

**Westfield Board of Adjustment  
Public Hearing August 15, 2019  
6:00 pm – Westfield Community Center**

Present: Brian Dunn, Shawn Baraw, Pat Sagui (chair), Ellen Fox  
Applicants Terry and Mike Couture, LaDonna Dunn (Town Clerk) and Mike Courson (member of the public and abutter)

**Call Meeting to Order:** Pat Sagui called the hearing to order at 6:38 pm.

LaDonna swore in the Members of the Board and the applicants.

Pat stated the purpose of the hearing to consider a Conditional Use Permit and Site Plan Review for the Zoning Application #05-2019 filed July 19, 2019 by Michael Couture, Sr. to construct a storage building (storage rental units) surrounded by gravel; extend existing driveway at 581 North Hill Rd, Westfield, Vermont.

**Hearing Process**

Pat acknowledged the member of the public and provided instruction on the format of the hearing. She explained that the applicants would present the plans for the project, then members of the Board would ask questions, then members of the public would have the opportunity to ask questions directed to the Chair of the Board.

**A. Presentation of the Development Plan**

Terry and Mike Couture presented their plans to construct a self-storage storage building. They described the dimensions, setbacks, drainage and existing culverts, down-casting solar lighting. Overall, the storage building will be similar to existing storage buildings at the location. Mike Couture presented the professionally engineered construction plans.

Questions from the members of the Board included clarifying the location of the new building, landscaping and screening the building from the road, lighting, and number of units.

Discussion of site selection, potential traffic, and a review of the engineered plans ensued.

Pat confirmed with the applicant that they are applying for an Act 250 permit concurrently.

Comments from the Public: Mike Courson commented that the site selection minimizes visibility from the road and that he supports the project.

**B. Suspend Presentation of evidence and comments**

Being no further questions, Pat suspended presentation. Shawn made a motion to go into Executive Session and Brian seconded the motion.

**C. Enter Closed Session**

The Board entered executive session at 7:00 pm

**D. Exit Closed Session, Announce Decision or Continuance**

The Board exited executive session at 7:25 pm. Ellen made a motion to Approve the Conditional Use Permit and Site Plan. Pat seconded the Motion. The Motion to Approve passed unanimously.

**E. Exit Public Hearing**

The Hearing adjourned at 7:27 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Ellen Fox