

Donna Bruch

From: bruchs@comcast.net
Sent: Wednesday, October 27, 2010 9:35 PM
To: bruchs@comcast.net
Subject: Fwd: Phone Discussion Regarding 1400 Hampton Drive, Downingtown PA.

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From: bruchs@comcast.net
To: "Janet Satterthwaite" <jjsatterthwaite@verizon.net>
Sent: Wednesday, October 27, 2010 4:44:53 PM
Subject: Fwd: Phone Discussion Regarding 1400 Hampton Drive, Downingtown PA.

FYI below.

Chris

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From: bruchs@comcast.net
To: "Barbara Atmore" <BAAtmore@weichertrealtors.net>
Cc: bruchs@comcast.net
Sent: Wednesday, October 27, 2010 4:42:45 PM
Subject: Re: Phone Discussion Regarding 1400 Hampton Drive, Downingtown PA.

Barbara, thank you for your e-mail and phone call. While there were no messages from you for me I appreciate you getting back to me.

As for your response, we are taking it up with our neighbor and the township. Should we need your office to testify at a hearing or court case that the Agreement of Sale and your team sold it as a residential property we'll contact you.

Regards,

Chris Bruch

----- Original Message -----

From: "Barbara Atmore" <BAAtmore@weichertrealtors.net>
To: bruchs@comcast.net
Sent: Wednesday, October 27, 2010 12:37:26 PM
Subject: RE: Phone Discussion Regarding 1400 Hampton Drive, Downingtown PA.

Chris,

I did return your call. I left you a voice mail message yesterday. I have gone over our file and spoken with both agents involved in the transaction.

According to the Agreement of Sale the house was sold as a residential property. If you have any further questions I recommend you discuss this with the current owners.

Regards,

Barbara Atmore

From: bruchs@comcast.net [mailto:bruchs@comcast.net]
Sent: Wednesday, October 27, 2010 9:03 AM

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To: Barbara Atmore

Cc: bruchc@comcast.net

Subject: Phone Discussion Regarding 1400 Hampton Drive, Downingtown PA.

Hello Barbara. My name is Chris Bruch and we spoke on Monday. Since I've not heard from you yet I wanted to follow-up on our conversation:

* I believe 1400 was represented by Nancy Dougherty and sold by Chris Tait with the sale completed September 16/10

* The website I directed you to is http://www.svaroopavidya.org/Home_Page.html

* Within the site is a tab 'Free Services'

* Within that is a listing of 'E-Letter Archives'

* Within that you will see letters describing how the home will be used.

* Under the tab 'Capital Campaign' you will find a listing for 'Ashram Residency' stating how the rooms of the home will be used

* Under the same tab you will find a listing of 'Photo's Ashram Site' taken before the home closed

* Under the tab 'Home' will you find a listing for '2011 Programs' half way down the right side showing a calendar of public meetings at the home

As this neighborhood is zoned residential are concerns revolve around representation of how the property was sold. I am traveling through tomorrow but will be back on Friday. As I mentioned my wife and I are available and would prefer to meet with you to discuss this.

Thank you

Chris Bruch

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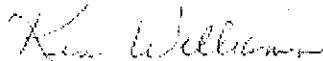
Mr. and Mrs. Christopher T. Bruch
1408 Hampton Drive
Downingtown, PA 19335

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Bruch:

NOTICE: The West Bradford Zoning Hearing Board will consider the following and any other matters that properly come before them on February 2, 2011 at the West Bradford Township Administration Building, 1385 Campus Drive, Downingtown, PA 19335. The meeting will begin at 7:00 P.M.

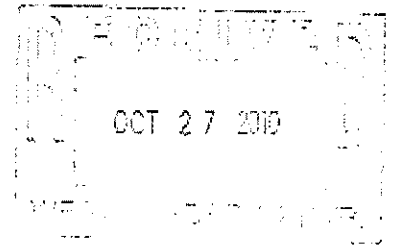
APPEAL #369: Applicant: Nirmalananda Saraswati. **Property:** 1400 Hampton Drive, Downingtown, PA 19335. Whereby the applicant is appealing the decision of the Zoning Officer that the property is being used for an educational use or a religious use. The property is located in the R-1C Zoning District which permits single-family residences and does not permit educational use or religious use. Reference the R-1C section of the West Bradford Zoning Ordinance.

Sincerely,



Kim Williams
Administrative Assistant

Swami Nirmalananda Saraswati
1400 Hampton Drive, Downingtown PA 19335
swami@svarcopavidya.org
484.678.7222



October 25, 2010

West Bradford Township
1385 Campus Drive
Downingtown PA 19335

Attention: James H. Lucas, Assistant Zoning Officer

Dear Mr. Lucas,

Thank you for your letter, following up on my neighbors' concerns and the township ordinances. I am happy to reiterate the information I expressed in our meeting, and to offer this information in writing, as well as to provide additional information.

The initial information that I got from the HOA, that one or two yoga classes per week would be fine with them, was strenuously reversed by emails from the Board. I am truly sorry that they did not contact me directly, and I tried to reach them but did not receive the courtesy of a return phone call. Once I got their emails, I understood their position and am happy to comply with it.

Additionally, their informal (and initial) agreement with the proposal would have been in violation of Township zoning. I do believe I have a good understanding of the zoning restrictions, and I am happy to make sure that I am in full compliance. In fact, I began that process before you and I met, as I explained at our meeting. The website pages that explained inappropriate programming were immediately changed, even before we met.

Specifically, I cannot find any place on our website that currently says we expect 15 residents to begin the community. While it may have said that previously, once the restrictions were made clear to me, I made those changes to our plans. In fact, in a home this size, I never planned for 15. I had been searching for a larger home, but chose this one because of its beauty and its charming neighborhood. I don't want to do anything to undermine the neighborhood. I truly want to be a good neighbor and a contributing member of the Township.

This residential building is my home. I do plan on including up to three additional residents, as allowed by the Township. In addition, as I described, this is a parsonage, so I do have people over for meetings and for social events. Most recently, I have held a couple of "Tea with Swamiji" socials, and believe it did not adversely affect the quality of the neighborhood. I do also plan to have a party on November 7, but also believe that is in keeping with a residential activity.

The Ashram business activities are being held elsewhere. The retreats and courses are being conducted at Tomonos, a retreat center that is just 4 miles away. We had one last weekend and are continuing with another this week. I also am using the business facility for Master Yoga Foundation, another not-for-profit organization that I founded, which works well for the Ashram

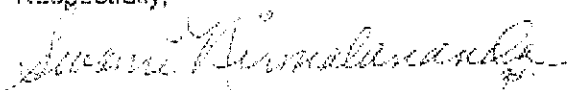
activities. I am describing these things so that you can see I have other locations for conducting the business activities.

Within a few months, I plan to have a business location operating in "downtown" Downingtown. That will certainly make it easier for everyone to see that the teaching activities have their own location, while I continue to live in this beautiful home.

A neighbor recently hosted a lovely party in their home, which I was delighted to attend. At that party, I did meet several neighbors who are working from their homes. They are not conducting a business that brings traffic into the neighborhood, but they do have a home office. I would like to know if this is in violation of Township Ordinances, or if I may do the same. Thank you for this information.

Lastly, please do tell me what uses and language are on our website (www.svaroopavidya.org) that are not of a permitted use within the R-1C zoning district. It is my intention to correct any errors immediately. I thought I had, and if I hadn't, I do apologize.

Respectfully,



Swami Nirmalananda Saraswati

President, Svaroop[®] Vidya Ashram

Founder & Master Teacher, Master Yoga Foundation

Founding President, Yoga Alliance & National Registry of Yoga Teachers

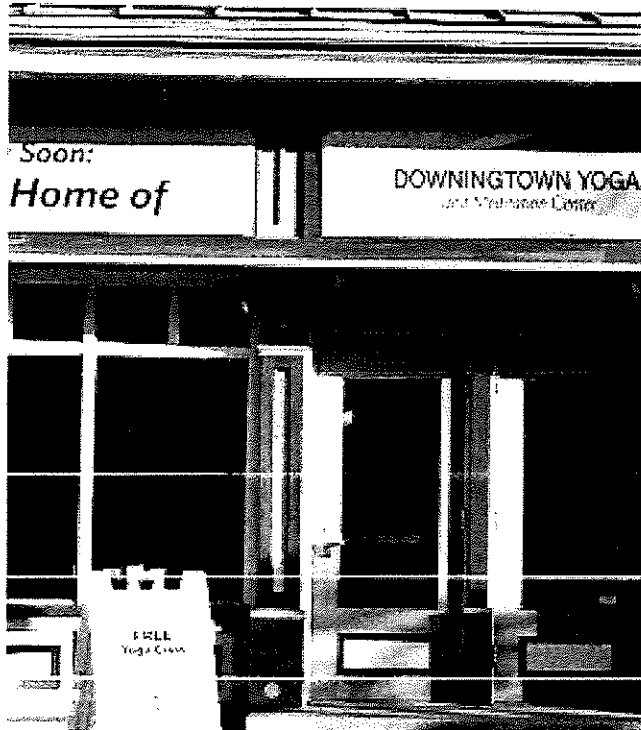


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DESCRIPTION

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Susan ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

March 3, 2019

I bow again and again. Om Svaroopo Svasvabhavah Namah. Namaste,

Susan ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

March 3, 2019

Being mantra. Om Namah Shivaya.! What an amazing experience. Namaste

Susan ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

February 19, 2017

Very informative, grateful for the support on how to build Savroopi community!

Susan ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

June 18, 2016

Love the Guru Giti & Swamiji!

Susan ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

March 11, 2015

Learned a lot about analyzing numbers to calculate whether I am meeting goals. Look forward to implementing this into my business! Thank you.

No more reviews

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Vowed Level Details

Shishya (disciple)

Pronunciation: SHEE-shyaw

Vow: none

Prerequisites: have already received beginning teachings. There are a variety of ways to fulfill this, in SVA's retreats and trainings as well as with your Svaroopo® Vidya teacher in your area. In addition, a Shishya application is required.

Practice: none required at this level

Ashram Seva (volunteer work): none required at this level, though you may offer

Ashram Dakshina (monthly donations): none required at this level, though you may offer

Initiation Gift: none as there is no initiation because there are no vows

Tuition Discount: not at this level

Special Programs available: online Q&A Satsang, online Shishya Meditation Club, monthly Shishya emails, in-person Shishya Satsangs with Gurudevi Nirmalananda when she is in your area

H&H Weekends: not at this level

Link here to complete a Shishya application

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Sadhaka (one who does the practice)

Pronunciation: SAW-daw-kaw

Vow: none

Prerequisites: have taken at least one Shaktipat Retreat; Sadhaka application required.

Practice: establishing daily practice; begin wearing light colors

Ashram Seva (volunteer work): none required at this level, though you may offer

Ashram Dakshina (monthly donations): \$21 per month or more

B&B Weekends: may attend any or all B&B Weekends (if space is available)

The annual application period will be open in July or August 2021. Until then, please consider applying for Shishya Membership, which accepts applications all year round.

Brahmacharin (celibate yogi)

Pronunciation: BRAW-maw-CHAW-rin

Vow: to be completely celibate (with special rules for married couples); meditate daily; practice yamas & niyamas

Prerequisites: completed one year or more as a Vratin; additional studies and practice as directed by Swamiji; followed by an application and approval by Gurudev Nirmalananda

Practice: celibate; meditate daily; practice yamas & niyamas; wear visible yellow daily, wear no black and use no leather

Ashram Seva: 2-3 hours per week or more

Monthly Dakshina (monthly donations): tithe 5% of income or more (scholarship discount available)

Initiation: in Vows Retreat or in Ashram ceremony

Receive Initiation Gift: receive yellow scarf, Ashram necklace, yellow wristband from Swamiji

Give Initiation Gift (dakshina): none required, though it is traditional to offer a donation

Tuition Discount: 40% off all Lokananda tuitions (except programs including Shaktipat). NOTE: you must enroll with the Enrollment Advisor (not online) by the confirmation date (not late) in order to get this discount.

Special Programs available: periodic conferences for brahmacharis and swamis; online Vratn Q&A; Satsang, online Q&A Satsang; online Shishya Meditation Club; in-person Shishya Satsangs with Gurudev Nirmalananda when she is in your area

B&B Weekends: minimum one per year; may attend any or all B&B Weekends (if space is available)

The annual application period will be open in July or August 2021. Until then, please consider applying for Shishya Membership, which accepts applications all year round.

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Initiation Gift: none, as there is no initiation because there are no vows

Tuition Discount: 20% off Lokananda YTT & ATT tuitions (1st time of enrollment only; enroll with Enrollment Advisor by confirmation date)

Special Programs available: online Q&A Satsang; online Shishya Meditation Club; monthly Sadhaka emails; in-person Shishya Satsangs with Gurudevi Nirmalananda when she is in your area.

B&B Weekends: may attend one per year (maximum)

The annual application period will be open in July or August 2021. Until then, please consider applying for Shishya Membership, which accepts applications all year round

Vratin (one who has taken a vow)

Pronunciation: VRAW-tin

Vow: meditate daily; practice yamas & niyamas

Prerequisites: have taken at least one Shaktipat Retreat, Foundations of Svarupa® Yoga & Vows Participation Retreat; have been a Shishya or Sadhaka for one year or more; application for Vratin, interview and approval by Gurudevi Nirmalananda

Practice: meditate daily; practice yamas & niyamas, wear visible white daily (which may be along with other colors), wear no black and use no leather

Ashram Seva (volunteer work): 2-3 hours per month or more

Monthly Dakshina (monthly donations): \$51 per month or more (scholarship available)

Initiation: in Vows Retreat

Receive Initiation Gift: receive white scarf and white wristband from Swamiji

Give Initiation Gift (dakshina): none required, though it is traditional to offer a donation

Tuition Discount: 30% off Lokananda YTT / ATT / DYY tuitions (1st time of enrollment only; enroll with Enrollment Advisor by confirmation date).

Special Programs available: online Vratin Q&A Satsang, online Q&A Satsang; online Shishya Meditation Club; in-person Shishya Satsangs with Gurudevi Nirmalananda when she is in your area.

Sannyasin (swami)

Pronunciation: SAWN YAW sir

Vow: renounce all the three worlds.

Prerequisites: completed one year or more as a Brahmachari, additional studies and practice as directed by Swamiji; followed by an application and approval by Gurudevi Nirmalananda

Practice: fully celibate, renunciant, wear only orange.

Ashram Sove: none required at this level

Monthly Dakshina (monthly donations): Sannyas dakshina is required before initiation, no further dakshina is required

Initiation: ceremony in India with Swamiji or informal initiation with Swamiji

Receive Initiation Gift: receive orange cloth & rudrakshas

Give Initiation Gift (dakshina): to be determined individually

Tuition Discount: all Lokananda tuitions are free, on a space available basis at time of enrollment only; enroll with Enrollment Advisor (by confirmation date).

Special Programs available: periodic conference for brahmachari and swamis; online Vruth Q&A Satsang; online Q&A Satsang; online Shishya Meditation Club; in-person Shishya Satsangs with Gurudevi Nirmalananda when she is in your area

B&B Weekends: minimum one per year, may attend any or all B&B Weekends (if space is available)

Ashram Visits: you may visit and stay at the Ashram. If you are there two or more times in a month, your minimum stay is 2 nights each time. If you are there only

once a month, your minimum stay is 3 nights, with a maximum of 9 nights per year. Please note that this is pre-reserved, on a space available basis, and there is a charge for Housing & Meals

The annual application period will be open in July or August 2021. Until then, please consider applying for Shishya Membership, which accepts applications all year round.

Dear Chris & Donna,

Please accept this small gift of supplies for a yogi tea with cookies. If it wasn't a pandemic, I'd invite you over and offer them personally, but we're limited in that way right now. Hearing your concerns touched me deeply as did your heartfelt words of welcome. I look forward to improving our neighborly relationship from here forward.

Namaste,

Swami Nirmalamunda