

North Smithfield Zoning Board of Review

February 10, 2009, 7:00 pm

Kendall Dean School

83 Greene Street, Slatersville

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm.

1. Roll Call

Present: Bill Jühr, Vincent Marcantonio, Stephen Kearns, Steven Scarpelli, Guy Denizard, Mario DiNunzio, Paul Pasquariello. Also present were Building Official Bob Benoit and Assistant Solicitor William Savastano.

2. Disclosure of no compensation or pension credits received by the board members.

3. Approval of Minutes—January 20 & 27, 2009

Mr. Kearns made a motion to table the approval of minutes. Mr. Jühr seconded the motion, with all in favor.

4. Review of Draft Decision--Application of Joe Jenks (owner Mary Zurowski), requesting to construct a building to be used as a religious institution, which requires a Special Use Permit, per section

5.4.4, subsection 5. Locus is 1054 Victory Highway, Plat 1, Lots 141 & 151.

The Board discussed the findings of fact for use in the draft decision for the above-referenced application. They discussed the findings dealing with traffic and the lack of testimony on the issue of truck traffic, as well as parking issues. Mr. Jühr stated that he feels that the application should have been sent to the Planning Board for their recommendation.

Mr. Benoit stated that the Board could rescind the oral decision without prejudice and direct the applicant to go to the Planning Board in order for them to mitigate the Zoning Board's concerns with the application.

The Board discussed obtaining the stenographer's transcript for all of the meeting dates on this application. They decided to get the final findings of fact together and vote on the decision on February 24, 2009.

5. Discussion of Use Tables

The Chair stated that he had wanted to have the town's consultant, Sam Shamoon, to attend a meeting with the Zoning Board, Planning Board, and Town Council to discuss proposed changes to the use tables in the Zoning Ordinance. Because he is a paid consultant, it

would have cost the Zoning Board \$85/hr. to pay Mr. Shamoon to attend the meeting. The Board stated that they would like to speak with someone in order to get the reasoning behind and advantages of the proposed changes in order to give their opinion and have a meaningful discussion on the proposed changes. The Chair suggested that the Zoning Board should attend an Ordinance Review Committee meeting.

Mr. Scarpelli made a motion to adjourn at 9:10 pm. Mr. Kearns seconded the motion, with all in favor.