

TOWN OF SODUS ZONING BOARD
May 23rd, 2022

PRESENT

Steven Zonneville-Chair
John Hayslip-Vice Chair
Kim Buell
James Russell
Don Buchwald
Sal Vittozzi Ad-Hoc

ABSENT

David Johnson Ad-Hoc

GUESTS

John Bonin
Harriet Bonin
Lynda Faulks
Josh Faulks
Sue Stevens
Jan Ferry Axeman
Mylinn Johnson
Scott Johnson

Chairman Zonneville called the public meeting to order at 7:01PM. A motion was made by John Hayslip to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. Motion seconded by Kim Buell. All were in favor. Motion carried.

The Chairman called forward applicant #1588 for a height variance to build a 10' fence when 6' is Sodus Code, by John Bonin of 6810 Briscoe Cove Road. Mr. Bonin addressed the Board to explain that he would like to put up a fence that will be mainly 6' and the parts between his house and the neighbors house would be 10'. He wants to put the fence up for privacy and definition of the property line.

The fence will be constructed of wooden poles and wire like the kind used in orchards as deer fencing, to maintain a more natural look with airflow. Mr. Bonin went on to say that he intends on growing honeysuckle vine and dappled willow bushes along the wire of the fence for privacy. The fence will also keep deer off the property. Don Buchwald agreed, saying he is familiar with the property and there are 50-60 deer that eat all the plants. Mr. Bonin said that the deer also bring in ticks and the ticks have been an increasing problem.

Mr. Bonin told the board that he will be having a survey completed to mark out his property before the fence is installed.

The Chairman asked Mr. Bonin where the 10' section of the fence would be. Mr. Bonin said he wants to put the 10' section on the east side of this home facing the bay.

Neighbor Linda Faulks was present and had concerns over the application. Mrs. Faulks stated that the natural look of the property would be disrupted and stop animals from coming through. James Russell asked Mr. Bonin how long the 10' stretch would be. Mr. Bonin replied that it would only be between the two structures the rest would be 6'. John Hayslip asked Mr. Bonin why he wants to put up a fence and not use hedges for privacy. Mr. Bonin explained that he wants to grow flowering vines and use the fence as a trellis.

Linda Faulks asked to see the pictures that were distributed to the Board. Mrs. Faulks expressed her concern that the 10' section would be directly next to her house and be blocking the window to her kitchen. Mrs. Faulks also told the Board that she has a 6' space between her home and the proposed fence. She uses that side of her home to store her dock in the winter and will not have the room to bring it up if there is a barrier there.

John Hayslip made a motion to accept the application and Don Buchwald seconded. Aye: Steven Zonneville-Chair, John Hayslip-Vice Chair, Kim Buell, James Russell, Don Buchwald. Nay: Sal Vittozzi. Motion carried.

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The Chairman asked application #1587 to come forward with an appeal for area variance by Janice Ferry-Axeman of 7317 Sprongs Bluff. Mrs. Ferry-Axman explained to the board that she wants to have an enclosure for a hot tub that will be between her and her sister's property at 7323 Sprongs Bluff. The enclosure will be a pole barn structure that will keep the wind off the lake from damaging the hot tub in the winter.

After review of the placement of the structure the Board realized that the building would be on the applicant's sister's property. Mrs. Ferry-Axeman explained that there was an easement between the properties for shared electric and water and plans to have an easement of the hot tub.

John Hayslip made a motion to grant an area variance for the building to be on the property line and issue the building permit to Mrs. Ferry-Axeman's sister, Nancy Fiorentino of 7323 Sprongs Bluff. The motion was seconded by Sal Vittozzi. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Having no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Don Buchwald at 8:14PM. Motion seconded by Sal Vittozzi. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by,
Chandra Jensen
Zoning Board Secretary