

Zoning Board of Adjustment
Town of Kensington
New Hampshire
Tuesday, July 7, 2020
7:30pm
Meeting Minutes – Approved 8/04/2020

In attendance: Mike Schwotzer (Chairman), Mark Craig, Joan Skewes, Don Pennfield, Pam Welsh, Sarah Wiggin (Host).

Mr. Schwotzer opened the meeting by reading the Checklist to ensure compliance with Right-to-Know Law during the State of Emergency. This was followed by roll call vote and acknowledgment of others who may be present.

Mike Schwotzer – present and alone

Joan Skewes – present and husband present

Mark Craig – present and alone

Sarah Wiggin – present and alone

Don Pennfield – present and alone

Pam Welsh – present and alone

Mr. Craig made a motion to open the meeting at 7:37 pm. Seconded by, Joan Skewes. Roll Call vote:

Mark Craig – yes

Joan Skewes – yes

Mike Schwotzer – yes

Agenda discussion:

Continued application by 152 Drinkwater Road, LLC:

Mr. Schwotzer acknowledged that he has been notified that the application by 152 Drinkwater Road has been withdrawn from the ZBA. There is no further action needed by the board.

Discussion of acceptance of new applications by the Board of Adjustment:

Mr. Schwotzer asked each member of the board present to offer their feelings on the matter. Joan Skewes shared that she had concerns that it was not fair to hold up the applicants who have things to address with the board. She posed the question of whether the public has the access to share an application and present it completely. Mr. Craig shared that it may depend on the variances being requested. With members of the public present to discuss the topic, Pam Welsh offered comment. She stated that she feels that a Zoom platform is fine to be able to present her application. Mr. Pennfield concurred.

Mr. Schwotzer stated that if the board does open up to applications he feels that limiting the agenda to 2 applications per meeting is appropriate. The other board members present agreed.

Mr. Craig made a motion to continue using the Zoom platform unless there is opposition by an applicant and that situation would be taken case by case. Joan Skewes seconded the motion. It was then added that if there is an intensive application the board may have to reassess the method of hearing the application. Roll call vote: (noting a 3 member quorum)

Mark Craig- yes

Joan Skewes- yes

Mike Schwotzer – yes

Minutes to be approved from 6/2/20:

Mr. Schwotzer stated he saw only one change to amend the time that Mr. Craig joined the meeting. To read, “Mr. Craig joined the meeting at 7:44pm via phone”. No other edits to the minutes were discussed. **Joan made a motion to approve the minutes with the edit as indicated. Mark seconded the motion. Roll call vote:**

Mike Schwotzer – yes

Joan Skewes – yes

Mark Craig – yes

No other business to discuss.

Next meeting will be August 4, 2020 at 7:30.

Mark Craig made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Joan Skewes seconded. Roll call vote:

Mark Craig – yes

Joan Skewes – yes

Mike Schwotzer – yes

Meeting adjourned at 7:48.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah J. Wiggin