

Zoning Board of Appeals joint with Planning Board
Town of Hillsdale Special Meeting
July 11, 2016

Zoning Board Members that were present were Chairman Craig Norton, Jeff Sills, Barbara Barrantes & Steve Smith, Planning Board Members, Attorney Nelson R. Alford and Cathy Lyden ZBA Secretary. Also present was James Wright and many Hillsdale residents.

Public Hearing was opened by Chairman Henward of Hillsdale Planning board regarding the application of James Wright for the Old Tone Music festival which will be located on Cool Whisper Farm on Rte 21. The festival will be a 3 night small hands on festival with under 1000 people. Questions about controlling number of people and traffic was discussed. A question about why the festival is not being held in Wassaic again like previous years was asked. Mr. Wright stated that Wassaic has its own festival and wants to protect their own festival instead. A question about including local business in the festival was asked. Local business will be welcome to be involved in this festival. A question about how much insurance does this festival carry. A 4 million policy is what the festival has. Mr. Wright is open to more insurance needs to find someone to work with him that will give him more for the festival. A suggestion of "LOCAL TRAFFIC" signs be put up on roads surrounding festival. Music noise is not an issue. Public Hearing was closed by ZBA Chairman Norton. Planning board met to approve application for site plan of festival. Planning Board passed a resolution for the application of the Old Tone Festival's site plan application.

At 8:20 Zoning Board Chairman Norton opened the Special Meeting for the Old Tone Music Festival's Special Permit application. There was a full SEQUA form filed as its classified as a major project. It will be 4 calendar days. A motion to accept the Negative Declaration was made by Councilman Sills, seconded by Councilwoman Barrantes, Carried (Norton, Sills, Barrantes & Smith). Chairman Norton would like to put on record that Joel and Ana Kraske and Michael Regan both wrote letters expressing their opposition to the festival. A motion was made by Councilman Smith and seconded by Councilwoman Barrantes to offer Special Permit with special conditions including the need to enhance the insurance policy (possibly up 10 million dollars), signage for "local traffic only", location of waste recepticals on site plan, and approval for water and sewer from health department. All needs to be submitted to attorney, Carried (Norton, Sills, Barrantes & Smith)

Meeting adjourned at 8:50pm