



TOWN OF WEST BOYLSTON ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

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MEETING MINUTES

January 17, 2013

Chairman: John Benson

Members Present: Francis Cahill, Jon Meindersma, Kristina Pedone, and Charles Witkus

Others Present: David Femia (Associate Member), Aaron Goodale, III (Associate Member), Paul Hennessy (Associate Member), and Secretary Toby Goldstein

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Mr. Benson.

Mr. Benson proceeded to read the agenda to the Board members and others present.

Selection of Officers:

Mr. Meindersma moved that members nominate a Board member for Chair. Mr. Cahill nominated Mr. Benson for Chair. Ms. Pedone seconded. Mr. Meindersma moved to close the nominations, and Mr. Cahill seconded. Mr. Benson was elected Chair, with a vote of four Board members in favor, none against.

Next, Mr. Benson opened the nominations for Vice-Chair. He nominated Mr. Meindersma. Mr. Hennessey seconded. Mr. Benson closed the nominations. Mr. Meindersma was elected Vice-Chair, with a vote of four Board members in favor, none against.

Finally, Mr. Benson opened the nominations for Clerk. Mr. Benson nominated Mr. Cahill. Mr. Meindersma seconded. Mr. Meindersma moved to close the nominations. Mr. Cahill was elected Clerk, with a vote of four Board members in favor, none against.

Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting Dates:

After discussion, the Board members agreed to hold monthly meetings on the third Monday of each month.

Petition for Variance by Cemetery Department:

A petition was submitted by the Town of West Boylston, Cemetery Department, signed by Aaron Goodale, III, on December 7, 2012, to obtain a variance to erect 80 ft. of 8 ft. high fencing on the east side of Church/Worcester Streets, adjacent to the Quist property, which abuts Mt. Vernon Cemetery, after a building permit was denied. Due to re-organization of the ZBA, there was delay in processing of the petition. Mr. Goodale, who is now an Associate Member of the ZBA, will obtain an extension of the 65 day period within which, from the date of filing, the ZBA needed to hold the Public Hearing for the Variance. With this extension, the Board will be able to hold the Public Hearing at a later date. The next scheduled ZBA meeting will be on Monday, February 25 (due to Presidents' Day, it cannot be held on February 18). Meanwhile, when Mr. Goodale obtains the waiver, the Board will then decide when to hold the Public Hearing for the petition.

At 7:19 p.m., Mr. Meindersma motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Goodale seconded. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Toby S. Goldstein, Secretary

Date Accepted: _____ By: _____

