

ZONING BOARD MEETING
At the Newcomb Community Center

May 20th, 2019 at 7:00PM

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER/Roll Call – Chairman James Sharpton. Zoning Board members Ramon Reed, Phil Duetsch, Rodger Lull and Jesse Garetson were present.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Approve minutes of 4/15/2019 Zoning Board meeting

Motion to approve the minutes as amended made by Ramon Reed. Seconded by Jesse Garetson. Motion carried 5-0.

- Discuss and vote on Zoning Board Chairman

Motion to name James Sharpton as Chairman made by Jesse Garetson. Seconded by Ramon Reed. Motion carried 5-0.

- Discuss and process Dana Bob Zook’s remodel permit for 413 Main St.

Request for a bathroom to be added. Discussion of current lavatory setup and OWTS. Town Sanitarian suggested placing a limit on the number of individuals living in the two buildings (with a shared system). He also suggested prohibiting a washing machine in the front bedroom. He believes two washing machines and two kitchens for the system would be too much. There was discussion about the number of bedrooms in each building.

Motion to give the building inspector permission to proceed with Mr. Zook’s permit request made by Jesse Garetson. Seconded by Ramon Reed. Motion carried 5-0.

Public comments: Robbin King, John Rowan

- Discuss and vote on “Welcome to Pitkin” signs

Mayor Rachel New clarified the request – the zoning board is asked to approve the location of the signs. There was discussion about sign location in relation to speed limit signs upstream on State. The Zoning Board suggests the 10th St. location. James Sharpton suggested a survey to ensure that the signs are placed on Town property and not private property.

Motion to approve the approximate locations of the three signs as proposed and for the zoning board chair and/or his designee to be included in the final sighting of the three signs made by Ramon Reed. Seconded by Phil Duetsch. Motion carried 5-0.

Public comments: Robbin King, John Rowan, Jerra Garetson, Tom Gibb, Patrice Boyd

RECESS 7:45pm – 7:52pm

OLD BUSINESS:

- Review, discuss and vote on zoning code revisions

There was lengthy discussion regarding setbacks (section 12). Phil Duetsch suggested making the setback for Main St. zero, since many buildings are already at zero setback.

Motion to change the front setback for the Business District to 0 feet made by Phil Duetsch. Seconded by Rodger Lull. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion to make both definitions in section D identical made by Jesse Garetson. No second.

Ramon Reed suggested making all street setbacks 5 feet

Motion to make setbacks for all street sides of property 5 feet and on neighboring private properties 10 feet made by Ramon Reed. Seconded by Phil Duetsch. Motion carried 5-0.

There was discussion about building and fence height (section 13).

Public comments: Tom Gibb, Sara Gibb

ADJOURN: Meeting adjourned at 9:12pm.