

Town of Cornish, New Hampshire
Zoning Board of Adjustment
BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES DRAFT
June 5, 2023

The Zoning Board of Adjustment met on Monday, June 5, 2023 at 6:00pm at the Cornish Town Hall to conduct Board business.

Present: Michael Fuerst, Merilynn Bourne, Kate Freeland, Troy Simino, Kerry Osgood and David Haseman.

At 6:00pm, Michael Fuerst called the meeting to order. Michael explained the need to elect officers for the coming year. Merilynn moved that the Board elect Michael Fuerst as Chair, seconded by Troy Simino. There were no other nominations. The vote to elect Mr. Fuerst as Chair was unanimous. Michael then nominated Kate Freeland as Vice-chair, seconded by Kerry Osgood. The vote was unanimous. Michael then nominated Merilynn Bourne as Clerk, seconded by Troy Simino. The vote was unanimous.

The Chair then brought up the issue of approval of the meeting minutes from the October 17, 2022. Troy Simino and Kate Freeland were present for that meeting. Michael Fuerst, Merilynn Bourne and Kerry Osgood were not present so abstained from the vote. Troy and Kate reviewed the minutes and Troy Simino moved to approve, seconded by Kate Freeland. Approved.

The Chair then addressed revisions that should be made to the "Application for Special Exception". The application should include the applicant's home and cell phones as well as their email address. Kate Freeland added that it would be beneficial to add the definition of "Abutter" as spelled out in the Zoning Ordinance. Merilynn Bourne suggested wording regarding the requirement to pay all notification expenses prior to the opening of the hearing. It would ensure that the applicant comes to the hearing prepared to write a check. The Board then discussed setting an appropriate Hearing fee. Merilynn Bourne moved to set the fee at seventy-five dollars (\$75), seconded by Kate Freeland. The Board voted approval without dissent.

The Board Chair then asked that the record reflect the loss of William "Bill" Balch this year. Bill was an original ZBA member. Mr. Balch was a great contributor and a valuable historian. He is missed. The Chair also asked the minutes to reflect the Board's appreciation for Caroline Storrs' 40 years of service on the ZBA. Her institutional knowledge served the town well.

Board business was completed at 6:25pm

Respectfully submitted,

Merilynn Bourne, Clerk

