

The Regular Meeting of the Town of Owego Planning Board was held at 7:00 PM on Tuesday October 25, 2022 at the Owego Town Hall, 2354 State Route 434, Apalachin, New York.

Present: Chairman Rieg, Craig Wademan, Lynne Esquivel, Jim Tofte and David Marsh

Excused: Lisa Baileys

Absent: Leah Hammond

Chairman Rieg called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. The minutes from the August 23, 2022 meeting were considered. Jim Tofte made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Lynne Esquivel seconded the motion. Chairman Rieg, Mr. Wademan, Mr. Marsh, Mr. Tofte and Ms. Esquivel all voted in favor.

The Board considered Rezoning Request 4-2022, submitted by Floyd and Lesa Mosher, of 447-492 DeGroat Road. Mr. and Mrs. Mosher were in attendance.

Chairman Rieg asked for a brief overview of the request. Mrs. Mosher stated prior to 2005, the entire parcel had been zoned Agricultural, therefore having her horses and sheep were never an issue. Mrs. Mosher stated after 2005 the Town rezoned her road, and her parcel was divided into three separate zoning districts, Agricultural "AG", Residential A "RA", and Neighborhood Transition "NT". Mrs. Mosher is asking that her property be zoned all Agricultural to allow keeping horses if a future sale were to occur. Chairman Rieg asked if the current use of the land is still a pasture, and if they owned the land across the road from the primary structure. Mrs. Floyd stated it is still being used currently as pasture, and across the road is her eight stall horse barn. Mr. Floyd stated they recently went through Tioga County Soil and Water for new fencing due to the proximity of the stream on the property.

Mr. Tofte asked why the applicants never responded in 2005 when the Town Board presented the zoning change. Mr. Floyd stated having horses was something they have always done, so he never thought anything about it until looking into the different zoning permitted uses.

The Tioga County Planning Board submitted a letter recommending approval of the rezoning request with the condition that the applicants obtain all appropriate federal, state and local licenses, registrations and permits.

Ms. Esquivel made a motion to recommend approval of the rezoning request to the Town of Owego Board. Mr. Marsh seconded the motion and it was unanimously carried.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Teddi Card, Secretary  
Planning Board  
Town of Owego