

Town of Otsego Zoning Board of Appeals

Minutes – May 19, 2020

(Will be approved with any necessary amendments at the next meeting)

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 (no meetings were held in February or March due to no agenda items, nor in April due to COVID-19). Chairman Greg Crowell called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call was taken by Secretary Bill Deane. All regular Board members were present: Crowell, John Dewey, Dean Robinson, Sal Furnari, and Mary Anne Whelan (Robinson and Furnari participated via Zoom). New second alternate member Corinne Armstrong, Zoning Enforcement Officer Ed Hobbie, and Town Supervisor Meg Kiernan were also present. First alternate member Tony Scalici was absent.

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

The Board reviewed the minutes of January 21, 2020, e-mailed to the members. Dewey moved to approve them as written. Whelan seconded the motion and it was approved, 5-0.

Deane distributed copies of the updated ZBA directory, and the Winter 2020 New York Planning Federation's *Planning News*. The only other correspondence received since the last meeting were potential ZBA applications, delivered to Hobbie for review.

The Board moved on to the applications.

APPLICATIONS

20.02 – Matt Paoni – Area variances, construction of garage within 500 feet of Canadarago Lake in RA1 district – 2121 County Highway 22 (#38.20-1-20.00)

Ed Hobbie said he was representing applicant Matt Paoni. Hobbie had e-mailed application documents to the ZBA members.

Paoni wants to erect a 20x24' free-standing, single-story garage near his existing house, which Hobbie said is more than 100 feet but less than 500 feet from Canadarago Lake. He is seeking variances of 40 feet on the east side (center of the County Highway 22), 14 feet on the north side, and 16 feet on the south side. The Board examined the documents and asked questions. Hobbie said that members had permission to visit the property.

John Dewey moved to deem the application complete, contingent on a depiction/elevation of the proposed garage to be received by June 2, and to schedule a public hearing for June 16. Dean Robinson seconded the motion and it was approved, 5-0.

20.01 – Laurel O'Brien – Area variance, subdivision creating lot(s) of under three acres in RA2 district – 463 Williams Road (#113.00-1-57.64)

No one appeared on behalf of this application, and Zoning Enforcement Officer Hobbie said that applicant Laurel O'Brien had not yet paid her fee. The application will be removed from the agenda until further notice.

Clerk Bill Deane read aloud from the ZBA's minutes of December 15, 2009. O'Brien had been on the agenda with the exact same request back then, but had not followed through with it. She owns a 5.3-acre vacant

parcel contingent to her house lot, and wants to split it in two, meaning at least one of the resultant new lots would be less than the required three acres.

OTHER BUSINESS

Ed Hobbie had no formal Zoning Enforcement Officer report, but discussed incomplete applications in progress and cases of interest.

The Board discussed appointing its 2020 vice-chairman (replacing John Tedesco). Chairman Crowell moved to appoint John Dewey. Dewey noted that Dean Robinson has more seniority, but Robinson said he agreed to Dewey's nomination. Mary Anne Whelan second the motion and it was approved, 5-0, with Dewey abstaining and Corinne Armstrong voting in his stead.

With no further business, at 7:35 Crowell adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Deane, Secretary