



# TOWN OF AMENIA

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## ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS MEETING THURSDAY, APRIL 28, 2016

**PRESENT:** Jeff Barnett-Winsby  
Dave Menegat  
Paula Pelosi  
Terry Metcalfe  
Kevin Cassone

MOTION TO OPEN THE MEETING OF THE ZBA AT 7:04 PM was made by Terry Metcalfe, seconded by Kevin Cassone

VOTE TAKEN - MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUS

Pledge of Allegiance

### **OTHER BUSINESS:**

MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF JULY 20, 2016 was made by Paula Pelosi, seconded by Dave Menegat

VOTE TAKEN - MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUS

Chair Barnett-Winsby discussed with Dave Everett the possibility in the event one of the Board must recuse themselves due to conflict of interest, of having an alternate member of the Board, selected by the Town Board. This would prevent a potential tie of any vote on projects.

Ms. Pelosi felt that the alternate person would not be up on the matter discussed. Chair felt that a complex application, they would receive the materials from the start. There has been a request that Chair recuse himself from the SA application. Kevin Cassone brought up the fact that this would require the Town to change the Law. Chair stated that the attorney feels this is an oversight of the Town. He then asked for a motion for the Town Board to consider this issue. There was no motion from the floor.

Chair stated that a Co-Chair should be nominated in the event the Chair could not attend a meeting.

MOTION TO APPOINT DAVE MENEGAT CO-CHAIR was made by Paula Pelosi, seconded by Terry Metcalfe

VOTE TAKEN - MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mrs. Metcalfe passed out a new Zoning Map prepared by Dutchess County Planning to the Board.

Dave Menegat asked if he should recuse himself when SBA comes back to the Board due to the fact that he lives just down the road from 67 Kent Road? Chair felt this was a question for the Ethics Board and that can be discussed at the next meeting when Mr. Everett would be in attendance.

Ms. Pelosi asked if there was anything on the MTA tower. Chair stated he thought there was a stop work order.

Ms. Pelosi also asked referring to the minutes if the ZBA had sent a letter to DC Planning to streamline the County process. This letter was sent and DC Planning has now streamlined the process and most referrals fell into "local" rather than "intermunicipal" concern. These were Administrative Amendments, Special Permits, Use Variances and Area Variances for residential uses, and renewal/extensions of Site Plans or Special Permits that have no changes from previous approvals.

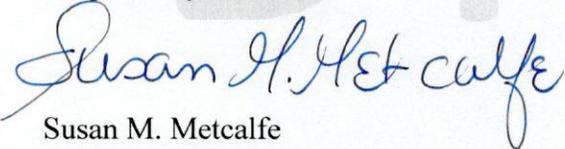
Ms. Metcalfe forwarded to the Board from DC Planning, an article on Supreme Court Case Requires Rewrite of Municipal Sign Laws for the country.

Mr. Barnett-Winsby asked about the cars that are behind old Amenia Motors. He felt it clearly constitutes a junk yard as it has more than three unregistered, not running cars. This needs to be taken up by Mike Segleken.

MOTION TO CLOSE THE MEETING was made by Terry Metcalfe, seconded by Dave Menegat

VOTE TAKEN - MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUS

Respectfully Submitted



Susan M. Metcalfe  
Zoning Board of Appeals Secretary

The foregoing represent unapproved minutes from the Town of Amenia Zoning Board of Appeals meeting held on April 28, 2016 and are not to be construed as the final official minutes until so approved.

  X   Approved as read 5/23/16

       Approved with: deletions, corrections or additions