



Board of Adjustment Regular Meeting

Regular Meeting Minutes

February 22, 2022

1:00 p.m.

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 1:00p.m.

I. ROLL CALL

Board Members Present:

Melvin Owensby, Chairman

Neil Gurney, Vice Chairman

Al Joyner, Board Member

Greg Gardner, Board Member

Wyn Hardy, Board Member

Board Members Absent:

Kimberly Sayles, Alternate

Betty Ross, Alternate

Council Liaison Present:

Dave Diorio

Town Staff Present:

Mike Williams, Community Development Director

Rick Carpenter, Community Development

II. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Chairman Owensby asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Gurney made a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Gardner seconded the motion and all Board members voted in favor.

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Board noted that there was an error in the minutes regarding Greg Gardner's term being extended through 3/31/21. Minutes should have stated that his term is being extended through 03/31/22.

Chairman Owensby requested a motion to accept the minutes of the January 25, 2022 regular meeting as amended. Mr. Joyner made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Mr. Gardner seconded and all voted in favor.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

- A. A discussion was held with Board liaison David Diorio regarding board membership and alignment as presented at the February 8, 2022 Town Council meeting. Mr. Diorio discussed the board's role, and authority, using their experience and judgment in the best interest of the community.
- B. Mr. DiOrio proposes that the board rotate its members within the board to create experience and depth on the bench. This would include the alternates, giving everyone a chance to get experience in different rolls.
- C. Mr. Diorio recommended that nominations for the March elections be sent to him. Mr. Gurney requested that the next election be a ballot-based election versus a verbal-based election. A ballot based election was in favor with the board members. Mr. DiOrio said he would start that process and asked that the first and second nominee be sent to him. Mr. Joyner asked for clarification on whether an alternate can vote. Mr. DiOrio advised that they could vote.
- D. Mr. DiOrio recommended that the Chairman give an end of year report to the Town Council to report trends the board is seeing throughout the year.

E. A discussion was held about the board being subjective versus objective and when it is appropriate to accuse oneself.

Mr. Williams stated that conflict of interest or a conceived conflict of interest is a good standard.

Mr. Carpenter stated that if a board member has a financial interest then they should recuse themselves.

F. Mr. Gurney suggested the board hold a special meeting, possibly every six months, for a learning session. Mr. Williams stated that the ordinance states the board is allowed to have special meeting.

G. Mr. Williams suggested that minutes should reflect the board's decision on the voting process.

Mr. Gurney made a motion to move to a ballot-based voting process with the first and second nominee being sent to Mr. DiOrio. Mr. Gardner seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

V. NEW BUSINESS


There was no new business.

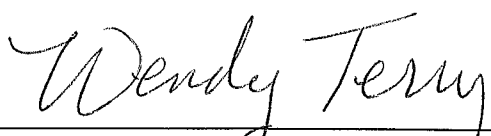
VI. January Department Report

Mr. Williams gave an overview of January report

Chairman Owensby requested a motion to adjourn. Mr. Gardner made motion to adjourn and Mr. Gurney seconded. All voted in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 2.00 p.m.

ATTEST:


Melvin Owensby, Chairman


Wendy Terry Deputy Town Clerk

