

Testimony of a Public Hearing of the Town of Union Planning Board held relative to a Special Permit application submitted by K-9 District, LLC / Kassandre Murdock for a Special Use Permit for Development in the 100-year Floodplain at 4324 Watson Boulevard via Zoom Video Conference, held March 9, 2021, at 7:06 p.m.

PRESENT:

Members present: L. Miller
L. Ciccirelli
S. McLain
T. Crowley
S. Forster
M. Jaros
D. Kudgus
K. Rose, Alternate

Others present: Marina Lane
Sarah Zubalsky-Peer
Kassandre Murdock
Erin Hazen
Sarah Campbell
Bill Walsh
Zachary Schrowang
Paul McMenemy
Brendan Boland

MS. MILLER: We will open the Public Hearing for a Special Permit for Development in the Floodplain at 4324 Watson Boulevard and I will read the public hearing notice.

The Town of Union Planning Board will conduct a public hearing relative to a Special Permit application submitted by Kassandre Murdoch on behalf of K-9 District, LLC to develop in the 100-year floodplain at 4234 Watson Boulevard (Tax Map #142.02-1-11.1). The application is to allow a dog daycare business to be located in the 100-year floodplain. No changes in elevation or additional structures are planned.

The application is available for review in the Planning Department. Persons wishing to participate in the hearing may do so via Zoom or telephone, or communications in writing regarding said application may be filed with the Planning Board prior to said hearing. Individuals with special needs requiring accommodations may contact the Planning Department at 607-786-2926 at least 24 hours prior to the scheduled public hearing. Sara Zubalsky-Peer, Planning Director.

MS. MILLER: So we will open the public hearing.

MS. LANE: Kassandre, why don't you unmute and give the Planning Board a short explanation of what you are doing?

MS. MURDOCK: Hi everybody. Basically what we are doing is creating a really structured, safe, fun environment for all of the dogs around the area to come to do daycare with us. We also do training, bathing, nails. So it is pretty much the dogs coming in and having a fun day after getting dropped off, and then being picked up at night.

MS. LANE: I just want to say for the record that Kassandre has been doing this, it was affected by COVID, but probably for about a year, right Kassandre?

MS. MURDOCK: Yes.

MS. LANE: In Johnson City, but they had to leave that place.

MS. MURDOCK: Yes, so we pretty much upgraded.

MS. LANE: That is good.

MS. MILLER: Any questions from the Planning Board members or the public?

MR. CICCARELLI: Will you be doing grooming there as well? Or is it just daycare, bathing and nail clipping?

MS. MURDOCK: Yes. So it is just going to be daycare and bathing and stuff like that. We will hopefully be adding grooming at a later date, but that will be at another time.

MS. MCLAIN: What are your hours?

MS. MURDOCK: Our hours are Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.

MS. ROSE: Will you be doing any dog boarding there? I see that it says no animals on the premises between 8 p.m. and 7 a.m. Would you be doing boarding overnight or on weekends?

MS. MURDOCK: As of right now, we are just doing a day-to-day basis. Hopefully, eventually down the road, we will also add that in at a later date.

MS. LANE: Boarding is a different use so that would require another review.

MS. MURDOCK: Yes, absolutely.

MS. ROSE: Thank you.

MS. MURDOCK: You're welcome.

MS. MILLER: So if there are no more questions or comments, we will close the public hearing.

Public Hearing concluded: 7:09 p.m.

I, CAROL M. KRAWCZYK, do hereby certify that the foregoing transcript of a Public Hearing of the Town of Union Planning Board is a true, accurate, and complete transcript of my stenographic notes/tape taken at the above time and place.

CAROL M. KRAWCZYK