

Town of Hoosick Zoning Board Minutes
January 4, 2016

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

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jim Hoag at 7 P.M. with the Pledge of Allegiance

A motion was made to approve the December minutes with a correction by Joe MacDonald seconded by Wally Sheffer, all in favor, motion granted.

Chris Luciano- 21997 NY 22

A public hearing was held for an area variance on his property. Mr. Luciano explained that he would like to sell a piece of his property but the property line would be too close to the garage. It would be 20 ft. from the property line. There was no public comment on this project.

Joe MacDonald made a motion to close the public hearing, seconded by Andy Beaty, all in favor, motion granted.

The Zoning Board then reviewed the SEQR and found that there were no environment impacts from the project.

A motion was made by Joe MacDonald that this project has no significant impacts, seconded by Andy Beaty, all in favor, motion granted.

Joe MacDonald made a motion to accept the setback variance with no conditions , seconded by Wally Sheffer, all in favor, motion granted.

A resolution will be typed by the Zoning Board attorney.

The public discussed the solar array project on the property of Larry Bugbee in their neighborhood with the Zoning Board.

Larry Bugbee-Solar Array Project. Landscaping process

Mr. Bugbee produced a landscaping plan from a landscaper he had consulted. Mr. Bugbee stated that the plan was shrubs along Rt. 22 but he is willing to do trees instead of shrubs. Larry does feel the landscaping plan should be tall trees to hide the project. He stated that evergreen trees 3 to 5 ft. tall might hide the project.

Mr. Sutton, landscaper approached the Zoning Board on his opinion of the landscaping plan that was presented to the Zoning Board. He feels that Mr.

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Bugbee's plan is not viable. He stated that the land is blue clay and certain trees will not live in blue clay. He recommended a soil and architectural plan by an Engineer. He suggests that the soil problem should be solved and then select the right trees and the right size trees for the project.

Joe MacDonald said that what is important to the public is the correct landscaping plan for the project and the landscaping plan should be of various heights and textures of trees. The Zoning Board feels that there should be an Engineering plan for the barrier.

A motion was made by Wally Sheffer to proceed with an Engineering firm to design the landscaping plan and there should be a stamped plan with the Engineer who designed the plan, seconded by Jerry McAuliffe, all in favor, motion granted.

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

Karen Jennings
Zoning Board Secretary

Minutes approve by Zoning Board on 2/1/16