



Halifax Zoning Board of Appeals

Meeting Minutes

July 29, 2020

The Halifax Zoning Board of Appeals held a special public hearing on Wednesday, July 29, 2020 via Zoom (hosted by Town Administrator Charlie Seelig) with the following Board members in attendance: Chairman Robert Gaynor, Clerk Peter Parcellin, Member Robert Durgin, and Member Gerald Joy. Vice Chairman Kozhaya Nessralla and Alternate Member Dan Borsari are absent.

Chairman Gaynor calls the meeting to order at 7:02pm and reprises the audience that this public hearing/meeting is being recorded. He also explains the procedure and the protocol at the public hearings.

Appointment:

7:00pm – Petition #920 – Country Club Estates - Hearing

Paul Cusson (representing applicant) is present. Chairman Gaynor explains that due to the pandemic and governor's meeting gathering restrictions, the Board is going to postpone the hearing for 45 days. Board is open to either date September 2nd or September 9th. Mr. Cusson states his concerns about delaying the opening of the hearing as his applicant would like to get things going and asks why it must be pushed to September. Gaynor explains that the reason for postponing is to stay within the governor's order and the state of emergency. Cusson asks, if the governor makes changes to gathering restrictions in the next few weeks, would the Zoning Board be willing to move the hearing. Seelig explains that once a hearing is set for a date and time, it cannot be moved up even if governor relaxes things with the state of emergency. Seelig explains that a hybrid meeting of in-person and zoom requires equipment totaling \$15,000.00. Cusson explains that other town Zoning Board meetings have taken place in person and Cusson states that his client (Mr. Peck) is frustrated that no business can be conducted. Gaynor explains that there are a lot of people, more than can physically gather at this time, in the town that will want to be heard and the Board is going to hear them. The Board doesn't want to cut people off or choose who can be allowed in.

M/Parcellin, S/Durgin. It is Unanimously Approved (4-0-0) to postpone Petition #920 Country Club Estates hearing to September 2, 2020 at 7:00pm.

Voice Vote: Gaynor – Yes; Parcellin – Yes; Joy – Yes; Durgin - Yes

Adjourn

M/Joy, S/Parcellin. It is Unanimously Approved (4-0-0) to adjourn at 7:16pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: 08/10/20

Robert Gaynor, Chairman
Zoning Board of Appeals