



The ***Zoning Board of Appeals*** of the Town of Schaghticoke met, in accordance with 2021 amendments to the New York State Public Officers Law, via videoconferencing/teleconference utilizing the Zoom Application on Thursday, January 6, 2022.

#### 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 Troy Record, 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. The use of the chat feature was recommended, 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 7:31 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. Jackie Stellone, a Town resident, was present.

The Board reviewed the minutes from the meeting of December 2, 2021. Lettie Saheim made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Kristin Griswold seconded.

Ayes: McDonough, Geddis, Griswold, Saheim, Shover

Nays: None

Chairman McDonough stated that he received an inquiry from Matt Charde, of 330 River Bend Road. Mr. Charde proposes to construct a home to be located in the flood plain across the street from his residence at 330 River Bend Road. Mr. McDonough noted that he was contacted by Mr. Charde several months ago with regard to the same proposal. At that time Chairman McDonough contacted the Army Corps of Engineers from whom he received information concerning the regulations for the proposed project. He provided Mr. Charde with the relevant requirements for building in a flood plain/floodway and noted that the insurance rates would be more costly, reflecting the floodway location. Chairman McDonough stated that Mr. Charde appeared to have forgotten his initial request and Mr. McDonough's response; therefore, Mr. McDonough provided Mr. Charde with copies of the original information. There has been no further contact with Mr. Charde.

Atty. Pratt added that there are additional measures needed to allow construction in a floodway and that FEMA may make alterations to the maps upon an application. Furthermore, Kristin Pratt suggested that Mr. Charde contact an engineer familiar with flood plain/floodway development to ensure that all requirements to permit construction in a flood plain/floodway are met.

Chairman McDonough and the Board extended congratulations to Jackie Stellone, as she was recently re-appointed to the Capital District Regional Planning Commission.

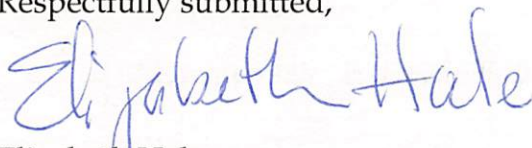
Chairman McDonough asked Atty. Pratt whether the Board should expect future meetings to be held virtually or in-person. Kristin Pratt replied that the current amendments to the New York State Public Officers Law, which permit virtual public meetings are effective through the January 15, 2022. While details regarding further amendments are not entirely clear, Atty. Pratt stated that 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 so long as virtual meetings are permitted.

With no further business at hand, Ed McDonough made a motion to adjourn at 7:41 p.m. Rich Geddis seconded.

Ayes: McDonough, Geddis, Griswold, Saheim, Shover

Nays: None

Respectfully submitted,



Elizabeth Hale,  
Zoning Board of Appeals, Town of Schaghticoke

date: February 4, 2022

Abbreviations:

FEMA – Federal Emergency Management Agency