

KENSINGTON ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT MEETING

Virtual Meeting via ZOOM due to COVID-19

TUESDAY April 7, 2020 – 7:30pm

Meeting Minutes – Approved 5/5/2020

In attendance: Janet Bunnell, Mark Craig, Bill Ford, Mike Schwotzer, Joan Skewes

M. Schwotzer read from a checklist to ensure that meetings are compliant with the Right to Know laws during the State of Emergency. Mike read from Emergency Order #23.

A roll call of attendance was taken.

M. Schwotzer opened the public hearing and read the following aloud:

152 Drinkwater Road, LLC, 152 Drinkwater Road, Kensington, NH, Map 15 Lot 7 request a continuance of the ZBA hearing set for 4/7/20, pending the outcome of the upcoming April 21, 2020 Planning Board Hearing. Respectfully, 152 Drinkwater Road LLC, request that the ZBA hearing on this appeal be continued to the next ZBA meeting scheduled for Tuesday, MAY 5, 2020 at 7:30 p.m. at the Kensington Town Hall, or virtually whichever is allowed.

At 7:37pm, B. Ford made a motion to continue the public hearing as noted in the agenda. J. Bunnell seconded. A roll call vote was taken by M. Schwotzer: M. Schwotzer voted yes, J. Bunnell voted yes, J. Skewes voted yes, M. Craig voted yes, B. Ford voted yes. The motion passes.

M. Schwotzer asked the Board their thoughts on accepting new applications to be heard by the ZBA while under a State of Emergency due to COVID-19. M. Schwotzer referred to Executive Order #23: Temporary modification of municipal and local government statutory requirements for this conversation. It was noted that municipal and local government bodies are relieved of the statutory, local, or charter provisions requiring them to meet on a particular schedule or within a given timeframe and that municipal or local government bodies are relieved from complying with statutory, or local deadlines or deadlines set forth in a municipal charter for taking action on applications and requests. B. Ford asked Kathy Felch if she had a recommendation for the Board. K. Felch explained that the Town Offices are closed to the public so anything that comes in would be by mail or drop-off. The Board had concerns regarding the public's ability to review information adequately and to feel as though their opinion is heard without a face-to-face meeting.

At 7:44pm, J. Skewes made a motion to suspend receiving new applications until such time as the Emergency Order is lifted. B. Ford seconded. A roll call vote was taken by M. Schwotzer: M. Schwotzer voted yes, J. Bunnell voted yes, J. Skewes voted yes, M. Craig voted yes, B. Ford voted yes. The motion passes.

At 7:45pm, B. Ford motioned to adjourn. J. Bunnell seconded. A roll call vote was taken by M. Schwotzer: M. Schwotzer voted yes, J. Bunnell voted yes, J. Skewes voted yes, M. Craig voted yes, B. Ford voted yes. The motion passes.

Respectfully submitted,

Chelsea Lalime