

SHAFSTBURY DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD  
Shaftsbury Town Hall  
61 Buck Hill Road

June 4, 2014

Members Present: Tom Huncharek (Chair), Chris Ponessi (Vice-Chair), Michael Biddy,  
Megan Donckers via telephone conference

Members Absent: David Mance, Jay Palmer (alternate)

Others Present: David Kiernan ZA, Stephen Eddington, Lon McClintock, Charles Helm, Tom Jacobs, Sharon Burnett, Judy Murphy, Linda Huebner, Andrea Weisberg, Stuart Weisburg, M. Kennedy, Jon Endres.

1. Call to order by Chair at 7 p.m.
2. Conflict of Interest: None
3. Sign-in sheets
4. Application #14-9462 Second Chance Animal Center requesting Conditional use approval for parcel #03-01-10 per bylaw section 3.5. Hearing reconvened from May 21, 2014 for submission of materials requested by Board. Board Chair requests the record note that letters from Nancy Boardman and Jim Gratton on behalf of Nancy Eddington Gratton are being entered into evidence packet. Copies provided to Mr. Jacobs and Mr. McClintock. Letter from Thomas Jacobs written June 4, 2014 addressing questions asked by Board also entered into evidence packet. Chair asked Mr. Jacobs if he would like to address Board.

Mr. Jacobs stated that the letter submitted to the Board addressed the questions the Board had. Mr. Jacobs further stated that they are “not changing the mission of Second Chance.” They would be “going forward in same context of mission as was created some many years ago.” Currently Second Chance is registered as a pet care facility, but that is not to say that that would not change with the new facility. Mr. Jacobs spoke of the new facility proving care to an underserved segment of population that does not have access to veterinary care. He could not argue percentages of use in future. There will be low income qualified clinics that will entertain veterinary type services.

Mr. McClintock then addressed the Board stating that Second Chance representatives in prior testimony presented only numbers for spay and neuters. They did testify that there were incidental surgeries in addition to the spay neuters. Mr. McClintock also stated that “Second Chance at this point does not have a specific plan for its principal veterinary clinic. Its’ going to carry on its existing mission, but that existing mission far outstrips the veterinary uses or veterinary mission it currently meets. In order for it to satisfy the use requirements of the zoning bylaw it would have to have specific facts to show that it is principally a veterinary hospital. It may hope to be one at some point in time, but it currently does not have a plan for the facility to be one”.

Linda Huebner spoke regarding the fact that every animal that comes to the center receives some kind of veterinary care.

A motion was made by Mr. Ponessi to recess the hearing until June 18<sup>th</sup>.

Seconded by Mr. Bidy. Motion carried 4-0.

Minutes from the May 24 2014 meeting were reviewed and approved with one modification. Mr. Bidy made motion, seconded by Ms. Donckers. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion to move to deliberative session by Mr. Ponessi, seconded by Mr. Bidy.

Motion carried 4-0 at 7:18

Mr. Ponessi made motion to close deliberative session at 7:41. Seconded by Mr. Bidy.

Motion carried 4-0.

Mr. Ponessi motion to adjourn at 7:49. Seconded by Mr. Bidy. Motion carried 4-0.

Meeting adjourned 7:49.

Prepared by David Kiernan ZA