

The ***Zoning Board of Appeals*** of the Town of Schaghticoke met at the Town Hall, 290 Northline Drive, Melrose, New York 12121 on Thursday, July 11, 2024.

REGULAR MEETING

Roll call took place.

Present

Ed McDonough, Chairman

Rich Geddis

Kristin Griswold

Jay Shover

Elizabeth Hale, Clerk, was present.

Absent

Lettie Saheim

REGULAR MEETING

7:00 PM. The Board reviewed the minutes from the meeting of June 6, 2024.

Ed McDonough made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Jay

Shover seconded.

Ayes: McDonough, Geddis, Griswold, Shover

Nays: None

Chairman McDonough stated that he received a phone call from Alexzandra and Kyle Stark with regard to their interest in purchasing property at 140 Sliter Road where a dilapidated trailer is currently located on the 1.96 acre lot. The couple would like to remove the current trailer and situate another trailer on the property to serve as their residence. Mr. McDonough noted that he reviewed the set back and minimum lot density regulations required by the Zoning Code with the callers, as well as the requirements regulating the usage of trailers/mobile homes within the Town of Schaghticoke.

Chairman McDonough stated that he received an e-mail from Dave Brennan, Town Attorney, to advise the ZBA of the Town Board's request for an opinion from the ZBA. The matter concerns the proposed installation of solar power battery storage facilities within the Town of Schaghticoke. Rich Geddis, Board member, noted that he attended the Town Board meeting where the proposal was discussed by Town Board members. Furthermore, he stated that the solar farms within the Town are at maximum capacity for storage of solar energy to be transferred to National Grid. Various companies have expressed interest in creating battery storage facilities within the Town.

Chairman McDonough added that he received inquiries with regard to the possible installation of battery storage sites to be located adjacent to solar farms.

The Board discussed the subject and mentioned the high possibility of fire and the difficulty in extinguishing fire at battery storage sites. The Board concluded that a moratorium on battery storage facilities within the Town is currently appropriate.

Ed McDonough made a motion to create a letter in response to the Town Board's inquiry indicating that the Zoning Board of Appeals concurred that they are unanimously in favor of a moratorium on battery storage sites. Jay Shover seconded.

Ayes: McDonough, Geddis, Griswold, Shover

Nays: None

With no further business at hand, Kristin Griswold made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:31 p.m. Jay Shover seconded the motion.

Ayes: McDonough, Geddis, Griswold, Shover

Nays: None

Abbreviations

ZBA – Zoning Board of Appeals

Respectfully submitted,

Date:

Elizabeth Hale, Clerk