



**TOWN of**  
**THOMPSON**  
**ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**

**Minutes**  
**January 13, 2014**

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Chairman Dan Roy called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM in the Merrill Seney Room at the Town Hall.

**Roll Call:** Peter Baskin Kevin Beno Dan Roy  
Leslie Lavallee and John O'Connell, Alternates  
**There was a quorum.**

**Staff Present:** Mary Ann Chinatti, Director of Planning and Development  
John Mahon, ZEO  
Ida Ransom, Recording Secretary

**Public Hearings**

1. **Appeal 13-01:** Lisa Knight, 317 County Home Road, Thompson, Morning Star Farm Pet Resort; unfounded neighbor's complaint and questioning scope of property variance 2002.  
**Grievance:** Operating under the 2002 variance legally. Limits imposed/suggested would be a financial detriment to business.
  - a. **Kevin Beno moved and Peter Baskin seconded the motion to accept the applicant's request for an extension and to postpone the opening of the public hearing to the February 10, 2014 meeting. The motion carried unanimously.**

Mary Ann Chinatti, Director of Planning and Development, left the meeting.

**Approval of Minutes**

1. John Mahon distributed and explained to members a copy of his November Report to which he had added comments and his interpretation of the information about himself that was presented in the December 9, 2013 minutes.
2. **Kevin Beno moved and John O'Connell seconded the motion to accept the minutes of the December 9, 2013 meeting as presented with the notation that the minutes reflect what was said at the meeting, but that some of what was said was not accurate with regards to John Mahon's time out of the office. The motion carried unanimously.**

**Correspondence**

1. Sent via e-mail
  - a. Agenda and Minutes: Conservation Commission, December 16, 2013
  - b. Agenda and Minutes: Planning and Zoning, December 23, 2013
2. Sent via regular mail
  - a. Zoning Board of Appeals Minutes: December 9, 2013
  - b. Planning and Zoning Commission Minutes: December 23, 2013
  - c. Financial Report: December 2013
  - d. ZEO Activity Report: December
  - e. Planning and Development Director Report
  - f. Zoning Board of Appeals Agenda: January 13, 2013
3. Other correspondence
  - a. Connecticut Federation of Planning and Zoning Agencies Quarterly Newsletter, Winter 2014.
  - b. Connecticut Federation of Planning and Zoning Agencies Save the Date notice for the CFPZA Annual Conference, March 13, 2014; cost \$42.00.
  - c. From John Mahon, received at the meeting, the November 2013 ZEO Activity Report with added comments about the December 9, 2013 ZBA meeting.

**Applications and Appeals:** None

**Applications and Appeals Received after Agenda Posted:** None

**Old Business:**

1. **Peter Baskin moved and Leslie Lavallee seconded the motion to amend the Bylaws Section VI, Section 1 by deleting "All members must be present before election of officers can take place." and inserting "A majority vote of the quorum present is required to elect officers."; the motion carried unanimously.**
2. Election of Officers
  - a. **Kevin Beno moved and John O'Connell seconded the motion to elect Dan Roy as Chairman; the motion carried unanimously.**
  - b. **Dan Roy moved and Peter Baskin seconded the motion to elect Kevin Beno as Vice-Chairman; the motion carried unanimously.**

**New Business:** None

**Citizens' Comments:** None.

**Commissioners' comments:** None

**Future Meetings**

1. The next meeting will be held Monday, February 10, 2014 at 7 PM in the Merrill Seney Room, Town Hall.

**Adjournment**

1. **John O'Connell moved and Peter Baskin seconded the motion to adjourn; the motion carried unanimously.**
2. **Chairman Roy adjourned the meeting at 7:25 PM.**

Ida Ransom  
Recording Secretary