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ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS PUBLIC HEARING, August 20, 2020

Melissa and Nicholas Duquette

Case No. SP-2005

The Zoning Board of Appeals held a public hearing on Thursday, August 20, 2020 at 7:30 p.m. in the Holden Senior Center on the Petition of Melissa and Nicholas Duquette for a SPECIAL PERMIT to own chickens for property located at 53 Avery Heights Dr.

Members in attendance: R. Spakauskas, S. Annunziata, R. Fraser, J. Deignan and B. Meljac

Others in attendance: D. Lindberg – Building Commissioner, M. Duquette – 53 Avery Heights Dr

R. Spakauskas opened the meeting, reviewed the procedures and then asked the petitioner to address the board. M. Duquette requested the Board to consider granting permission for a Special Permit to allow her family to own chickens. The chickens are very quiet and are contained in a coop.

R. Fraser does not think chickens are appropriate for this neighborhood. D. Lindberg stated there are many owners of chickens all over Holden. R. Spakauskas asked D. Lindberg to ask P. Harding and the Planning Board to review the current chicken bylaw.

The other board members had no comments or questions. R. Spakauskas thanked everyone and provided a review of the appeal period. S. Annunziata made a motion to vote and B. Meljac seconded.

The Board unanimously voted 4-1 as follows: Members R. Spakauskas, J. Deignan, S. Annunziata, and B. Meljac voted in favor and R. Fraser voted no/against with the following conditions:

1. Limit of five (5) chickens which must be contained and no roosters
2. The Board will review after one year if complaints are received

The public hearing was closed at 7:40 p.m.

Ronald E. Spakauskas, Chairman