

BELGRADE BOARD OF APPEALS MEETING
Belgrade Municipal Office
3/28/07
MINUTES

The Belgrade Board of Appeals held its regular meeting at the Municipal Office at 7:00 PM. Present: Chairman, Robert G. Martin, John Vogt, Kerri Hammond, and Gordon Pow. Absent: Peter Sargent. There are two vacancies on the Board. Also present: Penny Morrell, Clerk.

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM.

Gordon made a motion to amend the minutes of the 10/25/06 meeting to include in the final motion: "citing item #3 in the conclusions of the Notice of Variance Appeal Decision dated November 7, 2006." John seconded the motion and it was so voted unanimously.

Gordon made a motion to accept the notes of the February 2007 meeting as presented. John seconded the motion and it was so voted unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS: Election of officers.

Gordon made a motion the officers remain the same this coming year as in the past year, Robert G. Martin, Chairman, Gordon Pow, Vice Chairman, and Peter Sargent, Secretary. John seconded the motion and it was so voted unanimously.

John made a motion to keep the meeting schedule the 4th Wednesday of the month. Gordon seconded the motion and it was so voted unanimously.

The remainder of the meeting was used to explain procedures to Kerrie, the newest member on the Board. She was presented with a copy of the "Scope of Rules". Chairman Martin explained the different decisions the Board may make, other issues it has jurisdiction over, i.e. defining boundaries, and procedures we've taken in the past out of necessity, becoming a permitting authority if need be.

Board of Appeals decisions stand unless appealed to Superior Court and overturned. Board members make decisions based on the facts on record at

a public hearing. The Chairman is concerned with leading the Board in proper procedures for making a decision.

The next training session by Maine Municipal Association (MMA) for Boards of Appeals will be held in November in the Augusta area. The Town pays for training expenses for Board members.

A copy of the town ordinances and the MMA Handbook is supplied to Board of Appeals members by the Town.

Gordon made a motion to adjourn. John seconded the motion and it was so voted. The meeting adjourned at 7:53 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Penny Morrell

Clerk in the absence of the Secretary