

**Town of Boscawen
ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
Boscawen Municipal Complex**

**MEETING MINUTES - Final
Tuesday, February 23, 2016 at 7:00 PM**

Members Present: Dr. Gail Devoid, PhD, Chair, Tracy Jo Bartlett, and Edward J. Cherian Jr.

Member Ex-Officio: Roger W. Sanborn

Absent: Douglas Supry, Vice Chair

Others present: Kellee Jo Easler, Planning & Development Community Assistant, and Rose Fife, Recording Secretary.

Roll call done by Secretary.

Chair Devoid welcomed new member Tracy Jo Bartlett to the Board.

Minutes:

Review of draft Minutes from September 22, 2015. An error in spelling was noted in paragraph 2. A motion to accept the Minutes of September 22, 2015 was made by Roger Sanborn with corrections as noted, seconded by Edward Cherian and passed by a 3-0 vote, Chair Dr. Gail Devoid abstained.

Kellee Jo Easler distributed the 2016-17 Planning and Land Use Books.

Old Business

None.

New Business

Kellee Jo Easler read the request into the record. The request reads as follows: Application for a Variance from Article 24, III, H. to allow a back lit sign, submitted by Penacook Masonic Association of PO Box 6112, Penacook NH 03303 with the location of the property at Map 183C, Lot 116, 53 North Main Street in the COM Zone.

Testified: David Case member of the Lodge and Joseph Hardy, member of the Lodge. Mr. Hardy had submitted a letter with the application explaining the request.

Chair Devoid asked Mr. Hardy for details. Roger Sanborn asked the applicant for a quick overview of the request.

Mr. Hardy read the letter, dated 1/29/16, into the record. The lodge is concerned with the outside lighting of the sign and that it may bothers abutters. The light in the sign will not be on in the morning. It will be lit from dusk to 10:00 or 10:30 pm. The lodge is a non-profit.

When the external lights were installed they were too bright. Internally lit would not have a reflection and it would be softer lighting.

Mr. Cased stated that the sign is beneficial for the lodge as they do raise money for the town. They support the DARE program. Once a month, except July and August, they have a pot luck breakfast and a lot of towns citizens come. Last month they had 50 people come to the breakfast.

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Mr. Hardy stated that the external lights that are there now reflect off the glass and they glare. David Nudd, an Electrician recommended an internally lit sign.

Chair Devoid asked if the sign was not going to change except for the lighting. Mr. Hardy stated that was correct.

Mr. Case asked the Board to waive the \$100 fee as the lodge is a non-profit.

MOTION to waive the fee was made by Mr. Sanborn, seconded by Mr. Cherian and passed by a unanimous vote.

Chair asked if there were any abutters in favor: none. Any abutters in opposition: none. Any public in favor: none. Any public opposed: none.

Chair Devoid declared the public hearing closed.

DECISION: A motion to grant the request for a Variance from Article 24, III, H. to allow a back lit sign was made by Mr. Sanborn, seconded by Mr. Cherian and passed by a unanimous vote.

Mr. Cherian asked Kellee Jo Easler about the Article number in the request. He asked if it due to the tubular lighting of the sign. The current light is a directed spotlight. Kellee Jo Easler stated that the inside light would be tubular. Mr. Case said it would be LED lighting. Kellee asked if it were on a timer. Mr. Case said that it was. Mr. Cherian asked if they currently have a spotlight on the sign. R. Hardy said that they had two spotlights on the sign.

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 pm was made by Mr. Cherian, seconded by Mr. Sanborn and passed by a unanimous vote.

Respectfully Submitted,
Rose Fife