

TOWN OF SEABROOK ISLAND

Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting

May 18, 2020 – 2:30 PM

Virtual Meeting Hosted via Zoom

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MINUTES

Present: Walter Sewell (Chair), Ava Kleinman, Bob Leggett, John Fox, Janet Gorski, Joe Cronin (Zoning Administrator)

Absent: None

Guests: Katrina Burrell (SIPOA), Kevin Whalley (Architecture Plus LLC), Andrew Hodge (Property Owner), Michael Karamus (Michael E. Karamus Architect LLC), R Matt ()

Chairman Sewell called the meeting of the Board of Zoning Appeals to order at 2:43 PM. Zoning Administrator Cronin confirmed that the requirements of the Freedom of Information Act were fulfilled, and the meeting was properly posted.

Chairman Sewell then welcomed Ms. Janet Gorski to the Board of Zoning Appeals. Ms. Gorski was appointed by council to fill the remainder of an unexpired term following Dick Finkelstein's recent resignation from the board.

ELECTION OF CHAIR & VICE CHAIR FOR 2020

Chairman Sewell opened the floor for nominations for the position of chair. Mr. Fox nominated Walter Sewell to serve as chair for 2020. Ms. Gorski seconded the nomination. There being no further nominations, Chairman Sewell called for a vote on the nomination. The motion to elect Mr. Sewell as chair was **APPROVED** by a vote of 5-0.

Chairman Sewell then opened the floor for nominations for the position of vice chair. Chairman Sewell nominated Ava Kleinman to serve as vice chair for 2020. Mr. Fox seconded the nomination. There being no further nominations, Chairman Sewell called for a vote on the nomination. The motion to elect Ms. Kleinman as vice chair was **APPROVED** by a vote of 5-0.

APPOINTMENT OF SECRETARY FOR 2020

Chairman Sewell nominated Zoning Administrator Cronin to serve as Secretary to the Board for 2020. Mr. Fox seconded the nomination. There being no further nominations, Chairman Sewell called for a vote on the nomination. The motion to appoint Zoning Administrator Cronin as secretary was **APPROVED** by a vote of 5-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. **Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting: August 15, 2019**: Mr. Fox made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 15, 2019, meeting as submitted. Ms. Kleinman seconded the motion. The motion was **APPROVED** by a vote of 4-0. Ms. Gorski abstained from voting due to her not being a member of the board during the meeting on August 15, 2019.

PENDING VARIANCE REQUESTS

Zoning Administrator Cronin distributed copies of the following variance applications to members of the Board and provided a brief overview of each request:

- **Variance #163**: 3713 Bonita Court (To allow a proposed second-floor deck to encroach approximately 4 feet into the required 30-foot front yard setback)
- **Variance #164**: 2710 Old Oak Walk (To allow a proposed screened porch to encroach approximately 2.2 feet into the required 25-foot rear yard setback)
- **Variance #164**: 2385 The Haul Over (To allow a proposed screened porch to encroach approximately 12 feet into the required 25-foot rear yard setback)

Zoning Administrator Cronin noted that the public hearing for each of these variances would be held “virtually” due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. He stated that all public comments should be provided in writing in advance of the meeting via one of the following options:

- **ONLINE**: www.townofseabrookisland.org
- **EMAIL**: jcronin@townofseabrookisland.org
- **MAIL**: Town of Seabrook Island, 2001 Seabrook Island Road, Seabrook Island, SC 29455

Zoning Administrator Cronin added that all comments would be read into the public record during the hearing on June 5th.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION / DISCUSSION

There were no Items for Information / Discussion.

Chairman Sewell noted that the next meeting was scheduled for Friday, June 5, 2020, at 2:30 PM.

There being no further business, Ms. Kleinman made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Gorski seconded the motion. The motion to adjourn the meeting was **APPROVED** by a vote of 5-0 and the meeting was adjourned at 3:27 PM.

Minutes Approved: June 5, 2020



Joseph M. Cronin
Zoning Administrator