

Approved

Town of Jerusalem
Zoning Board of Appeals

November 14, 2013

The regular monthly meeting of the Town of Jerusalem Zoning Board of Appeals was called to order on Thursday, November 14th, 2013 at 7 pm by Vice-Chairman Jim Crevelling.

Roll Call:	Glenn Herbert	Excused
	Jim Crevelling	Present
	Ed Seus	Present
	Dwight Simpson	Present
	Earl Makatura	Present
Alternate	Rodgers Williams	Present
Alternate	Joe Chiaverini	Present

A motion was made by E. Makatura seconded by R.Williams to approve the October Zoning Board minutes as written. The motion was carried unanimously with J.Crevelling abstaining because he was not at the October meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Secretary shared a letter of correspondence with Zoning Board members pertaining to the Area Variance granted last month to Mr. John Steeves. This letter was a follow-up by Mr. Steeve's Engineer, Gerald Kernahan, as he met with CEO John F. Phillips, after they had gone out to visit the site on Tuesday, November 12th, 2013, to review site conditions prior to any pre-construction meeting or obtaining a building permit to start the construction of the additions to Mr. Steeve's house. Copy of letter on file in Zoning Office.

AREA VARIANCE / SPECIAL REVIEW:

There were no applications for review this month.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Board members discussed the new SEQR forms and requirements of review that is needed for them. There as a brief discussion of the Steep Slopes Law, Site Plan Review other applications that require SEQR forms to be filed. Another question which was discussed was whether Major and Minor Soil Disturbances are considered for review apart from Steep Slopes. Ed Seus, who was part of the Steep Slopes Committee initially, seemed to recall that the two items were separate issues. That if there were a Major Soil Disturbance of over 300 sq. ft. that was less than 15% there might be need for review if it came under one of the required activities for review.

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There was discussion regarding further education and training for credits that are needed as zoning board members. It was noted that the Genesee Regional Training is good, but for those Zoning Board members who are still working full time it does not work into their schedule very well.

Getting credits from different local classes/training sessions that are put on, especially in the evenings, works out much better.

J.Crevelling stated that he would try to review again, with the Town Board, a possible Training Course that could be used "In House", so that board members could at least get some training credits and in particular new board members could become familiar with our own Zoning Ordinance, and older board members could have a 'refresher course' of the ordinance.

There being no further business, a motion was made by D.Simpson seconded by E.Makatura to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Elaine Nesbit/Secretary