Present: John Trefethen, Chair  
Bryan Forestal, Member  
Stuart Siegel, Member  
Chuck Green, Associate Member  
Nathan Band, Associate Member  
Also present: Emma Snellings, Assistant Town Planner

Call the Meeting to Order

Mr. Trefethen called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Mr. Trefethen explained that the meeting is being held virtually due to the current social distancing regulations and how members of the public can access the meeting. WACA recorded the meeting.

Public Hearing – 11 Frankland Road Special Permit

Mr. Trefethen opened the public hearing for 11 Frankland Road by reading the legal notice. Marissa Hannon, applicant, presented the proposed project. Ms. Hannon explained that Doggy Dates is a business that takes dogs to play in private space, without an indoor facility. The business provides the transportation for the dogs. They looked for land that is at least five acres to meet zoning requirements, and are proposing the construction of an enclosure where dogs can play unleashed, and keep the groups small, safe and manageable for their staff. The dogs are on site for 45 minutes, are supervised, and first group arrives at 8:45AM. Only the driver is on the property, and dogs are not there alone or overnight.

Mr. Trefethen stated that a commercial kennel is the closest definition that fits this business, and a kennel is allowed in the RA district as a principal use, however what is proposed is not the principal use, because the principal use is the residence on the property. Mr. Trefethen thought that a kennel is not an allowed accessory use. Mr. Trefethen shared that an opinion has been requested from Town Counsel on whether this proposed use is an accessory use or a second principal use. Mr. Trefethen suggested that the hearing be continued to January 26, 2021 to allow time to receive Town Counsel’s opinion. Mr. Forestal motioned, and Mr. Siegel seconded, to continue the hearing to January 26, 2021, which passed with the following vote:

Mr. Forestal: Aye  
Mr. Siegel: Aye  
Mr. Trefethen: Aye

Elizabeth Geisinger, Doggy Dates, asked if the opinion can be shared with the applicant before the next meeting. Mr. Trefethen directed Ms. Snellings to inform the applicant of Town Counsel’s opinion.

Minutes Approval

The Board reviewed the minutes from December 29, 2020. The minutes were approved with the following vote:

Mr. Forestal: Aye
Administrative Matters and Staff Updates

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20PM.

Documents Presented

1) ZBA Meeting Agenda for Jan. 12, 2021
2) 11 Frankland Special Permit Application
3) December 29, 2020 draft minutes