

Appeal Period Expires 4/29/20  
 Zoning District R2

**Town of Essex, Vermont**  
**Application for Zoning Permit**  
 www.essex.org

Application Date 1/1  
 Permit Number 2020-60

All construction is to be completed in accordance with the Town of Essex Zoning Regulations and any/all federal or state regulations now in effect. You are required to post this permit in a conspicuous location on the property during the appeal period and it must remain posted throughout the construction period. **You are required to contact the necessary state agencies to obtain state permits @ 477-2241 (Jeff McMahon, Permit Specialist).**

Any interested person may appeal the decision of the Zoning Administrator to the Zoning Board of Adjustment within fifteen (15) days of the permit's date of issuance. Commencing construction within this fifteen (15) day appeal period is prohibited by law.

Signed: A. Pelais

**A** Parcel Account Numb. (Map-Parcel-Lot) 2- 032-019-000  
 (found in Town Assessor's Office)  
 Property Address: 16 Ridge Road Essex  
 Owner: Ariela Pelais + Peter  
 Owner Address: 16 Ridge Road Essex  
 Owner Phone: (work) 802-234-1198 (home) \_\_\_\_\_  
 (cell) 802-881-4894 (Email) amadaip@gmail.com  
 Contractors name: N/A Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Cell: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Estimated Construction Dates: Start: 3/26/2020 Completion: 3/26/2020  
 Sq. Feet: 103.6 Estimated Cost (labor & materials): \$ 449

**G**

Check box(es) which describe proposed use or construction (circle choice in parenthesis).  
 N = New A = Addition R = Remodel

|                                  |                                     |                          |                          |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| <i>Residential:</i>              | N                                   | A                        | R                        |
| Single Family                    | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Two-family (duplex)(other)       | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Multi-family                     | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Condominium / Townhouse          | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Mobile home                      | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <i>Inclusions or Additions:</i>  |                                     |                          |                          |
| Garage (attached) (detached)     | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Porch (enclosed) (open)          | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Deck                             | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Pool (in) (above) ground         | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Shed                             | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Barn (residential) (agriculture) | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <i>Non-residential:</i>          |                                     |                          |                          |
| Commercial / Industrial          | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <i>Stormwater:</i>               |                                     |                          |                          |
| Stormwater                       | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Erosion Control                  | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <i>Other:</i>                    |                                     |                          |                          |
| Change in use                    | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Miscellaneous                    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Renewal                          | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

*Backyard Chicken*

**B** Sewage Disposal (Please attach Sewer or Septic Application).  
 Public  Private  Connection Fee \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Date Paid: 1/1  
 Proposed New Bedrooms: \_\_\_\_\_ Existing Bedrooms N/A

**C** Water (Please attach Water Service Application).  
 Public  Private  Fee \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Date Paid: 1/1

**D** Driveway (Please attach copy of approved Curbcut / Utility Application).  
 Date of approval 1/1

**E** Stormwater  
 Project disturbs an area greater than or equal to 1 acre – Erosion Control Permit Required. Attach completed permit application.  
 Project creates new or expands existing impervious surface greater than or equal to 1/2 acre – Erosion Control Permit and Stormwater Management Permit required. Attach completed permit application.

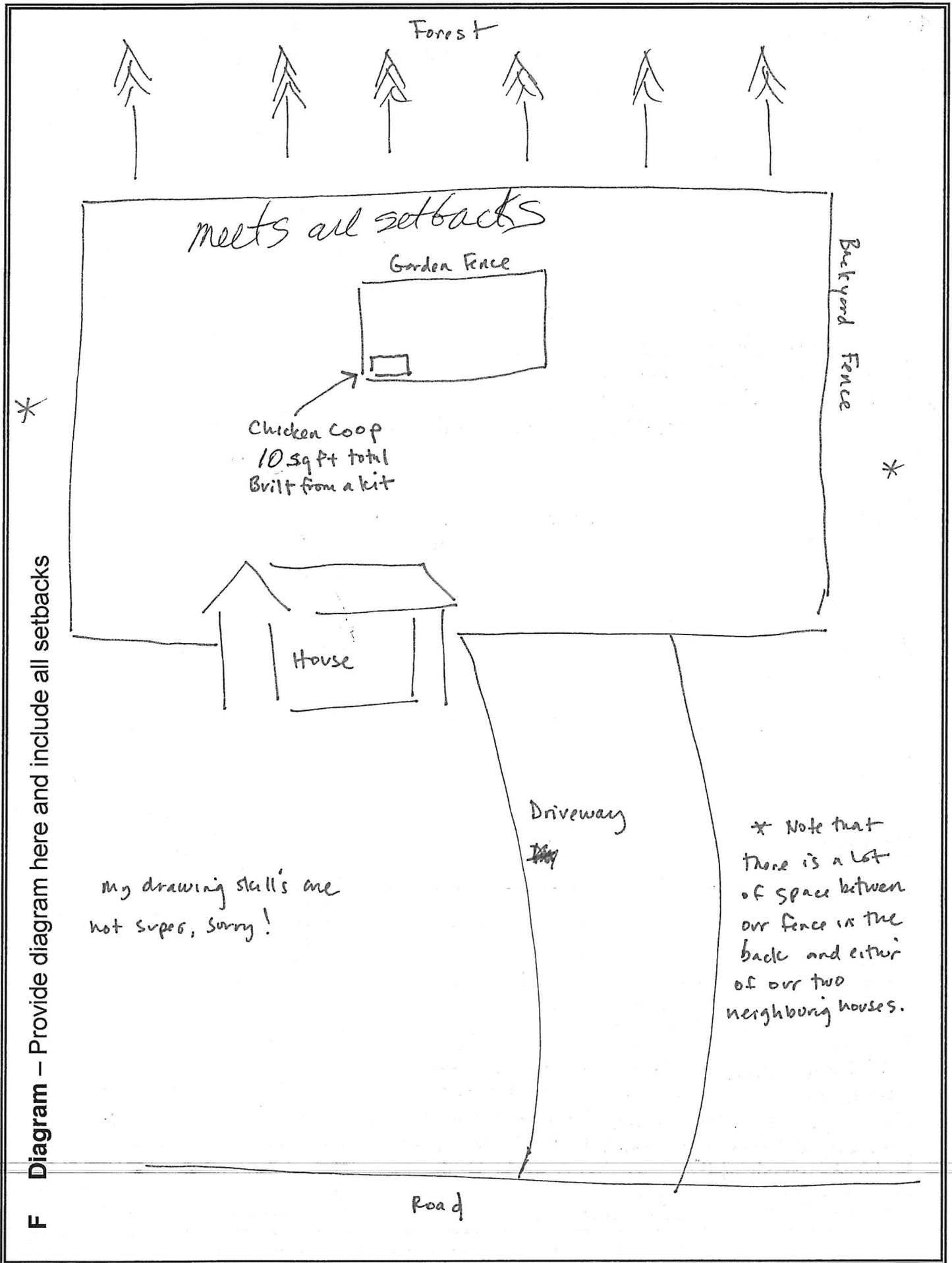
**F** Diagram – Show a sketch of project on reverse of this application with property lines, building, and setbacks or attach separate sheet.

**G** Their application is for a small chicken coop that's only large enough for 4 hens. We will only have laying hens. No roosters. No slaughtering. These are pets and food waste eaters who will keep us busy during quarantine! OVER  
 Signature of Tenant and Signature of Owner [Signature]

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|                    |      |              |                |
|--------------------|------|--------------|----------------|
| Fees:              | Type | Amount       | Date Pd        |
| Permit             |      | \$ <u>50</u> | <u>4/14/20</u> |
| Recreation         |      | \$ _____     | <u>1/1</u>     |
| Recording          |      | \$ <u>15</u> | <u>1/1</u>     |
| Certificate of Occ |      | \$ _____     | <u>1/1</u>     |
| Other              |      | \$ _____     | <u>1/1</u>     |

**Building Permit**  
 Approved  Rejected  Date 4/14/20  
 Issued to: Peter + Ariela Pelais  
 Zoning Administrator: Sharon L. Kelley  
 Notes: (COVID-19 time use)  
Assoc. notified see email attached  
Adhere to section 4.20 of zoning regulations  
 C.O. Required PROVIDED Yes  No



F Diagram - Provide diagram here and include all setbacks

my drawing skills are not super, sorry!

\* Note that there is a lot of space between our fence in the back and either of our two neighboring houses.

## Sharon Kelley

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**From:** Ariela Pelaia <amadai@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 14, 2020 1:47 PM  
**To:** Sharon Kelley  
**Subject:** Emails Re Chickens at 16 Ridge

CAUTION: EXTERNAL MAIL. DO NOT CLICK ON LINKS OR OPEN ATTACHMENTS YOU DO NOT TRUST

Hi Sharon -

Thank you again for the phone call today, as well as for your patience and help. I deeply appreciate it!

As requested I'm attaching screenshots of various emails for your records. They are labeled before each screenshot. :)

Let me know if you need anything else!

Ari

**Email from Brian Marcotte say it would be ok to have a few hens. (Brian owns Pinewood Manor). This email is from 2016 when I first asked him about it.**

 **Brian** <brianbuilds@comcast.net>  
to me ▾ Thu, Feb 18, 2016, 2:44 PM

Hi Ariela,

I am good with my position still. It will follow the restrictions set forth by the Town regarding this subject, if in fact it passes.

I also want to stand by my limit of 3 hens max. per home. As a courtesy to immediate neighbors, letting them know about having laying hens.

**Email from Nancy Pratt, the HOA President. She recommended just emailing both of my neighbors, which I did. She did not think it would be an issue to have a few hens, especially since they are confined by our fenced backyard, the fenced garden and then the coop inside the garden.**

 **Nancy Pratt**  
to Pinewood, me ▾ Tue, Mar 24, 2:36 PM ☆ ↶ ⋮

+pinewoodmanor@gmail.com to keep the topic in the private pinewood email archive

I'll review the zoning attachment, but keep in mind that this change would require an amendment to the Pinewood Covenants (as Brian mentioned in his email). To amend the covenants requires a majority of the homeowners to agree. There's no precedent for this process. FYI, there are about 289 homes in our directory, but Raymond Drive and Forest Extension are not included in the covenants, so they wouldn't vote. That includes me. This change is technically outside the domain of the Homeowner Association but I'm happy to help with the amendment. It's more in Brian's wheelhouse since he's essentially the architecture committee that would enforce it.

For the voting, I don't think a meeting would work well, especially with the coronavirus restrictions. A Jotform could be created (like the PinewoodHELP and Dine-around used... and I plan to use it for pool and homeowner registration). Or someone could go around and get signatures for the vote (not as "secret ballot" as the online form) - while maintaining distance.... or do both.

Alternatively, the "ask for forgiveness rather than permission" could be used. As a courtesy, I'd recommend that anyone considering this check with immediate neighbors first. With the zoning update and the limit to 3 female chickens, it shouldn't cause much concern if they are contained in the yard.

Let me know how you'd like to proceed.

Nancy

**Email from Nancy offering to help me find hens and also providing the email for our neighbors at 18 Ridge. I emailed the Sisters and the Wilsons, who live on either side of us.**



 **Nancy Pratt**  
to me ▾ Tue, Mar 24, 3:29 PM ☆ ↶ ⋮

If you need any chicken connections, I can put you in touch with a few people I know who have chickens... Or I can find out from them where they get/got their chickens. My son build a fancy automated coop so they can be away for days and it's all self-sufficient. Longer than that, they have a neighbor check in.

-Nancy

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 **Ariela Pelaia** <amadai@gmail.com>  
to Nancy ▾ Tue, Mar 24, 4:36 PM ☆ ↶ ⋮

Do you happen to have Hal's email for 18 Ridge? I have Pat Sisters email. Usually I just walk over to their houses, but in these circumstances email seems best.

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 **Nancy Pratt**  
to me ▾ Tue, Mar 24, 4:41 PM ☆ ↶ ⋮

**Haile & Janet Wilson**  
janet.wilson25@comcast.net · Home  
879-6786 · Home  
18 Ridge Road · Home

-Nancy

**This is Pat Sisters' response. The Wilson's never replied to my emails. I sent the original and a follow up. But I see them every now in then in their backyard and they wave to me, they haven't said anything.**

 **Pat Sisters**  
to me ▾ Thu, Mar 26, 11:20 AM ☆ ↶ ⋮

Hi Ariela

Thanks for your note. Yes we are doing okay so far trying to stay away from the COVID19, it sure is scary.

Glad you can get your little chicks for your project .Hope you both enjoy them.  
I'm sure Asher will have fun watching them grow.

Glad winter is over and spring is HERE.

Pat

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