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Effingham Zoning Board of Adjustment

Meeting Minutes October 5, 2022

Members Present: Jim Pittman, Lawrence Edwards, Tim White

Members Absent: Mike Cahalane, Alan Taylor

Others Present: Ann Leverette

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm

Agenda Review: Ann Leverette from Tracker's Store was added to the agenda.

Review of minutes: Tim White made the motion to approve the minutes as corrected. Seconded by Jim Pittman. Lawrence Edwards recused due to his absence at the last meeting. All in favor.

Budget Review: Jim reviewed the budget that had been presented to the Board of Selectmen. Jim then went on to say that spending and budget is different each year and that it's hard to know what each will be because it is so dependent on how many cases come before the Board. This year the total budget for the ZBA is \$3,311.

There was then a discussion of the line item for postage and why there needs to be one.

Professional services were further discussed and that it covers surveyors, Engineers, Etc. Jim then explained that attorney's fees aren't under professional services because they get paid by the town budget not the boards. He noted that the professional services budget will remain the same as the previous years at \$1,000.

Everyone then agreed that the budget looks good.

Other Business: Ann Leverette came to the board to discuss property, and storage issues she is having at her business, Tracker's Store. Ann explained she got a shed delivered for storage but that the Planning Board has issues with it not following the setback laws. Ann is unsure of how to move forward and what to do.

The board advised her to apply for a variance as the best way to move forward.

Ann is also confused due to her property being partially in Maine and New Hampshire and not knowing where exactly the state line is. Parsonsfield doesn't have a setback law therefore of her frontage was in Maine then this wouldn't be a problem.

It was then asked if she'd talked to an attorney about what to do. Ann explained that she had, and the attorney recommended getting a surveyor, which would be too costly.

The board then again explained that applying for a variance may be the best option, and to find someone who knows where the state line is, like the NH or ME DOT.

Mr. Edwards said that New Hampshire plows the road while Maine maintains it. He believes that the state line runs through the center of the road.

Jim thought that if a state line divides a property the majority portion is considered where the property is located so knowing where exactly Ann's property is divided is important.

Jim asked Ann what the position of the Planning Board is, Ann replied that she was unsure and that they had told her to come to the ZBA.

It was decided that Ann would come back with an application for a variance.

Lawrence Edwards made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Tim White. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15PM