

Minutes of BPBCA ZBA June 12th, 2023, Special Meeting - 06/12/23

Date and time: 06/12/23 6:02 PM to: 06/12/23 7:25 PM

Present: Brooke Stevens, Recording Secretary, Marianne Neptin, ZBA Member, Dan Deknis, ZBA Chair, Pat Kolosowski, Alternate, Arlene Garrow, ZBA Member, Anita Schepker, ZBA Member, Sally Cini, ZBA Member, Kim Craven, Alternate, Colleen Chapin, Alternate

Location: BPBCA Clubhouse, 6 Sunset Avenue, Niantic, CT, 06357

Link: <https://app.meetingking.com/meetings/400674>

Topics

1. Call to Order

Note Dan Deknis, ZBA Chair, called the Special Meeting of the BPBCA Zoning Board of Appeals to order at 6:02 p.m.; a quorum was present.

Note Ms. Garrow arrived at 6:05 p.m.

Note Mr. Deknis reminded everyone that they have to complete the land use training by the end of the year, and that the training is biannual. He detailed the programs by UCONN that are offered online.

Note Mr. Deknis logged the Board's progress with the land use training so far.

Note Some of the following was said and discussed:

The group discussed the role of liaisons from the BOG pointing out that their roles have come and gone depending on the Board; in the case of the Zoning & ZBA, historically the Chairs of those Boards attended the BOG meeting and gave a report if they had one; the use of an actual appointed liaison is relatively recent. The group also noted that a person can serve both on the Board of Governors and Zoning Board of Appeals if they so choose; in the case of Ms. Chapin, since she was the ZBA Chair at the time of her election to the BOG, she felt it would be more appropriate to step into a ZBA Alternate position.

Note The Board had a lengthy conversation about the current and future makeup of the Board.

Note The Board discussed how three positions are about to expire- Mr. Deknis and Ms. Cini, both Regular Members, and Ms. Kolosowski, an Alternate.

Note After further discussion, Mr. Deknis and Ms. Cini said they would like to continue. Ms. Kolosowski added that she would like to continue and is interested in moving up to a Regular Member position.

Note The Board discussed whether Ms. Garrow could continue to be a part of the ZBA while also being on the BOG, and a liaison to the Zoning Commission.

Note Ms. Schepker discussed how Ms. Garrow could occupy an Alternate role as well, and noted the great expertise that Ms. Garrow supplies to the ZBA.

Note The Board briefly discussed governance, Robert's Rules of Order, and FOIA.

Note The Board discussed how everyone on the Zoning Commission, ZBA, and BOG would benefit from the land use training.

Note Mr. Deknis noted that Tom Cherry has been appointed as liaison to the ZBA.

Note The Board briefly discussed the revamping of the Zoning Regulations.

Note The Board discussed the prospect of setting a fixed date regular meeting schedule, which appeals would follow. Mr. Deknis said he will research what other communities do.

2. Adjournment

Decision MOTION (1)

Ms. Craven moved to adjourn the June 12th, 2023, Special Meeting of the Black Point ZBA at 7:25 p.m.

Ms. Schepker seconded the motion.

Motion carried, 5-0-0.

Note Respectfully Submitted,
Brooke Stevens, Recording Secretary