

STRATFORD BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS
MINUTES OF ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF JAN 7, 2014

The Stratford Board of Zoning Appeals held their annual Organizational Meeting on Tuesday, January 7, 2014, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, Town Hall.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Kelemen, Mr. Hyatt, Mr. John Dempsey and Ms. Brooks

ALTERNATES PRESENT: Mr. Grega (sitting for Ms. Collier) and Mr. Secskas

OTHERS PRESENT: Gary Lorentson (Planning & Zoning Administrator).

Mr. Lorentson, as Secretary, called the Organizational Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

- Mr. Hyatt, seconded by Mr. Kelemen, nominated Mr. Dempsey as Chairman. There were no other nominations and upon motion by Mr. Grega and seconded by Mr. Hyatt, the nominations were closed.

- BY UNANIMOUS VOTE OF 5-0, MR. DEMPSEY WAS ELECTED CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS FOR THE YEAR 2014.

2. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

- Chairman Dempsey asked for nominations for Vice-Chairman. Mr. Grega, seconded by Mr. Hyatt, nominated Mr. Kelemen as Vice-Chairman. There were no other nominations.

- BY UNANIMOUS VOTE OF 5-0, MR. KELEMEN WAS ELECTED VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS FOR THE YEAR 2014.

3. ELECTION OF SECRETARY

- Chairman Dempsey asked for nominations for Secretary. Mr. Kelemen, seconded by Mr. Grega, nominated Mr. Lorentson as Secretary. There were no other nominations.

- BY UNANIMOUS VOTE OF 5-0, MR. LORENTSON WAS RE-ELECTED SECRETARY OF THE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS FOR THE YEAR 2014.

4. RULES OF ORDER

- Mr. Lorentson pointed out a change on page 5, section g, per an opinion from the Town Attorney's Office. Instead of a 12 month waiting period for the Board to re-hear any petition asking for the same variance, State statute only has a 6 month waiting period from the date of decision. In the same section, "approval of location" for used car sales or repairs is now heard by the Zoning Commission, not the Board of Zoning Appeals.

- Mr. Kelemen suggested also adding to the Rules that if a petitioner forgets his certificates of mailing on the night of the public hearing, the Board can't hear his petition that night and it is automatically continued until the next public hearing.

5. ADJOURMENT

- Upon motion by Mr. Grega and seconded by Mr. Hyatt, the Organizational Meeting adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail J. Nobili
Recording Secretary