

Calais Development Review Board
Minutes July 31, 2013

Board Members Present: Peg Bowen, Chair; Nedene Martin, Steve Duke, Barbara Weedon and Tim Scandale, Secretary.

Others Present: Barbara Noordsij and Rolf Mueller, Calais ZA.

2013-16 Barbara Noordsij

The applicant Barbara Noordsij is proposing to use her horse arena at her residence on County Road for equine therapy. Ms. Noordsij is a psychiatric nurse practitioner for Washington County Mental Health. She is proposing to work with people that have psychological trauma. The applicant stated that horses are flight animals and relate to people with trauma. It was noted that there are currently four horses on her farm and that the therapy sessions would usually be with one individual and that four people would be the most present for one client. Only one car would usually be coming at a time.

It was noted that the applicant is not proposing to add anything to her residence or horse arena and that this application is not for home industry or light industry. Ms. Noordsij stated that she is not a riding instructor and that the therapy will involve observing horse behavior. All neighbors have been notified of the proposal and they have no problems or concerns.

The DRB discussed specific requirements for parking and the applicant stated that there will be a maximum of three to four people for a small group session with no more than three to four cars. A map of the parcel and the parking regulations were reviewed. It was noted that the applicant is not planning to have groups on a regular basis. She plans to work with no more than two clients a day for a few days of the week and possibly on Saturdays.

A member of the Board thanked the applicant for having such a thorough and detailed application.

A site visit was scheduled for August 11 at 7:30 am.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tim Scandale, DRB Secretary