

**ZONING COMMISSION - MARCH 2015 MEETINGS REPORT
TO APRIL 2015 TAGHKANIC TOWN BOARD**

The commission met on 2, 16 at the usual time of 6:30 – 8:30 PM and on 28 March 2015 the group met from 10AM to 4PM. The purpose for the third meeting was to make up for the lost February meetings and to make significant progress on the new zoning code.

The commission continued review of the first draft Site Plan Review. Planning Board Chair, Kathy Bainer, brought that board's comments to the discussion. There was general agreement that this draft is a good example of a document that is too detailed and geared to less rural settings. This response was given to the Zoning Consultant, Ted Fink, who agrees and has made the next draft of the code in general simple and appropriate to the basic elements of rural life such as sparsely populated neighborhoods and maintenance of agricultural / residential character.

The next meeting covered training topics and resources. It was decided to look for some local input from resources such as the County Planning Board and the local Soil and Water office.

The group reviewed the noise regulation recommendations developed several months ago in response to a town board request and Moisha Blechman, ZBA representative, suggested we add an introductory paragraph that sets a standard for respect and consideration of neighbors.

On 28 March the commission worked steadily through draft 2 of Section 60: Supplementary Regulations. Each element will begin with an introductory paragraph stating the purpose or intent of the ensuing regulations. Detailed review covered General Purposes, Environmental Performance Standards, Off-Street Parking and Loading and Sign Regulations.

The April meetings will address Conservation Subdivision Design Process.

The next meetings are scheduled for 6 and 20 April from 6:30PM to 8:30PM at Town Hall.

The agenda and minutes are available on the website or from the Commission Co-Chairs upon request. The agenda is posted five days ahead of the meeting date. Minutes are approved at the following meeting and posted within two days of approval. The public is urged to check the agendas and minutes and attend meetings that focus on a specific interest.

Respectfully submitted,

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Town of Taghkanic Zoning Commission
6 March 2015