

**Town of Red Hook Zoning Review Committee
Meeting Minutes
April 7, 2016**

CALL TO ORDER

Susan Simon opened the meeting at 7:04 pm

Members Present - Susan Simon-Chairperson-Zoning Review Committee
Steve Cole-Code Enforcement Officer
Ken Migliorelli - Ag. & Open Space Committee
Christopher Klose- Economic Development Committee
Brent Kovalchik-Village of Red Hook Trustee
Bill O'Neill - Town Board Liaison

Members Absent

Chuck Simmons – Community Representative
Sam Phelan - Planning Board
Michael Robertson - Community Representative

Old Business

The Minutes of the April 9, 2015 meeting were reviewed. Brent Kovalchik made a motion to approve the minutes; seconded by Steve Cole.

ALL IN FAVOR. OPPOSED - None. Minutes approved as submitted.

Susan explained that the topic of tonight's meeting is to finalize the wording on the recommendation for fences in our Zoning Law and opened the floor for comments.

Brent Kovalchik requested clarification on page 2 of Zoning Law 143-28, paragraph C. He asked if this is in reference to the spite fence topic.

Steve Cole replied that is not.

Brent referred to Paragraph E and said he agrees with the revision that was made. He commented reference was made to the finished face directed to the outside and asked if the Committee is going to keep to that.

Robert McKeon replied that we are not going to keep to that. Steve replied that it will read that "fences and walls shall have the finished face of the fence or wall directed toward the abutting property". Brent asked if this is for all districts except the ABD.

Robert commented that if you are doing fencing for livestock, you need the finish on the inside. Robert stated that generally when you are installing this type of fencing it is a rough-cut board on both sides of the fence. The look is a little bit more finished on the inside.

Steve asked why we want to make it read "except for the ABD District". The neighbor may be putting up with a fence that is 8, possibly 12 feet high and now they have to put up with a fence that has the "unfinished" side of a livestock fencing facing them. A 12 foot high fence in a residential district could be very unsightly and now you have the unfinished side that they have to look at also.

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Robert explained that this is just in the ABD but there will be times where it meets a residential parcel and his feeling is that if you live next to a farm, you get the good and the bad. Sometimes that fence could actually alleviate noise or snow if you were to have a solid fence.

Ken commented that people should be aware that when you buy something next to a farm, these are things you have to expect. It goes along with the farming business and they should think twice about buying next to a farm if they have concerns.

The Committee agreed that they would keep the line in Section E that reads “In any zoning district, all such fences and walls shall have the finished face of the fence or wall directed toward the abutting property”.

The Committee agreed that a change in Section 143-28, paragraph B should be made to read as follows: “For purposes of this Section, Agricultural Fencing shall mean and include a fence constructed on a parcel located within a New York State certified Agricultural District and/or the *Town’s Agricultural Business District (ABD)* constituting a farming operation.....

Brent made a motion to approve the above revisions, seconded by Ken Migliorelli.
ALL IN FAVOR. OPPOSED - None.

Fee Schedule

The Zoning Review Committee agreed that if you are erecting an agricultural fence in a residential area, no permit is required.

Food Trucks

The Committee decided that a conversation on Food Trucks would not take place at this meeting due to the season being upon us now and it would not apply to the season due to time constraints. Susan feels that if it continues to be a trend of the area, then the Committee will put something in place.

Steve Cole commented that he feels the Committee should be very diligent and move forward quickly because Food Trucks could be utilized in the Fall Season.

Committee Vacancies

The Committee agreed to the following movement of members to fill vacancies:

ZBA - Chris Klose
EDC - Ken Migliorelli
AOS - Michael Robertson
At-large Community Member #3 - Jeff Kaiser
CAC - Vacant
Tivoli Liaison: Vacant

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Dennis Collet's name was suggested for CAC Representation. Bill O'Neill will ask him if he is interested.

NEXT MEETING - May12, 2016

ADJOURNMENT

Ken Migliorelli made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Steve Cole.

ALL IN FAVOR. OPPOSED-None.

The meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Simon

Susan Simon, Chairman
Zoning Review Committee