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The Town of Beekman is seeking a town resident to fill a volunteer position on the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA).

The ZBA meets on the first Tuesday of every month.

Zoning Board of Appeal (ZBA) description:

A Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) is a quasi-judicial board within a local government that reviews and decides appeals regarding zoning regulations, typically considering requests for variances (exceptions to zoning rules) and special permits for land use situations where standard zoning codes might not apply, often requiring public hearings to make informed decisions based on the local zoning ordinances; essentially acting as a body to interpret and apply zoning laws in unique circumstances where strict adherence could cause hardship for property owners.

The ZBA function is to hear and decide appeals from property owners who believe a zoning ordinance is causing an undue hardship on their property, allowing them to request exceptions or variations to the standard zoning rules.

ZBA typical applications are: Requests for variances (e.g., building a structure that doesn't meet setback requirements), special permits (e.g., operating a non-conforming business in a specific zone).

The ZBA decision making is based on the specific facts of each case, the ZBA must determine if the requested variance or special permit is justified and does not negatively impact the surrounding area.

Most ZBA decisions are made after a public hearing where interested parties can present their arguments and evidence.

A ZBA member is typically comprised of an appointed town resident with an expertise in land use, law, or related fields.

All interested candidates should send a letter of interest and resume to seniorclerk@townofbeekmanny.us no later than January 6, 2025.