

Zoning Board of Adjustment
January 18, 2023
Public Hearing

Members Present: Roger Whitehouse, Jason Holder, Walter Baird, John Russo, David Knight

Others Present: Gail Turilli, Donald Morse, Susan Chandler, Jim Lanza, John Grover

Case 2022-5 – Grover – 45 Beechwood Drive – Special Exception:

Roger Whitehouse steps in as acting Chairman for tonight's hearing as Chris Stafford is unavailable. Jason Holder recuses himself from the hearing stating that he has had a therapeutic relationship with the applicant. Dave Knight requests that Roger have Chairman Stafford look into the steps that need to be taken when a Board member recuses in the middle of a hearing. Walter also noted that this is something that would need to be discussed with the town attorney for his opinion. Roger opens the public hearing and states that since there are only 3 voting members tonight, it would be best to continue this hearing to another date. There is limited availability on the town website calendar and the consensus of the Board was to continue the hearing to Wednesday, March 1. David **made** and Jason 2nd a **motion to close the public hearing**. All in favor, **motion carries with a vote of 5-0**.

Other Business:

The minutes from December 16, 2022 were reviewed. Walter states there is one correction on line 16 where it states Chairman Stafford made a motion and Chris 2nd. The clerk will check her notes or look back at the video to determine who seconded the motion. Walter **made** and David 2nd a **motion to accept the minutes as amended**. All in favor, **motion carries with a vote of 5-0**.

Walter stated he had done some research in regards to amendments to the Rules of Procedure and brought in some documentation which was handed out to the Board. He suggests that the Board members take some time to review the documents and discuss at the next meeting. David noted that the Board needs to be consistent. Walter agrees and added that the Board needs to follow procedure so as not to end up in court. Walter suggests having the Road Agent and Code Enforcement Officer come to a meeting at some point to make sure everyone is on the same page. Roger mentions that our ordinance is more rigid than the State.

David **made** and John 2nd a **motion to adjourn**. All in favor, **motion carries with a vote of 5-0**. **Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm**.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gail L. Turilli