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size for a bed and breakfast.

The Planning Board will consider a site plan review application for completeness on May 26, and a public hearing has been scheduled for Tuesday, June 9.

**Zoning Board Of Adjustment**

**January 20**

*Condensed from approved minutes*

**Members present:** Don Gross, Chair; Charlie McCrave, Vice-Chair; Susan Schnare; Jeff Newcomb; and Paul Fopiano, alternate.

**Decision** for request from Robert and Kathryn Ward asking that the Zoning Board of Adjustment rehear its decision of December 16, 2008, which granted their variance application subject to certain conditions.

The Board received a request from Robert and Kathryn Ward asking that they rehear their decision from December 16, 2008, stating that:

- the payment of \$5,000 (\$4,000 to the Town to reimburse for legal expenses, and \$1,000 to be paid to an abutter) is unlawful and unreasonable and that it does not further any reasonable purpose related to the possible impact of the variance;
- the ZBA exceeded the authority of the Board by imposing such a condition;
- the condition unjustly enriches the abutter who will receive \$1,000 of their money for which the applicants will receive no corresponding benefit;
- and lastly, the decision is unlawful and unreasonable because the doctrine of municipal estoppel bars the Town from requiring a variance for the applicants to complete their project.

The Board reviewed the request and Newcomb questioned whether deny-

ing this request would give the Wards a tool to use at a future date, and the response was "No." The Board voted unanimously in denial of the request.

**March 17**

*Condensed from draft minutes*

**Members present:** Don Gross, Chair; Susan Schnare; Jeff Newcomb; Amy Rankins; and Paul Fopiano, alternate.

**Also present** for duration of appropriate items: Don Gould; Scott Robart.

**Public Hearing:** A request from Scott and Nancy Robart for a special exception to permit retail sales. The property is 856 Main Street and is in the Forest and Agricultural District

Gross opened the public hearing at 7:40 PM, read the public hearing notice and advised the applicant of the procedure for a public hearing. It was determined that the zoning is agricultural / residential rather than forest and agricultural.

Robart presented a plan indicating the location of the residence as well as the layout of the building. There is a 2,000-gallon septic system, and septic designer Richard Lepene and the state both indicate the septic system is satisfactory for a four-bedroom residence plus three studio apartments. There will be 4,400 square feet available for customer parking, enough available parking for tenants.

The proposal is for retail sales for used books, antiques, art, plus local artisans as well as a display area. Robart also stated he has permits for three driveways and will discuss with the State residential versus commercial driver permits.

Concerns include:

- What is the maximum number of customer vehicles anticipated? Six.
- Will there be any signage? A sign for

the establishment will be added.

What is the actual location of the State right-of-way? That will be clarified.

There being no public input, the public hearing was closed at 8:15 PM and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the application.

**Recycling Committee**

**May 14**

*Condensed from draft minutes*

**Present:** Dana Hadley, Ken Tripp, Vicky Mishcon

**Trash:** The Transfer Station area is in need of trash clean-up, and there are still some blue trash bags to be picked up from Andover Town Clean-Up Week. It was decided that members of the Recycle Committee could meet on Wednesday, May 20, at 11 AM to clean up the Transfer Station.

Andover Town Clean-Up Week seemed to be a success because the roadways were thoroughly cleaned. A lot of people participated, and it was a good start for an annual event.

**Antifreeze:** Andover will start collecting antifreeze soon. Andover will be charged \$1 per gallon for pick-up. There will be a new sign [at the Transfer Station] to indicate antifreeze as well as used oil collection.

**Northeast Resource Recovery Association Conference:** The conference will be held June 8 and 9 in Manchester. Ken will attend for one day.

**Recycle Containers:** Ken will

look into large plastic containers that we can convert into recycle containers for use around town – at Blackwater Park, the Town Beach, at Town Meeting, etc.

**Single Stream Recycling:** The Selectboard voted to participate in SSR and has written a letter to the Co-op indicating our intent to participate. The Co-op still needs to make their final decision based on how many member towns and others commit to participation.

The committee discussed whether to start SSR with an open container similar to the paper container we now have or a closed container with a compactor similar to our trash set-up. Ken mentioned that Bristol rents a closed container and owns their compactor. Dana will look into prices for both.

Ken has visited Bristol's Transfer Station, and Vicky and Dana plan to make a visit soon to see how they are set up for SSR.

**Pay As You Throw:** Discussed how we can promote the concept of recycling for free versus being charged for not recycling. Discussed starting SSR first and showing an increase in recycling and savings to the Town. PAYT could then be introduced as a way to further increase savings to the town.

**Dates:** Next Swap Day is Saturday, June 13. Next committee meeting is Thursday, June 11, at 1 PM at the Town Hall.

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