

Town of Edmeston
Municipal Building
Edmeston, NY 13335
June 18th, 2019

Public Re-Hearing:

964 County Highway 20
Edmeston, NY 13335
Indoor/Outdoor Venue

ZBA board members present:

Jamison Hoyt, Sue Holbert, Tom Madden

Guest:

Russel Carpenter, Mark Tuller, Alice Quentin, Dale Lund, Cheryl Perkins, Rusty Dutcher, Patricia Murray, Irving Stevens, Gene Nower, Linda Eriksen, Sylvia Cheesbourough, Albert Pylinski, Fred Tilbe

Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m.

Pros\Cons: Much was said from a number of perspectives. To summarize what was directly related to Robin's circumstance, I've provided a list of pros and cons.

Pros:

- Improvement to the existing condition of the property
- Tax income for the community
- No negative neighbor feedback
- More traffic in town means more traffic to other existing businesses

Cons:

- Not a permitted use
- NY State mandated criteria legally outweighs public favor

Related zoning questions/issues discussed at the hearing: Again, much was said in regard to a lot of different circumstances. Here is a summarization of any additional topics/content related to the town's zoning ordinance which were discussed at the hearing.

Grievances: At both this hearing and the previous hearing, we received a lot of feedback related to the changing of the zoning laws to accommodate both, Robin, and future potential entrepreneurs, who might be interested in developing property or opening/building businesses within town. We received, in a lot of cases, disgruntled opinions, in regard to why/how the process of re-writing or amending the zoning, is such a process. We also received questions as to whether said process is prompt as it should be. We were specifically asked what the "hold-up" could be, especially with a large majority of the public - being in favor of the change.

Points were made about existing exceptions to the zoning ordinance, both new and grandfathered. We were questioned as to how we could say no to Rob, after these exceptions took place.

Comments were made in regard to the look of the community as a whole, and the general direction the town is heading in. We were asked what was being done to amend the zoning to promote development.

We received a lot of feedback favoring ANY positive development of any property in town. Permitted or not.

Suggested Solutions: Suggestions were made of revoking the zoning altogether, until a "re-written" version could be agreed on. Suggestions were made to amend the specific section of zoning pertaining to Robin's circumstance, and suggestions were made to just "grant the variance and be done with it."

There were members present from all three boards - which helped bridge any gap in the potential misunderstanding of how the town's zoning ordinances are written and why. As a whole, we received a lot of excellent feedback. Both from community members and members of town boards. I am of the understanding that after this meeting, forward, is the direction everyone is interested in moving.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.