

Town of Pendleton, NY
Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA)
Meeting Agenda – December 19, 2023
Pendleton Town Hall - 7:00 PM

Note: Due to a scheduling conflict, this meeting will be held in the break room

1. Public Hearings
 - a. **Richard Lindemuth**
Property Address: 7237 Bear Ridge Rd. N. Tonawanda, NY 14120
 - Owner wishes to construct a 20' x 40' (800 SF) lean-to structure attached to an existing 30' x 40' (1,200 SF) accessory structure (made possible by a previous 600 SF area variance). Town Code §247-34.E.(1) limits total square feet to 600 SF on a parcel less than 2 acres. Property is 1.84 acres and zoned R-2 Residential. Total area variance sought is 800 SF.
2. Open regular meeting of ZBA
3. Changes to agenda
4. New Inquires to ZBA
5. Review minutes from prior meeting(s)
 - a. November 28, 2023 – [ZBA Minutes on Pendleton Website](#)
6. Deliberation on Hearing(s)
 - a. Lindemuth – 7237 Bear Ridge Rd.
7. Review Correspondence (if applicable)
8. Special Topics
9. Miscellaneous ZBA items:
 - a. Attendance: next meeting
 - January 23, 2024 at 7:00 PM, Pendleton Town Hall.
 - b. Comments: ZBA members, Legal
10. Adjourn regular meeting of the ZBA

Area Variance Considerations

1. Benefit to applicant vs Detriment to community
2. Mandatory considerations:
 - a. Will the granting of the variance result in an undesirable change to the character of the neighborhood or will it be detrimental to nearby properties
 - b. Are there alternative solutions that would not require a variance
 - c. Is the requested variance substantial
 - d. Will the variance have an adverse effect on the physical or environmental conditions in the neighborhood or district
 - e. Is the applicant's difficulty self-created

Use Variance Requirements

No such use variance shall be granted by a board of appeals without a showing by the applicant that applicable zoning regulations and restrictions have caused unnecessary hardship. In order to prove such unnecessary hardship the applicant shall demonstrate to the board of appeals that for each and every permitted use under the zoning regulations for the particular district where the property is located,

- (1) the applicant cannot realize a reasonable return, provided that lack of return is substantial as demonstrated by competent financial evidence;
- (2) that the alleged hardship relating to the property in question is unique, and does not apply to a substantial portion of the district or neighborhood;
- (3) that the requested use variance, if granted, will not alter the essential character of the neighborhood; and
- (4) that the alleged hardship has not been self-created.