

Town of Hoosick Zoning Board Meeting Minutes
June 4, 2018

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

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

Chairman Hoag introduced new Zoning Board member Michael Bailey.

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

David Phippen-Scoop by the Dozen Ice Cream Shop

Diane Phippen appeared before the Zoning Board with a site plan of a business her family would like to open on Rt. 7 in the Town of Hoosick. It will be an ice cream shop for takeout and there also will be seats inside for people to come in and eat ice cream or coffee and would have use of Wi-Fi in the establishment. The Ice Cream shop will be named Scoop by the Dozen.

The Zoning Board reviewed the application and determined that the business is in an Agricultural/Residential district. The business is permitted by right with site plan review and she does not need a special permit therefore she will have to appear before the Planning Board in June.

The new proposed Land Use/Solar law was handed out to the Zoning Board for the board to review and discuss the changes that they would like to see in the final draft of the Land Use/Solar Law. The Zoning Board went over the Solar Law and discussed the decibels for noise levels, the new March 2018 solar guidelines for small and large solar projects are talked about in tiers of 1, 2 and 3 levels. The board also discussed net metering for solar projects and discussed solar energy devices and battery and electric storage. The board also discussed how many solar projects can the town accommodate and will discuss if it should be capped. They also discussed the percentage of acreage should be used for solar farms, discussed the heights of solar on roofs and should there be height restrictions and discussed structure support and glares from solar panels and talked about the setbacks and fencing and who takes the solar projects down when it is no longer used for solar. They will discuss these issues at the public hearing in June.

Mark McQuerry will draft language concerning the noise law.

Jim Hoag stated he received a phone call from Tim Marbot concerning a wedding venue at his farm. The Zoning Board reviewed permits submitted to the board from Building Inspector Fran Rogers.

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

Karen Jennings
Secretary

Minutes approved by Zoning Board on 7/2/2018