



Hudson Board of Appeals

Town Hall

Hudson, Massachusetts 01749

Minutes of Meeting—September 12, 2019

The Hudson Board of Appeals met in the Selectmen's Hearing Room, 2nd Floor, Town Hall, Hudson, Massachusetts. At 7:00 PM, Vice Chairman Pietrasiak called the meeting to order.

Members Present: Todd Pietrasiak, Chairman; Darja Nevits, Vice Chair; Dorothy Risser, Clerk; Jill Schafer, Member; Jason Mauro, Associate Member; Pamela Cooper, Associate Member.

Other Attendees: Jack Hunter, Planning Director
Kristina Johnson, AICP, Assistant Planning Director
Gregory Vachowski, Prospective ZBA Appointment

Chairman Pietrasiak convened the meeting at 7:00 PM.

Candidate Interviews- Vacant Associate Member Positions

Present were: Gregory Vachowski

The Board conducted an interview with Mr. Vachowski to gauge his interest qualifications to serve on the Board. Mr. Vachowski underscored professional experiences and prior service on other Town Boards that he believed would be an asset the Board, and he underscored his enthusiasm for public service.

Kristina Johnson, Assistant Director to follow up with Mr. Vachowski thank for coming in for an interview, and to stay tuned for any next steps.

Zoning By-Laws Update- Kristina Johnson/Jack Hunter

Ms. Johnson conducted a PowerPoint presentation that outlines the issues and opportunities the Steering Committee—comprised of the Building Commissioner, Town Clerk, Planning Board Chair, and the Zoning Board of Appeals Chair—has tackled in developing a comprehensive update of the Zoning By Laws and maps. She went over the specific details of existing conflicts in the current by law, specifically where is doesn't meet state and federal standards, reviewed areas that need enhancement, and highlighted sections that the Steering committee has decided to add.

Two residents of Sauta Farms expressed concerns about the existing Marijuana Industrial Overlay District, and the impact of a proposed Cultivation Facility at 11 Brent Drive. Chairman Pietrasiak noted and acknowledged their concerns, but stated that the Board cannot discuss any proposed petition that is not currently on the docket

Discussion and Recommendation- Vacant Associate Member Positions

After consideration discussion, the Board voted to recommend Mr. Justin O'Neil and Mr. Ronald Sorgman to fill the two vacant Associate Member Positions. Since the last meeting on July 25th, another vacancy opened up as Member Christopher Tibbals. resigned from the Board.

Dorothy Risser seconded by Chairman Pietrasiak voted to recommend to the Board of Selectmen the appointment of Mr. Ronald Sorgman to the Zoning Board of Appeals. 6-0-0. Unanimous

Dorothy Risser seconded by Chairman Pietrasiak voted to recommend to the Board of Selectmen the appointment of Justin O'Neil to the Zoning Board of Appeals. 6-0-0. Unanimous

Minutes

Jill Schafer seconded by Dorothy Risser moved to approve the minutes of the July 11, 2019 meeting. 6-0-0. Unanimous.

Dorothy Risser seconded by Jill Schafer moved to approve the minutes of the July 25, 2019 meeting. 6-0-0. Unanimous.

Adjournment

Chairman Pietrasiak moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 PM. Seconded by Dorothy Risser. 6-0-0. Unanimous.