

A meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals was held August 14, 2007 for the purpose of reviewing applications.

MEMBERS PRESENT

William Truesdell, Chair
Bruce Goodwin
Pam Murray
Harry Story

MEMBERS ABSENT

Thom Watson

STAFF PRESENT

Scott Davis, Codes Enforcement Officer
Morgan Decker, Recording Secretary

Chair William Truesdell called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Truesdell stated the following: "Welcome. The August 14, 2007 meeting of the Bath Zoning Board of Appeals will come to order. I appreciate your presence here and your recognition of the authority of this board. This is a public proceeding and, unless the Board specifically votes to go into executive session, you have the right to hear everything that is being said and to look at all of the exhibits that are offered. Please notify me if you are unable to hear or see. The Board works from a prepared agenda and will be considering tonight's items in the following order." Mr. Truesdell read the agenda.

"Generally speaking, appeals from adverse decisions must be filed with the appropriate Appeals Board or Superior Court, as otherwise provided by law, within 45 days of this Board's decision. Also, to be certain that you preserve your individual right to file any such appeal, you must be certain that this Board's record evidences your appearance this evening in opposition and the basis for your opposition. Are there any questions?"

Mr. Truesdell asked if there were any questions. Hearing none, he called on Vineyard Christian Fellowship who was here to present their case for the first item on the agenda:

New Business**Appeal Number 1012**

Request from Vineyard Christian Fellowship of Bath for a sign code waiver at 57 North Street (Map 26, Lot 122) in the R1 zone.

Dana Lindsay, Pastor of Vineyard Christian Fellowship, representing the applicant said the sign code waiver would help identify the location as a church and make the property more visible as it is set back on North Street and partially blocked by a large apartment building on the corner of North and Willow Streets.

The applicant is proposing a 4'x5' sign with wooden posts perpendicular to North Street, set back so as not to interfere with the sidewalk.

Mr. Story asked if there was a provision to light the sign.

Mr. Lindsay said electricity will be run to lights to illuminate the sign on a timer. The lights will shine up at the sign and be off by 9:00 p.m. nightly.

Mr. Truesdell opened the public session of the meeting for members of the public wishing to comment.

Hearing no public comment, Mr. Truesdell closed the public session and returned to the Board for further comment.

Ms. Murray commented that the size seemed too large.

Mr. Lindsay mentioned that other churches in the area have similar-sized signs also in residential areas with 25mph speed limits.

Mr. Truesdell went through the checklist for approving a waiver. **The Board voted as follows:**

Item A. 3 in favor (Truesdell, Goodwin, Story), 1 opposed (Murray)

Item B. 3 in favor (Truesdell, Goodwin, Story), 1 opposed (Murray)

Item C. UNANIMOUS

Item D. UNANIMOUS

Based on the item votes, the sign code waiver is granted.

Appeal Number 1013

Request from Edward & Marjorie Hawkes for a sign code waiver at 41 Bayshore Road (Map 7, Lot 26) in the R3 zone.

Beth Hawkes, manager of Hawkes Farm & Greenhouse and Tiffany Leeman, Assistant Manager distributed a packet to the Board with pictures of the proposed sign already in place. Ms. Hawkes said this sign is very important as it makes the location more visible. The actual sign proposed to be used is of sentimental value as it was once at the Wiscasset location of the business.

Hearing no further comment from the applicant or the public, **the Board voted on the item checklist for approval as follows:**

Item A. UNANIMOUS

Item B. UNANIMOUS

Item C. UNANIMOUS

Item D. UNANIMOUS

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Minutes of June 18, 2007 Meeting

The Board noted that the preamble was missing, and asked that this be added.

Ms. Murray moved, seconded by Mr. Goodwin to approve the minutes of the June 18, 2007 meeting with corrections

UNANIMOUS APPROVAL

No formal motion to adjourn was made. Mr. Truesdell adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Morgan Decker, Recording Secretary