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HILLSBOROUGH ZONING BOARD
Meeting Minutes
April 13, 2015

Date Approved: May 11, 2015

Present:

Members: Chairman Roger Racette, Larry Baker, Michael McEwen and Richard Booth

Alternates: John Segedy

Absent:

Members from the Public: Nancy Torres

Chairman Racette called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

MINUTES:

January 29, 2015:

Chairman Racette said the Board will review the minutes for corrections but will not approve them tonight.

Chairman Racette appointed Mr. Segedy to sit on the Board to fill the vacant seat.

Mr. Segedy made the following changes: page 4, paragraph 7, line 1 place quotations around the word alleged; page 5, paragraph 3, line 1 replace "said" with "asked"; page 5, paragraph 4, line 2 replace "need" with "needed"; page 5, paragraph 7, line 2 change "sighting" with "citing"; page 5, paragraph 10, line 5 replace "where" with "were" and page 6, paragraph 7, line 3 remove "is".

Mr. Booth made the following changes: page 3, paragraph 2, line 2 change "present" to "presented"; page 3, paragraph 4, line 1 change "to" to "of" and "site" to "cite"; page 3, paragraph 7, line 1 change "vote" to "voting" and page 3, 9, line 1 add "said" after Chairman Racette and replace "cover" with "covered".

Mr. McEwen made the following change: page 4, paragraph 7, line 1 change "be" to "by".

Chairman Racette made the following change: page 3, paragraph 2, line 1 change "ask" to "asking".

Mr. Segedy made a motion to accept the minutes of January 29, 2015 as amended. Mr. Baker seconded the motion. The Board voted all in favor.

Public Meeting:

Election of Officers 2015:

Chairman Racette said the Board needs a Chairman and a Vice-Chair.

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Mr. Baker nominated Mr. Racette as Chairman. Mr. Booth seconded the motion.

Chairman Racette asked the other members if there was anyone who would be interested in being chairman and some members wanted to serve a little longer before taking on that responsibility or others didn't have the time. He asked for a vote on the motion. The Board voted all in favor.

Chairman Racette asked for nominations for vice-chair.

Mr. Segedy nominated Mr. Booth as vice-chair. Mr. Baker seconded the motion. The Board voted all in favor.

OEP Training:

Chairman Racette said there is a training session coming up at the New Hampshire Office of Energy and Planning on Saturday, May 2. Chairman Racette suggested that Mr. McEwen try to attend the training session as he has not and the NHRSAs require training.

Mr. McEwen, Mr. Baker and Chairman Racette indicated they would be interested in attending and Mr. Segedy will decide after checking his calendar.

ZBA Vacancy:

Chairman Racette said he had received an emails of interest from Nancy Torres and John Segedy to fill the vacancy left by the departure of James Bailey.

Chairman Racette thought board vacancies had to be posted in two places.

After a short discussion it was the Board concluded that had not been done.

Chairman Racette suggested the interested parties meet with the Board of Selectmen.

Mrs. Torres said she was here tonight to introduce herself to the Board.

Mr. Segedy said the Selectmen would be looking for a recommendation from this Board. He said he had also submitted a letter of interest to become a full member of the Board and the past procedure was to appoint an alternate to fill vacancies. He suggested Mrs. Torres be appointed as an alternate.

Chairman Racette said he would give their names as interested candidates to the Selectmen for consideration.

Other Business:

Chairman Racette brought up the issue of regularly scheduled meetings and whether they should leave them scheduled and cancel if there isn't enough business or only schedule them if there is business.

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Mr. Baker said by having a scheduled night it gives the office a specific time to schedule business.

The Board agreed to leave it as is as it has been working so far.

Mr. Baker suggested making the decision to cancel a meeting be made seven days prior to the meeting a general guideline.

The Board agreed.

Chairman Racette mentioned that Planning Director Robyn Payson, in an email, suggested a joint meeting of the Planning Board and the ZBA to review the zoning ordinances.

Mr. Segedy suggested that the Board meet on May 11 to review the zoning ordinances before meeting with the Planning Board on either May 13 or June 6. He said by then everyone will have consulted their calendars.

Chairman Racette suggested that members email him and Mrs. Payson which Saturday they would be available.

Mr. Baker suggested the members forward their Saturday availability dates for May and June to both Mrs. Payson and Chairman Racette.

The discussion returned again to who the Board would be recommending to fill the vacancy left by the departure of James Bailey. Chairman Racette said he will speak to Selectman Bailey regarding the views of the Board on this matter.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Booth made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Segedy seconded the motion. The Board voted all in favor.

Chairman Racette announced the meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Iris Campbell
Land Use Assistant