

CANTERBURY PLANNING BOARD
PO BOX 500
THE SAM LAKE HOUSE
CANTERBURY, NH 03224

REQUEST FOR PRE-APPLICATION CONCEPTUAL CONSULTATION
(Rev. 10/2016)

NOTE: This application, and all required information, must be filed at least twenty-one (21) days before the date of the meeting at you wish to appear before the Board, whether in person or by mail. Filing is to be done at The Sam Lake House, Canterbury, NH to the attention of the Planning Board.

1. **Name and address of applicant:**

Stephen Bladner

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2. **Name and address of owner of record, if other than applicant:**

Stephen Bladner & Kelly Short

107 Hacklebow Rd, Canterbury

Phone Number: same

Email Address: same

3. **Name, address and telephone number of surveyor and or agent authorized to represent owner/applicant before the Planning Board:** (attach letter of authorization to application):

n/a

4. **Type of project:**

Auxiliary building to the chapel at Church of the Woods.

Please see attached material.

September 10, 2021

Dear Members of the Planning Board,

On behalf of Church of the Woods, I seek your review and approval for a small auxiliary building adjacent to our current chapel, to support customary church needs and functions.

As you know, our 600 square foot chapel is very simple and does not have enough space for many of the basic functions that churches customarily provide and need. Accordingly, we have been planning to construct another small building to serve these functions:

- Indoor composting toilet and bathroom
- Office/administrative space, plus room for a small collection of books
- Meeting space for workshops, educational programs, retreats, and other small gatherings
- Closet space for storage and utilities

Obviously, these are all ordinary functions of a church, but are best served by a space separate from the chapel.

We are still finalizing the plans, but anticipate the building will be about 700 square feet, built on a slab approximately 50 feet from the chapel. Electricity will be provided by a connection to the existing off-grid solar system that serves the chapel. Water will be provided by the existing well. With a composting toilet there is no need for on-site sewage treatment; we also will continue the existing porta-potty by the parking area. Heat will be propane and a small woodstove.

Taylor Blachly, who worked with Mark Hopkins on our barn and chapel, and on the Sam Lake House, will be doing the work. I am waiting for him to be freed up from other projects so he can complete detailed plans.

I would be grateful for your guidance. Since this is such a small building and will serve such ordinary church functions, I am hoping this can be reviewed in a simple and expeditious manner.

Thanks so much,

Steve

Rev. Stephen Blackmer
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