

MINUTES OF THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS 4-3-14

The regular meeting of the ZBA was held on April 3, 2014. The meeting was called to order at 7:32 PM. Members present: Chairman, Dan O'Shea, Al Socha and Jay Currie. Bob Lieber and Nancy Dalley are absent. Also present is town attorney, Don Armstrong. Visitors: Matt DeHart, Tim Mowers and Gary Schiffer, all of Calvary Baptist Church, Amy Bertini and Town Supervisor, Jim Doring.

First order of business is the Public Hearing scheduled for Paul and Maureen Knapp's application for a use variance ,for a painting on their barn. Dan O'Shea asked for any public comment. Amy Bertini stated that Dan Dineen of Cortland County Planning initially thought the Knapp's would need a DOT permit because of the proximity to I-81. Amy has confirmed through DOT representative Steve Roof, that no DOT permit is needed. She further stated that the application is actually for an area variance and **not** a use variance as the Knapp's are not changing the use of the barn, and that likely the Town's code enforcer did not understand what the Knapp's were looking to do. There were no further public comments and Dan O'Shea closed the Public Hearing at 7:35 PM.

The regular meeting then opened. Dan O'Shea stated that the Knapp's understand that no action will be taken by the Board as they were unable to be present, but will be attending the May meeting. **Motion** to table the application of the Knapp's for an area variance until the meeting of May 1, 2014, made by Al Socha, seconded by Jay Currie, all in favor, the motion carried.

New Business: The application of Calvary Baptist Church for a use variance to build a Church. Matt DeHart has the prior ZBA minutes from May of 2007 when the Church originally applied for a variance. It is Mr. DeHart's understanding that the use was already granted, contingent upon obtaining a new survey. Tim Mowers said that the Code Enforcement officer can't issue a building permit until the use variance is granted. The subdivision had been previously granted by Cortland County Planning. Don Armstrong also noted he had minutes reflecting the use variance was previously granted and that no further use variance is needed at this time. Matt DeHart said the Church has plans in place for the septic, stormwater management and insurance. Don Armstrong said the applicant may need site plan approval from the planning board. The applicant will renew its application to DOT as regards parking, traffic and the curb cut to the entryway. Mr. DeHart thanked the Board for its review and to make sure all was in order. Dan O'Shea said there is nothing for the Board to do at this time.

Motion made by Al Socha that the record reflect the use variance was previously granted on May 3, 2007, and no further action is needed by the ZBA based upon the previous action taken, seconded by Jay Currie, all in favor the motion carried and it was so **RESOLVED**.

Al Socha said he had been on the NYS Department of State website and took a (10) question quiz for ZBA members and suggested that Jay do the same as helpful training. Al further noted that he and Amy Bertini had attended a SEQR training sponsored by Cortland County Planning which was excellent. The Association of Towns will have a training schedule available in the summer. Al further asked about a three year rule discussed at the previous

meeting. He contacted the Association of Town which was not able to provide any information. Don Armstrong believes this is Town Law and has to do with subdivision approval and the time period for developing lots. Al also referred to the Gherardi application discussed in March and stated his opinion that he still believes the Gherardi lots must comply with current zoning regulations.

Motion to approve the minutes of March 6, 2014, made by Jay Currie, seconded by Al Socha, all in favor, the motion carried.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 PM, made by Jay Currie, seconded by Al Socha, all in favor the meeting formally adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Anne McCloskey, Secretary