

Zoning Board

September 19, 2007

Memorial Building

7:00 PM

The following are to be considered draft minutes only until approved by the Board at their next meeting.

Present: B.Manning, Cynthia Hayes, Bill Sullivan, Robert Anderson (Selectman), Barbara Dunlap (Alternate)

The meeting was opened with remarks by B about fellow Zoning Board member **Mark O'Halloran**, who had recently passed away. Mark's work on the Board was appreciated. B and the rest of the Board felt that Mark had been a real asset to the group, and he will definitely be missed.

Minutes: Cynthia made a motion to accept the minutes of August 1, 2007; the motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

The following corrections were made to the minutes of August 8, 2007: page 2, line 4, "violation of the spirit of the ordinance" changed to "violation of the spirit and letter of the ordinance". Cynthia made a motion to accept the minutes of the August 8, 2007 meeting, as corrected; the motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

Membership: The Board discussed the need for more members and alternates. Cynthia made a motion to elect Barbara Dunlap to serve Mark's term (2009). The motion was seconded by B and unanimously approved. The Board then discussed more people who may be candidates for Zoning Board Alternate. The Board members all agreed to find at least one person who may want to be an alternate. The Board discussed other ways to notify the public that more people are needed. Bill suggested a letter to the editor, which would be free. Todd Richardson and his father showed up for the Hansen Hearing and B suggested that maybe Robert would like to be an alternate-he said he would like to think about it.

Hansen: There is some confusion about whether or not Michael Hansen has withdrawn his request for a variance so the Board voted to continue his hearing until October 3, 2007. By that time the recording secretary will get a definite answer concerning this issue.

The Board discussed the home business/occupation issue and the work session held on August 18, 2007. They reviewed changes in the Town's Zoning regulations over the years and the site plan review requirements. The number of residents who are affected by these regulations is unknown but, B thought the biggest issue would be with businesses which have heavy equipment. Cynthia pointed out that it was important that everyone to whom these regulations apply feel that they are being treated fairly and equally. Bob is really working towards getting this letter out fairly quickly as they have already been discussing the issue for 2 years. The Selectman are talking of having a meeting with LGC lawyers to help clarify the legal issues involved and Bill would like to attend that meeting.

At the end of the meeting B reminded the Board that they would need to start working on getting the Zoning Regulations on-line.

With no further business, the board voted to adjourn at 7:50 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Huntoon

Recording Secretary