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ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS PUBLIC HEARING, January 19, 2023

James and Rosemary Blasius

Case No. SP-2301

The Zoning Board of Appeals held a public hearing on Thursday, January 19, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in the Holden Senior Center on the Petition of James and Rosemary Blasius for a SPECIAL PERMIT for property located at 56 Sherwood Hill Dr. to own chickens.

Members in attendance: R. Spakauskas, R. Fraser, J. Deignan, B. Parry and D. George

Others in attendance: D. Lindberg – Building Commissioner, C. Perkins – Secretary, C. Blasius, M. Blasius, S. Conforti, Yuriy – 56 Sherwood Hill Dr.

R. Spakauskas opened the meeting, reviewed the procedures for the hearing and waived the reading of the application and findings of fact. R. Spakauskas then asked the applicant to address the board.

The petitioner, C. Blasius stated that she is interested in raising chickens at her property as a hobby, to help teach responsibility to her children and to provide nutritious food. The chicken coop is fully enclosed, will be out of site and not visible from the road. Her backyard is fully wooded and has adequate space from the neighbors. She will not have any roosters and knows that they are not allowed.

D. George has no problem with this request and believes it should be allowed by right. All other Board members had no further comments or questions.

R. Fraser made a motion to vote with conditions and D. George seconded. The Board voted in favor 5-0, UNANIMOUS with the following conditions:

1. No roosters are allowed on the premises at anytime
2. A maximum of eight (8) hens are allowed

The public hearing was closed at 7:06 p.m.

Ronald E. Spakauskas, Chairman



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- New Business/Other Business

1. **ByLaw Discussion** – The Board would like to invite the new Planner to the Zoning Board meeting to discuss the recent grant received to review the Zoning bylaws and to offer suggestions on changes with the archaic use of language, and aligning the bylaws with the current Masterplan, etc. The grant is valid until December 2023.
2. **Zoning Board Election of Officers:** A motion was made by R. Fraser and seconded by J. Deignan to nominate Ron Spakauskas as Chairman of the Zoning Board of Appeals. All in Favor – UNANIMOUS

Ron Spakauskas – Chairman

The Board members decided that a vote will be taken for the Clerk position at our next meeting.

Ronald E. Spakauskas, Chairman