

TOWN OF RICHLAND  
H. DOUGLAS BARCLAY COURTHOUSE  
1 BRIDGE STREET  
PULASKI, NY 13142

The Town of Richland Zoning Board of Appeals held a meeting at the H. Douglas Barclay Courthouse on Tuesday December 17, 2024, Board members present were Chairperson Marty Minot, Swaitoslav Kaczmar, Charles Deaton & Joe Skotnicki. Also present were CEO/ZEO J. Howland and 3 people from the public.

The first order of business was a public hearing for an area variance #24-86 submitted by Joseph and Valerie Hutchinson of 108 S. Rainbow Shores Rd. Motion by Deaton and a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Skotnicki to open the public hearing. The applicants are in Florida and requested that Dean Campbell who is a neighbor address the board about the variance. Mr. Campbell explained that the applicants would like to install a 54" high fence around the perimeter of his property. Mr. Hutchinson is blind and deaf and considers the fence a safety issue as their property sits on the bluff of Lake Ontario with about a 30' drop off on the edge of their property to the lake. Chairperson Minot read 2 letters that were addressed to the board from adjoining neighbors. 1 was from neighbor Dean Campbell and Nancy Heywood and the other was from neighbor Eleanor Hutchins. Both letters were in favor of the approval for the variance. Motion Kaczmar and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Deaton to close the public hearing. All in favor.

Discussion with the board. Kaczmar visited the property prior to the meeting and noticed that a shed was constructed on the property without required permits. He would also want to make sure that the fence installed is the same material and location as per the application and site plan. ZEO Howland stated that he spoke to Mr. Hutchinson and Mr. Hutchinson will obtain the required permits when he returns home. Motion Skotnicki and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Deaton to approve the variance for the fence. All members in favor.

Other discussions: Kaczmar advised the board that he is resigning at the end of the month. The board thanked Marty Minot for his almost 40 years on the planning and zoning boards. The board would like to appoint Charles Deaton as the new chairperson and Joe Skotnicki as the acting chairperson in Deaton's absence. All members in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm

Next meeting is a joint meeting with the planning board on Tuesday January 21, 2025, at 6:30. pm

J. Howland  
Acting secretary