

**Town of Austerlitz
Columbia County, New York
Planning Board meeting June 7, 2018**

Chairman: Jay Engel, Deborah Lans, Richard Madonia, Lee Tilden, Perry Samowitz

Public Hearing;

Chairman Engel opened the public hearing at 7 pm.

Susan Bandy and Engineer Pat Prendergast were invited to inform the public of the Kennel and Crematorium project. designed for use on Susan's property on Downing Rd. A map showing the location, the extent of the property, Susan's house and the proposed shed for the crematorium was exhibited.

There will be a small office, a well and septic system for a small bathroom.

Susan Bandy was able to inform the public of the process in an animal crematorium, as is presently used in Stockport, open to animal owners, veterinarians, as well as the Police Department. This included numbers of crematoriums a month, the make of the furnace; that there is no noise, no smoke, no smell, that the required DEC air permit is in place. Susan indicated she has the certification needed to operate this business.

Two members of the public present expressed their support of the project. A letter from Louis and Mary Wambach was read and addressed publicly. One concern, the possibility of particles emerging from the furnace being carried by strong winds to nearby neighbors, brought out the fact that a two burner crematorium, the one to be used, does not allow particles to emerge. The DEC will inspect the machine, see to its monitoring and review its use annually.

Susan will speak with Louis and Mary to give them specific data on the issues raised.

The Public hearing from tonight's meeting will be extended until the plans for the ZBA meeting are in place.

The crematorium as an accessory to the kennel will generate income. For that reason it is not in keeping with the zoning law in Austerlitz and will require a meeting with the Zoning Board of Appeals with a public hearing.

A discussion followed on the need for a separation of the crematorium from Susan Bandy's application and the next steps in Susan Bandy's Site Plan Review

Susan Bandy's Site Plan review will consider all the aspects related to kennel use, no. of animals to be sheltered, monitoring noise when dogs are outside the house, etc.

The crematorium will be addressed by the ZBA as a permit for an accessory use in a kennel.

Motion made by L. Tilden and seconded by P. Samowitz, that the present Site plan be amended to request a special permit for a crematorium shed as an accessory use to a kennel.

Approved 5:0

No new Business, no Public Comments

Motion to adjourn

Adjournment: 8:30

Respectfully submitted

Constance Mondel