

TO: BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT CITY OF ROCHESTER

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City of Rochester, New Hampshire

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Zoning Board of Adjustment

Special Exception Application

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Applicant: Craig & Jessica Hossfeld	
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Applicant Address: 55 Gear Road, Rochester, NH 03839	

Map Lot and Block No: Tax Map 258, Lot 53

Description of Property (give length of lot lines): 362' of frontage, abutting lines around close abutter is 150' see plan for additional details

Proposed use or existing use affected: Proposed Farm Use, Existing Single Family Home. Former Farm Use.

The undersigned hereby requests a special exception as provided in section 20.2 (F)(4) of the Zoning Ordinance to

permit A barn Structure to be used to house animals closer than 100' and 150' from abutting lot line as noted on the enclosed plan.

The undersigned alleges that the following circumstances exist which prevent the proper enjoyment of his land under the strict terms of the Zoning Ordinance and thus constitute grounds for a Special Exception.



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275.22 Special Exception Sheet

(a) General Provisions

- (1) Certain uses, structures, or conditions are designed as Special Exceptions (E) in this ordinance. Upon application, the Board of Adjustment may, subject to the appropriate conditions and safeguards, grant a permit for these special exceptions and no others.
- (2) Special Exceptions, for which conformance to additional standards is required, may be permitted in their respective districts, subject to the satisfaction of the requirements and standards set forth in this section 275.22, in addition to all other requirements of this ordinance. All such uses are hereby declared to possess such special characteristics that each shall be considered as an individual case.
- (3) The Board of Adjustment may require that a site plan for development for a proposed special exception be submitted showing the location of all buildings, parking areas, traffic access, open spaces, landscaping, and any other pertinent information that may be necessary to determine if the proposed special exception is in harmony with the intent of this ordinance.
- (b) <u>Considerations Governing Granting Special Exceptions:</u> In acting upon an application for a special exception, the Board of Adjustment shall take into consideration whether:

(1) The specific site is an appropriate location for the proposed use or structure. Yes No Reasoning: See Enclosed Narrative
(2) The proposal is detrimental, injurious, obnoxious, or offensive to the neighborhood. Yes No Reasoning: See Enclosed Narrative
(3) There will be undue nuisance or serious hazard to pedestrian or vehicular traffic, including the location and design of access ways and off street parking. Yes No Reasoning:
(4) Adequate and appropriate facilities and utilities will be provided to ensure the proper operation of the proposed use or structure. Yes No Reasoning:
(5) The proposed use or structure is consistent with the spirit of the ordinance and the intent of the Master Plan. Yes No Reasoning: See Enclosed Narrative

Please check section 275.22 of the Zoning Ordinance for any additional specific conditions that apply to your Special Exception request.



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City of Rochester Zoning Board Attention: Shanna Saunders, Director of Planning & Development 33 Wakefield Street Rochester, NH 03867, .

Re: Special Exception

Craig & Jessica Hossfeld

55 Gear Rd

Tax Map 258, Lots 53

Rochester N.H.

Ms. Saunders

On behalf of our clients, Craig and Jessica Hossfeld (applicant), Berry Surveying & Engineering (BS&E) is submitting Special Exceptions to the Zoning Board of Adjustment for an existing lot of record known as Tax Map 259, Lot 5 pursuant to Rochester Zoning Ordinance Chapter 275, Section 20.2 (F)(4) Farm; farm, crop to permit an existing barn to be used for the purpose of housing a small number of farm animals. The request includes uses defined in RSA 21:34-a Farm, Agriculture, Farming.

Background and General Narrative:

The applicants purchased the property at 55 Gear Road with the expectation of running small hobby farm. The former owner used the existing barn onsite to house farm animals for many years. The Hossfeld family has recently rehabbed the structure in-kind and in-place. The subject parcel has been used as a farm since 1986 and has housed animals in the recent past, as recently as 2021 and the abutting lands to the west currently do the same.

The existing barn structure is located within 53' of the abutting boundary line. The ordinance allows a reduction of the 100' and 150' setback requirement by special exception, upon request by the applicant, with the criteria noted below. The existing barn is 790 Sq.Ft., and contains 6 stalls, one of which will be used for the storage of grain, hay, pine shavings and other needed items for the use, leaving only 5 open stalls for varying farm animals. The barn and space around the barn are the limiting factor on the size of the farm operation. This size of the operation is much akin to a hobby farm. Based on the size of the use there is no need for significant storage of manure.

The ordinance contemplates a larger scale farm than is proposed which may then inherently require additional setbacks. The ordinance starts from the position of a full-size operating farm

and includes the ability for a reduction for smaller reasonable uses of the land. The size of the barn and surrounding areas limit the scale to a much smaller size.

The closest abutting land owner shares the corner that is 53' away from the barn. This lot has been recently purchased and the owner has installed a new 6' white vinyl fence that faces the applicants land, specifically in the corner facing the existing barn on the subject parcel. The barn first floor elevation is approximately 184.5. The ridge pole of the existing barn is 22' high, however the animals are housed on the first floor at an average height less than 6.5'. The elevation being approximately 191.0 The abutting land has been elevated recently with the lowest corner of the existing 6' fence being at 191.0, placing the top of the fence at elevation 197.0. The abutting house is approximately situated at ground elevation 195.0.

We submit to the board that the activities in the barn are at an elevation well below the abutting land and existing barricades. A structure further from the boundary line would increase the view frame from the abutting land owner. To further shield the structure from the closest abutting land owner, the applicants are willing to install hemlock evergreens along the common boundary line 50' in each direction, 6' tall upon planting and 15' on center.

The applicant has filed a lot line revision with abutting lands under common ownership and can comply with the remaining sections of the criteria for a farm.

Special Exception Criteria.

To the requirements of the special exception, we offer the following:

- (1) The specific site is an appropriate location for the proposed use or structure. The specific lot is located within the Agricultural Zone (AG), which is appropriate for agricultural uses such as a farm use. The existing barn, being requested to be used for the purposes of housing animal of all types, is located 53' to the closest abutting boundary corner. This structure has been used for this purpose in the past and has been recently rehabbed in-place for this purpose. Areas outside of this location contain wetlands and are not well suited for a new barn location.
- (2) The proposal is not detrimental, injurious, obnoxious, or offensive to the neighborhood.

The proposed use of the barn within the Agricultural zone is not detrimental or injurious. To the contrary, it is encouraged within the master plan and descriptive use of the Agricultural zone within the zoning document. Based on the small proposed numbers, the overnight housing of animals within the barn will not be obnoxious or offensive to the neighborhood. The fact that the various animals are within a barn structure overnight poses no additional offence than if



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335 Second Crown Pt. Rd., Barrington, NH 03825 (603) 332-2863 / (603) 335-4623 FAX www.BerrySurveying.Com they remain in an open pen during the day, which is a permitted use without the need for a special exception.

- (3) There will be undue nuisance or serious hazard to pedestrian or vehicular traffic, including the location and design of access ways and off-street parking.

 There is no obstruction or hazard created to pedestrian or vehicular traffic as the result of a barn being located on a farm within the Agricultural Zone.
- (4) Adequate and appropriate facilities and utilities will be provided to ensure the proper operation of the proposed use or structure.

As noted above the barn has been rehabbed in place to ensure it is suited to house the small number of animals contemplated on the property.

(5) The proposed use or structure is consistent with the spirit of the ordinance and the intent of the Master Plan.

The proposed use is permitted in the zone, but for the location of barn and the occupants of the barn in relation to the perimeter boundary. The barn setback requirements are 100' and 150' where the barn exists 53' from the abutting lot corner. Chapter 275-5.4 discusses preservation of farms and the expansion of agricultural activity. The section further discusses excepting agricultural uses from additional buffering requirements.

Chapter 275-23.2 (3)(a) through (f) allows for a very similar use as a matter of right as an accessory use. The requirements noted within the accessory use noted in this chapter either are either congruent with the proposed use as a farm or fall under the requested relief sought here.

We hope the board finds this project is worthy of a special exception and approves the request. Thank you all for your time and attention this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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Christopher R. Berry, SIT Principal, President



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275-20.2 Conditions for particular uses.

For each individual use listed below, all of the specific conditions attached to that use must be met along with any other requirements of this chapter.

- F. Farm; farm, crop.
- (1) Lot size. The minimum lot size is five gross acres for a farm and five gross acres for a crop farm.
- (2) Housing. The Planning Board is empowered to consider and approve special on-site housing arrangements to accommodate farm workers, such as cluster housing or temporary/seasonal housing, under site plan review.
- (3) Retail sales. Any farm goods produced on site along with limited related products, such as baked goods, non-alcoholic cider, etc., may be sold on site.
- (4) Livestock. Housing for any livestock for a farm shall be set back at least 100 feet from any side or rear lot lines. Housing for fowl, fur-bearing animals, and swine shall be set back at least 150 feet from any side or rear lot lines. The ZBA may reduce or waive this requirement by special exception. There is no setback for open pens and fencing provided animals are not left in such pens overnight.
- (5) Manure. Any significant storage areas for manure shall be set back at least 200 feet from any lot lines. Best management practices shall be followed in the handling of manure.
- (6) Performance standards. The general provisions of Article 28 of this chapter and RSA 432:33 shall apply.





55 Gear Road

City of Rochester, NH 1 inch = 100 Feet



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Tax Map 258, Lot 53

Hossfeld Inner Peace Rev Tst Craig P & Jessica L Hossfeld Tstees 233 North Rd Deerfield, NH 03037 Book 5024, Page 986

Tax Map 258, Lot 54

Richard L Davis Jr Rev Tst Richard L Davis Tstee 57 Gear Rd Rochester, NH 03839 Book 5098, Page 161

Tax Map 258, Lot 56

John S Ruzzi PO Box 1856 Rochester, NH 03866 Book 4452, Page 038

Tax Map 258, Lot 51

MUCCIO LLC 14 Huckins Rd Madbury 03823 Book 5128, Page 385

Tax Map 258, Lot 50-1

Gear Rd Station Homeowners Assoc 67 Jonathan Ave Rochester, NH 03867 Book 3358, Page 717

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