

**TOWN OF WILLIAMSBURG  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
SPECIAL MEETING  
JANUARY 5, 2023  
6:30 PM**

**REQUEST FOR VARIANCE**

Roll Call

Mayoral Address

Board discussion/RE: requests

**Citizen input-Q & A:** Must sign in-addressed in order of sign in (three minutes only per citizen)- Citizens of the neighborhood presented their input verbally and in writing and are as follows: Mark Stinchcomb of 5 Pikeview(available in writing/fee). Danora Hansen of 4 Capestrano(available in writing/fee). Branon Davis of 17 Capestrano response was verbal and “he requested that he had been dismissed by the mayor and not allowed to defend the neighbors comments regarding his actions and conditions of his property.”(Branon’s comments were made following adjournment to clerk) The mayor had stated that it wasn’t up for discussion pertaining to the variance request. Skylar Miller verbal regarding the length of time animals had been on property and the hope that the board would do the right thing in allowing them to continue to keep and care for the animals. Cody Miller verbally stated that he had lived with his mother at 11 Needham for years before living at 12 Needham with his family and that they had an agreement with Del Myers for years to lease his land in addition to the acreage they have to provide for the number of animals. He said that it was something that was provided for and had basically been in place for 26+ years. Sean Webb of 11 Needham address concerns and the difference of adjacent vs adjoining regarding the properties at 11 and 12 Needham and 17 Capestrano as they are adjacent

to Del Myers property at 1 Needham and the agreement that has been in place for years to allow for the large animals, that in fact they are not in violation of the codes. Kris Webb of 11 Needham read from a prepared document and stated that they were not in violation of the code as to the definition of owner within the code itself, that the lease agreement with Del Myers at 1 Needham does by definition within the code pertain to ownership.

Donna addressed each property owner to address the number of large animals and the amount of property they each had. The board members addressed each person and property with questions and answers. After a very lengthy discussion.

### **Board Motion(s)**

Donna moved to approve the Davis property to have the five horses on the 1.49 acres as two are very old and will not be replaced or live much longer. Second by Rich and motion is defeated by a vote of 4 no, 2 yes, 1 absent. Karen then moved to approve the Davis property to be approved for the five horses to be allowed for three years at which time they would need to be in compliance with the town codes. Seconded by Barb and the variance is approved with 5 yes and 1 no(Robin), 1 absent(Alberta). Lucinda asked if they should be provided with a variance document. Philip said that it should be documented by the minutes as well as a file of the variances.

Donna moved to approve a variance for the Miller property to allow the three horses on the 1.60 acres as theft are joined to Del Myers property. Rich seconded the motion after a lengthy discussion motion fails with 3 yes and 3 no, 1 absent votes. Karen then moves to approve the 3 horses for 3 years to allow them time to become compliant with the town codes. Rich to seconded and the variance is approved with 3 yes and 2 no, 1 absent.

Donna moves to approve the Webb property to allow for up to 24 animals on the 11.22 acres considering the lease agreement with Del Myers property at 1 Needham for years to allow for the roping in the spring and calving out in the winter, since they have 4 horses and 6 cattle on a regular basis. Philip asked it to be amended as to timing and cows out in May and cows in June. Kris Webb stated that the 10 cows for calving out will only be this year, they would buy additional property somewhere to do that next year. Motion amended to allow the Webb property the additional 10 cows

for the winter of 2023 and up to 14 large animals for their property. Seconded by Rich and the variance is approved with 5 yes and 1 no, 1 absent.

Philip stated that the roping business or what appears to be a business and the noise associated would be discussed moving forward. Kris Webb commented stating what business. Further discussion pertaining to the possibilities, Philip left it to a board member to bring up the item at a board meeting and tabled it at this time. Lucinda mentioned Rules of Robert at which time Philip instructed her to put it on the next regular monthly meeting agenda for January 10, 2023 at which time he may decide to table it again.

Karen addressed the mayor about enforcing no cursing as she and Robin heard two people cussing. Philip stated he had not heard and Karen asked if they could address it as well.

Adjournment: 8:47 PM.

\*\* (tapes available/fee \$25)