

Town of Otsego Zoning Board of Appeals

Minutes – April 19, 2011

PUBLIC HEARING

11.02 – Vision’s Way LLC (Jeff Haggerty/Jon McManus) – Area variance, expansion of hardware store complex – 5390 State Highway 28 (#131.00-1-7.00)

Chairman Greg Crowell called the Vision’s Way public hearing to order at 7:09 PM, and noted that no one from the public was present. Crowell closed the hearing at 7:13.

REGULAR MEETING

The monthly Town of Otsego Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) meeting was held on this date at the Town Office Building in Fly Creek, NY. Chairman Greg Crowell called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM and roll call was taken by Secretary Bill Deane. Board members present were Crowell, Sam Hoskins, and Ed Hobbie.

Zoning Enforcement Officer Hank Schecher was also present. Tony Scalici (Vice-Chairman), Bill Kitchen, and alternate member Christopher Voulo were absent.

Chairman Crowell asked if anyone had a potential conflict with tonight’s applicant. No one reported any conflict.

The Board reviewed the ZBA minutes of March 15, 2011, mailed to the members. Hoskins moved to approve the minutes as written. Hobbie seconded the motion and it was approved, 3-0.

Chairman Crowell reviewed correspondence received since the last meeting: a flier from Bond, Schoenecke, and King, listing various scheduled conferences; and one from Paradigm Liaison Services, advertising a program on “Pipeline Safety” at Oneonta on May 19.

The Board moved on to the application.

APPLICATION

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Applicant Jeff Haggerty was present. The Board briefly reviewed his application.

Sam Hoskins moved to approve the variance sought (4.5 feet on the east side). Hoskins said that, while the proposed project will produce a minor change in the neighborhood, overall it will not have an undesirable effect; that the benefit sought (an increase in retail/storage space) cannot be achieved by any other feasible method; that, though the difficulty is self-created, the variance sought is minimal; that the proposed project is in keeping with neighboring properties; and that the

proposed project produces an improvement in the property and an overall positive effect, which the Board encourages. Chairman Crowell seconded the motion and it was approved, 3-0.

With no further business, at 7:18 Chairman Crowell adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Bill Deane, Secretary