

**TOWN OF SKANEATELES
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
MEETING MINUTES OF**

December 4, 2018

Present:

Denise Rhoads-Absent
Jim Condon
David Palen
Kris Kiefer
Michael Ciaccio
Scott Molnar, Attorney
Karen Barkdull, P&Z Clerk

The meeting commenced at 7:00 p.m. at Town Hall. The next Zoning Board of Appeals meeting will be held on January 8, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. Previous distribution to the Board of the regular meeting minutes of November 13, 2018 was executed and all members present acknowledged receipt of those minutes.

WHEREFORE a motion was made by Member Kiefer and seconded by Member Ciaccio to accept the November 13, 2018 minutes as submitted. The Board having been polled resulted in unanimous affirmation of said motion.

Record of Vote

Chair	Denise Rhoads	Absent	
Vice Chair	Jim Condon	Present	[Yes]
Member	David Palen	Present	[Yes]
Member	Kris Kiefer	Present	[Yes]
Member	Michael Ciaccio	Present	[Yes]

Discussion

Vice Chair Condon requested that the next Planning and Zoning Staff meeting be scheduled for an evening to accommodate those who are unavailable to attend morning meetings.

Discussion

Timber Operations are heavily regulated by New York State through the NYSDEC. New York State would like to regulate it similarly to an Agricultural Use. Ag & Markets requires that the timber harvested and processes be from the farmers land or land that is rented by the farmer, and that the gross proceeds are less that from other crops produced on the property. In 2019 there is a new initiative with the state that would require the town to submit proposed legislation for approval by the NYSDEC. IF the NYSDEC disapproves the legislation, then the town could still adopt the legislation with a majority plus one. The town could choose to regulate timber operations similarly to Agriculture in terms of setbacks. Do we need to regulate timber operation as they are heavily regulated by the state. Scott will contact the town attorney regarding the status of the Coon Hill timber operation.

Discussion

New SEQR forms will be going into affect in January 2019.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Vice Chair Condon and seconded by Member Palen to adjourn the meeting. The Zoning Board of Appeals meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Karen Barkdull

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