



The ***Zoning Board of Appeals*** of the Town of Schaghticoke met at the Town Hall, 290 Northline Drive, Melrose, New York 12121 on Thursday, September 3, 2026.

PUBLIC HEARING

There were none.

REGULAR MEETING

7: 00 P.M. Roll call took place.

Present

Ed McDonough
Rich Geddis
Lettie Saheim
Jay Shover

Absent

Nick Bayly

Elizabeth Hale, Clerk, and David Brennan, Town Attorney, were present.

Without a quorum in August, the Board did not review the notes of August 6, 2026 for approval; however, the Board recognized that at the August meeting a motion was made by Rich Geddis to ratify and issue the interpretation of a dog grooming salon and doggie daycare facility as a personal service shop, as permitted in a hamlet district, allowing Megan Foxvog, Application #4-26, to operate such a facility located at 100 Eastover Road in Speigletown. Lettie Saheim seconded.

Ayes: Geddis, Saheim

Nays: None

The Board reviewed the minutes of July 2, 2026. Ed Mc Donough made a motion to accept the minutes as submitted. Lettie Saheim seconded.

Ayes: McDonough, Geddis, Saheim

Nays: None

Abstention: Shover

Matthew Dolan. Matthew Dolan appeared, having submitted an application to allow his keeping of chickens and a rooster at 5 Bickford Lane on a .27 acre lot. Mr. Bickford explained that he has 7 chickens and one rooster that he would like to continue keeping. He is located 41' from one of his neighbor's property. He has spoken to that neighbor who, Mr. Dolan claimed. had no objections. He is 66' from another neighbor and 68'

from the neighbor to the rear and 27' from 7 Bickford Lane. Mr. Dolan is seeking an area variance of 4.73± acres to allow the keeping of chickens on less than a 5 acre parcel as required by the Zoning Code. A check for the \$150. application fee was submitted to the Town Clerk.

Ed McDonough made a motion to hold a public hearing for Application #5-26 of Matthew Dolan at the next regularly scheduled meeting on October 1, 2026 at 7 p.m.

Jason Shover seconded.

Ayes: McDonough, Geddis, Saheim, Shover

Nays: None

Franklin Whitney (Tax Map #14.-1-5.111). Franklin Whitney appeared to submit an application for an area variance to allow the construction of an addition to his 24' X 28' garage located in a Residential Agricultural district at 853 Master St. Mr. Whitney is proposing to construct a 12' X 24' addition, 14' high, resulting in a 3' 4" side yard property line, and requiring a 10' 8" side yard area variance from the 15' required setback to meet the Zoning Code. A check for an application fee of \$150.- was submitted along with the application materials.

Jason Shover made a motion to hold a public hearing for Application #6-26 of Franklin Whitney at the next regularly scheduled meeting on October 1, 2026. Rich Geddis seconded.

Ayes: McDonough, Geddis, Saheim, Shover

Nays: None

Deborah and Frank Doomis appeared and expressed an interest in Mr. Dolan's application for the keeping of chickens. They are residents who reside near the Dolan property, off Northline Drive, and objected to the crowing of the rooster at various hours. In addition, Deborah Doomis complained about drainage and road issues where they reside. They have contacted the Highway Supervisor. As a result, the drainage ditch was cleared of weeds. Mr. and Mrs. Doomis feel that further work is necessary and asked who to contact. Mr. McDonough suggested that the Doomises reach out to the Town Clerk, Emily Calhoun, for direction.

With regard to the outcome of the Foxvog's application to the Planning Board for the operation of a Dog Grooming Business and a Doggie Daycare facility, Jason Shover asked if the PB had placed durational limitations on the business. Atty. Brennan replied that since the Planning Board has an inherent power to limit duration of the operation at any time, the Board considered durational limitations unnecessary.

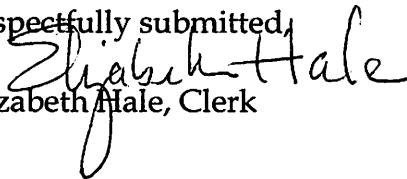
With no further business at hand, Ed McDonough made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m. Lettie Saheim seconded.

Ayes: Geddis, Saheim

Nays: None

Respectfully submitted,

date: October 12, 2026


Elizabeth Hale, Clerk