

**Town of Otsego Zoning Board of Appeals**  
Minutes – December 20, 2011

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**11.07 – Jeffrey Foutch – Area variance, addition to existing trailer – 153 Bailey Road, Fly Creek (#98.00-1-41.00)**

Chairman Greg Crowell called the Foutch public hearing to order at 7:01 PM, and noted that no one from the public was present. Crowell closed the public hearing at 7:03.

**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 7:02 PM and roll call was taken by Secretary Bill Deane. Board members present were Crowell, Sam Hoskins, and Ed Hobbie. With Vice-Chairman Tony Scalici and Bill Kitchen absent, alternate member Christopher Voulo joined the meeting table. Zoning Enforcement Officer Hank Schecher was 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 November 15, 2011, mailed to the members. Hoskins moved to approve them as written. Voulo seconded the motion and it was approved, 4-0.

Chairman Crowell reviewed correspondence received since the last meeting:

- The November/December 2011 issue of *Talk of the Towns & Topics*, copies of which were distributed to the members.
- A December 17 e-mail from Bill Kitchen, advising of his immediate resignation from the ZBA due to health concerns.

The Board moved on to the application.

**APPLICATION**

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Applicant Jeffrey Foutch wants to extend his existing trailer to the side and rear, and will need an 18-foot variance on the north side of his property in order to add the extension. The Board briefly reviewed his application package and had no questions.

Sam Hoskins moved to approve the variance sought. Hoskins said that,

while the project will produce a minor change to the neighborhood, it will not be an undesirable effect; that the benefit sought cannot be achieved by any other reasonable method; that the proposed project is in keeping with neighboring properties; that, while the difficulty is self-created, the variance sought is minimal; and that the proposed project produces an improvement in the property and an overall positive effect, which the Board encourages. Christopher Voulo seconded the motion and it was approved, 4-0.

Foutch asked if there was any deadline on starting the project, as he does not expect to start before the spring. Zoning Enforcement Officer Schecher advised him that the only deadline was one year after getting his building permit.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Christopher Voulo said that he was interested in becoming a full-fledged member of the ZBA, and had applied for the vacancy left by Bill Kitchen's resignation. Ed Hobbie moved to recommend to the Town Board that Voulo be appointed to Kitchen's position. Sam Hoskins seconded the motion and it was approved, 3-0, with Voulo abstaining.

With no further business, at 7:11 Chairman Crowell adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bill Deane, Secretary