

NOTICE OF JOINT PUBLIC HEARING/MEETING OF THE IOWA COUNTY PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE AND TOWN OF BRIGHAM PLAN COMMISSION

This meeting will be conducted in person and via electronic videoconferencing/teleconferencing. As such, it is likely that some or all members of, and a possible quorum, may be in attendance via electronic means and not physically present.

In accordance with Wisconsin law, the meeting will remain open to the public. The public may attend in person at the location noted on the agenda. **All public who attend in person are required to wear a face covering and adhere to social distancing.**

The public is encouraged and requested to attend via electronic means.

Pursuant to Section 19.84, Wisconsin Statutes, notice is hereby given to the public that the Iowa County Planning & Zoning Committee will hold a meeting and hearings

Thursday, February 24, 2022 at 6:00 PM

Conference Call 1-312-626-6799

Zoom meeting ID: 840 3410 8237

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84034108237>

Health and Human Services Center – Community Room

303 West Chapel St., Dodgeville, WI 53533

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AGENDA

1. Call to order by each respective body.
2. Roll Call by each respective body.
3. Certification of notice for this hearing by the Iowa County Planning & Zoning Committee
4. Approve of this agenda by each respective body
5. Public input on the consideration of the following:
 - a) Town of Brigham Comprehensive Plan:
 - Amendment of Chapter 8 Land Use regarding allowed uses in the Agricultural and Rural Density-Based Residential Land, Commercial Land Use, and Commercial Development Corridor districts
 - Amendment of Chapter 8 Land Use establishing Commercial Impact Statement standards
 - Amendment of Map 8.4 Future Land Use
 - Corrections of misspellings, typographical errors, and other non-substantial

to content throughout

b) Iowa County Comprehensive Plan:

- Incorporation of the Town of Brigham Comprehensive Plan as revised as Appendix J1

6. Consideration of action by the Town of Brigham Plan Commission on proposed amendments to the Town of Brigham Comprehensive Plan as outlined in item 5 above or as otherwise proposed.
7. Consideration of action by the Iowa County Planning & Zoning Committee on proposed amendments to the Iowa County Comprehensive Plan as outlined in item 5 above or as otherwise proposed.
8. Adjournment.

Scott A. Godfrey, Director

Posting Date: January 18, 2022



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Zoning Hearing: 3238

Hearing Date: Feb. 24, 2022

Re: Proposed revisions to Town of Brigham Comprehensive Plan and Iowa County Comprehensive Plan

The Town of Brigham Comprehensive Plan is adopted in its entirety by reference in the Iowa County Comprehensive Plan as Appendix J1 because county zoning is the primary implementation tool. Therefore, it is important that the town and county are agreeable on specific policies where county zoning is to implement.

Process: The purpose of this public hearing is for each respective planning body to review the proposed revisions, entertain public input, and then decide whether to take action. The action of the planning body is by adopted resolution.

Any action to revise either plan will be a recommendation to the respective governing body (Town Board - County Board). The governing body action will be approval of by ordinance any revision or to deny said ordinance.

AGENDA – Iowa County Planning & Zoning Committee

Thursday, February 24, 2022 at 6:30 PM***

Conference Call 1-312-626-6799

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1. Call to order.
2. Roll Call.
3. Approve of this agenda.
4. Approve the minutes of the December 30, 2021 meeting.
5. Motion to enter into public hearings associated with zoning and/or conditional use permit petitions and ordinance revisions.
6. Continued petition by Kelly Johnson for a Conditional Use Permit to operate a Commercial Kennel on a 4.89-acre AR-1 Ag Res lot in the NW/SE of S23-T6N-R2E in the Town of Linden.
7. Motion to end the public hearings and resume the regular meeting.
8. Report from the committee members and an opportunity for members of the audience to address the Committee. No action will be taken.
9. Director's report
10. Next meeting date and time
11. Motion to adjourn

****** The Planning & Zoning Committee has a separate meeting/hearing at 6pm that may run past 6:30pm. This 6:30 meeting/hearing will start as soon as possible. Your patience is appreciated.***

Scott A. Godfrey, Director

Posted 2/8/2022

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Unapproved minutes – Iowa County Planning & Zoning Committee

Thursday, January 27, 2022 at 6:00 PM

Conference Call 1-312-626-6799

Zoom meeting ID: 875 8697 9017

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Health and Human Services Center – Community Room

303 West Chapel St., Dodgeville, WI 53533

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1. Call to order. Chair Peterson called the meeting to order at 6:00pm
2. Roll Call.

Committee Present: Curt Peterson, David Gollon, Kevin Butteris, Mel Masters, Don Leix

Committee Absent: none

Staff Present: Scott Godfrey

Other Supervisors Present: Steve Deal

3. Approve of this agenda.

Motion by Supervisor Gollon

Second by Supervisor Leix

Motion carries unanimously

4. Approve the minutes of the December 30, 2021 meeting.

Motion by Supervisor Butteris

Second by Supervisor Gollon

Motion carries unanimously

5. Motion to enter into public hearings associated with zoning and/or conditional use permit petitions and ordinance revisions.

Motion by Supervisor Leix

Second by Supervisor Butteris

Motion carries unanimously

6. Petition by Phyllis Dougherty to create two lots of 2.067 & 7.003 acres by rezoning from A-1 Ag & AR-1 Ag Res to AR-1 Ag Res in the NE/SW of S24-T6N-R3E in the Town of Dodgeville.

Director Godfrey gave the staff report.

Public Comment: none

Motion to approve with the condition that the associated certified survey map be duly recorded within 6 months of County Board approval by Supervisor Leix
Section by Supervisor Gollon
Motion carries unanimously

7. Petition by Larry Forseth for a Conditional Use Permit to divide an existing AR-1 lot into two lots of 3.0 & 2.005 acres in the SE/NE of S1-T6N-R3E in the Town of Dodgeville.

Mr. Forseth was in attendance.

Director Godfrey gave the staff report.

Supervisor Gollon asked if the existing driveway will be shared. Director Godfrey said it will be with a required easement.

Public comment: none

Motion to approve with the condition that the associated certified survey map be duly recorded within 6 months by Supervisor Gollon
Second by Supervisor Butteris
Motion carries unanimously

8. Petition by James & April Conner for a Conditional Use Permit to divide an existing AR-1 lot into two lots of 2.0 & 32.91 acres in the W1/2-NE of S16-T5N-R2E in the Town of Linden.

Mr. Conner was in attendance by phone.

Director Godfrey gave the staff report.

Public comment: none

Motion to approve with the condition that the associated certified survey map be duly recorded within 6 months by Supervisor Masters
Second by Supervisor Butteris
Motion carries unanimously

9. Petition by Kelly Johnson for a Conditional Use Permit to operate a Commercial Kennel on a 4.89-acre AR-1 Ag Res lot in the NW/SE of S23-T6N-R2E in the Town of Linden.

Director Godfrey said the Town of Linden is requesting postponing action until next month's meeting to allow it time to further review the proposal. He said the applicant is aware and does not object.

Motion to postpone to next month's meeting by Supervisor Leix
Second by Supervisor Gollon
Motion carries unanimously

10. Petition by The House on the Rock Resort for a Conditional Use Permit to create a 10-acre B-2 Hwy Bus lot with the use of support services for the resort, golf course and residential properties in part of Gov. Lot 2 in S29 & Gov. Lot 1 in S30 all in T8N-R4E in the Town of Wyoming.

Director Godfrey gave the staff report.

Public comment: none

Motion to approve with the condition that the associated certified survey map be duly recorded within 6 months by Supervisor Butteris

Second by Supervisor Masters

Motion carries unanimously

11. Motion to end the public hearings and resume the regular meeting.

Motion by Supervisor Gollon

Second by Supervisor Masters

Motion carries unanimously

12. Report from the committee members and an opportunity for members of the audience to address the Committee. No action will be taken.

Rick Zemlicka spoke of the PSC Wind Siting Council not meeting for years and asked why this is the case.

13. Director's report

Director Godfrey gave overviewed the report provided in the packet. He also informed the committee that the pending zoning approval of commercial uses on the Vortex/Hamilton property in the Town of Arena was withdrawn due to neighborhood objection at the town meeting. He overviewed the potential to regulate sporting shooting ranges, including the statutory limits of §895.527 WI Stats.

Chair Peterson asked if the committee would like the issue of regulating shooting ranges to be on a future agenda. The consensus was not to consider regulating shooting ranges.

14. Next meeting date and time: February 24, 2022 at 6:30pm following a joint public hearing with the Town of Brigham Plan Commission on proposed Comprehensive Plan revisions that starts at 6pm

15. Motion to adjourn

Motion by Supervisor Gollon

Second by Supervisor Leix

Motion carries unanimously. Adjourned at 6:24pm

Scott A. Godfrey, Director



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Zoning Hearing: 3235 (cont.)
Kelly Johnson
3408 Berg Rd
Dodgeville, WI 53533

Hearing Date: Feb. 24, 2022
Town of Linden
W1/2-SE S35-T6N-R3E
PIN: 014-0100.01

Request: This is a request for a Conditional Use Permit to operate a Commercial Kennel on an existing AR-1 Ag Residential lot.



2. Comments

1. The applicant is proposing to operate "Mayhem to Manners Dog Training" from the property. The associated uses constitute a Commercial Kennel as defined in the Iowa County Zoning Ordinance, which requires approval by Conditional Use Permit in the AR-1 district.
2. The minimum required standards for a Commercial Kennel by ordinance are below with the applicant's responses in *italics*:

Includes animal shelters, commercial kennel services, pet resorts or hotels, dog training centers, doggie day cares, animal rescue shelters, and principal uses where animals are bred for sale to other persons or

entities. This use may include training, boarding, grooming, sales of food, sales of supplies, and other customary uses. All such uses may be defined or limited by conditional use permit. Does not include a residential kennel as defined in this Ordinance.

Use standards:

- a) The animals shall be securely detained on the applicant's property, whether by fencing, leash, restraint, or other humane means. *Dogs will be secured by physical fencing, leash, or reliable remote collar training.*
- b) Each animal shall be provided with an indoor containment area. *Dogs staying for the day or overnight will have their own crate or kennel run while they are on our property.*
- c) No excessive barking, cries, howling, or other noise shall be permitted. The term "excessive barking, cries, howling or other noise" includes but is not limited to the creation of any noise by a dog or cat that can be heard at the property line by any person and that occurs continuously or incessantly for a period of ten continuous minutes or intermittently for thirty minutes or more, except in instances where it can be demonstrated that such noise was associated with a person trespassing or threatening to trespass upon the private property where the kennel is situated or in instances where the animals are being teased or provoked. *We will only board dogs that have or are going through our extensive training programs. Nuisance barking is something all of the dogs will have been trained with. Also, our home is a mere 40 feet from the building. I do not tolerate excessive barking for my own family's peace as well.*
- d) There shall be adequate exercise space for each animal. *Physical and mental exercise is a vital part of a dog's general contentment, but especially in new environments. We make sure to give every dog plenty of physical exercise via play with other dogs (indoor or in a fenced area), fetch, structured walks, or treadmill.*
- e) Outdoor dog runs or exercise pens shall have the following setbacks:
 - i. located at least 20 feet from a lot line *Fenced in exercise pens and outdoor dog runs will be more than 20 feet from any lot line. They will be attached to existing outbuilding*
 - ii. located at least 200 feet from an existing legal residence or other structure occupied at least 51% of the time on adjacent property – this setback may be reduced if the adjacent property owner agrees in writing *Residences on the adjacent properties are well over 200 feet away from the proposed dog runs/exercise pens.*
- f) All pens, yards, structures or areas where animals are kept shall be maintained in a nuisance free manner. Droppings and manure shall be removed and disposed of properly so not to attract insects or rodents, become unsightly or cause objectionable odors. *We hate stepping in dog poop just as much as the next person and pick up poop at minimum once per day. It is discarded in garbage pails and removed from the property weekly by a waste company.*
- g) The lot or parcel size shall be considered as to whether adequate in size for the proposed use and its proximity to adjacent legal uses for potential negative impacts. *We cannot think of any potential negative impacts for the surrounding fields on 3 sides of the property or prairie to the north.*
- h) Within any farmland preservation zoning district, such uses shall be subject to the following limitations: *To my knowledge this is NA.*
 - i. Be conducted by the owners or operators of the farm and employ not more than four additional persons
 - ii. Require no buildings, structures, or improvements other than a preexisting farm residence, an agricultural accessory structure, or both
 - iii. Not impair the current or future agricultural use of the farm or of the other farmland within the farmland preservation district

3. Per Section 4.0 of the Iowa County Zoning Ordinance, the following standards are to be considered for a CUP:

1. The proposed use complies with all applicable provisions of this Ordinance.
 2. The proposed use is compatible with adjacent legal uses in terms of scale, site design, operating characteristics (hours of operation, traffic generation, lighting, noise, odor, dust and other external impacts).
 3. There are no significant anticipated measurable adverse impacts to the surrounding legal uses and environment resulting from the proposed conditional use.
 4. Any adverse impacts resulting from the use will be mitigated or offset to the maximum practical extent.
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5. Public safety, transportation, services and utility facilities exist or will be available to serve the subject property while maintaining sufficient levels of service for existing development.
6. Adequate assurances by the applicant of continuing maintenance are provided.
7. The proposed use is consistent with the Iowa County Comprehensive Plan.

Town Recommendation: The Town of Linden is recommending approval with the following conditions:

- 1) No more than 35 dogs to be on the premises at one time including landowner's dogs
- 2) No dogs are to be outside overnight
- 3) All parking is to be on the premises
- 4) Dog breeding is no allowed
- 5) Owner/operator is required to carry liability insurance
- 6) Overnight boarding of only of dogs that have been trained by this business
- 7) Hours for operation to be 7am to 9pm, meaning when customers come and go

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends approval with the Town conditions and also the following conditions:

- 1) All standards included in the definition of a "Commercial Kennel" in the Iowa County Zoning Ordinance (listed above) shall be adhered to
- 2) The operation shall be as outlined in the application material:

MAYHEM TO MANNERS
DOG TRAINING



What is Mayhem to Manners Dog Training, LLC?

Mayhem to Manners Dog Training (M2M) is a dog training company that is devoted to helping our clients achieve the best possible life with their dogs through establishing leadership and clear communication with their beloved companions. Our goal is to teach people how to create a reliable, well-mannered pet to live as a part of the family and enjoy a life full of adventures together. M2M has been established in the Dodgeville area since April 2017 and have helped over 200 dogs in the area. We offer 3 main obedience and manners training programs to help our clients achieve their goals:

- **"YOU Train" - Private Lessons:** We meet the client for 1 hour once a week to teach them the skills how to train their own dog.
- **"WE Train" - Day training:** The dog goes to "day school" and learns the obedience and manners from the trainer 3 days a week for 2 weeks (dropped off at 8am, picked up at 4pm). In 3 of the evenings at pick up, the owner gets a lesson to learn how to follow through with the new skills the dog has learned.
- **"FAST Train" - Residency (board and train):** The dog goes to "camp" and lives with the trainer for 2 weeks (11 days) and has daily reinforcement learning what it means to be a well-behaved dog. The owner then receives two private lessons to learn how to reinforce the new skills.

-We are open 3 days a week, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, from 8am to 5pm, with classes or lessons until 7pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays. We are also open 9am-12:30pm one Saturday a month.

-We currently meet our clients for lessons and classes in local parks, in their homes, out in the community, Alisha's Best of Friends, or in our home. Inclement weather limits us to the indoor spaces of Alisha's Best of Friends, Blain's Farm and Fleet, or our home/outbuilding.

-We limit the Residency (board and train) option to one dog per month, so there are only 10 overnights a month where a training dog may be on the premises.

-We limit the Day Training dogs to 2 dogs per week.

-We offer 3-4, 1-hour group classes per month to clients who are ready to proof their skills around higher levels of distraction. It is limited to 5-15 dogs per class depending on the location. We typically meet at local parks, farmer's markets, trails, but 1-3 classes per month may be at our property.

What Mayhem to Manners is **NOT**, nor ever will be:

- We will *not* be a large-scale boarding facility
- We will *not* breed or raise puppies
- We do *not* train police or protection dogs
- We are *not* a large retail pet store

Short-term, 1-year goals for Mayhem to Manners Dog Training:

- Finish the 36x54 out building on the property so that we can work with training clients indoors during private lessons, have 5 maximum dogs in training (Residency or Day training) at one time, and group classes for 10-15 dogs and their owners. We need a safe space to work in during extreme heat/cold and rain.
 - Keep current hours of Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, but potentially add 1-2 Fridays a month for brush up lessons, consultations, and dog camp
 - Occasionally be able to help a client out with boarding their pet while they are out of town, 1-5 dogs on property maximum. Our clients have stated they would love to have this service as they trust that we are going to keep their dog safe and engaged during their stay with us. They love the peace of mind that their dog is having their manners and obedience reinforced while they are gone.
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Long-term (5+ years), “dream” goals for Mayhem to Manners Dog Training:

- Added sound proofed indoor dog kennel with maximum of 15 kennel spaces to board dogs overnight. We will only take dogs that have gone through our intensive training programs, so we will have an established relationship and understanding of each individual dog and owner.
 - Dogs will not be let out before 7am or after 9pm and will be constantly monitored by a dog handler for behavior and noise.
 - No indoor/outdoor kennel runs. The dogs will be let out individually by handlers.
 - **NOTE:** The facility is roughly 40 feet from the home. We have 2 young children that would be staying in the residence. **Nuisance barking with NOT be tolerated.** I LOVE the peaceful, tranquil country life and I would get up and move before allowing my business to disrupt the beautiful nature that surrounds my family.
- Doggie Day-camp and enrichment: 1-2 days per week (W&F) owners drop their dog off for a day of play and canine enrichment: hiking, play time, scent games, trick training, brush-up on obedience skills, etc. They go home by 6pm. Maximum of 5-10 dogs/day in dog camp. Potentially pick dogs up from their homes to add convenience for their owners and cut down on traffic.
- Small retail space to give our clients convenient access to our few recommended training supplies: treats, treat bags, leashes, dog beds, and handful of our favorite toys/chews.

Contact information for Mayhem to Manners Dog Training, LLC:

Kelly Johnson

Owner/Certified Professional Trainer

608-620-1141

Email: mayhemtomanners@gmail.com

Website: mayhemtomanners.com

Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/mayhemtomanners



Scott Godfrey

From: Scott Godfrey
Sent: Thursday, February 3, 2022 9:39 AM
To: Sam Palzkill
Cc: kelly@mayhemtomanners.com
Subject: for Johnson CUP and all CUPs

Hi Sam,

I wanted to provide a refresher on the consideration of CUP requests that you may like to share with your board. I am copying Ms. Johnson so she is also fully aware as well.

In 2017, Act 67 was enacted that now limits the discretion any political jurisdiction has over approving or denying CUP requests. The decision, whether to approve or deny, must be supported by substantial evidence, defined as "facts and information, other than merely personal preference or speculation, directly pertaining to the requirements and conditions an applicant must meet to obtain a conditional use permit and that reasonable persons would accept in support of a conclusion".

In addition, any condition imposed on an approval must be related to the purpose of the ordinance and based on substantial evidence.

In other words, the decision to approve or deny and the decision to approve with conditions must be supported by facts and not speculation. Example: Ms. Johnson needs to provide evidence she can meet the standards for a Commercial Kennel and the County (makes the official decision) must provide evidence to support its decision.

Obviously, the intent of this 2017 State law is to prevent decisions of denial based on rumors, speculation or other unsubstantiated reasons.

Further, Act 67 states that, if the applicant meets or agrees to meet all of the requirements and conditions specified by the ordinance or imposed by the County, the CUP shall be granted. *This implies it is now the zoning jurisdiction's burden to prove a proposed CUP cannot meet "reasonable" and "measurable" standards, versus the historical burden of the applicant needing to prove he or she can.*

Some other changes enacted by Act 67 include:

- An appeal of a denial of a CUP now bypasses the county's Board of Adjustment and goes to the circuit court for certiorari review.
- Requirements and conditions imposed must be reasonable and, to the extent practicable, measurable.

I wanted to provide this information so that Ms. Johnson is aware of the parameters for consideration of the CUP and understand her responsibilities. It also provides the Town the basis to inform any citizens who may object or want conditions that both must be backed by "substantial evidence" in order to be part of the decision consideration.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you.

Scott A. Godfrey, Director/LIO
Iowa County Planning & Development

TOWN OF LINDEN
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 9, 2022

Meeting was called to order at 1900 pm by Chairman Dean Liddicoat.

Present: Dean Liddicoat, Mark Sieling, Jeff Lindner, Michelle Wendhausen, Sam Palzkill.

Others Present: Jeff Oxnem, Mel Masters, John Meyers, Mark Peterson, Jason Godfrey, Erica Godfrey, Nancy Kirschbaum, Dale Kirschbaum, Bobbi Butteris, Tom Janquart, Cara Knothe, Liz Larson, Arnette Small, Sharon Shea, Fred Jones, Kelly Johnson, Ria Arndt.

Confirmed compliance with open meeting law.

Minutes from the January meeting were approved on a motion by Mark, second by Jeff.

Treasurer's report was presented by Shelly and approved on a motion by Jeff, second by Mark.

Kelly Johnson was present regarding a Conditional Use Permit for a dog training business on Berg Road. She gave a description of her business, her experience and history.

There were Township residents, and others, present to support her receiving the permit and also Township residents present to oppose her receiving it with Erica Godfrey being the adjoining landowner and having numerous concerns and questions.

After two hours of sometimes heated discussion and opinions being expressed by both sides, conditions to be placed on the CUP were worked out by the Board with input from Kelly and Erica and read by the Clerk to the audience.

Conditions are: 1. Limited to 35 dogs on the premises at one time including her own dogs. 2. No dogs are to be outside overnight. 3. No parking by customers

on the roadside. All parking to be on premises. 4. No breeding of dogs allowed. 5. Kelly will be required to carry liability insurance. 6. If dogs are boarded overnight, they have to have been trained by Kelly's business. 7. The business can be open only between 7am and 9pm.

After reading, there was one more condition added 10. If the premises are sold, the CUP will not transfer to the new owner.

All of the conditions were read to the audience again by the Clerk and, with the addition, approved by both Kelly and Erica.

On a motion by Mark, second by Jeff, the Conditional Use Permit for Kelly Johnson for her property on Berg Road was approved with conditions as stated above. Carried.

John Meyers, Iowa County Board Chairman, graciously answered questions primarily concerning the recent closure of Bloomfield Health Care.

The Clerk indicated to the Board that there is Federal money from the Infrastructure bill and asked the Board members to read the article in the recent Wisconsin Towns newsletter.

Discussion was held on the purchase of a new truck to replace the Western Star. A truck ordered today will be available Spring 2023 or it can be ordered with guaranteed delivery Fall 2022. Cost \$100,000 to \$120,000 for the box plus \$130,000 for the chassis. Trade allowance on the 2012 would be \$40,000 to \$50,000. Tabled to next meeting.

Checks were approved on a motion by Mark, second by Jeff.

Next meeting set for March 9, 2022

Motion to adjourn by Jeff, second by Mark.

Meeting adjourned at 2230

Respectively submitted,

Sam Palzkill, Clerk

Dear Committee Members,

We recently attended the Linden Township board meeting where there was preliminary approval given to Kelly Johnson for a conditional use permit for a commercial kennel on Berg Road. We are fully aware of Act 67 and the inability it provides residents to prevent the kennel from moving forward, however it doesn't state that a local government must include conditions that will help the applicant meet the requirements.

We are asking the board to reevaluate the hours of operation that were granted by Linden Township. We feel that hours of operation 8 AM – 9 PM 7 days/week is excessive and unnecessary. When Kelly went before the Town of Dodgeville for the same permit in July 2021, she was granted hours of 8AM-5 PM Monday-Friday with occasional pickups on Saturday and Sunday. I've included an attachment with a few examples of local kennels with their hours of operation as well. On numerous occasions, vehicles parked in Kelly's driveway face our property with headlights shining into our property up to 8:30 PM or later at night. This has been a few vehicles and will intensify as the number of vehicles and classes increase as Kelly proposes.

We also ask that the number of dogs condition state that only up to 15 dogs of the 35 allowed onsite at one time may be boarded overnight. This is the number of dogs that Kelly has in her original proposal for boarding. At the Linden township meeting, Kelly mentioned that she has current parking for up to 13 vehicles, however she would like to host training classes of up to 15-20 dogs. Where will the additional vehicles be parking?

I understand that dogs do not fit under the animal unit classification, however there are examples of townships/local governments putting a similar calculation in place to assist with determining number of dogs for a particular size of property. Below is an example of a calculation in Wisconsin.

the size (area) of the premises on which the dogs are kept; and requests for permission to keep or kennel dogs shall be approved by the Plan Commission based upon the following size restrictions:		
PREMISES	NUMBER OF DOGS*	MINIMUM TOTAL ACRES OF
	4—5	4.0
	6— 15	0.5 acre/dog + 1.5
	16 or more	0.4 acre/dog +3.0

***Maximum total dogs six (6) months old or older at any time.**

We ask that you please keep the limited size of the property in mind when looking at the number of dogs she wants to have onsite at any given time. Is there adequate space on this property to accommodate the growing business that Ms. Johnson is looking to build?

Ms. Johnson has everything to gain by obtaining the conditional use permit. On the flip side, the addition of the kennel to Berg Road will decrease property values. This property value loss is out of our control. Below is an email we received from a local assessor on the impact to surrounding property values with the addition of the kennel.

"As a real estate appraiser for over 20 years it would be in my professional opinion that people move to the country to free themselves of noise, traffic and other nuisances. The proposal of a new dog kennel

within hearing and or seeing distance of a property in a rural area would in my opinion become a nuisance and have an impact on surrounding properties. After researching and reading articles on said instances I feel again in my opinion that it would possibly impact the values of properties surrounding it and decreasing the values by 10 to 15%." Art Helin

We ask that the board members consider conditions that will minimize the financial and other negative impacts the kennel will have on the surrounding properties; number of dogs, noise control, traffic, fencing enclosures, parking etc.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Jason and Erica Godfrey

Jason and Erica Godfrey

Hours of Operation for local dog boarding and training:

Creature Comforts Kennel is located in Ridgeway, WI

 Creature Comforts Kennel

 6 people checked in here

 <https://www.creaturecomfortskennel.net/>

 +60 89-243 647

 Price range · \$\$

 jennifer@creaturecomfortskennel.net

 Closed now
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

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Tuesday:	8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Wednesday:	8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Thursday:	8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Friday:	8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Saturday:	8:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Sunday:	11:00 AM - 12:00 PM 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM

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Deer Tracking Services
Location

Rates / Hours

Guest Room—per night 4' X 7' Spacious kennel	\$28.00
Large Guest Room 6' X 7' Spacious kennel	\$32.00
Additional Dog in Same Room—Per Night	\$17.00
Puppy Day Care—per day Puppies up to 24 months of age	\$18.00
One-On-One Time Snuggle Therapy or Playtime	\$ 6.00
Meds—Oral	\$2.00
Meds—Injected	\$4.00
Day Boarding	\$18.00
Cats	\$18.00
Nails	\$13.00
Kennel Bath—By Size	\$18 – \$30
Self Serve Dog Wash	\$8.00

Holiday weekends require a two-night minimum stay Christmas Eve: 8 am – Noon

Closed Christmas Day New Years' Eve: 8 am – Noon *Closed New Year's Day*

Hours

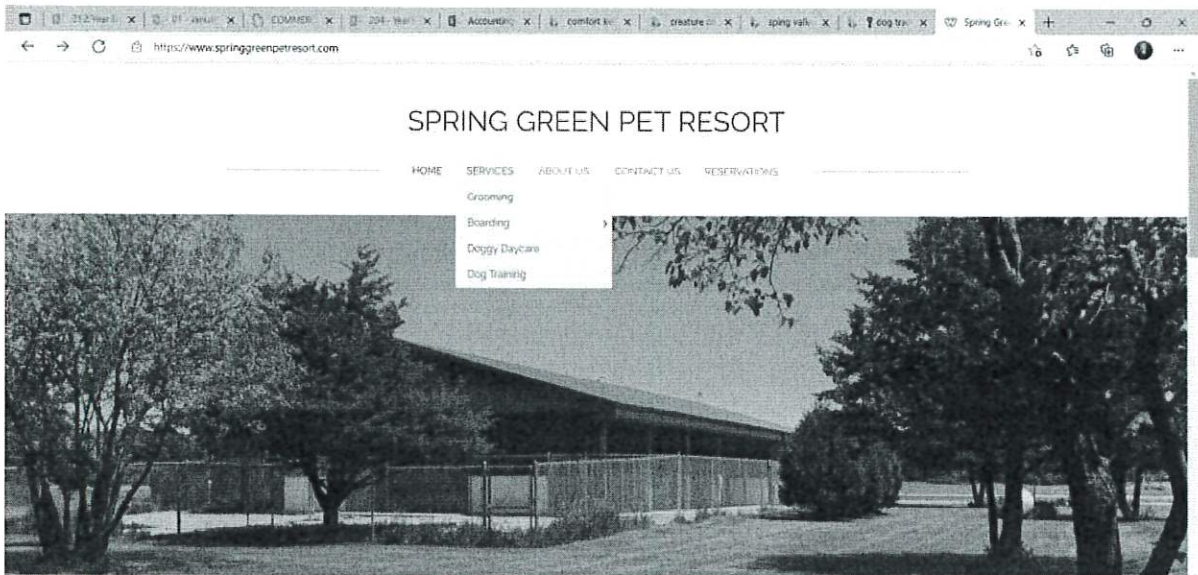
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Scott Godfrey

From: Barbe Kackley <barbe1049@icloud.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 10, 2022 4:41 PM
To: Scott Godfrey
Subject: Mayhem to Manners

I know you like to encourage local businesses. This one is great. Pets, especially dogs, can create a lot of friction between neighbors. Mayhem to Manners teaches owners how to control their dogs both on and off leash. They come promptly, can be trained to do their business on command making it easier to clean up, and so many other social graces. Please think kindly about this request. Thank you.

Barbe Kackley

Scott Godfrey

From: Christie Johnston <christie.m.johnston@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 9, 2022 5:46 PM
To: Scott Godfrey; lindentownclerk@gmail.com
Subject: CUP for Mayhem to Manners

To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Christie Johnston, my family lives in Mineral Point. We live across the street from the elementary school, on the side of the baseball field. During the school year our street is busier than usual with buses, baseball practices and games. In addition to that we have a busy street with people walking their dogs or just out for a walk. We have a commercial property behind us. Our neighbors are on either side with no fence in between the yards.

In the Fall of 2019 we got a dog, Ramona and at the time our son was 3 years old. Because of our small child and the proximity to our busy area where we live, there was no question as to getting our dog trained. We wanted to have a dog that was safe with our child and would follow commands when outdoors at all times. I asked colleagues and friends who they would recommend. The only name we got back was Kelly Johnson, Mayhem to Manners.

She worked with us for an hour in our backyard for her first visit and we saw results immediately. She not only trained our dog but she taught us how to work with her and become responsible dog owners. We chose the option of dropping Ramona off with her a few days a week and after picking her up, we followed through with the homework that Kelly gave us. I have to say that I am comfortable having my son and Ramona play in the backyard together without my husband or I having to be there. I am comfortable having Ramona off leash in our front yard as well. She is a well behaved dog that follows commands consistently with little to no barking. She does not chase the wildlife that comes into our yard, or the fox that walks down our street. We owe all of that to Kelly, Mayhem to Manners.

This letter is in absolute support of Kelly Johnson obtaining a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for her commercial business, Mayhem to Manners.

Thank you,
Christie Johnston

Dear Town of Linden Leaders and Iowa County Planner,

I am writing on behalf of Kelly Johnson's Training Program called Mayhem to Manners.

We are alumni of one of her training programs after getting a pandemic puppy named, Poppy. Even though the seller said Poppy was predominantly a lab puppy, she demonstrated much more energy than what we expected. This level of energy and working from home made it challenging some days! We did learn she was mostly lab, a bit German Shepherd, a lesser bit Weimaraner and a tad Border Collie. She was busy, curious, engaging, & active which made her lots of fun, but not enjoyable when on work calls with your team and managers! The pawing & barking when I didn't respond to her had to stop.

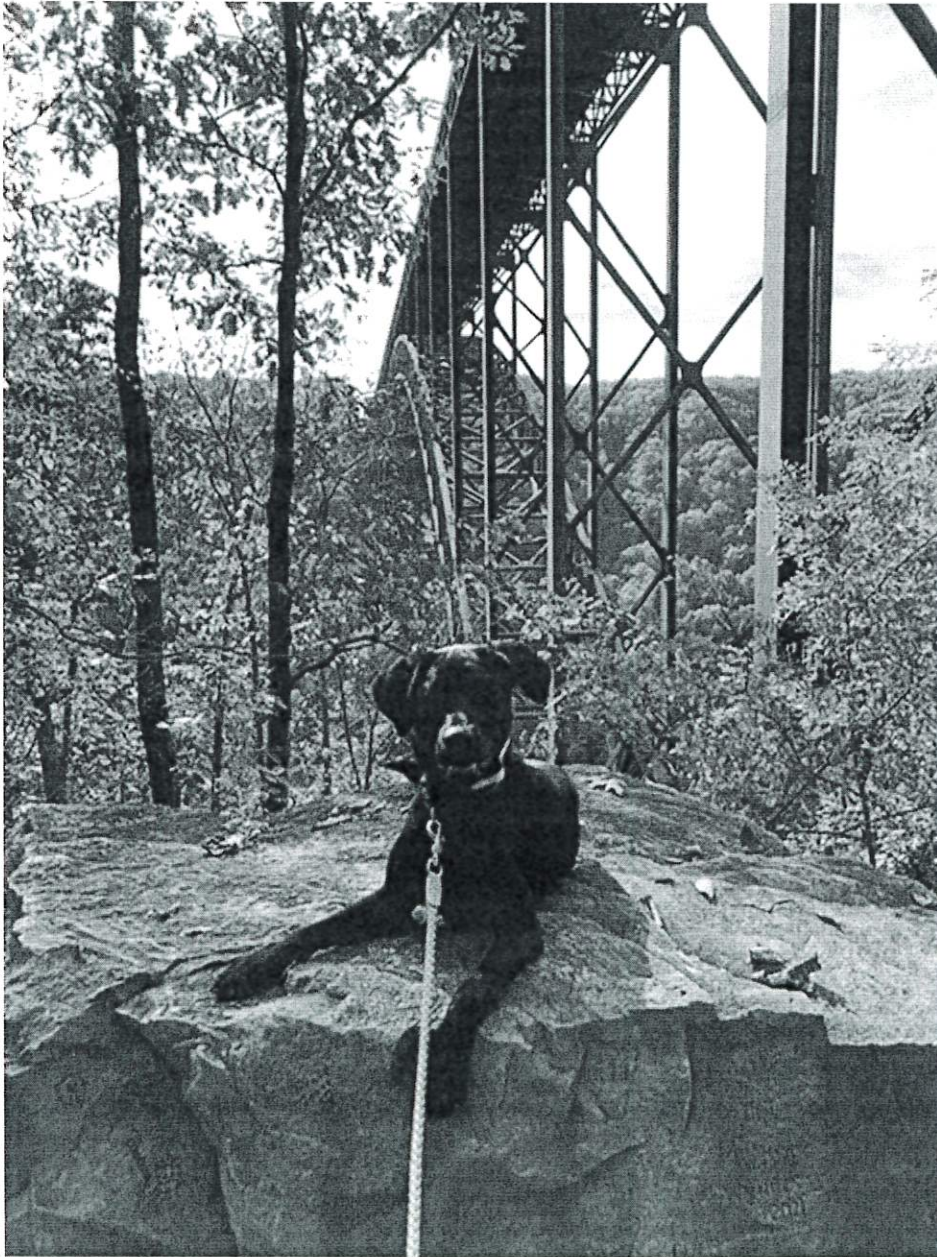
Kelly came highly recommended from a family friend who just had gone through her program. And quite frankly, we think she might be a 'dog whisperer'! After a few hours of training, Poppy quickly became in tuned to whatever command Kelly asked of her. We were just in awe! We started the training program with the day after Memorial Day weekend in 2021. She has helped us enforce the commands that are important in our home! She is able to lay down (or 'place' is the proper command) now when there is a work call without disruption.

After a few months of attending some of her monthly reinforcement trainings and 6 weeks before her first birthday, Poppy went on a week long vacation and stayed in a gorgeous pet friendly cottage in the Allegheny Mountains in West Virginia. My daughter also took her Chocolate lab and we spent 13 hours in the car each way, stayed in a few pet friendly hotels and they were great travel companions with us! One of the front desk attendants commented that they love pets. Even more so than small children because people would not take their pets on vacation if they were NOT well-behaved. And she was absolutely correct! I would not have been able to have or enjoy this vacation without this level of dog training.

Because our trip to WV was so successful, Pat & I then took Poppy to Florida with us last month. She spent a total of 18 days traveling in the Panhandle. We went to pet friendly beaches, hiking trails, restaurants, and shops. Our destination was full of snowbirds who also brought their pets. Kelly's training helped prepare us for some of those not so friendly pooches we encountered. Her training also allowed us time to enjoy ourselves and some of the new people we met along the way! Many people were intrigued by Poppy. Her physical features still looked like a puppy, but her manners were advanced. There were lots of conversations around this!

When Poppy is not living her 'best life' as a vacationer, she occasionally goes to work with her Dog Dad who is in long term care. And, this might be the most important use of Kelly's training and the 'wait' command. With Pat asking the residents and her on a leash, the residents who want to give pets are able to. You should see their faces light up as they often talk about when they had a pet! This has been such a spirit lifter for them and especially during the pandemic when outside visitors have had some limitations.

Below are pictures to show some of Poppy's adventures.



Poppy below the New River Gorge Bridge in Fayetteville, WV.



Poppy in a dead tree in the Porcupine Mountains, Upper Michigan.



Poppy posing with the Mount Horeb cheer team after the pet Parade from BeeHive to Ingleside NRC. (front row near the person with the red shirt)



Poppy as a beach sitter at sunset in Carrabelle, Florida.

Dogs are so much more than working animals on the farm. We need this type of training service in our community to help the humans be good pet owners. We love our furry companion! She has become a wonderful member of our family and we are so grateful for Mayhem to Manners for helping us trust our pet and ourselves as we all live our 'best life'! We know and can attest

that Kelly upholds exceptional standards in all her work. And any services that she could provide in the future, I would expect the same level standard.

Regards,

Kathy Greenheck & Pat James
608-574-7301 & 608-574-2479

Scott Godfrey

From: Susan Gleason <hgleason@juno.com>
Sent: Monday, February 7, 2022 4:33 PM
To: Scott Godfrey
Cc: lindentownclerk@gmail.com
Subject: Regarding Mayhem to Manners

To Whom It May Concern,

We are writing to you regarding Kelly Johnson owner of Mayhem to Manners Dog Training. Kelly has been our "lifesaver". We adopted a male golden retriever/ lab mix, Bowie, who is full of an exorbitant amount of energy. Let's just say that we were at "our wits end", until we found Kelly and Mayhem to Manners. She is AMAZING !!

We live in the country, very close to a road. One of our main concerns that we were hoping Kelly could help us with, was for Bowie to be "off leash" in our yard and to not chase a car when it would drive by. He had already chased a Fed Ex and a UPS truck about a quarter of a mile down our road. We were very concerned about his safety. So, with fingers crossed, we enrolled in one of Kelly's classes.

We knew the minute we met her that we were in exceptionally trained hands. Kelly is AMAZING. We learned from Kelly how to work with Bowie on staying in our yard and to not chase a car. Since we have worked with Kelly, Bowie has not chased one car, one truck, one snow plow.....it has been amazing. He now has the space to run and be off leash and he is sooo happy, and so are we.

Kelly teaches with respect, kindness and compassion for not only the dog but, for the owners as well. She is more than competent. She know what it takes, to take care of a dog. She is very conscientious and respectful. We know, without a doubt, that Kelly would be very aware of her neighbors. Kelly's group lessons have been sooo amazing for us. With all of the group lessons that we have gone to, we seriously have never even heard a dog bark. Kelly has control, she knows what she is doing and would be a wonderful asset to your community. You would be lucky to have her.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan and Harlan Gleason

Sent from my iPad

Scott Godfrey

From: Lisa Hebgen <lhebgen@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, February 7, 2022 6:34 PM
To: Scott Godfrey
Cc: Kelly Johnson
Subject: Mayhem to Manners

Dear Scott,

I am writing to you on behalf of Kelly Johnson and her dog training business. My dog went through training class with Kelly just last December and it has made a world of difference for her and for me. Mya (my dog) responds to all sorts of commands and does not bark when told not to. The training that Kelly provides is very high skilled. The dogs are trained to be respectful not only to people but to other animals as well. She is providing a very needed service for our community.

Thank You,

Lisa Hegben

Scott Godfrey

From: Cheryl Jones <rosycmj@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 5, 2022 12:49 PM
To: Scott Godfrey
Subject: Kelly Johnson, Mayhem to Manners CUP application

This letter is in response to concerns about Kelly Johnson's application for a Conditional Use Permit for her property on Berg Road in Linden Township.

My name is Cheryl Jones and I am a current client of Kelly's dog training Mayhem to Manners, and have completed the initial phase of training with my dog Ruby as of early 2020 . I say I am a current client because Ruby's continued training with Kelly encompasses Ruby's lifetime. We can attend group classes and extra training as needed or wanted, and Kelly is available to help us work through issues that may come up as our lives change.

To this day Ruby is extremely trustworthy off-leash, to the extent that when she startles squirrels off my bird feeder and gives chase, she stops and comes back at my call before ever leaving my property. I live on a lot that's less than half an acre in size. As for barking, a good example occurred just today. A deliveryman stopped by and Ruby barked to let me know, then she sat when I put her on "place" and did not bark again.

These examples are all due to Kelly's training techniques. Ruby's recall is very good under most circumstances and she only needs reminding by use of the remote collar infrequently. And under Kelly's direct supervision, which will be the case at all classes and activities on her property, the dogs will be under control at all times, and will only be worked off-leash once the dogs and owners have proven to Kelly that they are trustworthy enough to do so. There are no shortcuts in her training and she tailors the methods used to each dog and owner. I cannot recommend Kelly highly enough. Ruby is an amazing companion and traveling partner all because of the training we received at Mayhem to Manners. The training lives up to its name!

Continuing education for our dogs and ourselves is of utmost importance, and Kelly understands that. Our fast paced lives continually expose us to new circumstances and conditions, and to be able to work through these possibilities at Kelly's or through the group classes elsewhere has been a game changer for so many of us and our dogs. This needs to be able to be continued.

As for the parking concerns voiced, Kelly has already directed where we should park upon arrival for her classes, and has stated that we NOT park on the road.

Therefore it is with complete confidence that Kelly Johnson, Mayhem to Manners training, should be granted this Conditional Use Permit.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Cheryl Jones
Owner of Ruby and client of Kelly Johnson's Mayhem to Manners training
1008 E. Circle Dr., Highland, WI 53543
608-929-1032
rosycmj@gmail.com

Iowa County Planning and Land Development
222 N Iowa Street
Suite 1223
Dodgeville, WI 53533

Scott Godfrey,

I am writing to address concerns regarding Mayhem to Manners Dog Training operated by Kelly Johnson.

In November of 2021, I reached out to Kelly Johnson in tears. I was at my wits end with my Labrador Retriever, named Willow. She was one year old, nearly 80 pounds, and was an uncontrollable social butterfly. Willow would pull me into traffic and around the bustling city of Madison without any concern for the small woman on the other end of her leash. It got to the point where I felt walking her was no longer fun – it was dangerous. Although Willow herself would only lick someone to death, being pulled into traffic, across ice, and down slippery hills became a serious hazard. When I called Kelly, Willow and I had already completed two puppy classes in Madison – neither of which had any effect on altering Willow's behavior despite our best efforts. I spent most Saturday mornings waiting outside of PetSmart in Madison, trying for hours to have enough control over her for us to walk through the doors. We never made it inside.

After a single day of working with Kelly, I realized that there was a light at the end of the tunnel. That morning, I dropped off a rambunctious, out-of-control puppy. That night, I was greeted by a better mannered version of the dog I loved so much. After our two weeks of training with Kelly, the progress we made was incredible. Willow and I finally started to form a working bond as a team. It was no longer a tug-of-war game against each other at opposite ends of the leash. She could finally run free at my grandparents' farm in Highland because I knew I had full voice control over my dog. On the final day of class with Kelly, Willow and I entered our first store together. After months of failed attempts to walk into a store, Kelly had helped us get to that point in two weeks.

Since working with Kelly, I have felt such a relieving sense of freedom and confidence with Willow. We no longer avoid crowds or events – we happily attend. Today, the sight of Willow brings a smile to the nurses we walk by almost every morning. Today, I am a happier person and dog owner. Today, I can see that amazing things can happen with enough hard work and listening. And today, I tell anyone that will listen about my amazing experience with Kelly.

Kelly's services are truly a treasure in Southwest Wisconsin. One that I urge you to value and support. I feel that it would be a disservice to the community to deprive Kelly's services to anyone that wishes to partake in her training programs. With Kelly's help, dogs and their owners in our area will be more confident, happy, and free.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Please feel free to contact me with any additional questions.



Shanaya Hebgen
shebgen11@gmail.com | hebgen@wisc.edu | (608) 341-0522

Scott Godfrey

From: Els Anderson <friesianels@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 5, 2022 7:38 PM
To: Scott Godfrey; lindentownclerk@gmail.com
Cc: Kelly Johnson
Subject: Regarding Kelly Johnson property CUP

To whom it may concern,

I have personally experienced Kelly's expertise and skill in dog training, and visited her property on multiple occasions for the purpose of her help in training our dog.

As a dog owner, I know she works with us to help us train our dogs, she does not run a boarding kennel.

Her expertise is teaching dog owners to train their canine companions so that they are well mannered family members as well as good canine members of society, and they are able to go to public places with their owners and not cause problems to others or present a nuisance.

I am in support of Kelly in her plans to eventually build a training facility on her property as well, even if this involves boarding some of her clients dogs for training purposes as well as a possible day camp for dogs.

This is an undertaking with multiple benefits to anyone owning a dog as well as to society in general.

All of us appreciate well mannered canine companions and in my opinion Kelly is more than capable of running this program.

I don't see that this undertaking would interfere with a neighbor's privacy or give cause for concern about noise pollution, as it is my understanding that Kelly is not planning on starting a full scale boarding kennel where multiple dogs might be barking at any given time.

In fact I can attest to the fact that the environment at Kelly's training sessions have been well controlled and quiet.

As a matter of fact Kelly even teaches us to practice 'silent' dog training so that we can give our dogs subtle cues and/or hand signals.

If there are for example 10 dogs for an hour long training session it's actually a rather quiet and well controlled event.

Personally, I can vouch for the positive benefit we enjoy from having attended Kelly's dog training program as well as ongoing classes.

Our dog not only has become a well mannered family member thanks to Kelly's training program, but he was able to continue with more advanced training to becoming a registered therapy dog. He is able to visit patients in nursing homes, hospitals and other places where dogs are not normally allowed. All of this would not have been so easily achieved without the basic obedience training we received with Kelly's program.

His leash walking skills are great and I can often allow him off leash and am able to keep complete control over him.

I hope this helps ease any cause for concern or objections to Kelly's plans for her training business.

Sincerely,

Els Anderson
friesianels@gmail.com
608-341-8180

Scott Godfrey

From: H J <hanscjensen@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 3, 2022 7:39 PM
To: Scott Godfrey
Cc: Kelly Johnson
Subject: Re: Mayhem to Manners Dog Training business and owner Kelly Johnson

Dear Scott Godfrey and Iowa County Planning and Zoning Committee members:

We are writing in support of Kelly Johnson and her Mayhem to Manners Dog Training business. We have had the opportunity and pleasure to work with Kelly over the past year as she has helped and supported us in training and socializing our new puppy, first with puppy preschool, then with intensive obedience training, and now with ongoing obedience and socialization focused classes.

Kelly and her services were highly recommended to us by our veterinary providers at Dodgeville Veterinary Services. The education, instruction, and training that Kelly has provided us and our puppy have been instrumental in turning our puppy into a well-mannered and enjoyable member of our family. The training she has provided has focused heavily on good manners (not jumping on people, no play biting, no nuisance barking) and safety (reliably and consistently responding to and holding commands for heeling, recall, and staying in place). As part of her training, Kelly also emphasizes responsible dog ownership and ensuring that our dog is a positive member of society. She discusses, demonstrates, and helps us practice proper etiquette for interacting with other community members when out with our dog, managing interactions with other dogs in the community, and the importance of always keeping our dog under good control and cleaning up after our dog.

If it were not for Kelly and Mayhem to Manners Dog Training, we would likely have had to travel to Madison for these types of services, and ongoing participation in training and socialization classes would be very difficult. This is true for most of Kelly's other local clients as well. As a small business owner, Kelly has also made an effort to support and encourage our use of other pet oriented small businesses in the community, introducing us to a local pet food shop, a local groomer, and pet friendly restaurants and community activities.

We would greatly appreciate the opportunity for Kelly and Mayhem to Manners Dog Training to continue expanding services to include further training opportunities, day camps, and overnight boarding. These are valuable services to our community members that are in limited supply locally.

We would also like to speak specifically to Kelly's character and trustworthiness as business owner and member of the community. Kelly has always acted with the utmost respect, consistency, and responsibility during our work with her over the past year. We can understand why neighbors might have concerns about the prospect of a pet oriented business and kennel facility near their homes; but Kelly understands these concerns, she is a very sensible person, and we believe she will take any reasonable measures needed to address and mitigate these concerns. Kelly's whole emphasis is on responsible pet ownership, she and her young family will be the closest neighbors to her training and boarding facilities, and she has no more desire to tolerate excessive noise, mess, or other such concerns than any other member of the community. As a business owner and professional dog trainer, Kelly is also responsible for the welfare of the dogs under her care, and she would never tolerate situations where the dogs under her care are out of control or a risk to themselves or others.

Based on the above factors, we respectfully request and encourage that Kelly and Mayhem to Manners Dog Training be permitted to continue and expand their services to the community, including dog training, doggy day camps, and overnight boarding.

Sincerely,

Hans Jensen and Laura Opperman
Residents of the Town of Ridgeway

Scott Godfrey

From: Miller, Carrie A <CMILLER2@amfam.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 3, 2022 10:12 AM
To: Scott Godfrey
Cc: Kelly Johnson; blutree@mhtc.net
Subject: Mayhem to Manners & Kelly Johnson
Attachments: Avis Bird 16 Weeks_31lbs.jpg

To whom it may concern leading Iowa County:

As a life time resident of Iowa County, I'd like to supply you with real time examples of our experience with Mayhem to Manners, Kelly and her team.

We are the proud parents of Avis Bird Miller – a 1 year old, 65 pound TriDoodle (Golden Retriever, Bernese Mountain dog, Sheep dog, Poodle). We know...she's a MUT! 😊 Avis spends LOTS of time in the township (daily) when she goes to her grandparents to play with her sister, Dottie. They are named after my Grandmother (Dottie Pace) and her best friend Avis Heeler. That's an indication of how important our relationships are to these pups. Dottie didn't need much in the world of training. Avis was a different story.

Do not let this adorable photo of this monster fool you (attached 16 week photos, before Kelly)! She was a HANDFUL and I needed help. We had a laundry list of items we needed assistance with including nuisance barking, jumping, and trust off leash. If I'm being honest, the list was longer than that but I was coached through a 16 week old puppy (because you forget) by Kelly and reminded that she was not the 13 year old perfect dog that we had lost suddenly. Avis was....AVIS! Kelly and her team saved my relationship with my pup and we couldn't be more thankful for her. To show that this email is not coming to you with a calculated push of votes for team Kelly with a pending zoning meeting, I've attached a text change that was sent to her in mid-January.

9:45



New Message

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To: Kelly Johnson



Have I thanked you lately?
Today we adventure hard at
Gov D. Off leash the entire trip
from snow covered trails to
climbing up off trail to the top
of a bluff (which leads to
climbing back down), she was
a dream. The collar work you
did with this stubborn nugget
has saved our relationship.
She's free to be active and I'm
free from being pulled by her
sled dog strength.

My trust in her is growing and her trust in me is unconditional. When I asked her to run ahead and check in, she did. When I told her we were headed left, she veered. When I asked her to jump down a few scary rocks she whimpered and whined and I was sure I would be piggy backing her down, but I asked her again and then showed her and asked again (again) explaining shes a dog and better at this then me...she tried totally rocked it (thank God... hadn't considered her not coming back down 🤪).

Thank you!

When we're on our neighborhood walks – she's trusted with off leash near a State Highway.



The work the Kelly and team have put into this big girl is second to none. We are extremely happy we had a local option, because with that comes follow up, accountability and a follow up training model that allows us to keep working on our skills. She is an asset to our community when it comes to humans and pups.

I'm happy to speak to any of the concerns from my personal experiences and can be found by cell phone at 608-574-4113.

I've also CC'd my parents on this email so that they can respond with their outsider view of Kelly and the value she and her business bring to the community.

Carrie Miller



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Scott Godfrey

From: Michael Lanius <laniusmichael@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 3, 2022 8:55 AM
To: Scott Godfrey
Cc: kelly@mayhemtomanners.com
Subject: Re: Mayhem to Manners

Hello, Mr. Godfrey,

I'm writing on behalf of Kelly Johnson of Mayhem to Manners.

I understand that there are some concerns from neighboring properties of Kelly's regarding dogs becoming a nuisance while under the care of Mayhem to Manners.

After becoming a client of Mayhem to Manners, I can confidently assure you that any problems relating to this business's practices will not be a problem. This would include concerns such as dogs being off leash, barking, and other neighboring pets, livestock, and people becoming bothered by this business.

Kelly has been a Godsend for me, my partner Katie, and our dog Allie. There were moments when I was resigned to the idea that Allie would not be able to be off leash unless fenced in, would never walk on a leash without trying to pull my arm off, and would eventually chase another animal off into the distance and we'd never see her again. After only one session with Kelly, we understood that this would never be a concern of ours again. Allie has become so well behaved in such a short manner of time, I have no worries about other dogs under the care of Kelly, whether it be for boarding or training.

I hope this message finds you well. Please reach out to me if you would like to discuss my experience with Mayhem to Manners further, I'd be happy to offer any help I can.

Sincerely,

Michael Lanius

Scott Godfrey

From: Kate Ludlum <tkludlu@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 2, 2022 4:25 PM
To: Scott Godfrey
Cc: Kelly Johnson
Subject: Mayhem to Manners

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I joined Mayhem to Manners early in 2021 after becoming a dog owner after 11 years without one. Taking Darby (Yellow Lab Pup) to Puppy Preschool helped it transitioning back into dog ownership.

We then went on to a training class where Kelly trained Darby, Tom and I to have the confidence to work on on and off leash manners.

Darby went from chasing every leaf and piece of paper that went in front of her to walking beside us and not pulling or jumping.

Tom and I could not be happier with the process Darby has made on and off leash. Walking Darby has become a pleasure verses a free-for-all.

With the training classes Darby was able to socialize with other dogs which helped in her timid personality.

Kelly doesn't allow nuisance barking and maintains control over dogs in her care.

I am hoping that Kelly will be able to start boarding puppy/dogs that have gone through her training classes in the future making a place where not only Darby would feel safe but we would be comfortable leaving her there should the need arise.

Kelly is a certified caring responsible trainer providing a much need service to our area.

**Thank you
Kate and Tom Ludlum**

Scott Godfrey

From: Sherry Storms <sss4850@icloud.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 2, 2022 5:19 PM
To: Scott Godfrey
Cc: Kelly Johnson
Subject: Mayhem To Manners Training

Dear Mr Godfrey,

I am writing to tell you about my experience working with Kelly Johnson, Mayhem To Manners, dog training for the last two years.

Kelly is a phenomenal trainer, and quite frankly, I can't imagine anyone in this area that would be better or higher qualified. Miss Johnson is very professional with her business manners, from the first time you meet her and ongoing in the business relationship.

I have two dogs in her training program, and the results speak for themselves. My dogs are not barkers, chasers, nor do they have any other bad manners. Kelly has a very unique ability to get into each dog's mind to train to its best ability. She is not harsh, too soft, or anything off beat. I can take both my spaniels out hiking off leash, and they stay as close as I ask them to. They immediately come when called, as well as sit, down, stay, wait, and kennel up on command.

Kelly is an asset to her community, and you're lucky to have her skillset in your area. You can be rest assured that Kelly runs a tight ship whether she's doing 1-on-1 training, group classes, boarding, or camps. She has plans well laid out and doesn't miss a beat.

I'll give Kelly a high nod any time. She's someone I totally trust with my dogs, as well as credible, respectful, clean and tidy, friendly, well spoken, and someone I'm proud to be associated with.

Feel free to reach out to me with any questions.

Respectfully,

Sherry Storms
Muscodia, WI

Feb 1, 2022

Dear Board Members.

I am writing in behalf of Kelly Johnson and her bFeb 1, 2022

Dear Board Members.

I am writing in behalf of Kelly Johnson and her Business called Mayhem to Manners. I understand that she came to the Linden Township Board to discuss her desire to run a small dog training and boarding business at a house and land she was interested in purchasing. She was given approval at that time and moved forward to purchasing in Linden Township. I understand that she is now meeting resistance through the Iowa County Zoning process due to concerns addressed by one of her bordering neighbors. The neighbor's concerns include everything from noise from barking dogs, run away dogs scaring her horses and donkey, dog feces disposal on her property, scaring away of wildlife and parking issues along the road. I have been a customer of Kelly and see first hand the quality of the behavior from dogs that she has trained. As a matter of fact, the picture of the dog not on leash that she used as an example is my dog which Kelly trained. I think she used his picture (without my consent) for one reason only and that is because he is a shephard mix and she is hoping to use the "scare" factor that some people wrongfully have with German Shephards. What you can see if you look at this picture though is a well trained young dog. He CAN be off leash and has 100% recall because of the training that she has done. I am able to walk his off leash on our rural property every day without fear of him running off. We have encounterd skunk, coyotes, cats and deer on our walks and he has been called back each time even though he is a curious puppy. This is the level of training that Kelly does. The neighbor also makes reference to another picture of multiple dogs off leash at the park, making claim that this is an example of Kelly not following the rules. If you look at that picture you will see they have leashes on which were dropped for the camera and the dogs are posed for the picture with the owners just out of camera sight. If you consider what is really happening in this picture you will realize that Kelly is able to train multiple dogs to sit close together without breaking their stay command. This is not an easy feat but Kelly's training allows for this level of control over the dogs. I find it very hard to believe that she will ever have dogs "run away" from her property. Kelly also trains dogs to limit barking. I say it this way because having a dog never bark is not possible. This is their language but they can be and are taught to limit barking by Kelly. I again don't believe this will be a noise problem for the neighbor. My husband checked the google maps and it is appears that there is over 700 feet between Kelly's property line and the fenced in area where the neighbor has horses. It also appears when he did a drive by that the mentioned property is in some sort of conservation program so there should never be animals pastured there. The dogs that Kelly trains will never be close to her horses.

It is also my understanding that Kelly will only be boarding dogs that she has trained. This is because she knows these dogs and how they will behave in and on her property. I still take my puppy to additional advanced training at her house and property. Everyone who has met my dog is amazed at how well mannered he is and this is because of this additional training. While at these training sessions, if a dog does have to relieve themselves, there is an appropriate barrel to bag and then dispose of the feces.

Kelly and her clients do not want piles around and feces never be "dropped over the fence". I again find it hard to believe that the neighbor will ever hear, see or have concerns because of the small well controlled business that Kelly is hoping to have on her newly purchased property. My husband and I built a new house in Iowa County 3 years ago for all the reasons this neighbor speaks of - the quiet country life and the presence of wildlife on and around our property. We have no shortage of wildlife even with us building our new house and having our dog as indicated above. We have not seen any decrease in wildlife and the wildlife will always be around unless you hunt them, hurt them or purposely and directly scare them away. Having dogs around will not scare them away.

I find it hard to believe that Iowa County Zoning will deny a productive individual's successful small business plan that has not had any negative effects to the neighbor, while at the same time turning a blind eye to the devastating plans to build hundreds of industrial size wind turbines in our beautiful countryside. Wind turbines have been proven to have harm to health, cause noise pollution, destroys hundreds of acres of property and the killing of much of our wildlife.

Please do the right thing and assist Kelly in obtaining the Conditional Use Permit she needs to continue with her business plan. We need more successful citizens in our community.

Sincerely,

Janet and Ronald Brown

Scott Godfrey

From: Blair Lingk <blairlingk@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 2, 2022 10:07 AM
To: Scott Godfrey; lindentownclerk@gmail.com
Cc: kelly@mayhemtomanners.com
Subject: Re: Kelly Johnson's dog/training and care business proposal

To whom this concerns:

My name is Blair Lingk. I am a resident of the Dodgeville community. My wife, Jen Squire, and children participated in training classes with Kelly in the Spring of 2021.

Kelly helped us with training our Mastiff puppy, Mufasa.

Our experience with her as a trainer was extremely very helpful to my family.

I have had many dogs over the years and have never needed professional training to raise them.

However, with our new puppy, at the time, we knew he was getting large enough that my wife and children were concerned about him minding them as he became larger and larger. Mufasa is now 1-1/2 years old and weighs 200 lbs.

We knew that with his size. Having him be mindful to us was important but equally ensuring that people in our neighborhood knew that we were responsible for him since not everyone likes dogs. And a dog of his size can be very alarming to some folks.

With Kelly's assistance teaching Mufasa and us training techniques, we have been able to fully enjoy him as a pet without nearly as much concern about behavioral control. I'm sure many people that have met Mufasa in this community and others when we travel, appreciate us not imposing our dog upon them because we aren't managing his behaviors appropriately.

The experience with Kelly was so professional and organized, that there is no doubt in my mind that Kelly will continue to run her business successfully, professionally and work with everyone in her community to ensure that her business is a positive addition to her neighbors and community.

She obviously has great pride and confidence in her work and her training business is top notch. She uses all sorts of technology and other tools to project and deliver a business that is a class act. And she is not just a one and done. Even after the training is completed, Kelly encourages pets and their owners to keep current on what they've learned to ensure that they continue to be successful and reflect positively on the training that she has done with them. We are thankful for what she has done to help us be happier and more better owners for Mufasa and our community at large.

If anyone has any further questions. Please feel free to contact me, 608-444-7259.

Thank you,

Blair Lingk, Jen Squire, Alex. Sophia and Mufasa.

Scott Godfrey

From: Scott Godfrey
Sent: Wednesday, February 2, 2022 7:26 AM
To: 'Angie Skoubis'
Subject: RE: Mayhem to Manners

Hi Angie,

There's no conflict as I don't have a vote in the matter. I'll make sure your input gets included in the hearing file and a copy is provided to each committee member.

Thanks.

Scott A. Godfrey, Director/LIO
Iowa County Planning & Development
222 N. Iowa Street
Dodgeville, WI 53533
608-935-0333

-----Original Message-----

From: Angie Skoubis <angie.skoubis@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 1, 2022 6:03 PM
To: Scott Godfrey <Scott.Godfrey@iowacounty.org>
Subject: Mayhem to Manners

Hi Scott- not sure how much of a voice I can have with us being related or if it's a conflict :) but I did want to advocate for Kelly and the Mayhem to Manners business. Both of our dogs have been through her training. She does a great job, is very attentive and responsible for the care of the dog to ensure she is watching them at all times and does not have packed sessions that can get out of control or are loud and disruptive. It would be a shame for her to not be able to continue her work there when she provides such a benefit to families like us.

Hope all is well! Thanks for letting me share my thoughts.
Angie

Sent from my iPhone

Scott Godfrey

From: Anita Doyle <adoyle@mhtc.net>
Sent: Tuesday, February 1, 2022 3:25 PM
To: Scott Godfrey; lindentownclerk@gmail.com
Subject: RE: Kelly Johnson

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to support Kelly Johnson and her "Mayhem to Manners" dog training business.

The title of her business says it all..... her goal is to make all of her dog clients well-behaved and a joy to be around.

Kelly is an excellent dog trainer with many years of experience and a very conscientious person in all regards to others - as well as good hygiene for her facility.

She trained my miniature poodle for an in-depth, on-site 2 week session, as well as follow-up training and classes. She did wonders for my dog!! She is now a well-mannered and well-behaved dog. A training service such as this, as well as various classes, day camps and boarding services are very needed services.

When we had our training field trips with our dogs to various stores and outside areas, Kelly had the utmost respect for store policies and customers. She was always very conscientious about leaving the areas just like we found them....no dog waste nor any problems.

I sincerely hope that you grant Kelly the conditional use permit so she can continue her much needed business for the area.

Sincerely,

Anita V Doyle

Scott Godfrey

From: Bill Ottoway <bill.ottoway@mp.k12.wi.us>
Sent: Tuesday, February 1, 2022 1:31 PM
To: Scott Godfrey; lindentownclerk@gmail.com
Cc: kelly@mayhemtomanners.com
Subject: Support for Mayhem to Manners-Kelly Johnson
Attachments: letter for kelly.pdf

Please see letter and attached photos, Thank You, Bill Ottoway 608-574-



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MINERAL POINT POLICE-SCHOOL LIAISON PROGRAM

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02-01-2022

Scott Godfrey-Iowa County

Linden Township Clerk,

I am writing this letter in support of Kelly Johnson (Mayhem to Manners) dog training. Our elementary school has been using a therapy dog for three years and it has been a great success. Cooper is the 3 year old yellow lab that Sleepy Valley Kennels donated. Ms. Johnson was able to get Cooper certified as a therapy dog due to the Covid -19 pandemic. Last fall we were given a chance to receive a Golden Retriever puppy as a donation from Sleepy Valley Kennels (Floyd and Claudia Spoor-MP). I accepted the puppy (Blue) to train to become a therapy dog for the Mineral Point School District.

Blue has started on his pathway to becoming a therapy dog. Blue started out with Ms. Johnson's Puppy Pre-School. What I learned and what Blue learned has accelerated him into a great candidate for a wonderful therapy dog. Puppy Pre-School only had 6 puppies in class at one time. There was a lot of time spent with the puppies on behavior issues and how to correct them. This class lasted 4 weeks and what a difference it made in Blue.

As of 01-28-2022, Blue started dog obedience at Ms. Johnson's residence located at 3408 Berg Road. Blue is mostly one on one with Ms. Johnson during his training. The training goes for two weeks and I continue to train Blue at my home and in the schools. I believe having this quality of training in our area is a great asset to our community. Ms. Johnson's years of dog training reflects on the quality of the dogs when they are done training. Anyone wanting to see our therapy dogs at work is more than welcome to come to our school and see for themselves. I attached a recent photo of Blue on a field trip with Ms. Johnson in the City of Dodgeville and Blue and Cooper in the Mineral Point Schools.

Respectfully,

William J. Ottoway, Police-School Liaison Officer

Matt Austin, Principal Mineral Point High School

Mitch Wainwright, Superintendent, Mineral Point Schools

Robert Weier, Chief of Police-Mineral Point Police Dept.

Scott Godfrey

From: Mary Romolino <mary.romolino@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 1, 2022 9:55 AM
To: Scott Godfrey; lindentownclerk@gmail.com
Cc: Kelly Johnson
Subject: Support of Mayhem To Manners

Iowa County Planning and Land Development: Scott Godfrey

Iowa County Office of Planning and Development

222 N Iowa Street, Suite 1223

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Linden Township Clerk

Linden Municipal Building

444 Jefferson Street

PO BOX 469

Linden, WI 53553

Dear Mr. Godfrey and Linden Township Clerk,

I am writing in support of Kelly Johnson and her business, *Mayhem to Manners*. Kelly's experience, expertise, and desire for mutually beneficial human-to-canine relationships turns unruly dogs into well-behaved companions both at home and in the community — just as the name implies.

I understand that there may be some concern about the location of *Mayhem to Manners* in Linden Township. From my experience working with Kelly and my dog Woodrow, I am confident these concerns will be short lived. Kelly's work actually makes our dogs better neighbors. Kelly is a professional who has great respect for people, dogs, and nature in general. I'm sure she and her business will make a wonderful neighbor and will be an asset to Linden Township.

Sincerely,
Mary Romolino

Scott Godfrey

From: Kari Fingerlow <karifingerlow@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 1, 2022 10:22 AM
To: Scott Godfrey
Cc: lindentownclerk@gmail.com
Subject: Linden Town Meeting 2/9 & County 2/24

Scott,

I just got wind of a conditional use permit that had been graciously approved by Linden township and then recommended to the county - that due to one neighbor's concerns - may be revisited. If you aren't aware of this yet, my apologies. Here is what I understand though - Kelly Johnson bought land in Linden Township with the intent to run her dog training facility "Mayhem to Manners". One of her neighbors is worried that nuisance barking and other such things will impact her own neighboring property. Understandably, if "Mayhem to Manners" whole premise wasn't to fix those exact concerns, and others.

My concern is that "Mayhem to Manners" is the only operating business in the area that trains dogs that are currently nuisances. Dogs that misbehave, run away, bark for no reason, etc. have no place to be trained correctly and QUICKLY without "Mayhem to Manners".

I don't know if you've ever lived next door to a dog that was a pain - but I adopted a small dog a few years ago that turned out not to be a friendly neighbor. She barked at everything. Had the cops chasing her once. Would run in front of cars. She would scare my horse when I took her to the farm. "Mayhem to Manners" corrected ALL of the behaviors. If not for them - Knowing me, I'd probably still be dealing with the dramas because putting her down for it, was not in my nature.

"Mayhem to Manners" made my dog Bella, a welcome member of society, who now listens and walks at heel - even off leash - even when attracted to something exciting.... WOW.

Please, if you have any sway - Let this facility be up and running - WE NEED IT. Bella won't be the last dog that I own that needs Kelly's help and the Title, Mayhem to Manners, says it all.

Thank you,

Kari Fingerlow
2222 County Y (whoohoo)
Mineral Point

&

305 S Ellwood
Dodgeville

Scott Godfrey

From: Maddie Fritz <madelinefritz@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 1, 2022 10:33 AM
To: lindentownclerk@gmail.com; Scott Godfrey
Cc: Kelly Johnson
Subject: Mayhem to Manners (Kelly Johnson) Recommendation from Maddie Fritz & Gilly
Attachments: Recommendation for Mayhem to Manners Kelly Johnson - 013122-MaddieFritz-reducedfilesize1.pdf

To the Linden Township and Iowa County Planning and Land Development Boards & Whom it May Concern,

Please accept this correspondence as a letter of recommendation for Kelly Johnson and Mayhem to Manners. I have attached a PDF copy of my letter to this email as well.

Kelly Johnson/Mayhem to Manners trained my dog Gilly in the early Summer of 2019. The training introduced Gilly to new environments, different people, and new situations. These unique experiences helped him learn positive behaviors and helped shape him into a friendly and social dog.

I am very grateful for the kindness Kelly shared with my dog and that I could find someone like her in the area. She has proved to be a responsible, trustworthy, solutions-oriented, and experienced dog training professional. Her business, Mayhem to Manners, is a reliable and valuable resource for me. Mayhem to Manners helped improve my experience living in an apartment building with a high-energy dog.

Gilly is a hunting dog with high energy levels and an independent drive. When he gets on the scent of something he likes, it's hard to get his attention. Kelly showed me ways to redirect his focus, even in distracting environments. She provided a safe, judgment-free learning environment. She understands dogs are unique, and there isn't one solution that fits all.

I've also found Mayhem to Manners group classes and group training sessions to be a tremendous help for training my dog. During Mayhem to Manners group classes, I've practiced techniques with my dog and worked on skills safely and effectively. For example, I worked on having my dog sit nicely instead of trying to jump up while other people walked past us with their dogs.

Kelly helps train my dog and provides me with skills and techniques to continue being a responsible dog owner.

Sincerely,

Maddie Fritz & Gilly
madelinefritz@gmail.com
608-732-7066



Included are photos of what I've been able to do with my dog Gilly thanks to Mayhem to Manners:

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January 31, 2022

Iowa County Planning and Land Development: Scott Godfrey

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Scott Godfrey

From: Margaret Humbert <margarethumbert@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 1, 2022 11:19 AM
To: Scott Godfrey
Subject: Mayhem to Manners

I am sending this email in support of Mayhem to Manners!! I used Kelly's training program several years ago for my dog and we got great success from it. I found Kelly to be professional and a true asset to the dog family community. People who have animals need this resource to better their animal's place in a community. I hope this business will be made available--Thanks You Margaret Humbert-Dodgeville



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Scott Godfrey

From: Susan Webb <webbsatwork@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 1, 2022 9:07 AM
To: Scott Godfrey; lindentownclerk@gmail.com
Cc: Kelly Johnson
Subject: Mayhem to Manners Dog Training permit

To whom it may concern:

I'm writing in regard to Kelly Johnson and her Mayhem to Manners dog training business.

Kelly recently worked with my dog, Heather, who my family adopted from the Dubuque Humane Society in December. I'm happy to report that since going through training with Kelly we are able to keep Heather's nuisance barking and mouthiness to a minimum, and overall Heather is much easier to control. I look forward to attending group classes with Kelly and her other clients to further Heather's status as a good dog citizen.

Kelly's business brings a needed service to Iowa County. I would have had to go to Dubuque or Dane County to get the caliber of training that Kelly offers. The dog owners that use Kelly's services have the resources to invest in their dogs, and certainly do not want to see their animals behaving poorly or residing in poor conditions (as the opposing neighbor has implied would happen).

I encourage you to approve Kelly's plan for her small business so that she can continue to have a positive impact on her community.

Sincerely,
Susan Webb
Mineral Point

Scott Godfrey

From: Jena Breckon <guga323@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, January 28, 2022 3:11 PM
To: Scott Godfrey
Subject: Mayhem to Manners

Scott

I'm writing to let you know about my experience with Kelly and Mayhem to Manners her dog training business.

Kelly is one of the nicest and professional people that I know.

I took my dog to her for training.

She taught Gus to be off leash with a very rapid recall. Gus now is a great citizen dog with great manners.

I was so happy with Kelly and her training of Gus.

I referred 6 other dogs of my friends to use Kelly and Mayhem to Manners to train their dogs. They have all been very satisfied with their dogs behavior. The dogs are all off leash with instant recall.

We need Kelly to be able to continue providing her training it's great for the community to have better trained dogs.

I ask you to take this into account when talking with neighbors that don't know the quality of Kelly herself and Mayhem to Manners.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely

Jena Breckon

More than satisfied customer.

Sent from my iPhone

Scott Godfrey

From: windyrg <windyrg@countryspeed.com>
Sent: Saturday, January 29, 2022 12:54 PM
To: Scott Godfrey
Subject: Kelly Johnson/ Mayhem to Manners / 3408 Berg Rd, Dodgeville, WI

Dear Scott;

I am writing to you in support of Kelly Johnson's conditional use permit(CUP) to operate a dog training business and eventual boarding facility on her property at 3408 Berg Rd, Dodgeville, WI. We contacted Kelly three years ago to get help with our year old rescue dog, Luna. Luna came to us with a lot of baggage- she did not come when called, in fact would run away if she could get out the door or wiggle out of her collar. She was reactive in just about all situations- barking at other dogs, cars, people. In short, a perfect example of what Kelly's neighbors are concerned about. We enrolled her in Kelly's training program in April 2019- at the end of the 2 week training program we had a dog we could manage. One of the great components of Kelly's program is that she includes on-going support and continuous training for the life of your dog. So after the intense 2 week training, we continued to learn and perfect our dog handling skills through Kelly's monthly polishing classes and "Travel and Train" outings. We have attended many of these classes and outings with small groups of other graduates of the initial training program. Kelly has brought us into a number of varied environments to work on our dogs behaviors and our skills in handling them. We have been in downtown settings, city parks, state parks and farmer's markets. In all of those settings, Kelly not only focused on us having well behaved dogs, but also on being respectful to the environment we were in. She always came well prepared with extra leashes and waste bags- so that if a student did not bring these- our dogs would all still be under control and cleaned up after. One of our outings included picking up litter with our dogs in a city park in celebration of Earth Day. Until the recent purchase of the Berg Rd property, Kelly navigated training in public spaces without leaving a negative mark. Having a large rural space to offer training with benefit her clients- providing a safe consistent environment to develop and perfect strategies that ensure predictable reliable behavior in their dogs. There is no way Kelly would operate a chaotic, disruptive facility that would put the peace and quiet of the neighbor's rural life at risk. She has the knowledge and ability to change negative behavior in dogs- I feel that the dogs on her property and in her care will have no impact at all on her neighbors. The facility she is planning will not only benefit the dogs and dog owners who hire her, but also all the people that come into contact with those well trained dogs.

Thank you,

Susan Reedy
windyrg@countryspeed.com
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Muscodas, WI 53573



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Scott Godfrey

From: Sharon Shea <2shea1977@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, January 30, 2022 5:33 PM
To: clerk@villageoflinden.com; Scott Godfrey
Subject: Kelly Johnson Berg Rd C U P

Linden Township Trustees,
Iowa County Planning and Land Development,

I am writing to ask you to allow a conditional use permit to Kelly Johnson on Berg RD. I have enrolled 2 of my 3 dogs in classes with Mayhem to Manners. The idea being to have well trained dogs who are good citizens. We have lived on Berg Rd. since 1995. We have had family reunions, graduation parties, late night campfires, etc. where people park along Berg Rd. Hunters, fishermen and farmers park along the roadside. The ditch line near Kellys driveway is wide, flat, straight and line of sight is not obstructed. The farmer on Berg Rd uses the roadsides during harvest.

The scenarios the neighbor is addressing are for the most part ridiculous. Who would walk that far to throw feces over the fence line that borders their property. Barking can be controlled and managed. I owned and operated Shea's Best Friends Pet Care in Dodgeville. I had 30 kennels, doggy daycare and training classes. I never had a complaint.

Kelly will pay taxes, send her children to school and be a productive member of the county. If her neighbor would sit down and talk with her they could save a lot of people a lot of time. They have not addressed any of their concerns with Kelly. That would be the neighborly way to start. Then if need be they can involve township and county agencies.

We have neighbors on all sides of us who hunt, fish, we share the trails, target shoot, cross country ski,. We all cut wood. Chainsaws make noise, people make noise and donkeys bray!

I would like to see Iowa county grow new businesses and bring in more residents to the area. It's good for the economy.

I appreciate your time. I appreciate you for looking out for this beautiful county.

Sincere Appreciation.

Sharon and Mike Shea
3973 Berg Rd.
608 975 7085

Dear Iowa County Decision Makers,

I am writing in support of Kelly Johnson and the importance of her *Mayhem to Manners* training for local dog owners. Kelly is kind, reliable, and professional. She is everything you'd want in a neighbor and business owner. She is entirely trust-worthy as she has proven to her clients and to the dogs she trains. She heals broken dog-human relationships and gets them off to the right start just so that the dogs do not become the nuisances the objectors seem to fear.

Kelly made it possible for me to keep a neglected, abused rescue dog. She helped the dog and I become confident and trusting of each other. Now my little rescue is relaxed, loving, and good companion. My life is better and I have to hope that my dog is also a lot better off as well.

If you want to be convinced, invite her to give you a demonstration of how obedient the dogs she trains are how much fun the dogs have doing their tricks. She offers many dog owners the salvation of having a great life with a good dog. You may have seen her clients with their polite dogs on the streets of Dodgeville or in Farm and Fleet. As a community that prefers local dogs to have good canine manners than creating mayhem, we should be applauding and supporting Kelly's work.

As to rule-breaking: He dogs are on an electronic "leash." They are always under control and not running around randomly. The beauty of the system is that the dogs have enough freedom to do untethered natural doggy things but well within the control of a human. The principles of "on leash" are observed if not the technical fact. The dogs are as controlled as dogs on a leash which can break, be pulled out of hands, trip up the attached human, etc. Being attached to a human is no guarantee that a dog won't cause problems in a park or anywhere. Should someone who "drop ties" a horse on a park trail be accused of bad character or called an inveterate rule-breaker?

Kelly's classes are quiet, controlled and everybody, including humans, minds their manners. I don't see that her clients pose any more issues than a farm product stand or working farm that has employees and deliveries. The whole point of the classes is to train the dogs to have good "manners" which means no excessive barking from the dogs or shouting from the humans.

As someone who lived less than two miles from Kelly's former home and business on Korback Rd., I can tell you that the coyotes, tractors, corn dryers, ATVs, and chain saws make more than the dogs. Let's be fair about who and what is allowed to make occasional noise. Kelly cannot guarantee the dogs won't bark. That's an absurd expectation. But she can limit barking by time and decibel level (with sound proofing). Again, she should be applauded for being conscientious.

You want to worry about property price decrease? The ATC power line is probably a much bigger culprit to all property in sight of the corridor, including a lot of Linden. No property price can be proven to increase or decrease until the sale and even comparative evaluations cannot pinpoint reasons for ups or downs.

Let's talk about poop. If tons of cow poop can be removed from farms, a few barrels of dog do shouldn't be a problem. Kelly is clearly being responsible in removing waste and there is no reason to think she wouldn't continue to do so. She is raising happy, healthy children as well as family dogs. Not a "pack" in any sense of the word.

Why worry about the slight chance of stray dog poop running into the stream and not pesticides, herbicides, garbage or anything else that might flow down from any neighbor? If that happens, there are remedies. Do they really think more dog poo would get into the stream than from the wild animals or from their own? Any neighbor or activity could pose some hazard of things getting into the stream. At least Kelly is putting in good management.

I've read the objections and the ones about the reliability of the electronic collars are unfair. Dogs can bite through leashes, dig under fences, and find ways to escape in uncountable ways. There are no guarantees for any of the humane methods of containment—including the objector's animals. Ever been kicked by a donkey on a lead rope? Bit by a horse with a rider on it and supposedly in control? I have. Donkeys and horses bite and kick. Donkeys and horses can scare dogs and children. Horses break away on trails and are much less controllable than e-trained dogs.

I've had horses and donkeys and, occasionally, they have gotten through a fence or someone left a gate open and the critters ended up on the road. It happens. Can the objectors "guarantee" that their animals will never stray or pose a nuisance to Kelly or road users? I realize that you are not obliged to consider the nuisance potential of the objectors nor their animals, but you can look at the fairness of imposing standards that the objectors themselves may not be meeting.

There are no guarantees in this world. Change happens. Liability is a two-way street.

Kelly has demonstrated good will, good character, and best business practice. Please deal with Kelly and *Mayhem to Manners* fairly. Better yet, deal with her as one of the best in her business with a solid reputation and large, grateful client base.

Kelly offers a service that has brought happy and secure relationships with their dogs to so many clients that it would be a loss to the community to deny her the opportunity to thrive because of objections that do not seem reasonable, fair, or unsolvable.

Sincerely,

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Iowa County

To: Iowa County Office of Planning and Development
1/22/22

Fr: Harold and Verlene Peterson
3386 Berg Road
Dodgeville, WI 53533

Re: Petition by Kelly Johnson for the conditional use permit to operate a
commercial dog kennel

We strongly object to this petition primarily due to the high potential for continuous barking of dogs. This property is very close to our residence and have had issues related to barking dogs in the past from the same property. Several years ago Harold Kurth and us complained to the Linden Town board about the barking dog issue and dogs running loose around the neighborhood from this same property. Our bedroom is on the same side of our house as this property so we do not want to be woken up in the middle of the night from barking dogs. Please deny this petition. This is a rural and residential area and should not be used for commercial businesses especially ones that are noise related.

Harold Peterson

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Verlene Peterson

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Director's Report: February 2022

	Since last report	Year to date	same time 2020	Comments
Zoning permits	13	21	14	
Permit project value	\$1,146,200	\$1,417,800	\$996,206	
New residences	2	3	2	
Accessory structures	5	8	6	
Ag buildings	5	9	5	
Solar	1	1	1	
Floodplain/Shoreland pts	1	4	1	
Complaints/Violations	19	29	2	
Certified survey map review	7	11	4	
Zoning Hearings	1	6	5	
Board of Adj hearings	0	0	0	
Sanitary Permits	4	5	1	
Soil Tests Reviewed	3	5	2	
as of Feb. 15, 2022				

Other Updates

- Private dam failure analysis – upcoming Floodplain Ordinance revision
 - Agent status for septic system plan review
 - Completed annual NR135 nonmetallic mining report for WDNR
 - Completed annual Farmland Preservation Program report for DATCP
 - Airport Commission decided not to make any revisions to overlay zoning ordinance – Mead & Hunt prepared report with recommendations – Zone map may be revised due to layout plan
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