

Town of Hoosick Zoning Board Meeting Minutes
June 1, 2015

Present: Chairman Jim Hoag, Wally Sheffer, Jerry McAuliffe, Joe MacDonald
Andy Beaty and Attorney Mark McQuerry

A public hearing was held at 7 p.m. for Leo Surdam for a setback area variance to build his garage on County 95, South Street in Hoosick, New York. The garage will be a 30 ft. by 40 ft. 2 car garage. He will need 10 ft. on the side of the garage and 5 ft. in the rear of the garage from the bordering property.

No one from the public attended the public hearing.

A motion was made by Wally Sheffer to close the public hearing, seconded by Joe MacDonald, all in favor, motion granted.

The regular Zoning Board meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Chairman, Jim Hoag with the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion was made by Jerry McAuliffe to approve the May minutes, seconded by Joe MacDonald, all in favor, motion granted.

Leo Surdam-Area Variance

The Zoning Board reviewed the application and the SEGRA and found no significant impacts on the project. A motion was made by Joe MacDonald to declare this a NEG DEC, seconded by Wally Sheffer, all in favor, motion granted. A motion was made by Wally Sheffer to accept the setback of 5 ft. in the rear and 10ft. on the side of the garage from the bordering property and grant an area variance to Leo Surdam, seconded by Andy Beaty, all in favor, motion granted.

Enlighten Power Solution-Solar Project

Mr. Elliot appeared before the Zoning Board for a permit to install a 485 kw solar array to provide electricity to Hoosac School. This would be from a private investor and grant funds. This would be located on the property of the Hoosac School in the Town of Hoosick. The site would be on the school property near the athletic field on vacant land. They will be leaving most of the vegetation and use evergreen shrubs for visual effects. The visual impacts on the neighbors would be very little since the project is located at the far end of the field. 5 acres would be effected by the project.

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The setback dimensions should be put on the drawing of the site.

The panels will face south at a 30 degree angle, there will be a chain link fence and slats and there is an existing gravel access road. The Zoning Board would like a letter from the Hoosac School on the emergency access to the site. They would also like a letter from the Fire Department on the access to the site. There will be no storage and the lighting will be on the panel box, no lighting installed will be toward the road or any houses. The board reviewed the EAF and found no significant impact with the project. The board will leave the SEGRA open until after the public hearing.

A motion was made by Joe MacDonald to declare this a NEG DEC and that the application is complete with added items required, seconded by Wally Sheffer, all in favor, motion granted. A motion was made by Joe MacDonald to schedule a public hearing on July 6, 2015 at 7 p.m., seconded by Wally Sheffer, all in favor, motion granted.

BounceLinx LLC-Internet

Mr. Carnett appeared before the Zoning Board for a permit for a temporary mobile tower for internet. He would like to bring a trailer in with a mobile tower so that the internet project could take place until a fixed tower could replace it. The Zoning Board reviewed this and felt that it would require all the review that a permit for a fixed tower would need so therefore decided to proceed with the site plan review of the permanent tower for the broadband internet service.

Mr. Carnett stated that the project would be located at 190 Fords Road in the Town of Hoosick and that there are setbacks of 1,000 ft. and it is in an A/R zone.

He stated that there would be no lights required and it would be a low voltage stand-alone tower. They will need a special permit and variance due to the height of the tower. The tower would be 120 ft. instead of the required 100 ft. due to the fact that they need the height to get the best broadband internet service for the community. The project is over ½ mile away for the closed home.

The board reviewed the EAF and found that there would be some visual impacts. They will require the applicant to state the dimensions needed for the antennas and the dish. They would also like it noted on the plan that the

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Technicians go out to the site in pairs. They will detail the safety policy and the emergency and provide the insurance policy. The Zoning Board felt that the project would not have a significant impact on the neighborhood. The SEGRA will be left open until after the public hearing. A motion was made by Andy Beaty to declare this a NEG DEC and the application complete with the needed items discussed with the applicant, seconded by Wally Sheffer, all in favor, motion granted. A motion was made by Andy Beaty to schedule a public hearing on July 6, 2015 at 7:15 p.m. seconded by Wally Sheffer, all in favor, motion granted.

The Zoning Board advised the owners of the dog business on Marker Road that the business will require a special permit and a site plan review. The owners will fill out the application for both and also produce business records.

A motion was made by Wally Sheffer to adjourn the Zoning Board meeting, seconded by Jerry McAuliffe, all in favor, motion granted.

Karen Jennings
Secretary

Minutes approved by Zoning Board on July 6, 2015