



Board of Adjustment
PO Box 120
Town of Fremont, New Hampshire 03044
Minutes of April 28, 2009
Approved May 26, 2009

Members present: Members John (Jack) Downing, Jack Baker and Alt/recording Secretary Meredith Bolduc.

Both the Chairman and Co-Chairman were absent so, by request of those present, Mr. Downing agreed to act as Chairman for this meeting.

Mr. Downing opened the meeting at 7:30 pm and appointed Mrs. Bolduc as an alternate to the Board for this evening, taking the place of absent Member Scott Boisvert.

MINUTES

Mr. Downing made the motion to accept the minutes of the March 31, 2009 meeting as written. Motion seconded by Mrs. Bolduc with unanimous favorable vote except for Mr. Baker who abstained as he was not present at that meeting.

WORKSESSION

The Members reviewed and conducted general discussions relative to the following. There were no decisions made during these discussions.

1. Zoning Article XIX – permitting criteria for some types of signs.
2. RSA 674:33,I (b) – UNNECESSARY HARDSHIP
Mrs. Bolduc re-distributed copies of a March 9, 2009 printout of House Bill 446 which repeals RSA 674:33, I (b) defining “unnecessary hardship” for purposes of zoning variances and is scheduled to take effect January 1, 2010. According to the bill “this definition of “unnecessary hardship” shall apply to both use variances and area variances.” This bill was introduced at the 2009 session and proposed to be effective January 1, 2010 if it is passed. Mrs. Bolduc reported that there is no further update to this bill.
3. HB-44; An act relative to the use of alternates by local land use boards. This would authorize the Chairman of a land use board to designate an alternate to fill a vacancy on the board until the appointing or designating authority fills the vacancy. This would take effect 60 days after passage. Currently, an alternate can only fill the position of a regular member who, for some reason, cannot serve in his capacity.

4. Discussed topics of the May 2, 2009 Office of Energy & Planning Spring workshop which Mr. Downing and Mrs. Bolduc are scheduled to attend. They will share any new information with the Board.

CORRESPONDENCE

Received: Notice of a joint meeting of the Fremont Planning Board, Conservation Commission and Zoning Board of Adjustment at 7:00 pm on May 6, 2009 for the purpose of meeting with Wetland Scientist Mark West relative to an audit/amendment of the, Zoning Ordinance IX, Fremont Wetlands and Watershed Protection District. This amendment is made possible through a grant by the Community Technical Assistance Program whose funds are administered through Rockingham Planning Commission.

Next meeting: scheduled for May 26, 2009.

At 8:50 pm Mr. Baker made the motion to adjourn.
Motion seconded by Mrs. Bolduc with unanimous favorable vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Meredith Bolduc, recording secretary
