

VILLAGE OF CHATHAM
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS MEETING
December 18th, 2013
Approved Minutes

Board Present

Joanne DelRossi
Jon Morrell
Steve Gitto
Brin Quell

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 4:37 PM.

The Minutes from January 28th, 2013 were approved on a motion made by Mr. Morrell.

1.) Public Meeting: Recommend a Chair to the Village Trustees. The Board recommends Mr. Morrell as the new Chairperson, as he has been a member of the ZBA the longest. Ms. DelRossi then asks if anyone feels that it would be controversial for Jon to be the Chair with Adriene being a Trustee. Ms. Quell states that it may be an issue. Ms. DelRossi then states that she would take the Chair.

Motion made by Ms. Quell for Ms. DelRossi to be the new Chairperson. Seconded by Mr. Morrell, all voting in favor.

2.) Public Meeting: Information regarding the NYPF Training March 31st, 2014 and April 1st, 2014. Ms. DelRossi states that each member needs 4 hours of training per year and that there is money in the budget to pay for everyones training. She adds that if everyone went on Monday, March 31st that would fulfill the 4 hours that was needed for the year. Ms. DelRossi asks that each member decide by March 1st if they are going or not, so that there is sufficient time to get approval from the Trustees.

3.) Public Meeting: Brief Discussion of the Comprehensive Plan Update. Ms. DelRossi asks Mr. Gitto and Ms. Quell to give any input on the zoning laws they would like to share or change as they both have prior experience. Ms. Quell states she feels the amount of parking that is required should be cut back. She adds that pavement should need to be environmentally sound. Ms. Quell also states that it should not be a requirement that the second floor of a business has to be housing or apartments to keep village life going. Ms. Quell adds that she feels lighting should have to face downward and more focused, as well as more effective ways of building, such as, encouraging large projects to make bike or walking paths part of the project. Mr. Gitto states he would like to see the codes for a Bed & Breakfast be more defined, and Ms. Quell adds that it should be easier to get approval as well.

Adjournment: Zoning Board of Appeals meeting of December 18th, 2013 was adjourned at 5:10PM by a motion made by Mr. Morrell and seconded by Ms. DelRossi.

Respectfully Submitted,
Erin Costa, Secretary