Zoning Board of Adjustments
Walpole Town Hall
March 18, 2020 minutes
Executive Session

Members Present: Chair Jan Leclerc, Vice-Chair Myra Mansouri, Tom Murray, Pauline Barnes.

A motion to enter Nonpublic Session was made by Myra Mansouri and seconded by Tom Murray.

Statutory Reason as foundation for nonpublic session:

RSA 91-A:3 II(c) Matters which, if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of any, other than a member of this board, unless such person requests an open meting. This exemption shall extend to include any application for assistance or tax abatement or waiver of a fee, fine or other levy, if based on inability to pay or poverty of the applicant.

Roll Call Vote to enter nonpublic session:
Myra Mansouri   yes
Pauline Barnes   yes
Tom Murray   yes
Jan Leclerc   yes

Entered non public session at 8:27 pm.

No other person present during nonpublic-session except Secretary Marilou Blaine

Description of matters discussed and final decision made:
Discussion of a particular person, David Edkins, joining the Board as an Alternate. Bylaws allows for five Alternates. Right now the ZBA had two: Bob Anderson and Don Sellarole. Judy Trow, a former Board member, was already expected to be approved as an Alternate, Mr. Edkins would be a Board member as an Alternate.

Discussion was about Mr. Edkins: Pros and Cons of having him as a member of the Zoning Board

Cons: Although five alternates are allowed, the Board is comfortable with three. Adding another could make the Board unwieldy. The dynamics of the Board, which works would very well together and respects one another, may change radically.

Pros: He's intelligent. If his views are different, the Board will benefit from a new perspective.

Motion to leave nonpublic session and return to public session by Myra Mansouri, seconded by Tom Murray. The motion was to continue this discussion at the next meeting. It passed.

Public Session reconvened at 9:02 pm

Respectfully submitted, ·
Marilou Blaine, ZBA Secretary.

Unsealed 11/15/22