

Below is a reply to Ms. Slutz concerns about our request for special exemption:

- 1) Business not compatible with “this neighborhood”. Ms. Sluz does not have a residence in “this neighborhood”. Although she has an abutting property, her house is on top of the mountain behind our residence, on and facing a different street. She is not on Intervale Road. She is on a elevation of at least 400’ above our “neighborhood”.
- 2) Devalue property. We have not found a real estate appraiser that has any evidence that being able to legally discharge a firearm on one’s property adversely affects resale property values. If Ms. Sluz has empirical evidence of this, we are happy to review that.
- 3) Selling firearms belongs in a commercial zone. Firearms are sold in residential areas all over the country. We’re not talking about opening a retail store with an inventory of firearms. And a commercial zone is not policed any more frequently than a residential area so I’m not sure where the “more closely monitored” opinion comes from.
- 4) Type 07 FFL “the most powerful license”. The BATFE list of licenses does not have a “most powerful” type of license. Licenses are issued based on the type of business to be performed. A gunsmith has the ability to alter a firearm (e.g. replace a trigger or worn barrel) and this action requires them to have a class 7 FFL (manufacturers) license.
- 5) Licensed dealer is public information. I already have a business and my address is already publicly available. I also have a sign at the end of my driveway that alerts people of my last name and house number. While I appreciate her concern for my safety and anonymity this should be left up to the residents of our household.
- 6) Buyers commonly want to try before they buy. This may be true in THEORY, but I have yet to visit a gun store where you are allowed to take a weapon and go shoot it before you purchase it. This is not something I have considered but it certainly could be a good marketing idea.
- 7) The list of concerns: Storage of firearms, alarm systems, hours of operation, walk-in services, oversights and inspections...

None of these have any effect on Ms. Sluz. And there is no legal statue that says I have to store anything in any particular fashion or have an alarm system or surveillance equipment. The ATF requires I store firearms securely. That said, I am NOT proposing a retail operation where there will be in inventory of weapons for sale. My business venture is to take up where Bob Dolinak left off. Bob was the local FFL (class 1 and class 7) holder for the town. When he passed away, last year, there was no one here [in the town of Wilton] to pick up that service for our community. He ran this very same type of business from his Curtis Farm Road residence, here in Wilton.

As for oversight and monitoring, that is performed by the BATFE agents. I have been audited once already and am in full compliance with all of their rules and regulations.

ATF licenses: Class 1 (sale and disposition of a firearm)
Class 7 (manufacturer)
NH State: Pistol/handgun sales license

Note: Citizens of the USA can legally purchase a firearm from an internet retailer. However, they cannot directly RECEIVE this firearm. The firearm MUST be shipped to an FFL Class 1 (or class 3 if it’s an antique) holder. The FFL Class 1 holder must then have the buyer complete and submit an ATF form 4473 (NICS, or Instant Background Check Service) and the FFL Class 1 holder must phone this in and get approval to transfer the firearm to the buyer BEFORE they can take possession. These records are stored on-site and are reviewed by the BATFE.

As a Class 1 FFL holder, I have already transferred over half a dozen firearms within the past 19 months. ALL of these transfers have been to police officers in neighboring towns.