

MINUTES OF A MEETING AS HELD BY THE
TOWN OF AURORA PLANNING & CONSERVATION BOARD

September 2nd, 2026

Members Present: Chairman, Doug Crow
Bill Heidt

Alternate Member: Lori Borowiak
Bill Fierle

Absent/ Excused: Norm Merriman
Laurie Kutina
Chris Contento
Angela Griffis
Tim Stroth

Also Present: Rich Miga, Assistant Code Enforcement Officer
Rebecca Birmingham, tenant, owner of The Grooming Post

Chairman, Doug Crow presided over the meeting which began at 7:02 p.m. at the Town Hall, 575 Oakwood Avenue, East Aurora, NY. He led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

William Heidt makes a motion to approve August 5th, 2026, minutes.

Second by Lori Borowiak

Upon a vote being taken:

Ayes- 4

Noes- 0

Motion carried

Chairman, Doug Crow states Bill Fierle and Lori Borowiak are voting members tonight.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

Chairman, Doug Crow introduces the newly appointed Planning Board alternative, Lori Borowiak.

Chairman, Doug Crow states there is a NYAOT, 2026 Planning and Zoning School training being offered for anyone interested in attending. It is October 22, in Fairport, New York. The cost of training will be covered by the Town and registration can be done through Town Clerk's office.

South Towns Working Group: Tim Stroth was not present, however, via email stated there is no update on the Southtowns Planning & Development Group. The next meeting is scheduled for October 26th, location TBD. He will provide additional information at the October Planning Board meeting and/or via email to the group.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

The Town Board referral of a Special Use Permit application for 558 Bufalo Road., SBL #164.00-1-16, as submitted by Rebecca Bermingham, tenant, and owner of The Grooming Post.

Chairman, Doug Crow invites Rebecca Bermingham to come forward and make his presentation to the Board.

Rebecca Bermingham states she is moving her business, The Grooming Post, from Elma to East Aurora. She has been in business for over 30 years. Her service is by appointment only. The hours of operation are Monday through Saturday from 10am to 2pm. Her business needs minimal parking so the six spaces available is more than enough. The new location needs no construction as it is already suited for her needs.

Chairman, Doug Crow reconfirms there is no boarding or daycare. It is in a C3 zone which does require a SUP.

William Heidt reconfirms the location has utilities and water.

Rebecca Bermingham states there is a well and septic, as well as gas and electric.

Chairman, Doug Crow states the SEQR, line 10 needs to be amended regarding water source.

William Heidt reconfirms that with the hours of operation exterior lighting is not a concern. He inquires if there are proposed signs being added to the property.

CEO, Rich Miga, states any signs or fence would require separate permits.

Lori Borowiak questioned why on SEQR does it say that building does not meet building code.

CEO, Rich Miga states it presently grandfathered which would change if there were to be construction or renovations.

Chairman, Doug Crow asks for a motion.

William Heidt makes a motion to the Planning Board to recommend to the Town Board to approve the Special Use Permit for 558 Buffalo Road as submitted.

Seconded by: Chairman, Doug Crow

Upon a vote being taken:

Ayes- 4

Noes- None

Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

Bill Fierle makes a motion to adjourn.

Seconded by: William Heidt

Upon a vote being taken:

Ayes- 4

Noes- 0

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:18 pm

THE NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING WILL BE WEDNESDAY October 7th, at 7:00 P.M. AT THE TOWN HALL, 575 OAKWOOD AVENUE, EAST AURORA, NEW YORK