

Town of Groveland
Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals
Joint Meeting - April 21, 2008

Planning Board members present: Chairman John Driscoll and Jerry Malme. Randy Clymo joined the meeting at 7:20 PM. Absent: Amy Phelps. Ron Niedermaier resigned as of letter bearing date 4/12/08. Zoning Board of Appeals members present: Chairman Steve Willison, Ron Merrick, Tim Sullivan, David Doty, and Phil Livingston. Absent: Linda Clark.

Also present: Councilman Burt Lyon.

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Chairman Steve Willison.

Review and approval of minutes: The 3/24/08 joint meeting minutes were reviewed. Motion by Tim Sullivan to approve the 3/24/08 joint meeting minutes, seconded by Ron Merrick. Motion carried. A quorum was not present at the time of review and approval of the 3/24/08 Planning Board meeting minutes.

Communications: Steve handed out a brochure for a Spring workshop and encouraged any member interested in attending to let the Town Clerk know by Thursday morning, April 24th to take advantage of the discounted registration fee.

Other Business:

The Town Board requested comments from the Planning Board and the Zoning Board of Appeals concerning the revisions they made to the Outdoor Furnace Law. There was general discussion regarding the above mentioned revisions.

The following motion was made by Dave Doty, seconded by Ron Merrick and carried that that the following commentary be passed along to the Town Board concerning their revisions of the Outdoor Furnace Law : It is the consensus of the Planning Board and the Zoning Board of Appeals that removal of Article 2, Section 2 (Exclusions) and Article 2, Section 3D (chimney heights) and modification of Article 2, Section 3C, 1 (Setbacks) weakens the law to the extent that it gives no protection to neighboring property owners. Given the revised setback requirements, the owner of a vacant lot stands to lose 150 feet of usable land for a residence if the neighbors on each side have an outdoor furnace 25 feet from their boundary line.

Discussion to review the advisory comments from the County Planning Board with regard to Section 3.5. The changes resulting from the discussion will be passed along to the Town Board.

Discussion to review the advisory comments from the County Planning Board with regard to Section 3.6. The changes resulting from the discussion will be passed along to the Town Board.

Motion by Ron Merrick to adjourn the meeting, seconded by David Doty. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Submitted by,

Karol Thomas
Recording Secretary