

# **Town of Copake Zoning Board of Appeals**

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## **Meeting Minutes of March 28, 2019**

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The meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Town of Copake was held on March 28, 2019 at the Copake Town Hall, 230 Mountain View Road, Copake, NY.

### **1) Roll call:**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Jon Strom ZBA Chairman. Present were; Jon Strom, Thomas Goldsworthy, Jeffrey Judd and Dionisio Fontana. Michael Diperi was absent.

Town Board Liaison, Stosh Gansowski was also present.

Town attorney, Ken Dow was excused.

Veronique Fabio recorded the minutes.

It was noted that Frank Peteroy had resigned.

### **2) Reading and approval of the minutes:**

*The Minutes of February 28, 2019 were unanimously accepted.*

### **3) Correspondence:**

The following correspondence will be reviewed later;

03-15 from Jeff Nayer ref. to F. Peteroy resignation.

03-21 from Dionisio Fontana expressing interest to be moved from alternate to regular member.

#### **4) New Applications:**

##### **1) 2019-05, 12 Stonewall Ridge, Tax Map 186.-1-14.200, Judith Church.**

Area variance for the installation of an 8foot deer fencing around the above mentioned property (3.77acres).

Judith Church was present as well as John Kading of North Breeze Fencing.

~ Mrs. Church explained that she wanted to expand her fruit and vegetable farming over her entire property.

She needs deer fencing all around the perimeter of her 3acre lot to protect and maximize her future crops.

The fence will have to be 8' in height, she is proposing a high tensile type of fence. She is planning to plant 300 Blueberry bushes, asparagus, rhubarb, and peach trees. She is a "Certified Naturally Grown" farm and sells her produce to a variety of local stores and restaurants.

~ John Kading of North Breeze Fencing will be installing the fence with a combination of locust and metallic posts similar to what was installed in the town of Copake.

~ Jon Strom expressed concern about the visual impact of the fence and the proximity of houses all around.

~ Tom Goldsworthy noted that the usual routes that the deer use, will be shifted over to the surrounding yards and the roads which can create hazards.

He suggested another type of installation instead of an 8' fence, two rows of 4' fences set 6 to 7 feet apart. It has been a successful deer protection set up around his own property.

~ Judith Church explained that in order to make her farming project economically viable, she needs to use the whole property.

~ Jon Strom noted that the application should be referred to the county and local highway departments.

*~ Jon Strom asked for a motion to accept the application for public hearing next month, April 25, 2019. Tom Goldsworthy made the motion, Jeffrey Judd seconded, all agreed.*

#### **5) Public Hearing:**

None

**6: Closed Public Hearing:**

None

**7: Internal Business:**

- ~ Jon Strom acknowledged the letter of resignation from Frank Peteroy.
- ~ Jon Strom acknowledged the request from alternate member Dionisio Fontana to take over Frank Peteroy's term.

Members agreed to recommend Mr. Fontana as a regular member to the town board.

- ~ Stosh Gansowski will pass the message along to the town board.
- Stosh Gansowski also indicated that after speaking to the town board members, it was determined that the training against violence in the work place could not count as ZBA member training.

- ~ Jon Strom talked about a newspaper article relating to a meeting about cable and internet issues. The meeting took place in Copake.
- Jon Strom made it clear that when he spoke at the meeting it was as a resident and not as the Chairman of the Copake ZBA.

*On a motion by Jon Strom, seconded by Jeffrey Judd and agreed upon by all members, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45.*

Respectfully submitted.  
Veronique Fabio.