

The ***Zoning Board of Appeals*** of the Town of Schaghticoke met at the Town Hall, 290 Northline Drive, Melrose, New York 12121 on Thursday, March 7, 2024.

REGULAR MEETING

Roll call took place.

Present

Ed McDonough, Chairman
Kristin Griswold
Lettie Saheim
Jay Shover

Absent

Rich Geddis

Elizabeth Hale, Clerk, was present.

7:00 PM. As there wasn't a quorum of members present at the meeting that attended the January 4, 2024 meeting, the Board was unable to consider or approve the minutes of the January 4, 2024 meeting. The January minutes will be reviewed by the Board at the April meeting.

The Board reviewed the minutes from the February 1, 2024 meeting. Kristin Griswold made a motion to approve the February minutes as submitted. Lettie Saheim seconded.

Ayes: McDonough, Griswold, Saheim

Nays: None

Abstention: Shover

The Board reviewed the December 7, 2023 meeting. Ed McDonough made a motion to approve the December minutes as submitted. Kristin Griswold seconded.

Ayes: McDonough, Griswold, Shover

Nays: None

Abstention: Saheim

Chairman McDonough stated that he received a phone call from a resident who is considering the keeping of 3 chickens and resides on Sherman Hill Road off Northline Drive. Mr. McDonough explained that the Zoning Law in

the Town of Schaghticoke requires 5 acres of land in order to keep chickens to be in compliance with the Zoning Code.

Chairman McDonough stated that he received an e-mail from Joe Burniche. Mr. Burniche is considering the construction of a garage with an accessory apartment on his property. Upon review of the proposal with Mr. Burniche, Mr. McDonough explained the application process to the applicant: that Mr. Burniche will need to apply for an area variance to meet the side yard requirements set forth within the Zoning Code. Should the application for an area variance be granted by the Board, Mr. Burniche will be required to submit an application to the Planning Board for a Special Use Permit to allow an accessory apartment above the proposed garage.

Jackie Stellone, a resident of the Town, was present. Ms. Stellone asked the Board if the Town was considering a moratorium on solar facilities. She stated that Rich Geddis mentioned (at a previous meeting) that he spoke with someone who is familiar with the construction of the solar facilities to be located at the highway garage and landfill sites and that he understood that there would be no additional solar sites in the Town since, currently, National Grid hasn't sufficient substations to connect any additional solar power to the grid. Ms. Stellone added that solar facilities are "bad for the environment" -that the panels create thermal energy, that there is a possibility of fire, and that there are problems with the disposal of the solar panels.

With no further business at hand, Ed McDonough made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:12 p.m. Lettie Saheim seconded the motion.

Ayes: McDonough, Griswold, Saheim, Shover

Nays: None

Respectfully submitted,

Date:

Elizabeth Hale, Clerk