

CHEBEAGUE ISLAND BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT and APPEALS

Meeting Held: January 16, 2023

Attending: Sam McLean, Chair; Cheryl Stevens; Charles Hall and Tad Runge.

Public in Attendance: No one present

Chair called the meeting to order at 5:09 and announced that public notices had been sent out.

Review and Approve the Minutes of the 12/1/22 Hearing and the 12/19/22 Meeting of the Board.

Motion was made to approve the minutes of the 12/1 Hearing by Hall and seconded by Stevens. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion was made to approve the minutes of the 12/19 meeting by Stevens, seconded by Hall. Passed unanimously.

Separate Budget for BOAA Advertising and Legal Expenses

It was agreed by the members not to request a separate line item in the Town budget but to have funds available for the BOAA in the Town's already existing line item for legal expenses.

Importance was stressed not to have us have to go through a time consuming approval process to access needed funds because of the time limitations involved in the hearing process.

It was emphasized that the legal funds in the Town budget have not just been for the Town Attorney.

Indirect Attempts to Challenge BOAA's Decisions

There proceeded a discussion of recent attempts by the CEO.

Page 64 of the MMA Manual was read.

Carol White joined the meeting.

Expressed her support of the BOAA's efforts - "Hang in there!"

1. For a second attorney more skilled in matters relating to the BOAA
2. Have access to needed legal funds in a timely fashion
3. The Town provide more administrative help, such as providing someone to take minutes.

She also mentioned that both of our recent decisions are on the upcoming BOS agenda and that she expects the BOS will request the CEO to issue a violation notice

BYLAWS

The Chair encouraged members to review sample by-laws in the MMA manual and acquire other town's BOAA by laws. Tampa's Bylaws on page 147 of the manual were mentioned.

ESTOPPEL

The timely submission of written testimony was briefly discussed.

Next Meeting: Thursday, March 2nd. 5:00PM at the Hall.


Tad Runge
Secretary