

MINUTES for HOPE BOARD OF APPEALS HEARING

Monday, February 26 at 6:30 pm

Hope Town Office

The Hearing was called to order by Appeals Chair Brian Powers Sr. at 6:30 pm.

Present: Appeals Board Brian Powers Sr., Steve Bowman, Ron Wright, John Jensen, and Mary Ireland; Planning Board Lewis Merrifield, Robert Hall, and Langley Willauer; Town of Hope Attorney Bill Kelly; Will Gartley, M/M Gregg Grenert and Attorney Paul Gibbons; Town Administrator and Code Enforcement Officer Samantha Mank; and five members of the public

PROCEEDINGS ARE BEING RECORDED BY AUDIO/VIDEO.

Chair Brian Powers gave a brief overview of the case. Then he disclosed an ongoing working relationship with Will Gartley. Powers' recusal was not considered necessary by either attorney.

Attorney Paul Gibbons presented the Appeal on the 75 Loon Lane property and the reasons he felt that the STOP WORK order was not appropriate.

Will Gartley then went through the history of the Planning Board's hearings and the several changes of design plans for the structures and septic system for the 75 Loon Lane property.

Brian Powers, Steve Bowman, John Jensen and Mary Ireland asked questions.

The point made that permit dimensions do not agree with plan. Comparison of large plan, Hammond plan and Viking plan submitted September 1, 2017 which lists more square footage.

Erosion control matters not dealt with. Will Gartley agrees that erosion control should have been taken care of.

Town Administrator Samantha Mank 's report: DEP has visited; Planning Board asked for STOP WORK order; variance has been granted.

Town of Hope Attorney Bill Kelly, representing Appeals Board, asked everyone if they had all documents item by item. When the few discrepancies were found, copies were made for that individual.

Members of the Planning Board then spoke. Lewis Merrifield stated that the front of the old cottage was NOT to be demolished. Langley Willauer made an audio record of the September 2017 meeting and made it available electronically to all for listening prior to next meeting. He also offered photos (copies were distributed) of the Planning Board site visit showing how close the deck was to the property line, front of cottage, and that the white pine was not dead.

The next meeting for the Hearing will be on Tuesday, March 6, 2018 with the charge that everyone listen to the audio record and look at the photos.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:27 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ireland, Secretary