

Town of Hoosick Zoning Board Meeting Minutes

March 5, 2018

Present: Chairman Jim Hoag, Gary Keegan, Wally Sheffer, Andy Beaty and Attorney Mark McQuerry

A motion was made by Wally Sheffer to appoint Andy Beaty Interim Chairman for the March 5, 2018 meeting, seconded by Gary Keegan, all in favor, motion granted.

A motion was made by Wally Sheffer to approve the February, 2018 minutes, seconded by Gary Keegan, all in favor, motion granted.

Mr. Schaad appeared before the Zoning Board to discuss his plan for a pet crematory on his property. He presented his application for a special permit and site plan review application. He stated that the crematory would be for small animals of 150 lbs. or less. The building would be approximately 30 by 40 ft. and would be situated behind his house on a hill area. He has an existing business in which he sells sheds and landscape material. He stated he has had the existing business for approximately 12 years, he went before the Planning Board for approval for this business. He stated that the septic is located east of the house and stated the well is located behind his house.

The Zoning Board determined that this business is in an A/R district. They reviewed the application and went through the permit review checklist. The setbacks looked ok for the project. The Zoning Board stated that he should go to Tony Rice and get the neighbors that are within 500 ft. of the property.

Mr. Schaad stated that the ashes of the animals will be returned to the pet owner after the cremation. The Zoning Board inquired about fluids and Mr. Schaad stated that any animal fluids would be cleaned with rags and put in a bag to be taken to the dump, he also stated that the smoke stack would have a sensor on it and would shut down if it overheats and there will be a heat sensor on both chambers.

The Zoning Board asked Mr. Shad if he would be getting a license for the business and applying for a permit for air quality. The Zoning Board had concerns

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that there would be no septic and running water at the new business. They had concerns about the fluids that the animals would have before they are cremated. The board feels that there should be septic and water at the facility. Mr. Schaad stated that he feels that he could not open the business if he was required to have septic and water. The board stated that he should contact DEC about the well and septic. The board required that he bring a letter from DEC regarding the water and septic, he bring a letter from the EMS and Fire Department that they have access to the site in case of an emergency. The board also stated that he produce a sketch plan of the inside of the building describing which type of materials will be used for the walls and ceilings and in the office area in the attic on the sketch. The sign will have to be approved by the Building Inspector and he will have to show the handicap parking space on sketch, he will also show the security lighting on the building, the board also stated that he should check with Rensselaer County Health Department on the waste.

Mr. Schaad will bring in the letters from the EMS, Fire Department, DEC and Health Department and the updated sketch plan to the Zoning Board meeting in April.

The board heard some public comments from the owners of a pet crematory in Buskirk. They have a business in Buskirk and stated that they did need a septic and water system for their business. They stated that they are in a different county and there might be different rules in Rensselaer County.

The Zoning Board reviewed the proposed Solar Energy Law for 2018. The Zoning Board stated some of their ideas for the law and Mark McQuerry will type up a memo and forward it to Mark Surdam.

The Zoning Board reviewed the permits from Building Inspector, Fran Rogers.

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

Karen Jennings
Secretary

Minutes approved by Zoning Board

