



CITY OF DOVER, NEW HAMPSHIRE 03820

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

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Minutes of Meeting

Nov. 4, 1976

The Zoning Board of Adjustment met on Nov. 4, 1976 to consider an appeal for variance to permit a fish farm in a low density single residence area. The appellant was Mr. George Burgess of Hingham, Mass. The board members were :

John Gintautas, Chairman  
Harold Bowen  
John Sapp  
Anthony Hartnett  
Helen Wersosky

Mrs. Irene York, as agent for George Burgess, presented the following statements. The property shown on Map I, Lot 2H borders on a tidal river and was previously zoned agricultural and still used so on a limited scale. The lot is 15.1 acres in area of which 5 acres would be occupied by a building and tanks. The lot is approximately 5 times as long as it is wide, 300 feet borders on the Bellamy River. The closest residence is 1000 ft. away. A right-of-way from Garrison Rd. provides a means of entry. The property is bounded on one end by the Sweat gravel pit and properties on the sides owned by the Fishers and Mrs. Leathers. The property, as located is too distant from water and sewer lines for development.

The building housing 60 tanks would be a two story wood frame building 100 feet in diameter or of rectangular construction 100 x 60 ft. a 40 x 40 ft water tank would be constructed to hold 400,000 gallons of fresh water. Source of water would be an artesian well or from springs on the property. Outdoor tanks would eventually number 40 in total. These tanks would be set 4 feet into the ground with 2 feet above ground. Tanks would have bolted on plastic domes, All pollution requirements of city, state, and federal agencies are to be met. The purpose of the fishery is to raise coho salmon for commercial purposes. Upon return of fish they would be beheaded, gutted, and frozen/once and trucked to market. Heads and entrails to be ground and pressed into feed pellets with no waste. Fish return in two years during July through September after release to sea.

Mr. Paul Fisher spoke in opposition. Stated he preferred a development to a commercial enterprise. Also stated he believes a fishery would destroy the recreational value of the area.

Mrs. Jennie Leathers asked that the area be fenced. Mr. Burgess stated that a fence to suit abutters would be installed.

Mrs. Carolyn Demers inquired into the amount of area to be occupied. Mr. Burgess stated that while the water tank would be located on the high point only 1/3 of the acreage would be used by buildings and tanks. Locating the tank there provides the most efficient flow of water.

Mr. Demers inquired into the amount of traffic to be expected. Mr. Burgess stated he anticipates a work force of 8, occasional visitors, and trucking to market once a week. On the question of safety, the domed covers would preclude any attempts to get into the tanks.

At this point, the ZBA recessed into executive session to discuss the reasons why the variance should or should not be granted. The board then reopened the hearing and made its decision known publicly. The vote was as follows:

Mrs. Helen Wersosky	Granted
Mr. Anthony Hartnett	Denied
Mr. John Sapp	Granted
Mr. Harold Bowen	Granted
Mr. John Gintautas	Granted

Mr. Burgess was reminded to apply to the Building Inspector's office for a work permit and that he would receive official notification of this decision. The meeting then was adjourned at 9:15 P.M.