

**Zoning Board of Appeals  
May 24, 2012 Regular Meeting**

Location      Meeting Room #1  
                  Town Hall  
                  7A Spofford Road  
                  Boxford, MA 01921

Present        William R. Cargill, Jr., Chair  
                  Paula Lia Fitzsimmons, Vice-Chair  
                  Robert W. Conroy, Clerk  
                  Paula Meagher, Secretary

Absent         Pat Canonica, Planning Board Liaison

**6:44 p.m.**      William Cargill called the meeting to order

The Chair stated that Case #904 Sagamore Realty Trust for a shared drive has been postponed and there were no draft minutes available for review.

The only other business before the Board was to interview candidates for alternate positions on the Board.

Each candidate was requested to tell a little about themselves and why they were interested in serving on the ZBA. They were as follows:

Barbara Jessel - Lily Pond Road

Has been involved in town government for the last 15 years and has previously served on the Finance Committee, Board of Selectmen and School Committee and currently is still on the Community Preservation Committee. She also serves as Chair for the Salt Study Task Force trying to work with MA DOT relative to salt shed and salt pollution. She said she had noticed that this Board has been working without alternates for a period of time and would like to help volunteer.

Bob Fanning – High Ridge Road

Serves on the Finance Committee for the past 4 years. For the last 12 years been president of the High Ridge Property Owners Association. He is retired and wants to give back to the town and would like to serve on the ZBA. He has no previous zoning experience. He has read through the bylaws and is willing to learn about zoning.

Robyn Kotarski – Ipswich Road

Is new in town since 2008 and does not serve on any boards; however, is involved at the Second Congregational Church and would now like to get more involved with town issues since Boxford is so much like the community she grew up in and has the time to serve as a volunteer. She felt that zoning is a good place to start to preserve the character and rural nature of what this town is without condos and commercial businesses. She appreciates the town for what it is and would like to help maintain the rural character and strict zoning compared to other communities around us.

Jancy Rohlf – Cross Road

Has been here previously applying for a position on the ZBA as an alternate position and is still very interested in helping the town. She just finished a (3) year term on BTA BOLT and still helps out. She thinks zoning is extremely important for the town since we are one of two towns in Massachusetts with R/A status and would like to continue uphold bylaws. She has a lot of information about the Special Permit process but would be willing and able to learn the rest of the rules and regulations and information about Variances and Appeals and Chapter 40A State Zoning Act. She explained that she hasn't lived too long in the town and doesn't know a lot of people and thought that may also be a good thing such as not having conflict with any petitioners.

All four candidates were asked similar questions and they all stated they would have no problem serving as an alternate member of this Board and all seemed very eager and willing to learn the process with long standing Board members.

The Chair explained that they would now deliberate tonight and make recommendations to the Board of Selectmen and they will also want to interview the candidates. Most likely they will be contacted by their Board to make arrangements for appointments.

**7:30 p.m. Case #904 John C. Sanidas, Trustee**  
**Sagamore Realty Trust**  
**Lots 1, 2 and 7 Sagamore Lane**

Special Permit to construct a shared driveway serving three (3) lots on the property from Article III, §196-13 (B)(11)(l) of the zoning bylaw.

The Applicant has requested an extension to the next hearing with a date certain of 6/28/12 so that Conservation and Planning can review and recommend. An extension form was signed by the Board and the Applicant to be filed with the Town Clerk.

**Motion** Paula Lia Fitzsimmons – motion to extend Case #904 to a date certain of 6/28/12.  
**Second** Robert W. Conroy  
**Unanimous vote**

There was then discussion about the alternate candidates and the Chair would like to get it moving as quick as possible so there could be a recommendation made this evening. Possibly we could get somebody for either next month or at least at the beginning of the fiscal year.

There was a roll call vote recommending Barbara Jessel as a very highly qualified candidate and top priority. All three Board members said they felt that she would be their first preference but that the other three are also qualified and would like the Selectmen to make a selection. This Board would be happy for any three of them to also serve.

William Cargill        yes  
Paula Fitzsimmons    yes  
Robert Conroy        yes

**Motion** Robert W. Conroy – adjourn 7:41 p.m.  
**Second** Paula Lia Fitzsimmons  
**Unanimous vote**

*Respectfully submitted,  
Paula Meagher*

Approved as submitted 11/15/12

