

**Town of Goshen
Zoning Board of Adjustment
Minutes of August 10, 2011**

Members Present: Tom Lawton, Chair; Peta Brennan; Allen Howe; Ray Porter

Chair Lawton called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

MINUTES

The Board reviewed the minutes of July 13, 2011.

Mr. Howe made a motion to accept the minutes of July 13, 2011 as written. Mr. Porter seconded the motion. All in favor.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Rules of Procedure

Chair Lawton proposed that the Board continue to table any discussion on the Rules of Procedure until a full Board is present to avoid repetition of review as agreed upon at the Board meeting of July 13, 2011. Ms. Brennan, Mr. Howe and Mr. Porter agreed. Review of the Rules of Procedure will be on the agenda for the September 14, 2011 meeting.

Alternate Board Members

Ms. Brennan asked Chair Lawton to advise the Board on the status of alternate board members.

Chair Lawton stated that the Board should finalize the Rules of Procedure before addressing alternate membership with the Board of Selectmen so that there are some guidelines in place in which to appoint. There has been no communication from the current alternate member as to whether or not she is going to continue to participate on the Board.

Sense of the Board is that alternates are expected to attend all Boards meetings in the same manner as full Board members.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Newport Sand & Gravel

Mr. Howe informed the Board that he planned to attend the most recent Board of Selectmen's meeting in order to discuss the ongoing energy assessment but left after one hour because the Board of Selectmen was still in executive session. Also attending was Shaun Carroll to discuss and seek relief from the Board of Selectmen from the Zoning Board's decision to deny Newport Sand & Gravel's application for excavation at the Andersen property. Mr. Howe later listened to a recording of the meeting and his interpretation of the meeting was that the Board of Selectmen advised Mr. Carroll that they cannot override the Zoning Board's decision; but perhaps one option would be to change the rules under which the Zoning Board operates by proposing amendments to the Zoning Ordinance as outlined in the NH RSA's, which may provide the latitude necessary for the Zoning Board to approve the application. Another option offered by the Board of Selectmen was for Mr. Carroll to apply for a new, less intensive operation that may be better received and acceptable under the existing zoning ordinance.

Mr. Howe provided the Board members with audio copies of the Selectmen's discussion with Mr. Carroll on cd for personal review instead of relying on his own interpretation.

Chair Lawton commented that he feels the Board acted accordingly; the issue is now in the courts, and there is nothing before the Board to consider at this time. Bernie Waugh, Town Counsel, advised through written communication that typically the time frame for an appeal to be decided in N.H. is a year to a year-and-a-half.

COMMUNICATIONS

Mail

NH Town and City Magazine.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Howe informed the Board that the Fall training sessions hosted by the Office of Energy and Planning will no longer be held due to budget cuts.

Mr. Howe made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Brennan seconded the motion. All in favor.
Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Next meeting: Wednesday, September 14, 2011 @ 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Plunkett
Recording Secretary