

# ASHFIELD ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Continuation of Public Hearing

Thursday, February 5, 2015

Town Hall, Ashfield

7:00 p.m.

## MINUTES

**Case #: 2014-2**

### **Buckland Road Trust/ Laura Quinn & Rich O'Brien**

Continuation of public hearing on application by Laura Quinn, as trustee of the Buckland Road Trust, for a Variance from Section VI C (2) of the Ashfield Zoning Bylaws which restricts a "mobile home" from resting in the town for more than six months in any calendar year.

#### **Present:**

ZBA members: Mollie Babize, Chair; Kit Nysten; Anne Yuryan

Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m.

**Mail:** notice of decision by Ashfield Planning Board, bills from Greenfield Recorder, order of conditions from Conservation Commission re case 2014-2.

**Budget discussion:** Budgets should be level funded this year, but committees are requested to list a couple of priorities if extra funds are available. Our budget for last year was \$300. Our expenses are about \$50/hearing for Recorder ads, \$25/case for mailings and supplies. We have an average of three cases a year. We would like the Town to reimburse us for attending training sessions, and would like to be able to hire someone to take and transcribe minutes. Mollie will attend the joint meeting of the Finance Committee and Select Board on March 2 to present our budget request.

**Annual Report:** Mollie will write a summary of our cases for the Ashfield Town Report and submit it ASAP.

Continuation of public hearing opened at 7:21 p.m.

We have received an email from Laura Quinn withdrawing her application for a variance and stating that she would not be attending the hearing tonight.

Text of the email:

*I write to advise that, in light of our communications with the building inspector, Jim Hawkins, and the discussions in our last meeting, I will be withdrawing my application for a waiver of the "mobile home" time restriction.*

*Accordingly, we will not be appearing this evening, unless you feel it necessary to do so.*

*Thank you and the other board members for all of your consideration in this matter.*

*Best regards,*

*Laura Quinn*

A motion to accept the withdrawal of the application was seconded, and passed unanimously.

Mollie has asked Ms Quinn for a hard copy of the letter.

We will send a notice to abutters saying the petition has been withdrawn without prejudice.

Minutes of December 11 were unanimously approved with changes, pending seeing emended version by email.

Minutes of this meeting will be distributed and approved by email.

Meeting adjourned at 8 p.m.