May 16, 2018 7:30 pm

Minutes of the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Town Of Fenner

Board Members in Attendance

Chip Swart (ZBA Chairman)

Charlie Pace

Paul Little

Mary Rose Proctor

Cindy Gavula (secretary)

Damian Chepenuk of 2596 Bingley Road was present at the meeting. He has requested a use variance for wooded properties on Bingley Road, tax map 86,-2-21, and 86.-2-20.1 in order to build a barn (30’ by 40’) for the storage of equipment used to manage his forested land forest which is part of 480-A Forestry Management Program (directed by private forester, Aaron Earl).

The board has recommended that the application be reinterpreted, granting Mr. Chepenuk agricultural status based on the following facts:

\*Trees on the forested property will be harvested regularly (approximately every three years)

\*The forested property is greater than 5 acres

\*The forested property is in a 480-A Forestry Management Program for fifteen years (beginning two years ago)

\*The property has been evaluated by a private forester Aaron Earl

\*There is a forest management plan, directed by Aaron Earl, who has estimated that the harvested trees will be worth $15,000 to $25,000 per harvest which will occur about every three years

\*As directed by the forester, certain trees have been marked and culling has begun to improve the value of future harvests

Mr. Pace motioned that this application should be reinterpreted, granting an agricultural status, and with the agricultural status, a use variance will not be necessary in order for the owner to erect the proposed barn. Mr. Little seconded the motion. The board unanimously approved the motion on May 16, 2018.