

TOWN OF PHIPPSBURG

**PLANNING BOARD/BOARD OF SELECTMEN PUBLIC HEARING**

July 12, 2006

SUZANNE VERRIER & KAI JACOB/ NORTH CREEK FARM  
CONSIDERATION OF REVOCATION OF BUSINESS PERMIT

PRESENT: Planning Board: Marie Varian (Chair), Marion Hebert, Robert Smith, Clifford Newell, Josh Bate, Steve Thayer,  
Selectmen: Everett Perkins, Lawrence Pye, Alan Douglass (Chair), Lee Rainey CEO, and Mr. John Barnicle, Atty.

(No representatives for North Creek Farm were present.)

Chair Douglass called the hearing to order at 6:03pm.

The purpose of the hearing was to review the status of conditions specified in the granting of the 6/15/05 permit to expand North Creek Farm, then business to include preparation of food and on premise consumption of food up to a 12-seat limit.

CEO stated that permit conditions of June 15<sup>th</sup> 2005 have not been complied with, mainly applicant did not, within 21 days, provide verification from a licensed Soil Site Evaluator that their present septic/solid waste disposal system was adequate to handle the added effluent that would be generated by the expansion of their business. As of June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2006, there has been no verification letter received by the town, nor any drawings or designs for a new septic system. The Selectmen received verbal word that a new septic system design was in progress- but this has not been submitted for a permit.

Upon recently visiting North Creek Farm, the CEO observed not only was the septic issue not dealt with, but food was being prepared and consumed in the establishment.

The Boards were to decide only if permit conditions had been met, i.e. proof of an adequate waste water disposal system.

Mr. Newell motioned that the permit of June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2005 be revoked due to lack of compliance with the conditions of the permit. Mr. Thayer seconded it. Unanimous vote.

The CEO will make a visit to North Creek Farm and explain the joint Boards' decision.

Chair Douglass motioned to adjourn, Chair Varian seconded. All in favor. Adjourned at 6:32pm.

Lynn Totman  
Recording Secretary