



TOWN OF WEST BOYLSTON ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

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MEETING MINUTES

May 19, 2016

Chair: Kristina Pedone

Members Present: Kristina Pedone (Chair), David Femia (Clerk) and Barur Rajeshkumar.

Others Present: Secretary Toby Goldstein.

Members Absent: Charles Witkus and Daniel Cronin (Associate Member).

(New Associate Member, Willard R. Turner, III, (voted in by Board of Selectmen on May 18), was present but not yet sworn in, so he could not sit on the board this evening).

(John Benson, Vice-Chair, resigned effective April 30, 2016; Paul Hennessey, Associate Member, also resigned, but board did not receive any other information regarding that-Ms. Goldstein will verify that).

At 7:15 p.m., Mrs. Pedone called the meeting to order and read aloud the names of members present and absent.

Minutes of April 21 Meeting:

(This was the first agenda item). (The Secretary erroneously listed this on the agenda as "April 11"). After review of the minutes by the board, Mr. Femia moved to accept the minutes as submitted. Mr. Rajeshkumar seconded. All in favor.

Miscellaneous Paperwork and Mail:

First Mrs. Pedone reviewed documents and procedures for the public to follow for filing petitions with the ZBA (previously, Karen Pare of Planning Board and Information Technology suggested that the ZBA board review existing online documentation and procedures and notify her of any changes). After review by the board, Mrs. Pedone asked Ms. Goldstein to reply to Ms. Pare, asking her to add a sentence stating the deadline by which an applicant must file the complete petition package-the board agreed that the deadline would be three weeks prior to the date of the meeting at which the public hearing will be held.

Mrs. Pedone then announced Will Turner as a new associate member of the ZBA, and asked Ms. Goldstein to check with Nancy Lucier regarding the membership status of Paul Hennessey.

Next, Mrs. Pedone reviewed several printed e-mails that were sent to her/the board/Ms. Goldstein. First was an e-mail complaint from a resident regarding hours of construction at 94 North Main Street; Mrs. Pedone said that this should go to the Building Inspector if it had not already. Another e-mail had questions regarding property at 71 Temple Street regarding the deed and zoning classification; Mrs. Pedone had responded to the person who e-mailed that zoning questions should go to the Building Inspector. She also read an e-mail which gave positive comments to the board regarding their handling of the public hearing for the administrative appeal by the Concerned Citizens of West Boylston on April 21. Another e-mail regarded documents dropped off for the April 21 meeting by a resident; Mrs. Pedone stated that she did not accept the documents as they were not in the Town's possession previously. Mr. Femia asked, when a petition comes before the board, how in the future should the board deal with deadlines for receiving documents so that the board can review them? Mr. Rajeshkumar noted that, at the April 21 meeting, both parties involved in the hearing added information at various times, but remarked that it was a very different type of meeting than the usual. Mrs. Pedone replied that the parties should have their information submitted at least a week in advance; she explained that the board was acting as a semi-appellate court at the April 21 meeting so the circumstances were different, but the board should stand by a policy of submission a week prior to the hearing, and this includes material submitted by abutters and other citizens as well.

(With no further paperwork or e-mails to discuss, Mrs. Pedone instructed Ms. Goldstein that, on the agenda for the June 16 meeting, at 7:15 should be the public hearing filed with the board for Big Daddy Realty Trust (90 Sterling Street, Special Permit) and, under "Other Business" should be the May 19 minutes and re-organization of the board officers.

With no further business to discuss, Mrs. Pedone asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:39 p.m. Mr. Femia made the motion; Mr. Rajeshkumar seconded. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Toby S. Goldstein, Secretary

Date Accepted: _____

By: _____