

Approved March 29, 2017

Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting Minutes
March 15, 2017 7:00 p.m.
Northfield Town Hall

Members Present: Jennifer Cox, Chair, Erin Jaworski, Clerk, Al Dietrich and Vivien Venskowski, administrative assistant. *Absent:* Bill Forrest, Shawn Foster

The Chair opened the business meeting at 6:40 pm and read continuation and legal notice for Browning public hearing. She noted that the Board was missing a member and did not have a quorum to hold the continuation of the public hearing tonight. Due to the large amount of snow the site visit is continued to next week Wednesday, March 22, 2017 at 6:30pm.

Timothy Rogers introduced himself to the Board. He has filled out a citizen interest form and was interested in being on the ZBA.

Jack Spanbauer, Chair Board of Selectmen, spoke to the ZBA regarding the proposed Bylaws. Spanbauer answered questions from the members regarding gravel pits, grandfathered businesses, the steps of the proposed Bylaws and duties of Planning Board vs ZBA in proposed Bylaws. Spanbauer will contact the consultant as to how/why the responsibilities were divided between Planning/ZBA. The goal of the proposed bylaws is to make things clearer (right vs permission) and small business friendly. Spanbauer would like the ZBA to endorse the bylaws and attend the Planning Board's formal public meeting on April 12th at 7:30pm (Cox will attend) and the Annual Town Meeting on May 1st. Spanbauer will attend the ZBA meeting next week to respond to the remaining questions. He thanked Jaworski and noted that she is a valuable member of the Bylaws Committee. The Board agreed that all members should be present to ask questions before making an endorsement of the proposed bylaws.

The Board discussed the role and responsibilities of being on the ZBA with Rogers. The Board will send an email to the Selectmen recommending that Rogers be appointed as an alternate.

Due to a conflict the continuation date was changed to March 23rd.

On a motion by Dietrich, seconded by Jaworski, it was unanimously voted to close the meeting at 7:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Vivien Venskowski
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The Zoning Board of Appeals