

**Town of Ghent
Zoning board of appeals
Minutes
August 9, 2017**

Meeting called to order at 7 pm by Chairman Lewis Streeter. Present: Keith Kanaga, Jim Andrews, Koethi Zan, Zoning Enforcement Officer Walt Simonsmeier, Planning Board Chairman Jeffrey French, Applicant Representative Jeffrey Seward and 2 members of the public.

Minutes of the April meeting were approved on motion of Keith Kanaga and seconded by Koethi Zan and unanimously approved.

**92.-2-7.200 (Choffe Farms, LLC)
Applicant: Collective Retreats**

An area variance is sought because the structures are less than the allowable 10 feet setbacks required. The structures consist of permanent platforms with a removable tents and tipis on them. Platform 3 and 4 require the Area Variance.

Mr. French informed the board that the site plan was approved, but due to health department regulations the location of the platforms, tents and tipis were moved. The tipi area is for bathing facilities and a septic system was required.

Mr. Simonsmeier considers the tents and tipis part of the overall structure.

The application was accepted on motion of Jim Andrews, seconded by Keith Kanaga, all in favor. A public hearing will be scheduled for September 13th, 2017

There being no further business on motion of Jim Andrews, seconded Lewis Streeter the meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith Burke,
Recording Secretary