in question must be currently registered
- Site work plan for proposed fencing along Huntington Road (length, height, time for project completion, etc.)
- Verification from Board of Health pertaining to regulations that need to be complied with, and if there are additional permits required for proposed business use, and if so, to obtain said permits
- Survey of new structure, as required for compliance Town bylaws, with abutters
- Signed resolution with abutters to replace any destroyed vegetation that serves as a buffer between the two properties

Sonja provided Mr. Paul with a copy of town council's recommendations.

Donald explained to Mr. Paul that it is the Board's recommendation to withdraw his application for special permit, without prejudice, so that he is able to reapply at a later time. Mr. Paul asked why he would want to do so. Donald advised that he is currently not in compliance to allow a special permit to be issued.

Mr. Paul stated has registrations, and proposed drawing of fencing. Sonja explained that he should collect all items recommended by town council, and resubmit application. Mr. Paul stated that he would not be reapplying and that he would refer the issued to an attorney.

Donald made a motion that Mr. Paul withdraw his application without prejudice. Sonja seconded. Donald and Sonja voted yea, James abstained from the vote.

Sonja made a motion to close meeting. Donald seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 7:09 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sarah Simpson