**Board of Appeals Meeting**

7 December 2016

Attendance:

 Board of Appeals Members:

 Ole Jaeger - Chairman Peter Stevens

 James Paterson - Secretary Stephen O’Grady

 Kate MacKay - Board of Selectmen member

Meeting called to order at 10:05 a.m. after a fire drill alarm was silenced

A Quorum was declared

No conflicts of interest were found.

A motion to accept the minutes of the October 21 meeting was made by Mr. Stevens and seconded by Mr. O’Grady. The motion was approved by 4-0 vote.

Chairman Jaeger proposed that we amend portions of our Board of Appeals Ordinance to preclude difficulties experienced by the Camden Board of Appeals. Camden had their deliberations interrupted and an appeal was filed to the State of Maine court system. The Court took a dim view of this action and warned other towns that this should be avoided.

Section X, Paragraph D

Chairman Jaeger proposed adding an amendment in Section X, Paragraph D. The additional sentence will read, *“The Board shall retain jurisdiction until its decision is final.”*

In Section XII, A

**Any party may, within forty-five days of the date on which the Board has signed its “***final”* **decision, take an appeal of the decision to the Superior Court.**

A motion was made by Peter Stevens and seconded by Steve O’Grady, and the vote was 4-0 in favor of approval. These changes will be sent to the Board of Selectmen for their approval.

The Board of Appeal budget was discussed. The past few years’ budgets were reviewed and it was decided to request $1,050. A motion was made by Mr. Paterson and seconded by Mr. Stevens that the budget request for 2017-18 be $1,050. It was approved 4-0.

 A date was discussed for a future meeting. It was decided that no future meeting will be held until a need arises. Secretary Paterson will send the October minutes to the Assistant to the Selectboard. He will also electronically alter the Board of Appeals Ordinances as approved by the Board of Appeals and send that to the Assistant to the Selectboard.

A motion was made by Steve O’Grady and seconded by Peter Stevens to adjourn the meeting. The vote was 4-0 in favor and the meeting ended at 10:50.

James Paterson

Secretary, Board of Appeals