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Case 5530

**OFFICIAL DECISION
BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS
CARROLL COUNTY, MARYLAND**

APPLICANT: Michael and Colleen Histon
1126 Slingluff Road
New Windsor, Maryland 21776

REQUEST: A conditional use for a dairy food processing and milking plant to make sheep cheese.

LOCATION: The site is located at 1126 Slingluff Road, New Windsor, MD 21776, on property zoned "A" Agricultural District in Election District 11.

BASIS: Code of Public Local Laws and Ordinances, Section 223-71 A (11)

HEARING HELD: January 6, 2010

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSION

On January 6, 2010, the Board of Zoning Appeals (the Board) convened to hear a conditional use request for a dairy food processing and milking plant to make sheep cheese. Based on the testimony and evidence presented, the Board made the following findings and conclusion:

The Applicants reside on 22 acres (+/-) of property in the Agricultural zone. They hope to move 100 sheep on to the property for the production of cheese. The milking operation and cheese processing facility will generally run five months per year. The cheese will be processed and packaged on the property. All milking/processing equipment will be operated in an enclosed barn. The cheese will be sold to markets, restaurants and wine shops. There will be no sales to the general public made from this property. Noise will be minimal, and will generally only result from the use of a common vacuum pump. No odors will be generated from the processing.

Based on the above, the Board found the proposed operation to be an ideal use of the property. No noise, dust, odors or customer traffic will result from this use. The dairy/processing operation will all be housed indoors. Accordingly, the Board found that any adverse effects from the use would be no greater here than elsewhere in the Agricultural zone, and the conditional use was granted.

January 26, 2010
Date

Charles H. Wheatley, III
Charles H. Wheatley, III, Chair