

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
TOWN OF PETERBOROUGH
Monday, October 14 2015 – 7:00 p.m.
1 Grove Street, Peterborough, New Hampshire

Board Present: Jim Stewart, Sharon Monahan, Loretta Laurenitis, Peter LaRoche and Peggy Leedberg

Staff Present: Laura Norton, Office of Community Development and Dario Carrara, Code Enforcement Officer

Chair Stewart called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. “Good evening” he said “this is a continued public hearing of Case No. 1221” adding “it is open to the public but there will be no further public input.”

Case No. 1221 Stanley Fry is requesting a Variance to reduce the size of a lot from 2.69 acres to 0.82 acres in area, as regulated by Chapter 245, Article II, Section 6 (B) (1) of the zoning ordinance. The property is located at 71 Pine Street, Parcel No. U019-016-000 in the Family District.

Chair Stewart appointed Ms. Leedberg to sit for Mr. Leishman and closed the public hearing for a closed non-public hearing with town counsel at 7:01 p.m.

The public hearing resumed at 7:40 p.m. with Chair Stewart stating “last time we took a straw poll and I would like to take another one.” Chair Stewart continued by noting “I do believe it meets the criteria and I am for it.”

Ms. Laurenitis noted “I was in favor of it before and I am in favor now.”

Mr. LaRoche agreed noting “I am in favor.” Ms. Leedberg also noted “I am in favor of approval” and Ms. Monahan noted she was *not* in favor.

A motion was made/seconded (Stewart/LaRoche) with all but Ms. Monahan in favor.

Chair Stewart recognized Seth Chatfield, a guest in the audience who is interested in becoming an alternate on the Board. Mr. Chatfield told the members he lived on High Street with his wife. “I grew up in Peterborough, I love this town” he said.

Mr. Chatfield told the members he had not special expertise but that he had been a journalist for the Transcript years ago covering the nine towns of the ConVal School District. "I attended some town meetings and *hundreds* of Board of Selectmen meetings" he said with a smile.

When Ms. Laurenitis asked him what sparked his interest in becoming an alternate he replied "I was told there was a need, I spent some time reading through the ordinances and I found it interesting, which surprised me!"

Chair Stewart briefly reviewed the role of the ZBA and the decision process for granting or denying requests for relief in the form of a Special Exception, Variance or Appeal of Administrative Decision. He told Mr. Chatfield that the Board usually met one a month and reviewed some of the training opportunities available to Board members. He then told Mr. Chatfield "you are good to go if you have the time, would you like to join?" Mr. Chatfield replied "yes."

A motion was made/seconded (Laurenitis/LaRoche) to appoint Mr. Chatfield as and Zoning Board of Adjustment Alternate with all in favor.

In closing another motion was made/seconded (Stewart/LaRoche) to appoint Ms. Laurenitis a full member of the Zoning Board of Adjustment with all in favor.

Chair Stewart noted for the record they had appointed Ms. Laurenitis to be a full member at their last meeting but it was not reflected in the Minutes.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Norton
Administrative Assistant