Town of Lexington Zoning Board Appeals Minutes for Regular Monthly Meeting

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March 22, 2022

The regular monthly meeting was called to order with the pledge of allegiance at 6:09 pm.

Roll called by Secretary to the Zoning Board of Appeals Kim McGalliard and attendance was recorded as follows:
Sarah Pellizzari, Chair, present
Nancy Wyncoop-Bower, present
Ron Lipton, present

Others Present:

None

Minutes:

Waived reading of the minutes from the previous meeting.

Communications:

Ron has a digital copy of the Zoning Law. He will send Kim the document via email and she will distribute the document to the rest of the board.

Sarah suggested the board regularly read the planning board minutes or have them sent directly to the group so the ZBA can be informed of potential issues coming up. If there is something that comes up in PB meetings, they should be encouraged to get the zoning board involved. It was suggested that the ZBA have a specific contact on the planning board.

It was also suggested that the ZBA also have a specific contact on the town board, and that at least one member of the ZBA attend the monthly town board meetings. Town board meetings occur on the first Tuesday of every month.

Old Business:

None

Other Business:

There was a request from Town Supervisor that the ZBA undertake revisions of the current Zoning Law. It was agreed that the ZBA needs guidance and direction on what the focus of the revisions should be, and that some of this guidance should come from the town Comprehensive Plan. There were questions about who is working on the

Comprehensive Plan and status of the plan. Ron volunteered to find more information on the status of the Comprehensive Plan.

It was decided that all members of the ZBA read the existing Zoning Law and come to the next meeting with feedback on the current law.

It was decided that when an issue or item does need to come before the ZBA, the applicant would have a deadline of 2 weeks prior to the ZBA meeting – the 2nd Tuesday of the month – to submit necessary documents to the ZBA.

There was discussion of the Short Term Rental (STR) Law and how it should fit into the Zoning Law. Since the STR committee is in the process of being formed, the ZBA will stand by until STR committee gives more detail and guidance.

Questions were also raised about the dispensary decision and how it will fit into the zoning laws. No direct action was decided.

Nancy mentioned that there is continuing education available and that there will be a Zoning class in Cairo in June.

There was discussion about if the ZBA needed to meet every month. It was decided that we would meet next month, on April 25th at 6pm. Future meetings would be held based on need. Sarah and Kim will communicate to create an agenda for each meeting.

Adjournment:

On a motion by Ron Lipton, seconded by Nancy Wyncoop-Bower and with no further business and with none opposed the meeting was adjourned at 7:24 pm

These minutes were prepared by the Zoning Board of Appeals Secretary Kim McGalliard.