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CITY OF PORTSMOUTH  
Zoning Board of Adjustment Application

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| <i>Department Use Only</i> |                | Date _____ |
| Assessor Plan # _____      | Lot # _____    | Fee _____  |
| Zone _____                 | Lot area _____ | By _____   |

Fill in below by printing in ink or typing / Complete all Blanks or indicate "N/A" if not applicable

Applicant Katherine Menchen Owner of Record Katherine & Matthew Menchen  
 Applicant Street Address 416 Ocean Rd Owner Street Address 416 Ocean Rd  
 Applicant City / State / Zip Portsmouth, NH 03801 Owner City / State / Zip Portsmouth, NH 03801  
 Applicant phone (603) \_\_\_\_\_ Owner phone (603) 431-1256  
 Applicant e-mail menchenz@yahoo.com

Location (street address) of proposed work: 416 Ocean Rd

Existing use: Single Family Resident - SRA

Undersigned hereby requests:

- |   | <u>Article and Section</u> |
|---|----------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Appeal from an Administrative Decision<br>See Article 2, Section 10.234.30 | <u>Section 10.440</u>      |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Special Exception<br>See Article 2, Section 10.232.20           | <u>Use # 17.20</u>         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Variance<br>See Article 2, Section 10.233.20                               | _____                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____<br>See Article 2, Section 10.233.20                            | _____                      |

To permit the following:

To allow us to keep chickens at our property, as allowed by special exception.

The undersigned alleges that the required conditions exist for granting of this request according to the terms of the Zoning Ordinance as demonstrated in the attached submittals.

Only complete applications will be accepted by the deadline date. A complete application shall consist of: a completely filled out application with original signatures, the application fee, and 12 packets of required plans and any supporting documents or photos. Incomplete applications will not be accepted. Applications received after the deadline will be scheduled for the following month. The owner or his/her representative is required to attend the Public Hearing for the above appeal.

Katherine V Menchen \_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature of Owner Date April 25, 2017

Please PRINT name here Katherine Menchen

Katherine Menchen  
416 Ocean Road  
Portsmouth, NH 03801

April 26, 2017

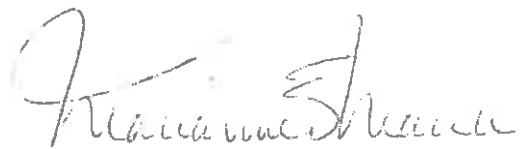
To the Board of Adjustment:

Re: 416 Ocean Road, special exception for chickens

This note is to signify that we've spoken with our next door neighbors, the March family at 418 Ocean Road, and they have expressed no concerns about us having chickens in the yard.



Katherine Menchen



Marianne March

Katherine and Matthew Menchen  
416 Ocean Road  
Portsmouth, NH 03801

April 25, 2017

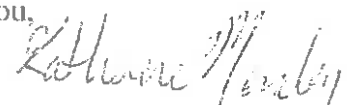
To the Board of Adjustment:

We are requesting a special exception to have a small flock of chickens on our 1- acre property on 416 Ocean Rd. To house them we plan to build a mobile "chicken tractor" with a coop above an area where the chickens can access the ground. The tractor we will move often, so the hens can feed on ticks and other insects and weeds around the entire yard. During the winter months, the tractor will be placed in near the woodshed, located well within the 100' wetlands buffer.

Special Exception Standards:

- According to 10.440 section 17.20 (page 4-21 of section 4), we are required to request special exemption to keep farm animals. We have met the standards as provided by this ordinance for keeping farm animals. Having chickens on our 1-acre plot we hope will help control the tick population. We also hope to enjoy the poultry and fresh eggs. [10.232.21]
- We have wetland buffers in the front and back of our property. While chicken waste is not toxic, we do not plan to dispose of it in in these areas. [10.232.22]
- The odor from the chickens, including any dust will be cleaned regularly, and should not adversely alter the neighborhood. We do not plan to have roosters, so as to keep noise at a minimum. [10.232.23]
- Chickens will stay well away from the road, so there should be no detriment to traffic. We intend to keep the hens cooped most of the time, due to the fact that there are hawks in the vicinity. [10.232.24]
- I do not anticipate any impact to municipal services. The chickens should not drink enough to significantly increase our water usage, and the waste I intend to add to our current compost bin. [10.232.25]
- The small coop we hope to build will be mobile and should not cause any significant storm water runoff to adjacent properties. [10.232.26]

Thank you,



Katherine Menchen



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Site Plan Request for Permit  
416 Ocean Road  
Portsmouth, NH  
K. Menchen 4/23/17







Our backyard to the left (above) and right (below)



Tractor Supply Company – potential chicken tractor specifications for 416 Ocean Rd.



Innovation Pet's Deluxe Farm House is a TSC Exclusive and can house up to 8 chickens.

- Solid wood construction with heavy-duty latches and an asphalt roof
- Sliding rear window and sliding door provide added ventilation
- Nesting box, roosting bar and ramp included
- Easy to assemble in less than 60 minutes
- Outside assembled dimensions are 84 in. x 42 in. x 57 in.
- Dimensions for the door at the top of the ramp are 11 in. x 11 in.

| <b>Specification</b>            | <b>Description</b> |
|---------------------------------|--------------------|
| Brand:                          | Innovation Pet     |
| Product Type:                   | Chicken Coops      |
| Pen Height:                     | 57 in.             |
| Pen Included:                   | Yes                |
| Pen Length:                     | 84 in.             |
| Pen Width:                      | 42 in.             |
| Product Height:                 | 57 in.             |
| Product Length:                 | 84 in.             |
| Product Weight:                 | 144 lb.            |
| Product Width:                  | 42 in.             |
| Recommended Number of Chickens: | 8 Chickens         |
| Roof Material:                  | Asphalt            |
| Wall Material:                  | Wood/Metal         |
| Warranty:                       | 90-Day Limited     |
| Wheels Included:                | No                 |
| Manufacturer Part Number        | 222-08             |