Town of Norwell

BOARD OF APPEALS Business Meeting Minutes

June 30, 2010

MEETING DATE: TIME SCHEDULED:

HEDULED: 7:00 P.M.

LOCATION:

Town Hall, Building Office

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Lois S. Barbour, Chair David Lee Turner

Thomas P. Harrison

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Philip Y. Brown, Vice Chair Michael E. Kiernan, Clerk TOWN OF NORWELL

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TOWN CLERK PATRICIA M. ANDERSON

The business meeting was called to order at 7:05 P.M.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, members **VOTED** unanimously to approve minutes for the business meeting of 6/23/10.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, members **VOTED** unanimously to approve payment of \$479.73 for the new printer/scanner/fax machine and \$229 or other amount for a desk chair for Joanne. As Joanne was not available, the final amount could not be confirmed. (N.B. The final cost of the chair was \$139.99.)

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, members **VOTED** unanimously to approve payment of \$295 per the 6/29/10 invoice from Chessia Consulting Services for a recent inspection and As-Built plan review for Friendship Home.

The Chair updated members on a recent telephone conversation she had with Mr. Meacham at the request of the Board's administrative assistant. Mr. Meacham wanted an opinion on whether the Board would approve a proposed wind-monitoring tower on Mt. Blue. Mr. Meacham was advised the Board does not give opinions, but only considers applications submitted in accordance with procedures. Further, it cannot waive any state requirements, as such would clearly be outside of its scope of authority.

The Board briefly discussed a recent HAC decision, previously forwarded to members, relating to filing fees (see HAC 10-02 Hanover Woods v. Hanover ZBA). This decision upheld the amount of the filing fee required by the town, but the HAC refused to consider the application incomplete, despite the fact that only a minimal portion of the required fee was submitted with the application.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, members **VOTED** unanimously to instruct the Chair to request a project monitoring scope of services proposal from Chessia Consulting Services, relating to work anticipated to commence on the Damon Farm 40B project at Queen Anne's Corner.

One additional signature was required by the Accounting Department on the previously approved warrant for payment of invoices totaling \$4,770 for project monitoring by Westcott Site Services at 239 Washington Street, which was accomplished.

As respects the Open Meeting Law, effective 7/1/10, the Town Clerk had advised all members are required to sign the acknowledgement form to be returned to the Town Clerk, stating that Open Meeting Law changes have been reviewed with Board members. Members present signed individual forms and the two members absent will be required to sign individual forms at their early convenience.

The business meeting adjourned at approximately 7:25 P.M. followed by one scheduled public hearing.

These minutes have been approved with reading of the minutes waived by unanimous vote of the Board of Appeals at a public meeting duly held on _____, in accordance with M.G.L. c. 40A, Section 11, and the Massachusetts Open Meeting Law.

Signed: As Clerk of the Board of Appeals

Copy filed with: Office of the Town Clerk

PATRICIA M. ANDERSON