

WASHINGTON PLANNING BOARD
Site Walk Minutes

December 3, 2023

Time: 9:00AM

Members present: Mark Florence and Nan Schwartz

Public present: Zach Ordway and Delaney Ordway

We met at the Ordway property at 2700 East Washington Road, to hold a site visit in regards to their business permit for Ordway Farm and Butcher. The business is a working farm, offering butchery services and a farm stand.

The site is a 3.7-acre lot containing their home, barn and various out buildings including a movable farm stand near the road at the end of the driveway. There is ample room for parking but little traffic on site. They keep several steer that they are raising for meat, several pigs and a flock of laying hens. They also raise chickens for meat, raising about 200 a year, selling 50 or so from the farm. They have cleared some land for pasture beyond the previously grassed area and garden site. The farm stand offers baked goods, sour dough bread, eggs and flowers.

Zack and Delany showed us the barn area that is used for the butchering which includes a hanging room and a cutting room, the rest of the barn is used for their personal farm animals and storage. Zach stated that his butchering by-products are taken to Hillsboro, no by-products stay on site. The farm stand is seasonal. Mark took a few pictures to share with members not able to attend the site walk. We thanked Zak and Delaney for their time. The public hearing will be held on December 5th.

The site visit was adjourned at 9:15AM.

The site walk was originally noticed for 10AM, but due to a conflict that arose it was rescheduled for 9AM. Schwartz returned to the farm at 10 AM, to speak with anyone who might have come to participate and answer their questions about the site. No one showed up and she left at 10:10 AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Nan Schwartz
Planning Board Secretary