



**Town of Whitingham  
Zoning Board of Adjustment**

**MINUTES OF MAY 8, 2025, PUBLIC HEARING**

**Call to Order. Additions or Changes to Agenda:**

Marshall Dix called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. There were no changes to the agenda.

**Hearing of visitors (for concerns not on the agenda)**

None

**Attendees:**

ZBA members: Marshall Dix, Chair; Troy Felisko, Lyman Tefft, and Rick Gramlin

Zoning Administrator/ZBA Clerk: Gig Zboray

Applicants on Zoning Permit application #W-06-25: Emily Barbieri

Planning Commission members: Brad Lackey, Chair; Peter Barus, and Keith Thompson

Others: None

**Open Hearing** Mr. Dix opened the hearing, receiving permission to dispense with reading the warning.

**Introductions** were made around the room.

**Discuss any potential conflicts of interest** No conflicts of interest were determined.

**Applicant to explain what they are asking for**

Mrs. Barbieri will be moving to town full-time when her children get out of school in June, she is a hairdresser in CT and would like to continue in VT. She will have one chair and no employees.

**Hear from all concerned**

Mr. Gramlin noted there is plenty of parking, Mrs. Barbieri doesn't think there would ever be more than one customer on the property at a time. Mr. Dix asked if the Ryder Pond Association has any conditions? No, they recently changed their bylaws, prohibition of a business use has been removed.

**Planning Commission conduct Site Plan Review**

Mr. Lackey led the site plan review by the Planning Commission:

Maximum safety of traffic between the site and the streets – sounds minimal, no issue

Adequacy of traffic circulation and parking – plenty of parking, round-a-bout in driveway

Adequacy of landscaping, screening and protection of adjacent properties – no adjacent properties, not an issue

Renewable energy – n/a.

Exterior lighting – existing lighting, no new lighting, no lighting on signs

Signage – sign is attached to tree behind mailbox, the driveway is technically a town trail; the trail right of way should be 25' from the center of the driveway. Measure 25' from the centerline of the pavement and have the sign outside of that.

Sign standards – the size of the sign in square feet shall be 50% or less than its distance in linear feet from the center of the traveled road. The ZBA calculated and determined that the location along the town road is OK. The ZBA will consider a waiver on the side of the driveway which is a town trail.

Mr. Thompson said it doesn't show up as a road/trail on the E911 map, Mr. Dix noted it is on the ANR map.

Gig noted that the sign for Chippy's Towing was not approved during the ZBA hearing for that business on zoning application W-23-24. Only one sign per lot is allowed. After more discussion it was decided that the sign for her's and her husband's businesses must be combined into one sign and must be at least 25' from the centerline of the Wilmington Cross Road, Ms. Barbieri will measure and move the sign if needed.

[Post hearing note: Mrs. Barbieri measured the combined sign after the meeting and it is 48" tall by 36" wide, hanging 33' from the center of Wilmington Cross Road.]

**General Performance Standards:**

Noise – no significant changes in noise level expected

Vibration – n/a

Air pollution – n/a

Temperature, moisture – n/a

Electronic emissions – n/a

Light or reflection – all lightening is preexisting

Waste – nothing exceptional

Hazards – fire/explosives – nothing explosive expected, nothing out of the ordinary

Erosion control – no significant changes to existing expected

Storm water – no significant changes to existing

Other signage – discussed above

No further questions.

**Close hearing**

Mr. Dix closed the hearing at 6:57pm

**Enter deliberative session:**

The hearing and meeting were adjourned, Mrs. Barbieri left. The ZBA and Planning Commission deliberated on the Zoning Application W-06-25.

**Exit deliberative session:**

Findings: The Planning Commission finds the site plan satisfactory; the location of the sign must be at minimum 25' from the centerline of Wilmington Cross Road.

The Zoning Board of Adjustment finds the proposed use of hair salon allowable. No negative comments or concerns were heard from the abutters.

Conclusion:

**A motion was made by Rick Gramlin to approve Zoning Permit application #W-06-25 by Emily and Robert Barbieri, Jr., for a Home Industry of a hair salon in the basement of 1912 Wilmington Cross Road seconded by Marshall Dix, all in favor. The condition on the permit is that the sign must be combined with towing business and the sign must be a minimum of 25' from the center of Wilmington Cross Road.**

An interested person may appeal this decision within thirty (30) days to the Environmental Court as per 24 V.S.A. Chapter 117 § 4471.

**Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 7:02 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

*Gig Zboray, ZBA Clerk*