

**Town of Bergen Planning Board  
Minutes for July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2012  
Bergen Town Hall**

**Present:** Gary Fink, Bill Robinson, Kathi McLaughlin, John Skomski Alt., and Randall Holbrook

**Not Present:** Dominck Camelio, Mark Gerhardy, and Norm Pawlak

**Also Present:** Dave Mason, Robert Grant, Cathy Adams, Eilene Mason, Josh Robinson, Michael Hammerl, Teresa Whalin, and Sege Kalmbacker

**Robert Grant Public Hearing**

The hearing was opened at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Fink. It was posted in the Daily News, Post Office and Town Hall. Mr. Grant is applying for a special use permit for 6499 North Lake Road. His plan is to run a low impact car sales business, using a pre-existing garage on his property. The garage will serve as an office and storage for cars. There will be no repairs or inspections done on the property and it was decided that the maximum number of cars that can be located on his property is six. Mike Hammerl expressed concern about cars being a distraction to cars passing by. Mr. Grant reassured him that no cars will be placed near the road. Mr. Hammerl was also concerned about the possible expansion of the business. Mr. Grant stated that this was merely something he wanted to do as a hobby and that he had no intention of it becoming a large scale business. Most transactions will take place over the internet with appointments at the property when necessary. No one else expressed any concerns. The public hearing was closed at 7:15 p.m. A motion to approve the special use permit was made by Bill Robinson, seconded by Kathi McLaughlin, voted and carried. Fees were collected.

**Cathy Adams Public Hearing**

The hearing was opened at 7:20 by Chairman Fink. The hearing was posted in the Daily News, Post Office and Town Hall. Ms. Adams is applying for a special use permit for 7794 Swamp Road. Her plan is to run a beauty salon from her home. Ms. Adams stated that she has been doing hair for twenty five years and that she has run a business from her home in the past. It will be a part time operation and only one person will be scheduled at a time. Teresa Whalin worked in the building adjacent to Ms. Adams when she owned a salon business on Route 19 and stated that there were never any problems with the hair salon. An anonymous letter was given to the board stating that in the past, when Ms. Adams ran a salon from her home, there was always a "party like atmosphere. In response to the letter, Ms. Adams stated that she has every intention of running the

business in a professional manner. No one else spoke for or against the special use permit. The hearing was closed at 7:35 p.m. A motion to approve the special use permit was made by Bill Robinson, seconded by Randall Holbrook, voted and carried. Fees were collected.

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The regular meeting was called to order at 7:40 p.m. A motion to approve the June 2012 minutes with a slight edit was made by Kathi McLaughlin, seconded by Bill Robinson, voted and carried.

### **Old/New Business**

● **Wayne Sherman Update**. The garage and shed have been taken off his property. He still intends to clean everything up and eventually sell the lot. No violations to date, as well as no more complaints.

No further business was discussed.

A motion to adjourn was made by Kathi McLaughlin, seconded by Bill Robinson, voted and carried. The meeting ended at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Laura Smith, secretary

Cc: Michelle Smith, Town Clerk  
Don Cunningham, Town Supervisor  
Anne Sapienza, Town Assessor  
Bill Waldruff, ZBA Chairman