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ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES

APPROVED

SEPTEMBER 25, 2007

Regular Members present: Joseph C. Hill, MD – Chairman, George Carmichael – Vice Chairman, Marcia Breckenridge, and David Drouin.

Alternate Members present: Richard Feldman, William Thomas

Absent Member: Janet Goodrich Recused Member: Charles Phillips

Hill opened the Public Hearing at 7:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance and explained the Rules of Procedure for this meeting to all those present.

Attorney Gary H. Sheldon, representing the applicants Daniel and Ardelle Aho, Trustees, requested that he be allowed to approach the Chairman, and stated that there were some new developments in Case # 975 that had come to his attention late this afternoon and he requested a continuance until a future time. The case was rescheduled to November 27, 2007. At this time, Hill gave to Attorney Sheldon a copy of a letter from former Chairman of the Rindge Board of Selectmen, Arthur Fiorelli, which Hill had received late this afternoon.

Hill then announced that Mrs. Goodrich was absent for the evening and Mr. Phillips was recusing. Hill then appointed Mr. Thomas to become the replacement member for Mrs. Goodrich and announced that **Members sitting for the Public Hearing were as follows: Mrs. Breckenridge, Mr. Carmichael, Mr. Drouin, Mr. Thomas and Dr. Hill.**

The Clerk announced where the Notice of Public Hearing was posted: Town Office, Police Station, Transfer Station, Post Office, Fire Department, Library and the Monadnock Ledger.

The Minutes from 8-28-2007 were presented and minor typographical changes were made on pages 1, 2, 3, 5, 6 & 7. A Motion was made by Drouin, seconded by Breckenridge, to approve the Minutes with corrections agreed upon. The Motion carried unanimously.

The Board appointed two case reviewers for October – Mr. Thomas and Dr. Hill.

A discussion of the revision of the Application forms was held. The Board decided to add both telephone number and email for information that the applicant must fill out. The Board decided to add to all Checklists a line that the Code Enforcement Officer must have reviewed the case with a letter in the case file. On the Application for Rehearing, the Board decided to request eleven copies of any NEW information as well eleven copies of the application. The Board



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decided that the map enclosed with all applications was too small, and that this needed to be corrected by placing the map on a separate page to make the map more usable by the applicant. In all application changes, the Board was in unanimous agreement.

Drouin raised the question as to if An Appeal for Rehearing required payment of another filing fee, and was told that this was the Board's policy.

A discussion was held concerning the nameplates that the Board requested at the last Hearing, and the Clerk stated she had not received the catalogue. The Clerk was instructed to purchase these locally. This issue will be resolved.

Hill also distributed copies of the letter to all Regular and Alternate Members and gave one to Secretary McDermott for the files. Hill requested that everyone place the letter in their copy of the case that was continued.

A discussion was held concerning the letter from Mr. Fiorelli, who requested that this letter be given to Attorney Sheldon, read into the record when the Case was heard, and the placing it in the file of the rescheduled case, and it was decided to place it in the file and it was noted that a copy had been hand delivered to Attorney Sheldon.

Hill mentioned that in the Notice of the Public Hearing published in the paper did not notice that it was a Zoning Board Hearing. The Clerk will check into this matter.

A discussion was held concerning the figures that the Board wanted to submit to the Town Administrator for the projected 2008 budget. There was a major overage in the salary column, but the remaining line items were under budget. It was decided to keep the total budget request, with the exception of salaries, the same as last year. The requested amounts are: Dues & Subscriptions \$150.00, Office Supplies \$350.00, Postage \$1,000, Meetings \$200.00, Advertising \$1,200, Mileage \$100.00. However, the Board agreed to increase the request for the salary column to increase from last year's budget to a more realistic number - \$4,000.00. This reflects the salary of the Secretary as well as those Members and Alternates who accept salary.

A discussion was held concerning both the Clerk's duties and also the Chairperson's duties. After a lengthy discussion Breckenridge was directed to bring back to the Board next month a compilation of the all the views for consideration by the Board for possible revision and placement into the Rules of Procedure. Drouin stated that he was concerned about the Board changing the Rules of Procedure in less than one year since the last change. Feldman stated that he feels if there is something incorrect, we should not wait for a year to change something.

Clerk McDermott presented a document outlining duties of a Land Use Administrative Assistant. There was a significant discussion concerning the content of this document and how this Board viewed the duties of our Clerk. The Board was in agreement that these should not be in the



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Rules of Procedure, but as a separate policy of the Board, and have this on file. Drouin requested that everything be collated by Breckenridge for presentation to the Board. Clerk McDermott at this time submitted her resignation and left the Public Hearing. When asked to reconsider, she declined.

Carmichael made a Motion, seconded by Breckenridge to adjourn the Public Hearing at 9:07 PM. The Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted:

Joseph C. Hill, M.D.
Chairman

William Thomas
Acting Vice Chairman