

Arundel Staff Review Committee
Meeting Minutes August 2, 2018
Hardscrabble Farm Feeding Station
475 Mountain Road, Arundel Maine

Members: Terry Merrill, *Public Works Foreman*; Bruce Mullen, *Arundel Fire Chief*; Tad Redway, *Town Planner*; Jim Nagle, *Code Enforcement Officer*

Public: Mark Pinette, *Hardscrabble Farm*, Wayne Munroe, *NRCS USDA*, Richard Oliver, *556 Mountain Road*, Alexandria Oliver, *Hardscrabble Farm*

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 01106 hours.

I. PUBLIC HEARING

Item 1: **Hardscrabble Farm: *Minor Conditional Use Application:*** Application to construct a concrete Heavy Use Feeding area and nutrient management station for herd of Highland Beef Cattle on a 23-acre parcel located at 475 Mountain Road, Tax Map 16, Lot 11 in the R2 District. Mark Pinette is the owner and applicant.

Public Hearing was called to order at 1107 hours. Ms. Oliver and Mr. Oliver spoke in favor of the proposed project.

Public Hearing closed at 1110 hours.

II. APPLICATION REVIEW

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Mr. Munroe of the USDA explained the purpose of the feeding station and the manner in which manure can be consolidated and then nutrient runoff is processed by running to a catchment area just east of the station where it will be absorbed by the existing natural groundcover and soils. The proposed concrete pad is designed to make manure collection easier and prevent a concentrated infiltration of the manure into the substratum. Mr. Pinette showed where composted manure was piled and then planted with a squash seed to provide additional feed for the cattle.

Mr. Munroe testified that this system has proven to be effective not only at preventing concentrated infiltration of the soils and groundwater but also controls over nitrification of pasturing land.

MOTION: Mr. Merrill moved and Chief Mullen seconded the motion to approve the application as depicted on plans and documentation provided by NRCS with the provision that the feeding station be built and maintained in accordance with the plans. by the Kennebunk Kennebunkport Wells Water District.

VOTE: Unanimous in favor.

Adjournment: Mr. Redway moved and Mr. Chief Mullen seconded to adjourn the meeting at 1122 hours.

I certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and accurate representation of actions taken at the August 2, 2018 meeting of the Arundel Staff Review Committee:

So attested:

Tad Redway, Secretary, Pro Temp