

**Town of Copake
Zoning Board of Appeals
Minutes - January 22, 2009**

The regular monthly meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Town of Copake, was held on Thursday, January 22, 2009, at the Copake Town Office, 230 Mountain View Road, Copake, NY. Committee Secretary, Jeffrey Nayer called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Present at this meeting were; Jeff Nayer, Frank Peteroy, and Shawn McClain. Leslie Wood was unable to attend. An audience of approximately 4 were present, including; Bob Sacks, Town Board Member and Ed Ferratto, Zoning Enforcement Officer.

Minutes:

Frank made a motion to approve the minutes, this was seconded by Shawn. The motion carried, unanimously.

New Business:

Public Hearings:

None

New Applications:

None

Correspondence:

A letter was read from the Department of Environmental Conservation, it was a copy of that which was sent to Ms. Stella Anastasia, referencing to case # 2008-12. In the response to her inquiry of the status of this case, Mr. Michael T, Higgins, deputy Permit

Administrator, informed her that the application remains incomplete and that her letter of concern would remain part of the file.

Jeff reported to the Board that there had been no web mail received, other than grey mail.

Interviews:

No letter of interests were received by Town Clerk, Vana Hotaling. A discussion regarding the openings remaining on the Zoning Board. There remains a need for 1 member and 1 alternate. Teri reported that an ad had been placed in *The Register Star* for a two week period and placement of a public notice on the Town Bulletin Board. Anyone interested should submit a letter of interest to Vana, prior to the next meeting of February 26, 2009.

Appointments for ZBA Members:

Shawn made a motion to nominate Jeff Nayer as Chair, it was not seconded. Frank said that he could not endorse Jeff. Jeff motioned that the appointments of Chair, Co-Chair and Secretary be tabled to the February meeting. The motion was seconded by Frank, and carried unanimously.

End of Year Reports:

Review of the following reports; Application Fees Accepted, Minutes Check Sheet, Expiration Dates of ZBA Members, ZBA Activity for 2008, and secretary hours.

It was noted that Application # 2008-12, remains open.

A discussion regarding the Town Web page, and who was in charge took place. Teri to ask Vana, who the minutes should go to and removal of Louis Kibler as alternate.

Bob Sacks reported to the ZBA Board of the Task Force, for criteria for the Town to issue Vehicle Storage Permits. Frank referred to Route 7A, it is a

familiar "mixed use" street, that licensing will classify the business type which is issued by the State of NY, not the town. He went on to say that nobody wants you to stop making a living, but it's a different town. Laws need to be upgraded, it's not 1958/59 anymore, there are DEC concerns as well as safety issues. Shawn said that he felt that the Task Force should have been advertised for its positions and not appointed. Jeff expressed concern that this has been ongoing for some 3 years. Will laws be changed to suit them? Concern was expressed regarding the recommendations of the Task Force, who will review them. Shawn said that it should go to the Town's Attorney and Frank said it should go before a Public Hearing.

Old Business:

None

Adjournment:

Frank made a motion to adjourn the meeting, this was seconded by Shawn. The motion carried, Unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Theresa A Traver
ZBA, Recording Secretary