TOWN OF YORK ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS MINUTES October 29, 2015

Present: Dick Ellis, Jerry Sturm, Mark Connolly, Charity Donnan

Others: Carl Peter, Jim Galbraith

Mr. Ellis, acting chair, called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

Mr. Peter explained to the board what Jim Galbraith wanted to do – put a barn near the boundary between his two properties. He wants to add 13 feet all around the existing pole barn which will put it too close to the property line. The problem is that one property is in an agricultural district and the other is residential. There would have to be a stipulation that when the district expires he would have to merge his house into the 12 acres. Who would enforce it?

Have to remember that area variances within 500 feet of ag land goes to the county.

Jim Galbraith came and Mr. Ellis called the public hearing for Mr. Galbraith's area variance to order at 7:30 p.m.

Mr. Galbraith said that his property in the ag district had 6 more years to go and he missed the date to add his other property to it. He has no problem with a stipulation of joining the two properties together when the time comes.

All board members thought his request sounded reasonable. But Mr. Connolly stated that the area variance would have to go to the county before a decision could be made because the property was within 500 ft. of the ag district. Donna will take the referral over to county planning tomorrow and refer them to the planning board referral in July for Mr. Galbraith's subdivision.

The public hearing was closed at 7:45 p.m.

County planning board meets November 12, but if a decision is made earlier, Donna will post a notice of a special meeting in three places and the ZBA will reconvene for a decision.

Jerry Sturm moved to approve the February 25th minutes, Mark Connolly seconded, all in favor, carried – Yes -4

At 8:10 p.m. Mark Connolly moved to close the meeting, Charity Donnan seconded, all in favor, carried Yes - 4.

Respectfully submitted, Donna Falkner, Clerk