

PLANNING BOARD

Town of Waterboro

PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES

APRIL 23, 1998

Chairman Doug Foglio, Sr. Calls the public hearing to order at 7:31.

Attending from the Planning Board are: Doug Foglio Sr., Everett Whitten Duane Fay, Roland Denby and Dwayne Woodsome.

Attending from the public are: Ed and Else Maria Cook, Glen and Debbie Dyer, Mike Cupka, Tom Bullard, Maureen White, John and Ginny Hewes, Elias Smith Jr., and Raymond Rheault.

The purpose of the public hearing is to hear comments regarding the request from Ray Rheault for a conditional use to put a private air runway on his property off of West Road, Map 6, Lots 24, 24A and 26.

Raymond is asked what kind of plane is it. He answers "A J3 cub single engine."

Dwayne Woodsome asks Ray to explain his intentions.

Ray states this is for recreational use only and it would be a private grass strip 1800' long.

Ginny Hewes asks why Ray can't use the airport in Limerick. Ray answers that he doesn't want to leave his plane outside. Ginny Hewes asks what kind of safety precautions does he have. She says she thinks this is dangerous.

Glen Dyer asks if this runway would be restricted for Raymond's own use. Ray answers yes.

Chairman, Doug Foglio states that the approach to the runway is treed within 50' of each end and how does Ray plan to compensate for that? Ray answers, that is the reason he has a runway of 1800' because he uses 700' for landing and 400' for taking off. Doug asks Ray to explain the times he would be flying. Ray answers in the mornings weeks and weekends and would always be daylight hours.

John Hewes asks if commercial flights would interfere with him and would they know when he is flying. Ray explains that he flies at 3000'. Everett Whitten states that the only traffic he would run into would be state police or game wardens.

Roland Denby asks Raymond if he has any idea of the residences that are adjacent to his property. Ray answers to the south there are none and to the north there are two. Roland asks Ray if the three lots he owns are heavily wooded. Ray says yes except for the strip is cleared already. There are more trees on the North side.

Ray is asked will he have to move dirt around. Ray answers yes, a little. Doug Foglio informs Ray that the Planning Board will need a topographical map of the area and that the amount of dirt he intends to move will determine the restrictions. Doug adds that he will be disturbing about 90,000 square feet of land.

Roland Denby asks how Ray plans to store his fuel and will there be any buildings in the future? Ray says he will bring the fuel in by the can and no he doesn't plan on any buildings at this time.

Duane Fay asks what Ray's plan are for leveling the field. Ray says he plans to do the work himself.

Ray is asked how many hours of flying time does he have. Ray answers 60 or 70.

Elias Smith asks how accessible is the strip to the road if the Fire department had to get in. Ray answers it is 4.2 miles up West Road from 202 on the left.

Susan Dunlap asks does the land slope? Ray answers it is level across.

Elias Smith asks how would Ray communicate if he was in trouble?

Dwayne Woodsome states that he is in the AR zone and a private strip is a permitted conditional use in that zone. There are two others in town also.

Ray is asked if he has requested permits from the FAA? Ray says he has contacted them and was told by them he had to get permits through the town.

Roland Denby asks Ray if he has to notify a local control station when taking off. Ray says he could get on the same frequency of the local airports and let them know.

Mr. and Mrs. Look both agree that they don't see a problem with Ray having a runway and they are neighbors of his.

Chairman Doug Foglio reads a letter from an abutter, Mr. Arsham where he submitted his objections to the runway due to safety and noise.

Chairman, Foglio states we should schedule an onsite inspection of the site to look at it. Ray says the road goes to within 100-200 feet of the strip. The date for the onsite will be April 28 at 6:30 everyone to meet at the site, to familiarize the board of what is going on and to see where the houses are. Doug informs Ray that he will need a topo of the area.

The public hearing is called to a close at 8:07 p.m.