

## **BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT**

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# Zoning Board of Adjustment Draft Minutes April 5, 2012

#### **Board Members:**

Mark Samsel – Chairman
Heath Partington – Vice-Chairman
Elizabeth Dunn – Member
Jim Tierney – Member
Jay Yennaco Member
Mike Scholz – Alternate

#### **Staff:**

Patricia Kovolyan – Administrative Assistant

The Chairman introduced the members and explained that the only item on the agenda was the appointment of alternates. In the past the Zoning Board has looked to previous Board Members who have shown an interest in serving as alternates. The Chairman reached out to some former Board Members and Mr. Tony Pellegrini, who served on the Zoning Board for fifteen years, showed an interest in being appointed.

A letter of interest was submitted by Larry Jackson and there was a legal posting with a deadline of April 17, 2012 requesting alternates. With former Board Members a letter was not required, they were not required to come in front of the Board, and the Board was familiar with those individuals.

Mr. Scholz asked if the Board needed to appoint an alternate for the case that is coming up on April 10, 2012 and does the Board have the authority to do that since there would not be an absence of any of the five members.

Mrs. Dunn said since Mr. Yennaco is now available to be voting on cases there is a five member board so he did not understand why the Board was meeting. The provision that the Chairman talked about earlier where there had been temporary appointments under RSA 43:7 would no longer apply because technically there is no longer an empty seat. The question now is "what is the process that the Board is going to use to appoint alternates". Mrs. Dunn said that she knows of two applicants that are interested and felt that the Board should wait before making any appointments to see what the pool of possibilities will be.



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The Chairman said that his concern for the April 10, 2012 meeting is if one Board Member can't make the meeting and the lead time to appoint an alternate.

The Chairman read into the record the posting that was in the newspaper requesting alternate members for the Zoning Board.

Some of the Board Members advised the Chairman that they do not know Mr. Pellegrini Mr. Partington who does not know Mr. Pellegrini said the process that was used to appoint an alternate was entirely different. The Chairman said that the appointment process was different for previous members. Mrs. Dunn said that this has to be done in such a way that the process is above reproach and the way to do that is to give the opportunity for interviews and discussion. The Chairman said it sounds as though the Board is comfortable going forward with five members on April 10, 2012.

The Chairman asked that someone draft a paragraph for the by-laws describing the process used to appoint alternates.

Mr. Tierney said that he is comfortable making a motion to appoint Mr. Pellegrini to a one year term because Mr. Pellegrini has been around and knows the process and is very knowledgeable. Mr. Tierney motioned to appoint Mr. Pellegrini as an alternate for a one year term. No second.

Mr. Scholz said that that the Chairman could invite both Mr. Pellegrini and Mr. Jackson to attend the April 10<sup>th</sup> meeting to be interviewed but not render a decision until after the April 17<sup>th</sup> deadline.

Mr. Yennaco said he is familiar with Mr. Jackson who would do a nice job.

The Members decided to invite Mr. Pellegrini and Mr. Jackson to be interviewed on April 10, 2012.

Mrs. Dunn motioned and Mr. Yennaco seconded the motion to adjourn. Motion passed 5-0.