

**Town of Goshen
Zoning Board of Adjustment
Minutes of June 13, 2012**

Members Present: Doug, O'Clair, Chair; Keith Hall; Ray Porter; Mark Rissala; Bob Johnson

Chair O'Clair called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

MINUTES

The Board reviewed the minutes of May 23, 2012 and made corrections. Since there were significant corrections, a second draft of the May 23, 2012 meeting minutes will be reviewed prior to approval.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Rules of Procedure

Chair O'Clair commented that he does not feel the Board needs to ask Attorney Waugh to review its Rules of Procedure since they are modeled after the Rules of Procedure guidelines published by the Office of Energy and Planning.

The Board agreed with Chair O'Clair and reviewed the latest draft and made changes. A complete revised draft will be prepared and emailed to the Board members for further review.

COMMUNICATIONS

Newport Sand and Gravel

Chair O'Clair informed the Board that he has received information from a resident that Newport Sand and Gravel will be holding an informational meeting on June 23, 2012 at the church to present their new proposal to the public.

The Board discussed meeting etiquette and decided that the Zoning Board members should not attend the informational meeting in order to preserve the integrity of the ZBA's public hearing process. Both sides are looking at outward appearances of political correctness and the members should not risk being accused of forming preconceived opinions prior to hearing the facts of the application in a public forum held by the Town. Since Keith Hall has recused himself from this hearing for reasons of being an abutter to the applicant, the Board agreed that it would have no negative bearing on appearances if he decides to attend the June 23 meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

Next Meeting

The will be no regularly scheduled meeting on the second Wednesday in July.

Newport Sand & Gravel

July 25 and July 26, if needed, will be the date(s) for the public re-hearing of Newport Sand and Gravel's application for a gravel excavation permit at the Goshen Town Hall at 7:00 p.m.

Board Membership

Chair O'Clair stated that he will discuss the staggering of Board members' positions so that not all positions expire or are elected in the same year. He will advise the Board at a later date.

Mr. Hall commented that it is up to the Board of Selectmen to appoint the alternates to the Zoning Board if the Zoning Board is an elected Board.

Chair O'Clair made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Hall seconded the motion. All in favor.
Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Next meeting: July 25, 2012

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Plunkett
Recording Secretary