



The *Zoning Board of Appeals* of the Town of Schaghticoke met, in accordance with amendments to the New York State Public Officers Law, via videoconferencing/teleconference utilizing the Zoom Application on Thursday, November 4, 2021.

PUBLIC HEARING

There were no public hearings scheduled.

REGULAR MEETING

Kristin Pratt, Deputy Town Attorney, explained the Zoom Application. Attorney Pratt stated that the Zoom meeting notice was posted in the newspapers, that the meeting was being recorded, would be available on the Town of Schaghticoke website and would be transcribed at a later date. In addition, Atty. Pratt stated that minutes were being taken and recommended the use of the chat feature, should any technical questions arise during the meeting. Any comments were encouraged to be spoken in order to be recorded.

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

Present:

Ed McDonough, Chairman
Rich Geddis
Kristin Griswold
Jason Shover

Absent:

Lettie Saheim

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

The Board reviewed the minutes from the meeting of October 7, 2021. Jason Shover made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Rich Geddis seconded.

Ayes: McDonough, Geddis, Griswold, Shover

Nays: None

Chairman McDonough stated that he received no inquiries via phone or e-mail since the last meeting.

Mr. McDonough provided the Board with an update pertaining to the complaint that he received last month that involved a barking dog located on Haughney Road. Joe Johnson, who resides at 22 Haughney Road, contacted Chairman McDonough to complain that a neighbor's dog barks incessantly during night time hours and that other neighbors hear the barking as well. The dog is licensed by the owner, Kathryn Davis, who keeps the dog as protection for her sheep who have access to open sheds for shelter. Chairman McDonough discussed the issue with Attorney Pratt and others. The Town Code Enforcement Officer, Brian Davidson, reached out to the dog owner, Kathryn Davis. Ms. Davis stated that her property was located within a state Agricultural District under Article 25AA of the New York Agriculture and Markets Law; therefore, she believes that the NYS Agriculture and Market regulations allow her to keep the dog for the protection of the sheep.

Attorney Pratt stated that she reached out to Rensselaer County and learned that the Davis property is not located within an Article 25AA Agricultural District, though an application has been submitted to be included within an Article 25AA Agricultural District.

Ms. Davis is requesting approval from both Rensselaer County and the NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets. A decision may be reached by the County mid-December and, possibly, the Board will be updated at the January meeting. Rich Geddis asked whether future meetings will be held virtually or in-person. Ed McDonough replied that the agenda will dictate the decision and that with no business, a virtual meeting might be more appropriate.

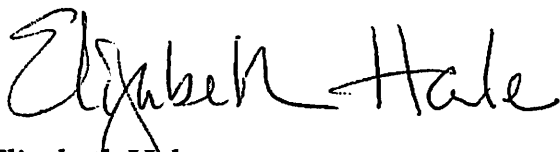
Ed McDonough made a motion to adjourn at 7:41 p.m. Jason Shover seconded.

Ayes: McDonough, Geddis, Griswold, Shover

Nays: None

Respectfully submitted,

date: December 3, 2021

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Elizabeth Hale". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Elizabeth Hale,
Zoning Board of Appeals, Town of Schaghticoke