

Town of Otsego Zoning Board of Appeals

Minutes – August 18, 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Town Office Building in Fly Creek, NY (there was no meeting in July due to no agenda items; the Peters application was withdrawn). 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. Board members present were Crowell, John Dewey (vice-chairman), Sal Furnari, and Mary Anne Whelan. Dean Robinson and alternate members Tony Scalici and Corinne Armstrong were absent. Zoning Enforcement Officer Ed Hobbie and Town Supervisor Meg Kiernan were also present.

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

The Board reviewed the minutes of June 16, 2020, e-mailed to the members. Dewey moved to approve them as written. Whelan seconded the motion and it was approved, 4-0.

There was no correspondence received since the last meeting. The Board moved on to the application.

APPLICATION

20.05 – Irene Szatko – Replacement of garage within 500 feet of Canadarago Lake in RA2 district – 184 Bibik Road (#52.11-1-23.00)

Applicant Irene Szatko was present. She wants to raze her existing garage near Canadarago Lake, and replace it with one slightly larger (about two feet longer on the south side). Zoning Enforcement Officer Hobbie said the garage would be more than 100 feet from the Lake, thus need no variance from *Land Use Law* Section 4.04. He said the application fee was paid.

The Board examined the site drawings, and determined that Szatko would need a 43-foot variance on the east (Bibik Road) side, and a 16-foot variance on the south side. Szatko said there would be no significant increase in water runoff, and gave permission to Board members to visit the site.

John Dewey moved to deem the application complete, contingent on a list of neighbors within 200 feet of the property lines, and schedule a public hearing for September 15. Chairman Crowell seconded the motion and it was approved, 4-0. Hobbie supplied the neighbor list later during the meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

Scott Curtis was present at Bill Deane's invitation. The ZBA had granted Curtis a variance of nine feet on the east side in January, 2019, and he wanted clarification as to whether his revised garage plan will meet the terms of his variance. He was advised that the variance allows him to build no closer than 21 feet from the center of County Highway 26, including roof overhangs.

Ed Hobbie had no formal Zoning Enforcement Officer report, but discussed several cases of interest. He distributed copies of the new Town intake form, and asked the members to look it over and contact Town Board member Carina Franck with any proposed changes, specifically a way to incorporate the ZBA application into it. Hobbie said a new ZEO would be starting on September 1 and transitioning with him before Hobbie leaves the position effective October 1. Chairman Crowell thanked Hobbie for his long service.

With no further business, at 7:47 Crowell adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Bill Deane, Secretary