

**VILLAGE OF ALGONQUIN  
PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION  
Meeting Minutes  
Algonquin Village Hall Board Room  
February 7, 2011**

**AGENDA ITEM 1:** Roll Call to Establish a Quorum

Present: Chairperson Patrician; Commissioners Hoferle, Sabatine, Sturznickel, Szpekowski and Zaplatynsky.

Absent: Commissioner Neuhalfen.

Staff Members Present: Ben Mason, Senior Planner; Kelly Cahill, Village Attorney; and Kimberly Nix, Recording Secretary.

**AGENDA ITEM 2:** Approval of Minutes from the December 13, 2010 Meeting.

Chairperson Patrician entertained a motion to approve the December 13, 2010 minutes as presented. *Commissioner Sabatine* motioned and *Commissioner Szpekowski* seconded a motion to approve the minutes as presented. The voice vote noted all ayes and the motion carried.

Ms. Cahill swore Commissioner Zaplatynsky into office with the "Oath of Office".

Chairperson Patrician noted that the following items would be brought before the Planning and Zoning Commission for consideration this evening:

- Consideration of a Request for a Special Use Permit Amendment. (**Case No. 2011-01. Dog Waggin'**)

**AGENDA ITEM 3:** Consideration of a Request for a Special Use Permit Amendment.  
**Case No. 2011-01. Dog Waggin'**

**OPEN PUBLIC HEARING AND ESTABLISH QUORUM**

Ms. Nix called roll to verify a quorum. Present: Chairperson Patrician; Commissioners Hoferle, Sabatine, Sturznickel, Szpekowski and Zaplatynsky. Absent: Commissioner Neuhalfen.

**PETITIONER COMMENTS**

Ms. Cahill swore in the petitioners and verified that proper notice of the meeting had been posted. Representing Dog Waggin' was Mark and Lisa Harvey, owners.

Mr. Harvey gave a brief overview of the past, present and future of The Dog Waggin'. He mentioned that the dog daycare has enrolled 60 dogs since the business opened in October and the business receives several calls a week from clients inquiring about overnight boarding. Mr. Harvey explained that they are seeking to care for up to eight (8) dogs in a designated overnight

boarding room within the building. The dogs would not be let outside between 9 p.m. and 7 a.m. and staff would be present at all times in the room. The lights in front of the building would not be illuminated and the doors would be locked. Mr. Harvey mentioned the revenue from the overnight boarding service would be used to expand the business' retail items for sale, such as dog food, leashes, and toys.

#### **STAFF AND COMMISSION QUESTIONS/COMMENTS**

Mr. Ben Mason gave a brief overview of his memorandum of February 7, 2011. He said staff recommends approval of the amendment for the addition of overnight boarding.

*Commissioner Sturznickel* said he does not see a need to limit the time period—number of days—a dog can stay in the overnight program. He also asked about the plans should a dog become ill while being boarded. Mr. Harvey explained there is a designated 'quarantine' room in the building that is used for separating a sick dog from the others and The Dog Waggin' has a working relationship with a 24-hour emergency vet clinic in the area that a dog would be taken to for treatment.

*Commissioner Sabatine* asked if there have been any noise complaints since the business opened, to which Mr. Harvey said no. *Commissioner Sabatine* also agreed with *Commissioner Sturznickel* that the length of time a dog stays in the overnight program should be determined by the business.

*Commissioner Szpekowski* also agreed on eliminating any restrictions on the length of time a dog could stay. She asked if there have been any incidents between dogs in the daycare program, to which Ms. Harvey said there have not been any conflicts and the business' enrollment process helps to screen out potentially aggressive dogs.

*Commissioner Hoferle* asked about the size of the boarding room. He indicated the room is approximately 13 feet by 12 feet, which is more than adequate for the limited boarding service the business is interested in providing. Mr. Harvey stated the dogs would sleep in the room on dog beds rather than in crates overnight. *Commissioner Hoferle* wondered how compatible the dogs would be since they would share the room. Mr. Harvey said that Ms. Harvey does an evaluation of the dogs prior to taking them in, and this helps to ensure compatibility.

*Commissioner Patrician* wondered if the caretaker in the boarding room will stay awake the entire night. Mr. Harvey said yes and explained that this position would be the same as a third shift. *Commissioner Patrician* asked for further explanation on the plans for taking a sick dog to the vet clinic, to which Mr. Harvey explained The Dog Waggin' would transport the dog in a sport utility vehicle that can accommodate portable crates.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Ms. Cahill swore in Ed and Linda Hershman. They explained that they are clients of The Dog Waggin' and have found it to be a great business and fully support the addition of overnight boarding service.

Ms. Cahill then swore in Ms. Lisa Stein. She was representing Wolschlager Chiropractic Spa and says as a neighbor, has never had a complaint regarding noise. Ms. Stein is also a client and in support of the boarding program.

#### **CLOSE PUBLIC COMMENT**

#### **COMMISSION MOTION ON PETITION**

Chairperson Patrician entertained a motion to approve the request for a Special Use Permit Amendment for Dog Waggin'. *Commissioner Hoferle* moved and *Commissioner Szpekowski* seconded a motion to approve the request for a Special Use Permit Amendment for Dog Waggin', consistent with the plans submitted by the petitioner, the findings of fact listed in the February 7, 2011 Community Development memorandum, the conditions recommended by staff and clarification that the overnight boarding of dogs shall be kept to a maximum of eight (8) dogs at a time. The Roll Call noted the following: Ayes: Chairperson Patrician; Commissioners Hoferle, Sabatine, Sturznickel and Szpekowski and Zaplatynsky. Nays: None. Absent: Commissioner Neuhaufen. Motioned carried.

#### **CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING**

#### **AGENDA ITEM 4: Adjournment**

Chairperson Patrician entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. *Commissioner Hoferle* motioned and *Commissioner Szpekowski* seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting. The voice vote noted all ayes. The motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Kimberly Nix, Recording Secretary