

Hamlin Zoning Board of Appeals *Minutes*
Monday, February 18, 2008
7:30pm

The regular scheduled meeting of the Hamlin Zoning Board of Appeals was held in the Hamlin Town Hall located at 1658 Lake Road, Hamlin and was called to order by Chairman Norman Baase at 7:30pm with the location of the fire exits and AED explained for those present.

Present: Norman Baase, Rocky Ellsworth, Ed Haight, Jerry Hoffman and Klaus Pohl.

Also present: Support Boards Attorney Charlie Welch, Town Board Liaison Mike Marchetti, Building Inspector B.J. Maier, Planning Board member Tom Jensen and Conservation Board members Craig Goodrich, Aaron LaFaro, Ed Evans and Jeanine Klopp.

A motion was made by Jerry Hoffman, seconded by Klaus Pohl to approve the minutes of the January 21, 2008 meeting as recorded. Members polled, Baase aye, Ellsworth aye, Haight aye, Hoffman aye, Pohl aye. Motion carried, minutes approved.

DISCUSSION

A discussion took place regarding an existing house that was built in 1983 on North Hamlin Road that was not built per Subdivision and requires a variance for a front setback. The Board agreed that a variance is required to bring the lot into compliance so there are no issues with the property in the future.

Building Inspector B.J. Maier discussed the Wind Tower regulations. Chairman Norman Baase suggested that the Board write a letter to the Town Board recommending that the setback issue be settled. Hopefully a compromise can be reached so that a good code can be written to avoid numerous variance requests in the future. The Board stated that if several variances are being requested then that is a sign that the code needs to be looked at again. Some discussion on setbacks took place. Attorney Welch stated that one criteria of the variance request is if it is an extensive request. The Zoning Board needs to determine that. Town Board Liaison Mike Marchetti stated that SEQR would also determine where the wind towers could be placed. Conservation Board member Ed Evans discussed how the Town of Alabama was handling setbacks and variance requests. He suggested that someone contact the Town of Alabama and see how the process is working out for them.

A motion was made by Rocky Ellsworth, seconded by Klaus Pohl recommending that the Zoning Board of Appeals support a letter to the Town Board requesting them to resolve the Wind Tower zoning issues now and to create a sound code to avoid numerous variances in the future. Members polled, Baase aye, Ellsworth aye, Haight aye, Hoffman aye, Pohl aye. Motion carried.

Chairman Norman Baase mentioned a training opportunity with Steve Hawley if any one was interested.

Town Board Liaison Mike Marchetti stated that a Wind Tower Open House was scheduled Feb. 23 from 9-12 at the Merritt Hall. Also the Town Board made a motion stating that the Zoning Board is to review the shoreline code when there is nothing on their agenda.

Conservation Board member Craig Goodrich stated that the Tree Give Away this year would be held at Hamlin Beach State Park. Different groups will be present and it will be an Environmental Day. Craig also announced that he would no longer be the liaison to the Zoning Board. The new liaison is yet determined.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Ed Haight, seconded by Klaus Pohl to adjourn tonight's meeting barring no further business. Members polled Baase aye, Ellsworth aye, Haight aye, Hoffman aye, Pohl aye. Motion carried, meeting adjourned.

Minutes respectively submitted by:

Heather Norman
Clerk to the Support Boards

The next scheduled meeting of the Hamlin Zoning Board of Appeals will be held on Monday, March 17, 2008 at 7:30pm. Deadline for all fees is Monday, March 5, 2008 at 2:00pm.