

APPROVED

A Public Hearing before the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Town of Williamson was held on March 25, 2010, in the Town Conference Room at 8:00 P.M.

The following members were:

Present:	Jay Peters, Chairman	Absent:	Ernie Norton
	Kurt Allman		Bruce Akins
	Jordan Szklany (new member)		

Also in attendance: Mr. Monsee's Participation in Government class attended with the following students: Jason Reid, Lindsay Rynders, Mark Montondo, Nick Heinrich, Ryan Thayer, Adam DeMay, Emma Clark, Bobby Wendler, Hannah Hecht, Gabrielle Frawley, Jared Hermenet, Matt Kraft, Makayla Boisvert, Christina Kostakis, Jessie Evarts, Kayla Flanders, Ben Hess, Mason Burley, Christine DeVille, Brendan Gordon, Shayla Pellett, Thomas Klementz, Christine Tuminelli, Mark Hermenet, Jermaine Barber, John Turner, April Bailey, David Ferland, Aaron VanNostrand, Amanda Storrs, Nick Zona, Chris D'Augustino, Corrine Potter, Colton Ginther, William Dorfner, Sam Dawson, V. Henry, Mike Bornheimer, Brit Moran, Rowan Ketchum, Dominic D'Augustino, Chris Shumski, _____, Michael Gnage, Mike Nichols, Sean VanDerwerken, Anthony _____.

Town Councilman, Michael Bixby, Juli Bixby, Jason Allen, representatives representing WindTamer and Stephen C. Haywood, Assessor/Zoning Officer

The minutes of the February 25, 2010, meeting were submitted for approval. A motion was made by Jordan Szklany and seconded by Kurt Allman to approve the minutes as submitted.

The following Notice of Action was submitted for approval:

Appeal No. 769 – Michael Havens. A motion was made by Kurt Allman and seconded by Jordan Szklany to approve the Notice of Action as submitted.

Agenda item:

Appeal No. 770: Mark Hermenet, of 7017 Bear Swamp Road, Williamson, NY 14589. Applicant is requesting a Special Use permit for construction of a labor camp. Property is owned by the applicant and is located on Jersey Road, Williamson. Zoned A-1.

Mark Hermenet addressed the Board. He explained that he wishes to build a 40' x 44' labor camp, which would accommodate 14-16 people, pending Dept. of Health approvals. The camp would sit back 750 feet off of Jersey Road. No site plans were submitted at this time. The camp will have septic. Mr. Hermenet would provide site plans to the Planning Board for their review upon referral. Mr. Hermenet also stated that he plans to have Knataitis Construction build the camp. Burt Payne spoke with Mr. Hermenet, and he did not have a problem with the proposed project.

Chairman Peters asked if there were any concerns or objections were brought before Town. There were none.

There were no other questions or discussions. Kurt Allman motioned to refer Appeal No. 770 to the Planning Board for site plan review. Jordan Szklany seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, all voted in favor of the motion.

One of the students questioned the process and Chairman Peters explained the process to the audience.

Appeal No. 771: Jason Allen, of 7741 Bear Swamp Road, Williamson. Applicant is requesting a Special Use permit for a residential-type wind powered generator. Property is owned applicant and is located at 7741 Bear Swamp Road, Williamson. Zoned A-1.

Bob Bringley, of Marathon Engineering addressed the Board on behalf of Jason Allen and handed out specifications of the proposed generator. He explained that Mr. Allen wishes to install a wind turbine in accordance with Town Code pending Planning Board approval. The turbine will not exceed the maximum height of 35 feet and the diameter of the blades will be 8 feet, which are housed in a cowling. There is no impact on birds or animals and virtually no noise. The location of the turbine will be located 75 feet to the north of Mr. Allen's home, which would be within the required setbacks of 1.5 times the height of the turbine. Chairman Peters asked if the turbine is climbable. Mr. Bringley said it was not.

Discussion ensued.

Jordan Szklany questioned this proposed location of the as to another. Mr. Allen indicated this would be the best location for wind access.

A question was raised concerning icing. It was explained that because the blades are enclosed in the cowling, they are protected from any ice problems.

Councilman Bixby questioned if any studies have been done concerning noise at different locations of the turbine. Mr. Bringley indicated that a study is currently being completed and will be available for the Planning Board's review and will be available to the Zoning Board at the next meeting.

Chairman Peters asked how the unit could be turned off for maintenance. A representative explained it could be electrically turned off.

A question was raised about the size of the home this turbine would be supporting. Mr. Allen answered it would support his house which is 2,600 sq. ft., and he also has an above-ground pool.

Chairman Peters asked if there were any further concerns or objections that were brought before Town. There were none. Mr. Haywood indicated that Tim and Marlene Gulick, the property owners, directly across the street had no objections to Mr. Allen's project.

With no further discussions, Jordan Szklany motioned to refer Appeal No. 771 to the Planning Board for site plan review. Kurt Allman seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, all voted in favor of the motion.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Kurt Allman to adjourn the meeting. Jordan Szklany seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Paula Dattbyn, Secretary
Zoning Board of Appeals