

Village of Hilton Zoning Board
Meeting Minutes of May 10, 2016
Approved

Member's Present: Chairman Richard Bjornholm, Richard LaForce, Pat Holenbeck
Shelly Kordish and Murray Weaver

Administration Present: Village Board Liaison Jim Gates, Debbie Jones Recording
Secretary

Chairman Richard Bjornholm called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag followed by a moment of silence in memory of Harriet Zunno.

DISCUSSION:

Chairman Bjornholm stated the Village Board has declared themselves lead agent for a SEQR review for 2 subdivisions coming up next month.

Trustee Gates explained the property situation to the Zoning Board regarding the properties at 6 and 9 Upton Street after some discussion, Member LaForce made the motion for the Village Board to be the lead agent for a SEQR review for 2 subdivisions coming up next month, seconded by Member Weaver, and approved 5-0.

Sign Discussion – Not being able to attend the meeting, Code Enforcement Officer, Mike Lissow conveyed to Chairman Bjornholm before the meeting about the possibility of updating our Code for electronic signs. Mr. Lissow asked Chairman Bjornholm in his absence, to ask the Board for suggestions, pros and cons for the Code.

BOARD DISCUSSION ON ELECTRONIC SIGNS

Member LaForce feels the size and location of the electronic sign is necessary. Member LaForce stated due to the expense of electronic signs it would probably limit applications coming in.

Member Holenbeck stated she learned from just being at the NYPF conference we have to be specific and careful of the wording of the Code.

Chairman Bjornholm feels the Code needs to cover the percentage of window space, pole signs, set back on signs and free-standing signs. Chairman Bjornholm feels the High School electronic sign is “too busy”, can be a distraction. So his question is, can we limit the number of times the information on a sign can change over a period of time? Define what is an Electronic Sign (e.g. gas pump signs)?

Member Kordish inquired as to who enforces this ordinance? Member Kordish questioned the sandwich sign in front of Gartland Tech on South Ave that has been in the tree lawn area for over

a year. According to the Code, the sign shouldn't be placed there; she remarked why this isn't being enforced?

Member Weaver feels they are necessary for businesses but they need to comply with the Code. He agrees with Member Kordish's statement regarding the Gartland Tech sign and the enforcement of the Code.

REPORTS:

Village Board Liaison

Mayor

Chairman's Report

Trustee Jim Gates gave his report.

Mayor Lee gave his report.

Chairman Richard Bjornholm gave his report

MINUTES

Member Holenbeck made the motion to accept the Zoning Board of Appeals April 12, 2016 meeting minutes, seconded by Member Weaver, and approved 5-0.

DATES

Next Scheduled Meeting

Tuesday, June 14, 2016

Public Agenda Deadline

Tuesday, May 31, 2016

There being no further business, **Member LaForce** made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 p.m., seconded by **Member Holenbeck**, and approved 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debbie Jones, Recording Secretary