

**Town of Goshen
Zoning Board of Adjustment
Minutes of January 11, 2012**

Members Present: Allen Howe; Ray Porter; Mark Rissala

Mr. Howe called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. in the Goshen Town Library since the budget committee was meeting at the Town Hall. Notice was given at the Town Hall of the change of location.

MINUTES

The Board reviewed the minutes of December 14, 2011.

Mr. Howe made a motion to accept the minutes of December 14, 2011 as written. Mr. Rissala seconded the motion. All in favor.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Rules of Procedure

Mr. Howe informed the other members there has been no word back from Bernie Waugh regarding the draft of the Rules of Procedure that was forwarded to him in December.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

January 24, 2012 the Planning Board will be hold in a public hearing on petitioned zoning amendment changes to be printed on the March 2012 town ballot.

NEW BUSINESS

Elected Zoning Board of Adjustment

Mr. Rissala asked for an explanations regarding the process to convert from appointed ZBA members to elected ZBA members. There is also a petition to have the members of the ZBA be elected at Town Meeting rather than have them appointed by the Board of Selectmen.

Mr. Howe explained that to the best of his knowledge, there are two parts to the proposed article. First, to have elected ZBA members; second, to hold a special Town Meeting for the purpose of electing ZBA members. It is his understanding that the second part of the article is illegal in the sense that there is no provision in the state statutes to hold a Special Town Meeting for the

election of ZBA members. Regarding the conversion from appointed members to elected members, the Town would have to vote by ballot whether to elect a ZBA all at once with staggered terms (1 yr, 2 yr, 3 yr) or whether to vote in two members each year for three years. Guidelines are available with the Office of Energy and Planning, and also outlined in the NH RSA's. That is something for the Board of Selectmen to oversee when preparing the annual ballot.

COMMUNICATIONS

Mail

There was no mail to review other than Town and City Magazine.

OTHER BUSINESS

Election of a Chair

No Chair to the Zoning Board of Adjustment has been elected. Mr. Porter agreed to be available to members of the public for questions, but is not able to take on the chair position. Mr. Rissala stated he feels he does not have enough experience or knowledge to chair the Board at this time. Mr. Howe feels he should not chair the Board since he is already the chair of the Planning Board.

The Board members agreed to direct any interested residents to the Board of Selectmen for appointment to the ZBA.

Mr. Howe made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Porter seconded the motion. All in favor.
Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Next meeting: February 8, 2012
Agenda Item: Decide if there will be a March meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Plunkett
Recording Secretary