

**Village of Fort Edward
Planning Board Meeting
Monday, September 16, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.**

Roll Call: Bernie Taylor, Tadgh Nealon, Doreen Rabine, Nasrene Haj

Absent: Tabitha Fish

Public: Grace Kelly, Justin Fenton, Joe Kelly

Approval Minutes from August 7 meeting – Roll call needed to be corrected to Nasrene in attendance and not Tadgh.

Motion by: Doreen Rabine

Seconded by: Bernie Taylor

All ayes. Motion carried.

Summary

The meeting focused on discussing compliance issues related to the keeping of chickens and ducks in a residential area, with an emphasis on understanding village codes and neighbor concerns. Key decisions included the need for a map to clarify property boundaries and the potential adjustment of the number of chickens kept.

Outline

1. Compliance with Village Code

- The current compliance issue is related to not only the number of chickens being kept but having chickens on their property which is against Village Code.
- The applicant acknowledged a misunderstanding of the village code regarding animal keeping.
- There is a family history of depression, and the applicant uses chickens for health benefits.

2. Neighbor Concerns and Complaints

- Planning Board Clerk mentioned that there were two complaints over the phone from residents on River Street.
- The applicant has been proactive in maintaining the property to avoid issues.
- The village code requires a 500-foot distance for keeping chickens, which is currently not met.

3. Proposed Solutions and Next Steps

- A map showing property boundaries, and the location of the chicken coop is needed for clarity.
- The applicant may need to adjust the number of chickens to even consider allowing this use.

A motion to set a public hearing for Thursday, October 3, 2024, was made by **Tadgh Nealon**, seconded by **Bernie Taylor**.

All ayes. Motion carried.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by **Bernie Taylor**, seconded by **Tadgh Nealon**.

All ayes. Motion carried.