

**MINUTES
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
OCTOBER 5, 2007**

The members met at Stow Town Building at 8:30 a.m. for the purpose of conducting a site visit to 132 South Acton Road that had been the subject of a public hearing on October 1st. Members present were John Clayton, Edmund Tarnuzzer, Donald Dwinells, Michele Shoemaker and William Byron (associate).

132 South Acton Road - Jean McCord - The application was for a special permit to allow a dog kennel in the dwelling. The members traveled the long driveway off South Acton Road to the dwelling nearing completion. The structure is on a small knoll on the heavily wooded parcel of about 24 acres. Ms. McCord showed the area where the kennel will be located in the basement level of the structure and accessed from the driveway. There were two exterior doors: one for customer use and the other to allow dogs to enter the proposed fenced play yard. The approximate location of the play yard was indicated. It is proposed to layer the surface with woodchips for ease of upkeep and to hopefully thwart ticks.

The members returned to the Town Building at 8:55 a.m. Because the location is way off the road in heavy woods, it was felt there would be no problems associated with a dog kennel. It was noted there have been no complaints about Ms. McCord's current operation on Hudson Road in a close residential area over its seven-year period. Mr. Clayton moved to grant the special permit pursuant Section 3.2.2.5, subject to any conditions that may be imposed by the Conservation Commission, Board of Health or any other town office with jurisdiction. Second by Mr. Tarnuzzer. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion to grant a special permit.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Catherine A. Desmond
Secretary to the Board