

April 4, 1978

The Board of Adjustment met Tuesday, April 4, 1978 at 7:30 P.M. in the Town Hall to elect officers for the ensuing year. Those present were:

Carole Webber, Vice Chairman
Eugene Bried
Robert B. Flanders
Patricia Thomas
A. George McLean, Alternate
James Dennison, Alternate
Catherine C. T. Dik, Clerk and Alternate

Mrs. Webber, Vice Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:40 P.M. and asked for nominations. Mr. Flanders nominated Mr. Bried for Chairman, but Mr. Bried reluctantly declined, saying he did not feel quite sure of himself. Mr. Bried then nominated Mr. McLean, who had just been appointed by the Selectmen a full member of the Board; Mr. Flanders seconded, and the Board elected him unanimously. Mr. McLean then nominated Mr. Bried for Vice Chairman, seconded by Mr. Flanders, and unanimously elected by the Board. Mrs. Dik was then nominated for Clerk, seconded by Mr. Flanders and un-animously elected by the Board.

The Chairman of the Selectmen presented a letter from Earl J. Brady, an abutter to Artec Co. at the premises of Mr. Sidney Winton, complaining of obnoxious fumes, fire hazard and parking blocking the road. The Selectmen will investigate. The letter was placed on file.

Mr. McLean suggested that a letter from the Board be sent to Benjamin Pratt thanking him for his outstanding service as Chairman of the Board for the past year.

The new Chairman suggested that each member of the Board should visit the site of an application before the hearing to familiarize himself, and the members were warned that they should not discuss the pros and cons of the case with the applicant. It was agreed that all would try.

There was discussion on the form of the minutes and the keeping of the tapes. It was finally agreed (with the approval of the Town Counsel) that the minutes should be minimal, containing:

Time and place of meeting
Those present
The issue at hand
Presentation by applicant
Witnesses' remarks pro and con, and their
accuracy
On what basis the decision was made
Vote of the Board taken in public

This is what would be shown any inquirer. The tapes would be used only as an aid to the Clerk and would be destroyed in 45 days.

On motion by Mr. Dennison, seconded by Mrs. Webber, and unanimously voted by the Board the meeting adjourned at 8:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine C. T. Dik

Catherine C. T. Dik, Clerk