

The ***Zoning Board of Appeals*** of the Town of Schaghticoke met at the Town Hall, 290 Northline Drive, Melrose, New York 12121 on Thursday, August 6, 2026.

PUBLIC HEARING

There were none.

REGULAR MEETING

7: 04 P.M. Roll call took place.

Present

Rich Geddis
Lettie Saheim

Absent

Ed McDonough, Chairman
Nick Bayly
Jay Shover

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

Matthew Dolan, 5 Bickford Road, Pleasantdale, submitted an application to the Town Clerk for an area variance to allow the keeping of chickens in a Hamlet District at his Bickford Rd. address. Mr. Dolan did not appear.

Without a quorum, the Board did not review the minutes of July 2, 2026. The minutes will be reviewed at the September meeting.

Foxvog Tax Map #71.10-1-1. Megan Foxvog, applicant, Karla Foxvog, proposed owner, and Emileigh Putnam were present. Jacob Keasbey, land surveyor, appeared to represent Megan Foxvog. Ms. Foxvog is proposing the operation of a Dog Grooming business and Doggie Daycare operation to be located at the Scriven Press building at 100 Eastover Road in the HD of Speigletown in the Town of Schaghticoke. A public hearing was held on July 2, 2026 where public comment was received. An additional meeting, a continued hearing, was held on July 20, 2026 to accept further public comment and deliberate on the matter. The Board concluded that the proposed use was appropriately classified as a personal service shop, a permitted use in a Hamlet District consistent with the Town Zoning Code. At that time the Board requested that Atty. Brennan write the Notice of Determination.

Such notice was composed and a copy was presented to the applicant, the applicant's representative and the Board for review.

Atty. Brennan tried to reach Nick Bayly by phone to request Mr. Bayly's presence at the meeting. There was no response from Mr. Bayly.

Atty. Brennan and the Board reviewed the Notice of Determination with the applicant and Mr. Keasbey to determine if any revisions (to the decision) were suggested or requested. Ms. Foxvog requested the inclusion of Saturday hours. Signage indicating that parking is exclusive to clients was discussed. Atty. Brennan offered to speak with the highway department with regard to street signage. The decision will be modified to include Saturday hours of operation

The Board expressed satisfaction with the decision. Atty. Brennan suggested that the Board motion to tentatively accept the decision. In addition, Mr. Brennan will reach out to Mr. Bayly via e-mail to seek his approval. Adoption and ratification of the decision will occur at the September meeting.

Rich Geddis made a motion to tentatively grant the use variance to allow the operation of a dog grooming and doggie daycare business, as a personal service shop. Lettie Saheim seconded.

Ayes: Geddis, Saheim

Nays: None

Mr. Geddis signed and dated the decision. A copy of the Notice of Decision will be sent to Rensselaer County Bureau of Planning and Development and to the Planning Board.

With no further business at hand, Rich Geddis made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:29 p.m. Lettie Saheim seconded.

Ayes: Geddis, Saheim

Nays: None

Respectfully submitted, *date:*

Elizabeth Hale, Clerk