

## Malcolm Ragan

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**From:** Isys Johnson <info@shesakeeper.dog>  
**Sent:** Friday, July 29, 2022 9:45 AM  
**To:** Jesse Steadman  
**Cc:** Malcolm Ragan  
**Subject:** Re: Automatic reply: Kennel Interest Follow Up

Hi Jesse and Malcolm,

Thank you very much, that sounds like a good plan. I will await your recommendations for next steps. Have a great weekend!

Best,  
Isys Johnson  
Founder  
She's a Keeper Dog Training  
[www.ShesAKeeper.dog](http://www.ShesAKeeper.dog)

On Jul 29, 2022, at 9:24 AM, Jesse Steadman <planning@stow-ma.gov> wrote:

Hi Isys,

I am copying Malcolm Ragan, our Assistant Planner here, as he will be managing the Board's agenda over the next several weeks. I will include this email in the Planning Board packet so they can provide an initial response. If you do intend to bring a zoning amendment forward, there is a specific process to follow, including drafting language for the bylaw change. However, I would recommend the potential for having a discussion with the Planning Board prior to do doing so to determine whether they may support the change or some variation of it.

We can bring this up at the meeting of August 2<sup>nd</sup> and get a sense of how the Board would like to proceed with the request.

Thank you,  
Jesse

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**From:** Isys Johnson <info@shesakeeper.dog>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 28, 2022 4:44 PM  
**To:** Jesse Steadman <planning@stow-ma.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: Automatic reply: Kennel Interest Follow Up

Hi Jesse,

As I move further down the road with purchasing this property I had a question. I know you're on your way out of the position, so if there is someone else I should contact t please let me know. I've met with Kathy with Conservation about the brook and spoken with Karen with the ZBA. I have 2 questions:

1 - I would like to see if the Planning Board would be willing to sponsor a warrant article for the next Town Meeting to change the Zoning Bylaw to allow kennels in the Business District. We would like to construct a small building on that portion of the property to crate dogs in that is climate controlled during pickup, drop off and nap time. We would even keep the trees to block it so it blended with the surrounding area.

2 - Our current kennel permit allows us to have the kennel less than 100' from the lot line because it is in the basement of our residence. Would we be able to house dogs in the basement of a residence built in the residential section of this property?

Best,  
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On Jul 13, 2022, at 2:01 PM, Jesse Steadman <[planning@stow-ma.gov](mailto:planning@stow-ma.gov)> wrote:

Hello,

I will out of the office with limited access to email until Monday, July 18th.

If you have any questions or are sending application/permitting information to the Planning Board, please contact Assistant Planner, Malcolm Ragan at [planning2@stow-ma.gov](mailto:planning2@stow-ma.gov).

Best,

Jesse Steadman

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