

Planning Board Consideration of Goltermann Special Use Permit 05Oct20

Kurtis Goltermann, in-home firearms business.

Like to start out that I am in support of having local gun shop. After Frank closed Crack Shot over on route 19 north of Sandy Creek, it left a hole for service and firearms advice and I miss that.

Questions:

- 1) Just what is an in-home Firearms Business?
- 2) What will you be selling?
- 3) Will you be making sales on site?
- 4) Where will you be interacting with the customer or client?
- 5) What would be your hours of operation?
- 6) What would be your estimate of how many firearms will be in site?
 - a. How would those be safely secured?
- 7) How many rounds of ammunition and what calipers?
- 8) Will your business include Firearms Training to clients or customers?
 - a. What are your qualifications to do that training?
 - b. How long have you held that certification?
 - c. Will the training include live fire activities?
- 9) Is it part of your business plan to be able to discharge a firearm anytime during business hours?
- 10) Where would you be discharging the firearms? If answered on the range behind the house: see 11.
- 11) Questions on using the private range located at 1224 Lake Road West Fork:

I must comment on my previous experience with Mr. Goltermann shooting into my property with my family there and finally me waving and screaming at Goltermann to stop shooting as I was mowing the grass down range from his bullets. After repeated efforts to contact Mr. Goltermann to discuss my family's safety, he finally called me back and then rudely hung up after I expressed my concerns. He left me no choice but to call 911 and involve Monroe County Sheriff Department where a deputy advocated for me and convinced the Goltermann's to build an earthen backstop for his shooting hobby.

- a. Describe your range.
 - i. What is the maximum distance you are able to shoot?
 - ii. What is your backstop length and height?
 - iii. What is your backstop crest length?
 - iv. What are your flank extension lengths?
 - v. What angle or slope is the firing side of your backstop?
 - vi. Your backstop dirt is on my property.

- b. Did you use the services of an engineer, in the design of your private range?
- c. Why yes or why not?
- d. Do you consider your private range safe enough for commercial use?
- e. How did you come to that conclusion?
- f. What Standards did you use in the design of your backstop?
 - i. RCMP: 75M shooting distance=5M high, 100m=6m high.
 - ii. DOE: RANGE DESIGN CRITERIA: For open ranges, the top elevation of the earth impact berm should be 26 feet above the range surface for ranges 100 yards long or longer and 16 feet above the range surface for ranges 50 yards long or less. The impact berm should extend 50 yards beyond where the target line ends for 100-yard-long ranges or until joining with the side containment, if provided for ranges 50 yards long or less.
 - iii. NRA: NRA Range Source Book.
 - iv. BSA: 20 foot high for a 50 foot range, 600 feet back for shotgun.

In summary, I would support Mr. Goltermann's Special Use Request with these restrictions:

- 1) All sales would take place in a single enclosed location with approval by the Building and fire code Inspectors.
- 2) Firearms at 1224 Lake Road West Fork would be limited to 25 total at any time.
- 3) Firearm sales will be limited to trigger operated, long gun, pistol or shotgun using black powder or modern powder propellants (smokeless powders).
- 4) Rounds of ammunition limited to 10,000 rounds of all calipers combined.
- 5) Powder, caps, primers, etc., will not exceed 100 pounds at any time on site.
- 6) Potential incendiary items must be stored in a fireproof safe.
- 7) All firearms on site will be equipped with trigger locks and stored in a gun safe out of business hours.
- 8) Safe room must be video equipped, alarmed and barred.
- 9) If he plans to offer training, there will be no discharge of any firearm on premises as part of the training, practice or skills reinforcement.
- 10) The existing gun range be used only for his personal use and not in connection or part of the business. The personal gun range must not be used to try out a repair or modification, sighting in, newly built firearm, etc., in connection to the business. There will be no discharge of any firearms as part of a sale or selling on premises.
- 11) Deliveries will be limited to 3 a day.
- 12) Customer vehicles will be limited to 2 at any one time during business hours.
- 13) If the owner wishes to expand into other areas besides selling firearms then he must request those changes through the Special Use Permit process to amend original approvals.
- 14) Special Use Permit stops in 3 years.