

Meeting of the South Hadley  
Zoning Board of Appeals  
Wednesday, December 7, 2016, 6:00 p.m.  
Room 204 Town Hall  
Approved at the meeting of December 19, 2016

Call to order at 6:00

Members Present: Martha Terry (MT), Barbara Erwin (BE), Christine Quigley (CQ) and Jacqueline Dupre (JD)

MT made a motion to read the minutes from the previous meeting at the end of the meeting. CQ second, all were in favor.

Continuation of the public hearing concerning Kathleen Footit, 63 Laurie Avenue: Concerning the decision by the assistant building commissioner regarding the placement of her stockade fence. She returns this evening with a copy of the survey that she had done by Holmberg & Howe Inc. of Easthampton, MA. It appears the beginning of the fence is 3' 1" from the abutter's property line. In the middle it is 2' 7" from the abutter's property line. MT reiterated the law and that we would have to uphold the building inspector decision because a portion of the fence does not meet the standard. James Mytkowicz (JM) and Sarah Havlak, (SH) 54 Michael Drive questioned the accuracy of the survey. There was much discussion regarding the flagging of the boundary markers and what that exactly means. CQ suggests both parties contact the surveyor and have explicit communication from them regarding where the fence needs to be moved. It was suggested that both parties have the communication in writing from the surveyors stating exactly where the fence needs to be moved to be compliant. It was decided that we would continue the hearing so that one of the abutter (JM and SH) can obtain their own survey and seek clarity regarding their boundary markers. Again MT strongly recommended that JM and SH obtain their own survey. At this point we do not have enough information to make a decision. BE made a motion to continue the public hearing to December 19, 6:00 pm. CQ second. All were in favor.

6:45: Continuation of public hearing Cheryl McManus, 57 Laurie Avenue: Concerning the decision by the assistant building commissioner regarding the placement of her stockade fence. She returns this evening with a copy of the survey that she had done by Holmberg & Howe Inc. of Easthampton, MA. According to the survey provided, it appears that her fence is right on the boundary line and at one end, the boundary marker is on the other side of the fence. Again we need more information. We are not sure regarding the accuracy of any pins. MT suggested that JM and SH get their own legal survey. MT wants everyone to be confident that everyone is satisfied with the location of their boundary markers so no one will ever have to go through this

again. Everyone will have peace of mind that there are no zoning bylaw violations. CQ made a motion to continue the public hearing to December 19, 6:15 pm. BE second. All were in favor.

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The public hearing was adjourned.

Old Business: Martha made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 28, 2016 meeting. CQ second. All were in favor.

New Business: MT stated that James Bright submitted a letter of resignation. We will discuss at a later date which of the associates will step up and advertising for another associate member to replace whomever replaces Mr. Bright. There is no acting vice chair. Should the need arise an acting chair will be proposed at a later date.

BE made a motion to adjourn. CQ second. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30

Respectfully submitted,

Jacqueline Dupre