

**TOWN OF BARRE
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
July 15, 2024**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Steve Coville David Allen
Kelly Dudley Larry Gaylard
Charles Swan

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Others Present: Mr. Kirk Mathes, Mr. Paul Couch, Mr. Kurt Dudley, Mr. Steve Harling

CALL TO ORDER: The board met at the Town Hall with the meeting called to order at 7:01 pm by chair Mr. Coville.

The Pledge to the Flag was recited.

I. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES – November 13, 2023

Mr. Swan made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of November 13th meeting with no corrections and seconded by Mr. Allen and carried (5-0).

II. NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Coville stated that we have received an application to review a denial of a building permit. He then asked Mr. Couch to present his case.

Mr. Couch stated that he would like to put a barn on his land to store his tractor, mower, 4-wheeler, and some hunting equipment out of the weather and any prying eyes to prevent theft. Questions asked from the board were:

- How many acres of land are there? 75.49 acres
- There is not a house number listed on the application, is one? When the property was purchased, there was a house but it stayed with the other half
- Will there be electric? No
- Will there be water? No, there is water across the road but that would be an extra charge and I am not interested at this time at all.
- What is the size you are thinking of? Possibly 30' x 40'
- Where would the barn location be? Approximately 300' off the road near the head of the driveway that I put in a couple of years ago.

- There is not a primary residence and it would not be used for agriculture. Just someplace to store my things out of the rain and weather. I do not want to trailer everything every time as I live 15 miles away. Having a 4-wheeler just sitting in the woods is too much of a temptation now days.
- In the future do you see yourself having a residence on the property? If the wind turbines had come maybe but not sure now since he is retired now
- He feels that this is a form of discrimination since there are others in the town that that have built storage pole barns that are not for agriculture use.

There being no other questions from either the board or the applicant, Mr. Coville asked the board what their decision is.

Resolution 1-2024

Introduced by: Kelly Dudley
 Seconded by: Larry Gaylard

WHEREAS, an application for a use variance on a building permit denial for property of Paul M. Couch located on Root Road, tax lot # 116.-1-13.22

AND WHEREAS, the pole building does not follow the Barre zoning laws

THEREFORE, to override the building permit denial and allow the use variance for storage

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE:

Mr. Coville – Aye
 Mr. Allen – Aye
 Mrs. Dudley – Aye
 Mr. Gaylard – Aye
 Mr. Swan – Aye

The resolution passed.

Training hours were discussed. There is a 4 hour per year requirement along with New York State required trainings of Harassment, and Workplace Violence each year. A reminder printout will be sent to each member.

III. OLD BUSINESS

There was not any old business at this time.

IV. ADJORNMENT

Mr. Swan made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 pm; seconded by Mr. Allen and carried (5-0).

Lee A. Preston, Clerk