

TOWN OF TAGHKANIC  
ZONING COMMISSION MEETING  
September 30, 2019

**Members present:** Joyce Thompson, Chair; Linda Swartz, Co-Chair and Secretary; Members: John Roberts, Al Huehnel, Donn Critchell, Kathy Bainer; ZC Consultant Ted Fink

**Excused:** Moisha Blechman, Elizabeth O'Donnell

The meeting was called to order at 5:05 p.m. by Joyce Thompson.

**Approval of Minutes:**

A motion to accept the Minutes of the September 16, 2019 Zoning Commission Meeting was made by Donn Critchell, seconded by John Roberts, and passed by a majority of those who were present at the September 16 meeting.

**Ayes:** 3 (Critchell, Roberts, Huehnel)      **Nays:** 0      **Abstained:** 0

Follow-up from the September 16 meeting: John checked the DMV webpage and found that an ATV is defined as having two or more wheels, not more than 70" in width and weighing not more than 1000 pounds. ATVs must be registered even when being used only on the person's property. ATVs used for agricultural purposes, for snow plowing (on private property and without compensation), and when used outside of NYS are exempt from the NYSDMV rules. The definition of "motorized vehicles" was also read.

Discussion resulted in the following rewrite of Section 80-D.12.d.: *"Commercial or non-commercial recreation areas shall exclude motor vehicles, motorized vehicles, and all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) as defined in the New York State Vehicle and Traffic Law, firearm ranges, and other uses similar in character and potential impacts as determined by the Planning Board."*

**Continuation of Review of Complete Zoning Document:**

Section 80-D.18.h. Reference made to "§80.D.29.h." is changed to "Section 80-D.18.i."

Section 80-D.19.d. Farm Industry: The ZC had a very long discussion about this section and why a Special Use Permit should be required for the uses listed in this section when the ZC wishes to encourage agriculture and has worked to make it easier for farmers to use their land to make a living here in Taghkanic. Many of the uses listed in 80-D.19.d. are already being done on farms and it doesn't appear that there haven't been any complaints from neighbors. The ZC agrees that any "farm" use that does not cause significant impacts nor change the character of the neighborhood should be permitted by right.

The ZC decided to move Section 80-D.19. a through d. to Section 60-J.11. and allow for expedited site plan review. "Welding", "Woodworking" and "Dressing of Game" will be removed from the list of uses. Section 80-D.19.e. is covered elsewhere in the code and will therefore be eliminated from this section.

Section 80-D.19. will become a "Reserve" section.

Section 80-D.22. Gasoline Filling Station/Convenience Store:

- a. Remove the comma following "convenience".
- c. "pump stations as defined herein" are actually not defined. Ted will create the definition and will also place it in this section for the ease of the reader.
- e. Delete last sentence since this use does not provide for "repair bays".
- j. Delete the last sentence. There should be no overnight parking.

Section 80-D.25. Storage Facility:

- a. Rewrite as follows: *"The building setback areas shall be landscaped to the satisfaction of the Planning Board, so that the storage facility buildings are not visible from the road and neighboring properties."*
- Delete "b" since the above rewrite addresses it.

Section 90 Site Plan Review and Approval:

- Section 90-C.2. Exemptions should also include single and two-family homes. Delete the word “thereto” from the last sentence.

**Next Meeting:**

**The next meeting of the ZC is scheduled for Monday, October 7, 2019, beginning at 5:00 p.m.** We will begin with Section 90-F, Site Plan Criteria. John Roberts will not be present.

***Motion to adjourn:*** *Donn Critchell*

***Ayes:*** 4 (*Critchell, Huehnel, Bainer, Roberts*)

***Seconded by:*** *Al Huehnel*

***Nays:*** 0      ***Abstained:*** 0

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

*Public Audience:* *None*

*Minutes Prepared by:* *Linda Swartz*