A Regular Meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals was held on Thursday, June 22, 2017, at the Mendon Town Hall, 16 West Main Street, Honeoye Falls, NY, 14472 at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Bruce Peckham

Daniel Bassette

Clayton Lacey

Liz Sciortino

ABSENT: David Cook

ATTORNEY: Jeff Clark

Minutes were taken by Michelle Booth.

Mr. Peckham opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

**ORDUNA AREA VARIANCE PUBLIC HEARING**

Marcus Orduna, 52 Mendon Ionia Rd, Mendon, NY consisting of 2.13 acres, bearing Tax Account No. 216.02-1-15, located in an RS-30 zone, requesting an area variance to own two goats where Town Code requires a minimum of 3 acres to own 1-3 hoofed animals.

Mr. Peckham stated that the affidavit of posting of the sign was in the file and waived the reading of the public notice.

Mr. Orduna explained that they moved to the area a couple of years ago. The yard has poison ivy and pests. The goats eat poison ivy and keep the gophers out of the yard. They researched an environmentally friendly way to take care of these issues. The goats were the best choice.

Mr. Lacey asked if the goats were fenced in. Mr. Orduna explained that they had installed an electric fence, the goats will be kept there, on approx. 1 acre of the land.

Ms. Sciortino asked how many goats they have. They stated they have two presently, but are considering a couple more.

Ms. Sciortino asked if they have any other animals. Mr. Orduna stated that they do have chickens.

Mr. Lacey asked about the shelter for the goats. Mr. Orduna stated that Mrs. Orduna built a structure for them with a metal roof.

Ms. Sciortino asked if the structure was big enough to house four goats. Mrs. Orduna stated that she would have to add on to the structure or build a loft inside to accommodate them.

Mr. Bassette asked if the fence was labeled for safety? Mrs. Orduna stated that she posted twelve signs around for warnings.

Mr. Bassette asked what that plan on doing with the brush and shrubs around the outside of the fence. Mr. Orduna stated that he could mow it down if the Board would like, he has left it up as a type of buffer for the neighbors.

Mr. Bassette asked if they plan on renting the goats to other people as a type of income. Mrs. Orduna stated that they would allow the neighbors to use them as a favor, no plans to rent them.

Mr. Peckham explained the town of Mendon Code.

Mr. Peckham asked what species of goat they are. Mrs. Orduna stated that they have one Sanaa goat and one mixed. There is a male and a female, the male is neutered. They have no intentions of breeding.

Mr. Peckham asked when they purchased the goats. Mr. Orduna stated that they bought them from the Canandaigua Auction in April of 2017.

Mr. Peckham asked how often they clean and refresh the enclosure. They stated that they do this once a week generally.

Mr. Peckham asked if the goats have ever escaped. Mr. Orduna stated no.

Mr. Peckham asked how many chickens they have. They answered 10.

Mr. Peckham reviewed the paperwork and forms.

The board asked if the goats ate anything other than the weeds and poison ivy. Mr. Orduna confirmed that they do eat grain also.

Mr. Peckham stated his concerns about livestock in residential areas. He instructed Mr. and Mrs. Orduna to contact lollypop Farm and speak to the goat placement manager to get some questions answered. He explained that there may be a donation or fee associated with this, but they would need to work that out with her. He gave them a list of questions to ask her.

Mr. Clark explained that there were two letters submitted to the Board regarding this Public Hearing. They would need to read them into the record, or acknowledge them

Mr. Peckham stated that the first letter was from Arthur Torrey, which is for the goats. The second was from Heather Halstead, she is against the goats.

**MOTION**

Ms. Sciortino moved, second by Mr. Lacey to continue the Public Hearing.

**APPROVED**

Mr. Peckham – aye; Mr. Bassette – aye; Ms. Sciortino – aye; and Mr. Lacey – aye

**MINUTES**

**MOTION**

Mr. Peckham moved, seconded by Ms. Sciortino, to accept the minutes of the May 25, 2017 meeting as submitted.

**APPROVED**

Mr. Peckham – aye; Mr. Bassette – aye; Ms. Sciortino; and Mr. Lacey – aye

There was a brief discussion about the next meeting.

**MOTION**

Ms. Sciortino moved, second by Mr. Lacey to adjourn the meeting.

**APPROVED**

Mr. Peckham – aye; Mr. Bassette – aye; Ms. Sciortino – aye; and Mr. Lacey – aye