

East Haddam Zoning Board of Appeals  
7 Main Street  
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February 27, 2014

**Regular Meeting Minutes**

(Draft)

**1. CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Wood called the meeting to order.

**2. ATTENDANCE:**

Present: Stuart Wood, Chairman, William Smith, Greg Daigle, Richard Fiala, Laurie Alt

Absent: Diane Quinn

Others: Darrell Martel, Sharon Wheeler, Recording Secretary

Mr. Wood sat Ms. Alt in place of Ms. Quinn for the meeting.

**3. MINUTES**

The minutes of the January 23, 2014 meeting were reviewed.

**A motion was made by Ms. Alt to approve the January 23, 2014 minutes as presented. Seconded by Mr. Fiala and carried by unanimous vote.**

**4. BILLS**

Mr. Wood advised that there were no bills to consider.

**5. PUBLIC HEARING:**

Mr. Daigle read the legal notice for appeal No. 1061, which had appeared in the Hartford Courant on February 14, 2014 and February 21, 2014.

Mr. Wood asked Mr. Martel to state the purpose of his appeal and to provide documentation confirming that he had notified his neighbors of his appeal. Mr. Martel provided postal receipts for the certified letters sent to his neighbors and the signed

receipts from the addressees. He reviewed a map of his property identifying the site when he proposed to construct a new shed and stated that the only other locations for the shed were not visually appealing to either himself or his neighbors. It was noted by the Commissioners that the rear wall of the new shed matched up with the rear wall of a shed currently existing on Mr. Martel's property.

Mr. Martel responded to several questions from the Commissioners and stated that the existing shed was on the property when he purchased it over 11 years ago.

Mr. Wood noted for the record that there was no additional public audience at the meeting.

**A motion was made by Ms. Alt to close the public portion of this meeting. Seconded by Mr. Fiala and carried by unanimous vote.**

**A motion was made by Mr. Smith to approve Appeal No. 1061. Seconded by Ms. Alt and carried by unanimous vote.**

Mr. Wood informed Mr. Martel of the procedure that would follow to formalize the Zoning Board of Appeals' approval of his variance appeal. Mr. Martel thanked the Commissioners for their consideration of his appeal and left the meeting.

Mr. Wood stated that he had not been able to talk with First Selectman Walter concerning discontinuing a retainer arrangement with Attorney Border and had, therefore, submitted the Zoning Board of Appeals' 2014-15 budget request with \$1,800.00 allocated for the retainer fee. He confirmed that he would continue to pursue discussing this issue with Mr. Walter.

Mr. Wood encouraged Mr. Smith to talk with his neighbor about applying for a position on the Zoning Board of Appeals.

There was a brief discussion about the current level of variance appeals being submitted.

## **6. ADJOURNMENT**

**A motion was made by Ms. Alt to adjourn at 8:20 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Smith and carried by unanimous vote.**

