

**Town of Red Hook Zoning Review Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
April 14, 2011**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 7:55 p.m. by Susan Simon - Chairperson

**ROLL CALL**

**Members Present** - Susan Simon-Chairperson-Zoning Review Committee;  
Anne Rubin -Conservation Advisory Committee;  
Steve Cole-Code Enforcement Officer; Chuck Simmons –  
Community Representative; Marcy Appell – Community  
Representative; Bill O’Neil-Town Board Liaison

**Members Absent** – Sam Phelan-Planning Board; John Douglas-Zoning Appeals  
Board; Christopher Klose-Economic Development Committee;  
Doug Dundas-Village of Tivoli Trustee; Brent Kovalchik –  
Village of Red Hook Trustee

**Liaison** – Bill O’Neill - Town Board Liaison;

**OLD BUSINESS**

The Minutes of the February, 10, 2011, Meeting were reviewed. Chuck Simmons made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted; seconded by Marcy Appell. **ALL IN FAVOR. OPPOSED - None.** February minutes accepted as submitted.

**Fences**

The Committee was asked by Susan Simon at the February meeting to research the fence topic and give the Town Board an opinion regarding the current fence law. Steve Cole stated that he feels the fence law should stay as is, with the associated fees. Steve noted that he has not had a problem in the past and will work it on a case-by-case basis.

Susan stated that the committee is all in favor of the Farmers and would not want to do anything to damage their ability to farm or cause them undue duress in having to put up fences. Until the recent situation occurred, it has never been a problem and the Committee feels that the law works and any type of changes could lead problems.

Steve Cole made a motion noting that it is the recommendation of the Zoning Review Committee to keep the Fence Law as is and look at fencing issues on a case-by-case basis; seconded by Marcy Appell. **ALL IN FAVOR.**

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**Windmills**

Steve Cole received a phone call from an Architect in North Carolina and was informed that this area that we live in is **NOT** conducive to wind mills. There is no longer a need for this committee to discuss this topic.

**Solar Panels**

Steve noted that the only complaint he has received on solar panels is from a resident on East Kerley Corners Road about his neighbor's panels in the front yard. Steve commented that they are built inside the required front yard; therefore, there is nothing the Town can do about it. Solar panels will be looked at on a case-by-case basis also.

**Demolition Permits**

The Zoning Review Committee decided that the fee schedule should remain at the discretion of the Town Board.

**NEXT MEETING - June 9, 2011 – 7:00 pm**  
**(The Zoning Review Committee will not be meeting in May, 2011).**

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion to adjourn was made by Marcy Appell, seconded by Chuck Simmons. **ALL IN FAVOR. OPPOSED-NONE.** The meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Susan Simon  
Chairman – Zoning Review Committee

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