

Submitted for approval of the ZBA 1/30/2018 by ZBA secretary Matt Lacasse

**Secretaries Report for special meeting and public hearing re: Cornerstone Baptist Church 9/12/2017**

Board Members Present, Matt Lacasse, Steve Cannon, Merilyn Mills, Greg Noyes, Randy Minard, as well as members of the public.

Meeting was called to order at 6:05

Public comment

Steve asked why the request was denied. Robert replied although fees had paid, abutters notified, paper info etc. Sign was larger than the ordinance allowed. Considered the sign as a flashing moving or animated signs are prohibited. Messages were able to scroll, etc. Two considerations, also public safety was a concern.

A representative of the church asked to make presentation, the board obliged. A video was shown showing the changing text of the sign.

Church representatives went on to explain their intentions to use the sign for community service as well as the uses of the church, and that an animation was in their plans. The actual sign display section was 4x8, and just the header would make it a size not allowable by the ordinance thus making the total sign size unallowable by the ordinance as it is written.

A story was told about Dean Pike and Mark Emery Supporting the sign, its size and illumination.

Danny <sup>Wagoner</sup> ~~Wagoner~~ (a resident of Eastport) stated that the board should be concerned with the creation of non conforming base of record and thereby opening the door for other businesses to do the same.

The pastor described the churches renewed emphasis on community service, and its willingness to serve the community in any way possible. He then explained they are an emergency location, with new generator, clothing giveaways, food, etc. and that these things should be kept in mind while considering a variance.

Steve read a letter, written to the zoning board of appeals by Mary Jane Kaila, See attached.

Closed public hearing, Open Board meeting, 6:43

The board took a vote on existing paperwork, Greg moved that we upheld the code enforcement officers decision. The board agreed unanimously and the appeal was denied.

Greg made a motion to adjourn, Merilyn seconded, the meeting was adjourned 7:09