Ashford Zoning Board of Appeals

Minutes of Virtual Regular Meeting April 12, 2023, 7:00 P.M.

The Meeting and Public Hearing were held virtually via a Zoom application.

Keith Lipker, Chairperson

Susan Eastwood, Secretary

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Members present: Susan Eastwood, Tom Hastings, and Keith Lipker. Alternates present: John Lippert, Deborah Maccarone. Michael D'Amato for ZEO.

Mike Peppin was out of town.

Jean McCarthy has resigned from the ZBA. Chairman Lipker thanked Jean for her many years of service on the ZBA, stating that Jean knew her business, asked thoughtful questions, and gave due consideration to the applications. She will be missed, and we wish her well.

3. Seating of Alternates

Deb Maccarone and Tom Hastings were seated in place of Jean McCarthy and Mike Peppin.

4. Minutes

The Minutes of December 8, 2021 were approved. Motion: S. Eastwood; Second: T. Hastings Approved unanimously.

5. Old Business - None

6. New Business

Mike D'Amato outlined new statewide training requirements for land use Boards and Commissions, including the ZBA. Four hours of online training are required annually. He will share resources with us, including modules from CLEAR which cover all the areas that are mandatory. We are to complete this by the end of the year and let the Chair and ZEO know for the records.

Election to Fill Vacancy

Motion to move Alternate John Lippert up to fill the Regular Member slot left by J. McCarthy's resignation by S. Eastwood; Second by Deb Maccarone. Approved unanimously. Thanks to John for stepping up.

This seat will be on the ballot in the November municipal elections. The Alternate seat will also be on the ballot, as well as one other vacancy.

7. Next Meeting May 10, 2023

8. Adjournment.

Motion to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

Submitted by: Susan Eastwood April 13, 2023