

**SEEKONK ZONING BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING  
MINUTES  
December 2, 2019**

Present: Gary Sagar, Keith Rondeau, and Donald Robillard

Vice-Chairman Gary Sagar called the Town of Seekonk Zoning Board of Appeals December 2, 2019 meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

**BUSINES MEETING**

Vice-Chairman Gary Sagar said good evening, this is the December 2 2019 meeting of the zoning Board of Appeals Court order at 7:15pm. Tonight we have no petitions to vote on, this is going to be a quick. I just wanted to take care of some business that I felt needed to be addressed. First I'd like to introduce our new secretary Krystal DosSantos, and welcome aboard.

Krystal DosSantos said thank you, I am excited to work with you.

V. Ch. Sagar asked the members if they had the opportunity to approve the minutes of August 12, 2019 and September 9, 2019.

Both Keith Rondeau and Donald Robillard said yes they did.

**K. Rondeau made a motion to approve minuets from August 12, 2019, D. Robillard seconded. All in favor, none opposed.**

**K. Rondeau made a motion to approve minuets from September 9, 2019, D. Robillard seconded. All in favor, none opposed.**

V. Ch. Sagar said in 2019 they established a meeting calendar for the first Monday of every month as long as there was new business to meet. If we kept the same day, the first Monday of every month with the exception of April, because the annual town elections are always on the first Monday and so we can't meet on that. Reviewing the 2020 calendar: January would be the 6th, February would be the 3rd, March would be the 2nd, and April would be the 13th. Then May would be the 4th, June be the 1st, July would be the 6th, August would be the 3rd, September would be the 7th, October would be the 5th, November would be the 2nd, and December would be the 7th. I think it helps us to establish a better organized method by which the residents and businesses can be aware of when we're going to meet and time that's needed. Any discussion?

K. Rondeau said it looks like the July 6th meeting is coming out of the July 4th holiday which may be a long vacation week for some. Maybe it should be the following Monday the 13th? And Labor Day weekend was falling on Monday it as well.

D. Robillard said he wondered if the 7th of December would be an issue out of respect for the men and women lost at Pearl Harbor. He is a veteran and request the meeting be moved to the 14th.

V. Ch. Sagar asked for any other comments on the schedule.

K. Rondeau said on February 3<sup>rd</sup> he will be at a company meeting and unable to attend the meeting.

V. Ch. Sagar said we can still schedule it and use the alternates. Is there a motion to accept the changes?

**D. Robillard made a motion to accept the changes made to the meeting days for 2020, K. Rondeau seconded. All in favor, none opposed.**

V. Ch. Sagar said several months ago we sent a recommendation to the Town Administrator and to the Selectmen requesting that you (Donald) be promoted from an alternate to a full member, and that former member Bob Reed be reappointed. That is on the Selectman's agenda for this Wednesday, December 4th to be voted upon. A big part of his board to do our jobs we rely on the zoning enforcement officer who is the building inspector. It's my understanding that his three years of appointment is now due. So I think that based on the good rapport we've developed with Mr. Abelson a great job that he does. I'd also like to have this board vote to send a recommendation to the Town Administrator, and the Board of Selectmen that we feel that Mr. Abelson should be reappointed for another term.

**D. Robillard said so moved, seconded by K. Rondeau.**

V. Ch. Sagar stated, it's interesting too I think just going back roughly the last 20 years we've had 12 Building inspectors.

D. Robillard said so in the 17 years I sat on before we had three or four.

V. Ch. Sagar said there has been a revolving door and Mr. Abelson brings stability to that position.

K. Rondeau said it takes a good 3-4 years to cement your feet into the ground, and some have not made the grade.

V. Ch. Sagar said Neil was an alternate her prior to his current position. He had the exposure to zoning that a lot of others don't have. He was also on the planning board beforehand he is familiar with the operations. The meeting is on Wednesday. **Also included in the vote is to authorize the secretary to send the letter on behalf of the board. All in favor, none opposed.**

V. Ch. Sagar said the last item I have is reorganization of the board. I would like to nominate Mr. Rondeau, to be chairman of the board, effective after tonight's course of business.

**D. Robillard said so moved, V. Ch. Sagar seconded. All in favor, none opposed. So voted.**

**K. Rondeau said I would nominate G. Sagar for Vice Chairmen. I would like to nominate D. Robillard as the clerk. D. Robillard seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed.**

V. Ch. Sagar is there anything else that needs to come before us?

D. Robillard asked is there anyone else for a permanent position?

V. Ch. Sagar said well with you getting promoted and Bob being reappointed, that will give us 5 full members including Shane. I believe Mr. Almeida and Mr. Vieira are only alternates until other people step forward to fill those 3 spots. Once those are filled Mr. Almeida and Mr. Vieira will withdraw from those seats.

K. Rondeau said if the 2 appointments are filled at the meeting I would like to say Mr. Almeida and Mr. Veira have done a great job over the past couple of months. They've been very valuable to us.

V. Ch. Sagar said so hopefully some people will come forward after watching this to fill those alternate spots. Is there anything else?  
Nothing was mentioned.

**Adjournment:**

**V. Ch. Sagar made a motion to adjourn the meeting; D. Robillard seconded.  
All favor, none Opposed.**

The Meeting was adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Krystal DosSantos  
Zoning Board of Appeals