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Deferred to consultants

Planners say nay to horse barn

DEB BODINE CHAMPION
Correspondent

Uxbridge planning committee referred a minor variance application to planning consultant firm Totten Sims Hubicki Associates to determine the impact a four-stall horse barn would have on development in the hamlet of Zephyr.

Gregory Somers would like to build a 1,000 sq. ft. barn on his property on Regional Rd. 39 north of Zephyr, but according to the bylaws, he is required to provide 98 ft. sideyards. Since the property is only 198 ft. wide, this is not possible. He applied for a

minor variance to permit 90-ft. sideyards.

But the planning committee was reluctant to approve the minor amendment because of the barn's proximity to a proposed residential subdivision.

Ward 2 Councillor Bev Beach argued that "a proposed development and a development are two different things."

Ward 5 Councillor Ron Cook, however, said "We're looking at the planning for the community. I don't think we can ignore that."

"None of us feel that a four-stall horse barn is compatible in that area," said Mayor Gerri Lynn O'Connor.

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