



TOWN OF WILTON
Zoning Board of Adjustment
Site Visit Minutes

DATE: Sunday, April 23, 2023
TIME: 10 AM
PLACE: Tax Map H, Lot 019, 24 Gage Road

Board Members

PRESENT: Neil Faiman (chairperson); Joanna Eckstrom (vice-chairperson); Paul Levesque (alternate); Judith Klinghoffer

Board Members

ABSENT: Andy Hoar; Peter Howd (alternate); Jeff Stone
STAFF: Caryn Case, Board Secretary

Attendees: Elaine Kalhori (applicant); Michael Bergeron; Daniel Szilagyi (abutter)

1) Call to Order

Elaine L. Kalhori has requested a special exception under section 6.6.1 of the Wilton Zoning Ordinance to allow a hair salon as a home occupation at Lot H-19, 24 Gage Road. (Case #4/11/2023-3)

N Faiman called the site visit to order at 10:05 AM. He stated the visit was to allow board members and anyone else present and/or interested to view the issues associated with the property to understand why the special exception had been requested. He remarked the site visit was not a substitute for a meeting but an opportunity to understand the request in a manner discussion alone could not attain.

M Bergeron indicated the area people were standing in was the driveway clients would park and access the building. N Faiman noted there was enough space for at least six vehicles.

It was a short walk along a gravel pathway to the proposed salon entrance in the basement. The space allocated to the proposed salon was modest and described by the applicant to include a single station stylist chair, work sink, and area for supplies. J Klinghoffer noted a pair of plastic scissors on a counter which E Kalhori said was a decoration similar to one intended to be displayed on their mailbox.

P Levesque asked if there was a bathroom clients could use. M Bergeron indicated the door to that room and pointed to the plumbing on the outside where the work sink would be placed. E Kalhori showed where a half wall would be constructed to protect clients from outside elements as they walked in and out and where she would establish her payment station.

P Levesque asked about the sale of supplies. E Kalhori said she wasn't expecting to offer that. She said her intent to downsize was to be available by appointment only to about forty of her

existing clients on a weekly rotating schedule. She described the hair styling business to be driven by events such as weddings and holidays that could not be accommodated by a set schedule. She said she does not expect to exceed forty clients per week and does not intend to advertise.

N Faiman advised the applicant to put together a proposal for her business she feels is adequate.

M Bergeron explained the easement expressed by the abutter as a shared driveway was the access the abutter has to their residence and does not coalesce with the applicant's driveway. Additionally, traffic along the applicant's driveway can be barely seen from the abutter's residence.

2) Adjournment

With no additional curiosities or questions and the goal to get out of the rain, N Faiman closed the site walk at 10:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted by Caryn Case, Board Secretary
Approved on XX.XX.XXXX