



The *Zoning Board of Appeals* of the Town of Schaghticoke met, in accordance with the Governor's Executive Order 202.1, via videoconferencing/ teleconference utilizing the Zoom Application on Thursday, January 7, 2021.

PUBLIC HEARING

There were no public hearings scheduled.

REGULAR MEETING

7:32 P.M. Kristin Pratt, Deputy Town Attorney, explained the Zoom Application. Attorney Pratt stated that the meeting was being recorded, would be available on the website and would be transcribed at a later date. In addition, Atty. Pratt stated that minutes were being taken.

Chairman McDonough opened the meeting at 7:30 p.m. with roll call.

Present:

Ed McDonough, Chairman
Rich Geddis
Kristin Griswold
Lettie Saheim
Jason Shover

Absent:

None

Kristin Pratt, Deputy Town Attorney, and Elizabeth Hale, Clerk, were present.

The Board reviewed the minutes from the meeting of December 3, 2021. Lettie Saheim made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Jason Shover seconded.

Ayes: McDonough, Geddis, Griswold, Saheim, Shover

Nays: None

Chairman McDonough stated that he received an inquiry from Carol Edwards who resides at 158 Akin Road, Johnsonville in the Town of Schaghticoke. She currently has an 18 month old cow at her approximately 2 acre property in an RA district on Akin Road. Zoning Code regulations require a 10 acre lot for the keeping of a cow. She has a

fenced-in area behind her residence for the cow; it was unclear whether there is any shelter for the keeping of a farm animal. As the parcel does not meet the minimum acreage for the keeping of livestock, an area variance is required. However, Ms. Edwards stated that she does not have sufficient funds for the \$150. fee to apply for a variance.

Chairman McDonough asked Atty. Pratt if there were any steps that could be taken to allow Ms. Edwards to move ahead with an application when monetary funds were not available. Ms. Edwards does not wish to send her cow to slaughter. Atty. Pratt stated that she would explore alternatives to determine whether the Town could waive the fee based upon financial hardship.

Chairman McDonough mentioned that he followed a large truck, owned by the Ragone Foundation business, on NYS Route 40, moving very slowly. In addition, it was noted by a Board member that a crusher run has been distributed on the access driveway to the Ragone property which intersects at NYS Route 40. The crusher run covers the width of the access drive and appears to measure approximately 15'-20' long. The Board discussed that Mr. Ragone needed a permit from the NYS Department of Transportation for the driveway; however, any additional construction of the property for the business required Planning Board review. To date, the Planning Board has not received any applications.

Ed McDonough made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 p.m. Lettie Saheim seconded.

Ayes: McDonough, Geddis, Griswold, Shover

Nays: None

Abbreviations

RA – Residential/Agricultural District

NYS – New York State

Respectfully submitted,

date: February 7, 2021

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Elizabeth Hale". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Elizabeth Hale,
Zoning Board of Appeals, Town of Schaghticoke