

A meeting of the Bath Zoning Board of Appeals was called on 6-18-07 for the purpose reviewing an application.

MEMBERS PRESENT

William Truesdell, Chair
Pam Murray
Bruce Goodwin
Harry Story

MEMBERS ABSENT

Thomas Watson
Tim Beaulieu

STAFF PRESENT

Scott Davis, Codes Enforcement Officer
Morgan Decker, Recording Secretary

Mr. Truesdell, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. in the Zoning and Planning Room Monday, June 18, 2007.

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 the first applicant.

New Business**Appeal Number 1011**

Request from Bath United Methodist Church for a sign code waiver at 340 Oak Grove Avenue (Map 19, Lot 2-1) in the R2 zone

Mr. Truesdell reminded the Board that the applicant is asking for a waiver to erect a 22.4 ft² sign in a zone that permits a maximum size of 6 ft².

Ms. Murray let the Board know that the sign being requested is comparable in square feet to the United Church of Christ on Congress Avenue. Ms. Murray asked what provisions would be made to light the sign.

Ralph Lewis, Chair of the UMC Building Committee, representing the applicant, said the lighting would be at ground level and illuminate upwards, minimizing glare to neighbors and passing motorists. Mr. Lewis also stated that the lights will be on a timer, and will not be on all night.

Mr. Story asked why the sign could not be built on the south side of the entrance. Mr. Lewis replied that there is an easement on that part of the property from the cemetery, and there would not be adequate space within the actual church property.

Mr. Story inquired as to whether or not the bottom portion of the sign – shown with a public supper notice – would be permanent.

Mr. Lewis said the lower portion is removable, and would only be up for a few days once a month or less.

Hearing no further questions from the Board, Mr. Truesdell proceeded to go through the checklist with the Board to see if the applicant meets all criteria for a sign code waiver. It was decided this was so. Mr. Truesdell called for a motion.

MS. MURRAY MOVED, SECONDED BY MR. GOODWIN, TO APPROVE THE SIGN CODE WAIVER AS REQUESTED.

UNANIMOUS APPROVAL

Old Business

Minutes of the July 10, 2006 meeting

Mr. Truesdell said that, he didn't move to approve the project, he solicited a motion.

Ms. Murray mentioned that there is no record of approving the April 4, 2006 minutes.

Mr. Davis said he would listen to the tapes and make this correction.

There was also a question about who made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Davis said he would find this information on the tape of the meeting.

MS. MURRAY MOVED, SECONDED BY MR. STORY, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES WITH CORRECTIONS.

3 in favor (Truesdell, Story, Murray), 0 opposed, 1 abstention (Goodwin)

Hearing no further business before the Board, **MR. GOODWIN MOVED, SECONDED BY MR. STORY TO ADJOURN THE MEETING**

UNANIMOUS APPROVAL

Meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Morgan Decker, Recording Secretary