



CITY OF DOVER

DOVER ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT - MINUTES

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting
Meeting Location: Council Chambers - 288 Central Avenue, Dover, NH 03820
Meeting Date: **Thursday, August 16, 2007**
Meeting Time: **7:00 pm**

1. ATTENDANCE

- Members Present: Richard Callaghan, Frank Landford, Sam Reid, Masi Denison, Jim Kelley, Bill Colbath arrived @ 7:34
- Members Absent: Otis Perry
- Staff Present: Tom Clark; Building Official, Jean Glidden; Recording Secretary

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF JULY 19, 2007

Motion: Reid made the motion to accept. Landford seconded. Vote: U/A

Callaghan confirmed with Clark that the memo submitted by the Planning Department regarding the next case is in lieu of representation by Steve Bird as he had a conflict with attending the meeting.

3. OLD BUSINESS

Callaghan announced to the public how the cases should be presented to the Board.

4. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Z 07-12 Robert & Yun Gonyou, (Applicant: Herbert Electric LLC), 10 Littleworth Rd., a/k/a Tax Map H, Lot 32 A-2, zoned B-4, requests a variance from the terms of 1) Article IX, Section 170-32.K (1)(b), to erect a freestanding sign with a height of twenty (20) feet, where a maximum height of sixteen (16) feet is allowed; and 2) Article IX, Section 170-32.K (1)(c), to erect a freestanding sign with an area of approximately sixty-five (65) square feet, where a maximum of sixty (60) square feet is allowed.

Clark stated that it was brought to his attention by Mr. Bird and as stated in the memo the applicant has a wall sign. This was not mentioned in the application; therefore, the agenda should say for a total signage on that site of 95 sq. ft., where a maximum of 60 sq. ft. is allowed. The signage allowed is the overall site signage, which is 60 sq. ft. Currently, the existing freestanding sign is 16 sq. ft., and the wall sign is 29.6 sq. ft. for a total of 45.6 sq. ft. The largest freestanding sign allowed would be 30.4 sq. ft.

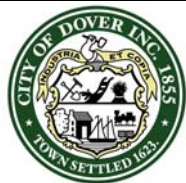
Callaghan said that he has always been uncomfortable with inappropriate public notice.

Clark asked the applicant if the owner was planning to keep the wall sign.

The applicant said the owner would rather see the freestanding sign instead of the small wall sign.

Clark informed the members that if the wall sign is removed the variance is still necessary for the freestanding sign.

Callaghan said the public notice is an issue, it should be properly advertised.



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Reid added that the safest thing to do is to re-advertise it, that way the notice in the paper would be accurate and all abutters would be notified.

Motion: Reid made the motion to table to next month for proper notification; he suggested that if necessary the applicant should amend the application to add the removal of the wall sign as it should be made part of the file. Landford seconded. Vote: U/A

5. OTHER BOARD BUSINESS

A. Administrative Workshop

Callaghan informed the members that all mail that is addressed to the Chair of the ZBA would be gathered in a file and distributed for all to review at each meeting. He recommended the annual fall planning and zoning conference and if interested on attending should contact the Planning office.

Colbath arrived at 7:34.

Callaghan mentioned that Joyal sent an e-mail to him asking for opinions regarding if the members would like to have the meetings televised. After a brief discussion, the consensus was that if it cost the City money, they would rather not have the meetings televised.

Callaghan added that as an administrative change he asked that the members use the process of questions through the Chair, do not ask the applicant or anybody any questions unless the Chair has been signaled, which will help maintain control over the process of the meeting.

Rules of Procedure were discussed. Callaghan said he would revise his comments to add more detail and would better explain the proposed changes, which will be e-mailed for all to review. He requested that they meet at an earlier time at the next scheduled meeting in order to discuss and implement the changes.

6. ADJOURN

Motion: Landford made the motion to adjourn at 7:45 p.m. Reid seconded. Vote: U/A

List of Members

Term Expires

Richard Callaghan-regular member	04-13-09
William Colbath-regular member	10-23-09
Frank Landford-regular member	04-10-08
Masi Denison-regular member	01-24-10
Sam Reid-regular member	11-12-09
Otis Perry-alternate member	02-08-09
Jim Kelley-alternate member	05-23-10