



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, December 2, 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 newspaper, 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. In addition, Atty. Pratt advised that those present should remain muted unless speaking, in order that the speakers may be clearly heard.

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 November 4, 2021. Jason Shover made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Kristin Pratt seconded.

Ayes: McDonough, Geddis, Griswold, Shover

Nays: None

Abstention: Saheim

Chairman McDonough stated that he received an inquiry from Albie Lewis, of Valley Paving. Mr. Lewis owns a 1.4± acre lot with an existing residence and garage at 1722

NYS Route 40. There are two septic systems on the lot, each serving one of the structures. There is one well, shared by both buildings. Mr. Lewis would like to subdivide the property to enable him to sell a section of the lot and garage to the landscaper currently renting the garage where he operates a landscaping business. Another individual expressed interest in the purchase of the house.

To achieve the subdivision, Chairman McDonough explained the required process, including the need for a survey, RCHD approval for an additional well/s, and application to the Planning Board for the subdivision process. Mr. Albie indicated that he did not care to be burdened with an extensive project. Consequently, Mr. Albie stated that he may choose to sell the lot in its entirety.

Chairman McDonough asked Atty. Pratt whether the Board should expect future meetings to be held virtually or in-person. Kristin Pratt replied that the current amendments to the New York State Public Officers Law, which permit virtual public meetings is effective through the January 15, 2022. While details regarding further amendments are not entirely clear, it is likely that further meetings may be permitted to follow a hybrid model in which the public may have the option to participate in person or virtually. Additional details will likely be shared in the coming weeks about future legislation. Ed McDonough stated that the agenda will dictate the decision for next month's meeting and that with no business, a virtual meeting might be more appropriate.

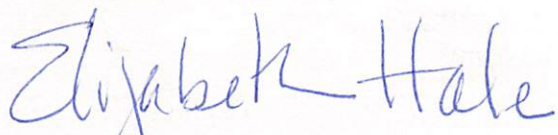
With no further business at hand, Ed McDonough made a motion to adjourn at 7:50 p.m. Lettie Saheim seconded.

Ayes: McDonough, Geddis, Griswold, Saheim, Shover

Nays: None

Respectfully submitted,

date:



Elizabeth Hale,
Zoning Board of Appeals, Town of Schaghticoke