

Ashland Planning Board
Site Walk
September 1, 2015
Appendix A

Members Present: Susan MacLeod (chair), Cheryl Cox, Carol Fucarile and Fran Newton.
Others Present: Attorneys Chris Boldt and Daniel Muller, Abutter Frank McBournie.

The site walk for Case 2015-04, Site Plan for Dr. Donald Lester, convened at 4:30 pm at 83 Depot Street, Northern Lakes Veterinary Hospital and included 97 Depot Street, the McBournie and Bell property.

Referring to a site plan, the septic tank, general location of the septic field and the property boundary line were identified.

The group walked around the chain link enclosure. When asked, Attorney Muller described the configuration of the indoor kennels. Attorney Boldt asked whether we could go inside. Mr. Muller stated he would have to ask. The group did not go inside.

There was discussion about the boundary buffer location for the proposed berm and evergreen plantings; where it should align with the buildings indicated on the plan.

The addition entrance side is currently devoid of any landscaping, and Attorney Boldt mentioned his proposal from the August 26 PB public hearing as to whether that is where plantings or additional fence with acoustical material should be, in front of the windows for the indoor kennels. It was noted there was a vent stack on the new roof area.

Dr. Lester was on the premises and put a dog into the outdoor enclosure, but did not participate.

As the dog barked, the group moved from mid-field to the boundary line, then moved onto the porch of the abutters' house to assess the sound level. Levels seemed to be within the normal range for neighborhood dogs, so it is the duration of barking that would appear to be the issue. The acoustic material did not seem to significantly dampen the sound level of the barking.

There were no dogs in the indoor kennels to assess any sound from within.

Adjourned at 4:54 pm

The next meeting will be Wednesday, September 2, 7:00 pm at the Ashland Elementary School Library.

Notes by Susan MacLeod