

**TOWN OF NEW BOSTON  
NEW BOSTON ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT  
Minutes of 2017  
March 21, 2017**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Zoning Board of Adjustment Chairman David Craig. Present were regular members Ken Clinton, Greg Mattison, Phil Consolini and Doug Martin . Also present was Planning Coordinator Shannon Silver.

Present in the audience for all or part of the meeting were Genevieve and Mario Pelletier.

The Chairman noted the Notice of Decision was received for Kary Jencks, for the property located on Scobie Road, Tax Map/Lot #4/1, in the Residential-Agricultural “R-A” District, owned by Kary Jencks and F. Noël Sagna Minutes. The updated ordinances voted on March 15, 2017 were also received.

**Application for a SPECIAL EXCEPTION to the terms of Article II, Section 204.4, of the New Boston Zoning Ordinance. The applicants are Mario & Genevieve Pelletier, trustees of the M&G Pelletier Joint Revocable Trust, for the property located on 212 McCollum Road, Tax Map/Lot # 14/105, in the Residential-Agricultural “R-A” District. The applicants are requesting permission to operate a portable woodbine processor sawmill.**

The Chairman noted this is continued from the February 21, 2017 meeting. It was not renoticed to abutters as it is a continued hearing. No additional written testimony has been received. The Board requested a more developed plan at the February 21, 2017 meeting.

The Pelletiers provided more detailed drawings and tried to respond to Marilyn Taylor’s questions discussed at the February 21, 2017 meeting.

The Board discussed the location of the log landing with the applicants. The current location is not in compliance and abutters do not approve of the location. The applicants will not move it until an area is agreed upon. Some blasting may be necessary to move it. Noise, traffic and hours of operation concerns were discussed at the February 21, 2017 meeting. The Board reviewed updated paperwork provided by the applicants that indicated the following:

- Hours of operation Monday through Saturday 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM.
- No deliveries going out while logging. Mr. Pelletier is the main employee, it is a family business. Luke helps sometimes. The Pelletier children may want to work there when they get older. If there was an injury, one or two employees may be needed to fill in. Mr. Pelletier usually logs and when he is logging no one is working at the property.
- The Road Agent has given permission to allow log trucks to the property at times when there are weight restrictions on the road. Permission is given according to weather and road conditions. The ZBA defers any road condition concerns to the Planning Board for comment. The ZBA is satisfied the Road Agent is monitoring the road.
- Log trucks deliver grapple loads at the log landing during the hours of operation. The current average is twice a week, the applicants would like this to happen twice a day over a one week period.

- The delivery route to the property was reviewed.
- Customers are not expected at the property.
- Noise levels are expected to be lower than a chainsaw. The applicants have been working at the property since 1997.
- These limits are currently appropriate, the applicants may need to meet with the ZBA to adjust if issues arise.
- The applicants will need to meet with the Planning Board for a site plan review.

The ZBA is considering this application for a Special Exception under the definition of a sawmill, instead of a variance.

No abutters were present to express concerns or objections and no additional written testimony was received.

Ken Clinton **MOVED** to grant the Special Exception as presented especially regarding the list of conditions the applicant wrote with the modification that logs trucks delivering grapple load shall be milted to twice per day as measured over the course of a one week period, a non-residential site plan review will be done with the Planning Board with road condition review for 212 McCollum Road, Tax Map/Lot # 14/105, in the Residential-Agricultural "R-A" District. Doug Martin seconded the motion and it **PASSED** unanimously.

David Craig **MOVED** to adjourn at 7:37 p.m. Doug Martin seconded the motion and it **PASSED** unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,  
Maralyn Segien, Selectmen's Assistant/Recording Clerk

Minutes Approved:  
06/20/17