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ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT (ZBA) MEETING MINUTES Tuesday, August 3, 2021 Whipple Town Hall, 6:30pm

MEMBERS PRESENT: Doug Lyon (Chair, voting) Michael Todd (Vice Chair, voting), Katharine Fischer (voting), Ann Bedard (voting), Heidi Lauridsen (voting)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Lauren Chadwick, Frank Anzalone, Steve Root, Stan Bright

OTHERS PRESENT: Adam Ricker, Zoning Administrator, Stuart Greer, Dale Dewispelaere, William Stockwell, Francisco San Emeterio

1. **Call to Order**– Chair Lyon called the meeting to order at 6:35pm.
2. **Continued Public Hearing(s):**

Case #: #ZBA21-03 & #ZBA21-04
Owner/Applicant Otter Pond Protective Association
Applicant: Stuart Greer, Co-President OPPA
New Parcel ID 041-002-000-000-000
Address: Otterville Road (undeveloped land, Otterville Beach)
Zone(s): ARR (Agricultural Rural Residential)
Overlay Shore Land Overlay District

Summary:

- #ZBA21-03-Application for a Variance per Article II, Section 10(g) of the Zoning Ordinance to permit a free-standing sign of 17.93 square feet at the Otterville beach.
- #ZBA21-04 –Application for a variance per Article XVI, Section C (2) of the Zoning Ordinance to disturb the waterfront buffer with the installation of a free-standing sign in the Shore Land Overlay District.

Tonight's hearing is a continuation of the hearing held on July 6, 2021.

Stuart Greer, Co-President of the Otter Pond Protective Association attended the meeting along with Dale Dewispelaere, William Stockwell and Francisco San Emeterio. Mr. Greer stated he listened to the concerns expressed at the last meeting and discussed what the next best options would be for them regarding the sign that was outside the regulations due to size. In order for the signs to be effective, they decided that two signs would not be enough and at a minimum they would need three signs. Michael Todd stated according to the ordinance, they can have as many signs as they want as long as each sign is under 2 square feet. Mr. Greer responded he is aware of that but would like to maintain the aesthetic beauty of the area as much as possible. They also discussed temporary signs but felt it was likely they would disappear.

They identified 3 or 4 locations next to trees and these locations were recommended by New London Public Works Director Bob Harrington due to concerns about plowing and not wanting signs in the way or getting damaged. The signs will be mounted to a green steel

pole and the holes they plan to dig for signs will 3.5 inches wide and 4.5 inches deep. Each sign will be at least 11 feet back from the edge of the pavement off the road. Because they have reduced the size of the signs they no longer require the first variance. They will need a variance related to the second request because they are disturbing the waterfront buffer when they dig holes for the signs.

The Zoning Board of Adjustment will not act on the first variance request as it is no longer necessary. The petitioner has **WITHDRAWN** this request and has agreed to meet the requirements and regulations for the signs.

#ZBA21-04 –Application for a variance per Article XVI, Section C (2) of the Zoning Ordinance to disturb the waterfront buffer with the installation of a free-standing sign in the Shore Land Overlay District.

IT WAS MOVED (Doug Lyon) and SECONDED (Michael Todd) to approve the installation of up to five sign posts in the waterfront buffer for the purposes of hanging one sign on each post, and the maximum sign post size is not to exceed 4X4". The location is to be determined by the Otter Pond Protective Association. THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. Review of Minutes of July 6, 2021

IT WAS MOVED (Doug Lyon) and SECONDED (Katherine Fischer) to approve the minutes of the July 6, 2021 meeting. THE MINUTES WERE APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. Motion to Adjourn

IT WAS MOVED (Doug Lyon) AND SECONDED (Heidi Lauridsen) to adjourn. THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15PM

Respectfully submitted,

Trina Dawson

Recording Secretary
Town of New London