

Town of Otsego Zoning Board of Appeals
Minutes – July 17, 2012

PUBLIC HEARING

12.04 – Edwin & Judi Cook – Area variance, construction of garage – 108 Feed Store Road, Fly Creek (#114.09-1-11.00)

Chairman Greg Crowell opened the Cook public hearing at 7:07 PM, gave a brief explanation of the project, and asked if anyone from the public had any comments or questions about it. Neighbor Diane Eldridge said she was there just to observe the process. Bill Deane noted that the letter addressed to neighbor Mary Jean Firman had been returned to sender due to insufficient address. With no further comment, Chairman Crowell closed the hearing at 7:10.

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, Ed Hobbie, Christopher Voulo, and Carina Franck. Also present was Zoning Enforcement Officer Hank Schecher. Sam Hoskins (vice-chairman) and alternate member Michael Pelcer were absent.

The Board reviewed the minutes of June 19, 2012, mailed to the members. Voulo moved to approve the minutes as written. Hobbie seconded the motion and it was approved, 4-0.

The only correspondence received since the last meeting was the Summer 2012 issue of *Planning News*, copies of which were distributed.

The Board moved on to the application.

APPLICATION

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After a brief review of the Cook application, Ed Hobbie moved to approve the variance sought (28 feet on the north side). Hobbie said the proposed project represents an improvement to the neighborhood.

Chairman Crowell added that this was the minimum relief necessary, as the retaining wall prevents the structure from being built farther from the road, thus the benefit sought cannot be achieved by any other feasible method; and that the proposed project is in keeping with neighboring properties. Christopher Voulo seconded the motion and it was approved, 4-0.

OTHER BUSINESS

Bill Deane gave Chairman Crowell an agreement form from the Otsego County Planning Agency. Town Supervisor Anne Geddes-Atwell had requested that Crowell complete and sign the form during the meeting. Crowell said he would take it home, read and complete it, and return it to Deane before the August 7 Planning Board meeting.

Chairman Crowell said he was meeting with Supervisor Geddes-Atwell in about a month to discuss the ZBA's training budget for 2013.

Christopher Voulo said he would miss the August ZBA meeting, if there is one. Ed Hobbie said that he may also miss it.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Bill Deane, Secretary