

Town of Kensington
Zoning Board of Adjustment
Virtual Meeting via Zoom Platform
Tuesday, June 2, 2020
7:30pm
Meeting Minutes - Approved - 7/7/2020

Attendance: Mike Schwotzer, Chairman, Joan Skewes, Bill Ford, Mark Craig, Sarah Wiggin, Host and Pam Welsh from the public.

Mr. Craig joined the meeting at 7:44pm via phone.

Mr. Schwotzer opened the meeting by reading the State of Emergency Checklist to ensure meetings are compliant with the Right-to-Know Law. Zoom Information was reviewed as well as the contact information for anyone who may have issues accessing the meeting in order to assist with gaining access to the meeting. There was a roll call vote for those in attendance:

Mike Schwotzer – Chairman, alone for the meeting.

Joan Skewes – stated that her husband was also present.

Bill Ford – stated he was alone.

Sarah Wiggin – Host, stated alone for the meeting.

Mr. Ford made a motion to open the June 2, 2020 ZBA meeting at 7:38 pm. Ms. Skewes seconded.

Roll call vote: Mike voted yes, Joan voted yes, Bill voted yes.

Agenda:

First on the agenda is the continued Public Hearing for 152 Drinkwater Road, LLC. 152 Drinkwater Road, Kensington, NH Map 15 Lot 7 in regard to an appeal to a Planning Board decision. Mr. Schwotzer explained that correspondence had been received from council representing the applicant to continue the public hearing to the next ZBA meeting scheduled for July 7, 2020. There was no further discussion on this agenda item. **Mr. Ford made a motion to continue the hearing for Map 15 Lot 7. Joan seconded. Roll call vote: Bill voted yes, Joan voted yes, Mike voted yes.**

Then there was brief discussion of correspondence from legal counsel, Jake Marvelley, of Hoefle, Pheonix, Gormley & Roberts, PLLC. He is representing Mr. Parker an abutter of 152 Drinkwater Road. He is aware that this agenda item will be continued to the next ZBA meeting scheduled for July 7, 2020.

Old Business:

Discussion to revisit accepting new applications to the board. This agenda item was opened to the board to have conversation on if anyone had anything to share on the topic. Joan shared that while she hates to hold up applications, she has concerns. Discussion among the board continued and Mike shared that the Planning Board had conducted a meeting where members received packets ahead of time and legal counsel participated to make a presentation. He added that the Planning Board had been able to meet and make progress. The anticipated difficulty being with the public being able to review documents related to a new application. Acknowledging that advanced notice would need to be arranged through the Town Hall, while possible it is a longer and slower process, although it is working.

Bill added that his recommendation is to revisit this agenda item at the July meeting, at this time he added to continue to not accept any new applications until the full board could discuss it again. Joan agreed that the commitment of the other members would be necessary to support it. Mike will add this item to the agenda for July. All present members in agreement to further discuss this in July.

Minutes of May 5, 2020: Joan made a motion to accept the May 5, 2020 minutes. Mark Craig seconded. Roll call vote: Joan voted yes, Mark voted yes, Bill voted yes, Mike voted yes.

The meeting was then opened to comments from the public: Pam Welsh was present to hear and understand the board position on accepting new applications.

Other business of the Board: Nothing was discussed.

Bill made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Joan seconded. Roll call vote: Mark voted yes, Joan voted yes, Bill voted yes, Mike voted yes.

Meeting adjourned at 7:54 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah J. Wiggin