

Town of Nelson
Planning Board Meeting
July 28, 2009

A special meeting of the Town of Nelson Planning Board was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Jim St. Pierre, Acting Chairman. Present were Sandy Palmer, Jim St. Pierre, Bob Carr, Kevin Pace, Holly Ioset, John Laubscher and Sue Henderson. Absent was John Dunkle. Jim Stokes was also in attendance. This meeting is a public hearing for the Morrisville Auxiliary Association Equine Rehabilitation Facility. The portion of the minutes regarding this from the last meeting were read and a motion to accept that portion of the minutes of the last meeting was made by Sandy and seconded by Bob. All voted in favor and they were approved.

The Public Hearing was opened at 7:36. Deb Hotaling of Rolling Hills of Madison County was in attendance as an adjacent landowner and voiced no opposition to this proposal. She said that her dad met with Glen and he answered all his questions and that they were happy with the project.

Jim said that one of the corrections he has been making in the project description was one of the questions, #10, the original answer was no and they changed it to yes, which is how it should be.

As there was no one else to speak for this issue the public hearing was closed at 7:39 pm. There were no other questions from the board so the long form EAF was discussed. Jim Stokes explained the lead agency issue and how it works. The other agencies were identified and were all notified. He explained that the board should go through the long form and identify each issue and make a determination on each issue. The part 2 of the long form contains answers prepared by the applicant and should be looked at by the board.

There was discussion on page 6 question #1 of the long form about the impact on land. Jim explained that any project would have an impact on the land but what needs to be addressed is how much of an impact. It was determined that the impact for this project would be small to moderate as indicated by the applicant. Question #2 is ok. Question #3 is okay as they will be obtaining permits from the Army Corps of Engineers. Question #4 is okay. Question #5 will be mitigated with permits. The response was changed from yes to no concerning the use of more than 45 gallons per minute pumping capacity. The answer was changed to no regarding using more than 20,000 gallons per day which makes the determination okay. Question #6 is okay with the mitigation.

Question #7 concerns the impact on air and it was decided to change the applicant's answer of no impact to yes. The mitigation will be that they are installing a catalytic converter on the waste burner and also that they are getting a DEC permit. Questions #8, 9 & 10 are all okay.

Question #11 answer is yes as to aesthetic resources impact. This will be mitigated by the way it's set back from the road and the coloring of the buildings etc. This was determined to not be a problem.

Questions #12, 13, 14, and 15 are all okay. Question #16 should be changed to a no as there will be no impact on energy usage of more than 5% increase in the use of any form of energy in the municipality.

Question #17 should be changed to a yes as to noise and odor impacts. The mitigation for this will be the use of the catalytic converter.

Question #18 should be changed to a yes as to impact on public health. The mitigation for this would be the watering of the ash coming from the incinerator if spreading of the ash should occur.

Questions #19 & 20 were determined to be okay.

The board declared a negative declaration with no significant environmental impacts. A resolution was read and motion made by Holly and seconded by Kevin to approve it. All voted in favor and the motion was approved.

As there was no other business for this meeting, a motion was made by Bob to adjourn and seconded by Jim. All voted in favor and the meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan J. Henderson, Secretary