

WESTHAMPTON ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

MINUTES FOR MEETING OF JUNE 13, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM. Members present: Leo Aloisi, John Kelsey, Shirl Morrigan, Steve St. Marie, and Bill Tracy. Member absent: Wayne Parks. Guests present included Roger Kellogg, Amber Kellogg, Matthew Hathaway, Mary Powers, Joan Powers, Ginny Curtis, Theresa Shepard, Gary LeBeau, Cheryl Silvernail, Janet Laprade, Paul Silvernail, Connor Silvernail, Bill Seney, Mark Challet, Judy Madzunovic, June Foley, and Tim Fondakowski.

Review of the minutes of the May meeting was deferred until the ZBA's July meeting.

There were no walk-in requests.

Old Business

Zoning Bylaws Review Committee

The Board then heard a report from Mr. Kelsey about the progress of the Zoning Bylaws Review Committee. Mr. Kelsey mentioned that the time of the meetings has been changed to 7:30-9:00 PM on the third Tuesday of each month. He mentioned that the Board of Health was going to come to their July meeting.

The ZBA then discussed certain of the comments made by the former building inspector about the Bylaws. Discussion ensued about some of his specific comments. There was discussion about the value of the sign-off sheet. In conclusion, the ZBA re-affirmed its basic recommendation that the Bylaws be simple and practical and easy to understand. No specific actions or votes were taken.

New Business

Appeal Regarding 109 Northwest Road

There was extensive discussion concerning the building being done on a lot at 109 Northwest Road. The ZBA was presented with evidence of a building permit issued on April 26, 2017. Ms. Amber Kellogg described the process of obtaining that permit and that she was told, by the building inspector, that she did to need to consult with the ZBA. Ms. Kellogg also presented a picture of the plot plan approval by the Planning Board on March 28, 2017. They also presented the sign-off sheet, signed by Chuck Miller, Building Inspector, which said "N/A" in the spaces for Highway Engineer and ZBA. The appeal was filed on June 5, 2017. The ZBA directed Mr. Aloisi to notice a hearing for 7:00 PM on Wednesday July 19, 2017 at the Town Hall.

Old Business

32 Northwest Road

Concerns were raised about the fact that there is not a building permit published at 32 Northwest Road. A question was asked of the ZBA as to whether it had asked the building

inspector to send a cease and desist letter to the owners of 32 Northwest Road. Mr. Aloisi reported that he had made that request. It was reported that Mr. Miller did not issue a cease and desist letter. Members of the ZBA stated that the ZBA does not control the building inspector. Mr. Aloisi agreed to look into the issue and report back to the ZBA at its July meeting.

Mr. Kelsey then moved, and Mr. Tracy seconded the motion, to adjourn the meeting. The vote was unanimous in favor, and the meeting adjourned at 9:22 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Shirley P. Morrigan
Clerk