

Appeals Board Meeting Minutes

6:30 p.m. Friday, October 28, 2016

Present: Peter Bickerman, Clif Buuck, Allen Curtis, Holly Rahmlow, Henry Whittemore, Fran Zambella, and Town Manager Eric Dyer

The newly reconstituted Appeals Board decided to continue with Peter Bickerman as chairman. Holly Rahmlow offered to be secretary and nominated Clif Buuck as vice chairman. All choices were unanimous.

Some discussion was had about hearing procedures and appellate jurisdiction, including whether decisions would be made on information already reviewed by the Planning Board or if we would begin anew, de novo, and look at new information as well. Currently Appeals only reviews what the Planning Board has already discovered.

There was discussion about the limits of Appeals Board authority, with Allen mentioning a broader scope based on a town meeting decision in 1973. Peter is going to review the information from 1973 and see how it might affect what we do in the future.

Rate of return analysis, as applies to summer homes, setbacks, was discussed a bit.

Finally, Eric suggested that all of us except Peter, who is a lawyer and experienced in these matters, should attend the Maine Municipal Association's training from 4:30 to 8:30 p.m. Dec. 8 in Portland.

It was also decided that we would meet at 5:30 p.m. Dec. 15 to review what we learned and decide on our next steps.

Meeting was adjourned at about 7:30 p.m.