

Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting April 14, 2009

Those in attendance: Suzanne Smiley, Chair; Bob Perry, Ray Purington, Bill Burnham Bonnie Welcome, Clerk

Not Present: Tupper Brown

7:00pm

Meeting called to order

March minutes were accepted by consensus.

New Business:

Mr. James Diemand of 8 Hickory Hill Road, Gill was in attendance to present a complaint to the zoning board regarding the noise from barking dogs at the Hickory Hill Kennel. He is asking for the right to live quietly on his land in a residential/agriculture zone and also that the laws in our town be equally enforced without discrimination. He stated that he went before the Selectboard two weeks ago with the same complaint and stated that he was told there is no law against barking dogs. He has spoken to the police chief on several occasions and was told the same thing. Mr. Diemand presented a written history of his complaints against the kennel and a Boundary Line Agreement of Hickory Hill Road between the Diemand and Sheard properties showing a right of way. He stated his property is continuously being violated. He was questioning the details of the special permit for the kennel with regards to how many dogs are allowed, the boarding of cats, expansion to the kennel, non conforming use of structures, the need for building permits.

The ZBA agreed to have Suzanne Smiley, Chairperson, discuss this issue with town counsel and will contact Mr. Diemand as to the appropriate steps to help resolve these matters.

8:00pm

Bob Perry had to excuse himself from the meeting due to a prior commitment.

Mr. Jim Tomasi was in attendance to present a complaint regarding the hours of operation at the Gill Store and Tavern (GS&T). He stated that he has filed complaint with Jim Hawkins the Building Inspector who is the zoning enforcement officer for the town of Gill regarding the Gill Store. Mr. Tomasi stated that he is not satisfied with Mr. Hawkins response or lack thereof.

The ZBA did receive a letter from the GS&T owner Mr. Alden Booth that states the intent is to clarify the existing terms of the special permit and to discuss possible modifications as well. The ZBA agreed that if Mr. Booth wanted to make changes to his special permit, then he will need to file the appropriate paperwork to apply for an amended special permit. Suzanne Smiley, Chairperson, will contact Mr. Booth with this information.

The next scheduled ZBA meeting will be Tuesday, May 12, 2009

9:15pm

Motion to adjourn by Ray Purington. Seconded by Bill Burnham.
Meeting adjourned.