

ZONING COMMITTEE MEETING
TOWN OF ST. ARMAND
April 29, 2014

A Special Board Meeting of the Town of St. Armand was held on the above date at the Town Hall, Bloomingdale, NY.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Town Supervisor Charles Whitson, Jr.
 Councilperson Jennifer Fuller
 Councilperson Donald Amell
 Councilperson D. Joseph Bates

TOWN EMPLOYEES PRESENT: Town Clerk Davina Thurston
 Robert Drosdowich, Code Enforcement Officer

ZONING COMMITTEE PRESENT: Ray Tempestili
 Tom Burman

GUESTS: Jim Dakin
 Betty Ann Benware

EXCUSED: Deputy Supervisor Samuel Grimone
 Zoning Committee Member Alexis Gill

Notice was sent to the Adirondack Daily Enterprise regarding this meeting.

Town Supervisor Charles Whitson, Jr. called the Public Hearing to order at 6:34 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ray Tempestili.

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Zoning Committee Member Tom Burman spoke about having the local laws that are drafted sent to an attorney for review. He has also found a website that had many documents that may be useful for the Zoning Committee. The website is www.dos.ny.gov.

Discussion ensued regarding enforcement of the proposed laws. The committee discussed the possibility of needed a peace officer or constable. After discussion it was decided that the Board could appoint the Code Enforcement Officer to have the legal authority to issue summons and tickets for violation of local laws via resolution. The need for additional pay for the Code Enforcement Officer was discussed. CEO Robert Drosdowich stated that he does not feel an immediate pay raise is necessary. It was decided that the pay would remain the same for the first six months after the local zoning laws are passed. During this time, the Code Enforcement Office will document additional time spent enforcing the new local laws. If after the six months, it is determined that the CEO is spending a substantial amount of time with regard to the new laws, the CEO pay scale will then be reviewed and possibly adjusted.

The need for a volunteer Zoning Board of Appeals was discussed, and the law was reviewed. It was decided that Town Clerk Davina Thurston would copy the Town Law Manual pages regarding passing the local laws and zoning. Davina will scan the pages and email the document to each committee member. Discussion about old Village Laws being carried forth into Town Laws ensued. It was decided that Davina would locate the documents regarding this and email them to each committee member.

Discussion ensued regarding changes to the proposed local laws. Additional changes were made. It was decided that Tom Burman will make the changes and email each committee member. The next Zoning Committee Meeting will be held on Thursday, May 15, at 6:30 PM. At this time, the laws will be finalized and be ready for attorney review.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Supervisor Whitson adjourned the meeting at 8:13 PM.

I, Davina M. Thurston, Town Clerk for the Town of St. Armand, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct transcript of the Special Board meeting minutes held on the above-referenced date.

Davina M. Thurston
St. Armand Town Clerk

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