

Organization River Area Council of Governments

Board Cooperative ZBA

Date and Time Wednesday, July 1 2009 at 7:30 PM

Place Town of Champion Offices Board Room (rear of building) 10 N Broad St, West Carthage NY

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Minutes

RACOG
Cooperative Zoning Board of Appeals

TO: Members of the Co-op ZBA, T/Champion Board, T/Wilna Board, V/Carthage Board, Town/Village Clerks, Zoning Enforcement Officers, Timothy Farley, T/Champion Attorney, Mark Gebo, T/Wilna & V/Carthage Attorney and Planning Board Chairmen

FROM: Christina Vargulick, Cooperative ZBA Secretary

DATE: July 6, 2009

RE: Minutes from July 1, 2009

PRESENT: D. Austin, L. Haverstock(7:42), T. Kight, and B. Shampine

ABSENT: J. Barnes

Chairman Kight called the meeting to order at 7:40pm. The roll was called.

Motion by D. Austin, seconded by B. Shampine to dispense with the reading of the June 3, 2009 minutes and to approve the minutes as presented. Ayes-4, Nays-0. Motion carried.

Proof of notice having been furnished, the public hearing on an application (Log #2009-3) for an area variance for parcel no. 103.00-1-24.2 owned by Sherrie Foster and located at 14971 Watson Road, Copenhagen was called to order at 7:41 pm by Chairperson Kight.

Mr. Foster stated that he is requesting a variance of the left side yard setback for the purpose of constructing a 60' x 32' pole barn. The property is located in an AR zone. The application indicates a left sideyard setback of 24'. The required sideyard setback is 30'. Therefore, the applicant is requesting a 6' variance of the left side yard setback. Members discussed the feasibility of alternative locations for the proposed structure.

The Board reviewed and responded to the environmental impact assessment regarding the action proposed by Mr. Foster. Motion by D. Austin, seconded by B. Shampine to make a declaration of negative environmental impact as a result of the action. Ayes-4, Nays-0. Motion carried.

All persons desiring to be heard, having been heard, the hearing was closed at 7:40pm.

The following resolution was offered by B. Shampine, who moved its adoption, and seconded by L. Haverstock, to wit:

WHEREAS, the RACOG Cooperative ZBA has received an application from Sherrie Foster for a variance to Article 4; Section 410 of the Zoning Law of the T/Champion to permit a variance of the left sideyard setback for the purpose of constructing a pole barn, and

WHEREAS, in connection with such application, the Zoning Board of Appeals has received and reviewed an application and environmental assessment form, held a public hearing and received comments thereat; and

WHEREAS, after review, the Zoning Board has weighed the effects of the requested variance on the health, safety, and welfare of the neighborhood and community, and made the following findings:

A. The Board concluded that the proposed construction would produce no undesirable change in the character of the neighborhood or detriment to nearby properties.

- B. The Board concluded that the benefit sought by the applicant could not be achieved by a feasible alternative.
- C. The Board concluded that the requested variance of 6' to the left side yard setback is not substantial relative to the required setback.
- D. The Board concluded that the variance would not have an adverse impact on the physical conditions of the neighborhood.
- E. The Board concluded that the alleged difficulty is self created.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the application from Sherrie Foster for a variance of Article 4; Section 410 of the T/Champion Zoning Law for parcel number 103.00-1-24.2 is hereby approved with the following conditions:

1. The left sideyard setback shall not be less than 24' from the property boundary.

The foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote as follows:

- D. Austin.....aye
- J. Barnes.....absent
- L. Haverstock.....aye
- T. Kight.....aye
- B. Shampine.....aye

The Board resumed their review of an area variance application (Log#2009-2) from Charles Kelley, 226 S. James St., Carthage. The Board noted that the application does not include specific measurements to allow the Board to make a determination regarding the requested variance. Mr. Kelley stated that he is unsure of the boundary line. The Board advised the applicant that he will have to determine both the distance from the front and rear corners of the proposed addition to the property boundary before they can proceed with the application review.

K. Amyot reported that the Comprehensive Plan has been completed. The Town/Village Boards are in the process of reviewing the plans for adoption.

Motion by D. Austin, seconded by B. Shampine to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:07pm.

Christina Vargulick
 Christina Vargulick, Secretary
 RACOG Cooperative ZBA