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Town of Grantham Zoning Board of Adjustment Minutes October 25, 2012

Chair Conrad Frey called the Zoning Board meeting to order at 7:02p.m. Thursday, October 26, 2012. The meeting was held in the Jerry Whitney Memorial Conference Room located at Town Hall, 300 Route 10 South in Grantham.

Present

Chair Conrad Frey
Tanya McIntire
Richard (Dick) Mansfield
Margery Bostrom (Alt.)
Myron Cummings (Alt.)
Martha M. Norris, Clerk

Absent

Peter Gardiner
John Clayton

Members of the public: None

Approval of Minutes

Chair Frey asked the Board members if there were any corrections to the minutes from April 28, 2011. There being only one (1) minor correction a motion was made by Tanya McIntire and second Myron Cummings.

Approved by Unanimous Vote

New Business

ZBA Ordinance Amendments:

Two (2) existing Articles of the Ordinance were reviewed by the Board for amendments will be presented to the Town of Grantham as a Warrant Article at the March 2013 Town Meeting.

Article X-C Shoreline Overlay District (Article X-C) was amended as follows:

1. The title of the Article was changed from “Shoreland Overlay District” to Shoreland and River Overlay District” to reflect more accurately that the Article covers both lakes/ponds and rivers.
2. The Department of Environmental Services (DES) “Comprehensive Shoreland Protection Act” underwent a name change to the “Shoreland Water Quality Protection Act” and was so noted in the Article where appropriate.
3. Sawyer Brook, Chase Pond and Lily Pond, which are, not designated lakes/ponds and rivers by the DES Shoreland Water Protection Act. Because of their aesthetic and environmental impact, these two ponds and river are to be given

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equal status in the Article to those that were designated by the DES. Any disturbance within the designated setback from the shoreline of Sawyer Brook, Chase Pond and Lily pond as set forth by DES will have to comply with the requirements of the Act and will require Zoning Board approval.

4. A few grammatical corrections were made.

Article VIII Home Business was also amended and grammatical clarifications were adopted.

1. The requirement to apply for a Special Exception for a Home business that involved one (1) or two (2) members of a family whose work was limited strictly to computers and compiled with all other provisions of the Article would not have to apply for a Special Exception.
2. Grammatical clarifications were made to two (2) other provisions of the Article.

Correspondence

Proposed Home Business on Meadow Brook Road:

An inquiry was made by an individual to set up a gunsmithing shop as a one (1) person home business. Given that the business involves a limited number of firearms that will be transported to and from the home as well as permission from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (BATF), it was felt that the individual should appear before the Board to apply for a Special Exception.

Clerk Martha Norris reminded members of the upcoming 2012 Planning & Zoning Conference to take place on Saturday, November 10th at The Common Man Restaurant in Claremont, N.H. from 8:30a.m. – 4:00p.m. Anyone interested in going was advised by Clerk Norris to contact her no later than Monday, October 29th.

Adjournment

Chair Frey stated there being no further business, a motion was made by Tanya McIntire, second Dick Mansfield to adjourn the meeting.

Approved by Unanimous Vote to adjourn at 8:19 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Martha M. Norris
ZBA Clerk