

**TOWN OF NEVERSINK  
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**PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES**

**April 6, 2022**

**THE AMERICAN BABAJI YOGA SANGAM  
SPECIAL USE DEVELOPMENT OF A RELGIIOUS NON-PROFIT CEMETERY  
LOW RD, GRAHAMSVILLE NY  
45.-1-16.12**

The public hearing was called to order at 7:01 PM by Chairman Phil Coombe III.

Chairman Phillip Coombe explained that the purpose of the meeting was to allow an opportunity for questions, or comments on the proposed allowed special use of the property. Mr. Coombe pointed out that the property is set back 200ft from the road. Zoning calls for 100ft. The maximum set back requirement has been met on all sides.

Applicants Marc and Catherine Denner provided a summary of the proposed site plan and map. Clara and Enrico DePaulis who live across the street, and also own an adjoining vacant lot expressed disagreement of the development of a cemetery on the property, stating that they feel that it does not belong in a residential area. They are also concerned about groundwater contamination due to decomposing within the interments. Ryan Mickelson resides at the closest adjoining property. He stated his concern about compliance to the set back from the property lines, the cemetery expanding over time, and any future building of structures that may be viewable from his back porch.

Marc Denner stated that the use will be small, more like a private burial plot than a cemetery. He stated that he has checked with the DEC, DOH, and also the Department of Funerals and Cemeteries. He asserted that the proposed special use complies with all state agencies and that there are no issues. Catherine Denner stated that you cannot see the area from the road, and that they would probably at some point plant bushes, a row of trees or install a low iron fence for further screening. She also mentioned that markers would be used, and not headstones.

A discussion ensued regarding the maximum number of interments being 21, due to the size of the parcel.

A motion to **CLOSE** the Public Hearing was

**Moved by:** Planning Board Member, Dave Forshay

**Seconded by:** Planning Board Member, Bob Botsford

**Approved by UNANIMOUS** vote: **AYES: 7 NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0**

Respectfully submitted: Michelle Goodman, Clerk  
(WS700269)

Members Present: Philip Coombe III, Chairman  
Eric Horton  
Dave Forshay  
Bob Botsford  
Forest Darder  
JimSchmidt  
Jim Garigliano

Also Present: Ken Klein, Esq.  
Keith Stryker, Code Enforcement Officer  
Anthony Siciliano