

Minutes
Development Review Board
Town Hall, 75 School St
Wallingford VT 05773
18 February 2026
7:00PM

Members Present: B. Dobbins (Chair), D. Ballou (Vice Chair)

Members via phone: J. Burkett, E. Blaisdell

Members of the Public: Courtney Harvey, Nathan Havery, Suzanne Dafni, Jim Wetherby, Mike Roberts, Kurt Houghton, Nancy Houghton, Sand Reiber, Rhonda Nash, Karen Smith, Tara Rose

Recording: E. Berner

- I. **Call Meeting to Order:** The Chair called the meeting to Order at 19:00 hrs. (7:00PM).
- II. **Agenda Additions/ Deletions:** There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.
- III. **Introduce the DRB Members, who may disclose any Conflicts of Interest:** The Chair introduced the members of the DRB who were present and calling via Conference call. No Conflicts of Interest were disclosed.
- IV. **Swear in any Interested Party to the Public Hearing:** The Chair swore-in Nathan and Courtney Harvey.
- V. **Open the Public Hearing for Application:** *26-02 580 Sugar Hill Rd., East Wallingford. [Roberts – Owner / Harvey Applicant]. Continue to use as a horse training facility and add dog training. Dog training would primarily take place inside the offset garage on the south side of the property. Property would also be primary residence.*
 - Nathan Harvey spoke of keeping the current property in farmland. That in order to secure a Commercial Loan, the Lending Institution requires an approved permit for the Harvey's Dog Training business.
 - B. Dobbins asked if the Harveys planned to train Horses as well as dogs on the property. N. Harvey replied yes.
 - D. Ballou explained the history of the previous permit and the "Conditional Use" because of the property being located in the Forest and Recreation Zoning District.
 - M. Roberts was sworn in by the Chair and confirmed that the property always had animals. He pointed out that his mother ran a Doberman Rescue League. No more buildings can be built on the property, but the existing pastures can be used.

- B. Dobbins asked how many horse stalls there were in the barn. M. Roberts replied 18.
- J. Burkett asked about potential expansion to the business. N. Harvey replied that the Rutland facility would expand but not the Sugar Hill.
- B. Dobbins reiterated that the DRB could issue a conditional permit based on the sale of the property since the lending institution is requiring an approved permit.
- B. Dobbins asked if there were any more questions.
- J. Burkett inquired on the number of dogs as the application does not state the number.
- B. Dobbins asked if there were plans for overnight boarding. N. Harvey replied all dog training would be on a daily basis only. No overnight boarding.
- B. Dobbins asked if the DRB members had any further questions. (There were none)
- B. Dobbins asked ~~if the~~ for a motion to approve the permit application. D. Ballou made a motion to approve the permit conditional on the sale of the property to the Harveys. E. Blaisdell seconded the motion. Motion PASSED.
- E. Berner explained the approval process to the Harveys. S. Reiber asked on the timeline for approval. E. Berner explained the timeline.

VI. **Approve Minutes of May 2025:** D. Ballou made a motion to approve the Minutes from May 2025. J. Burkett seconded. Motion Passed.

VII. **Request any Public Input:** None

VIII. **Other miscellaneous business or discussion:** None

IX. **Adjournment:** The Chair asked for a motion to adjourn. D. Ballou so moved. E. Blaisdell seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 7:26PM (19:26 hrs.)

Respectfully submitted: E. Berner

Approved: _____

B. Dobbins, Chair