



**TOWN OF PITTSFIELD
ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
TOWN HALL, 85 MAIN STREET
PITTSFIELD, NH 03263**

MEETING MINUTES of Thursday, January 2, 2019

CALL TO ORDER

The Zoning Board of Adjustment Meeting for January 2, 2019 was called to order by Mr. Hetu 7:07p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

James Hetu
Scot Palmer
Brigham Bosen

OTHERS PRESENT

Pittsfield Residents: Sonya Taylor, Spencer Gauthier, Emma LaBombard, Lea Adams, Dan Scroth, Laurie Houle, Roberta Maxfield, Lisa Harper, Adam Gauthier, Paul Nickerson, Daniel Welch, David Simpson, Dot Hardy, Jay Hardy, Larry Konopka, Candi Sacceen, Jamie Breen, Liza Breen, Linda Freese, Jody Cunningham, Edward Patterson, Jennifer Cheney, Edward Cushing, Bill Cushing, and Linda Ciam.

Others Present: Kelly Murphy, Sisters of Holy Cross; Stephen Gadowski, Teen Challenge; Heide DuBois, friend of Teen Challenge; Chuck DuBois, friend of Teen Challenge; and Zach Brewster, Teen Challenge.

Other Public Officials: James Allard, Selectman and Clayton Wood, Planning Board.

Pittsfield Staff: Jim Pritchard, Zoning Secretary and Cyndi Hetu, Minutes Clerk.

ITEM 6: TEEN CHALLENGE NEW ENGLAND AND SISTERS OF THE HOLY CROSS'S APPLICATION FOR VARIANCE FROM THE PITTSFIELD ZONING ORDINANCE ARTICLE 3(B)5 USE IS IMPLICITLY PROHIBITED FOR A CHRISTIAN BASED RECOVERY CENTER FOR ADULTS 18 AND OVER AT BRAKABAH RETREAT AND CONFERENCE CENTER AT 96 FAIRVIEW DRIVE , TAX MAP R-22, LOTS 27 AND 29, IN THE SUBURBAN ZONING DISTRICT, WITH TOWN WATER AND SEWERAGE.

Motion. Mr. Bosen made a motion there is regional impact. Mr. Palmer seconded the Motion. There was no additional discussion.

A Roll Call Vote was taken: Mr. Hetu – Yes; Mr. Palmer – Yes; and Mr. Bosen - Yes.
The Chair declared the Motion passed.

Mr. Gadomski informed the Board that they would like to withdraw their application as submitted as there was an error. They accidentally omitted the proposal. The Chair clarified that they wanted to withdraw without prejudice at this point and resubmit. Mr. Gadomski said that was correct.

The Chair said they will re-notify everyone and because of notification deadlines their next meeting won't be until January 24, 2019.

MEMBERS CONCERNS

Mr. Palmer said he was happy to see the ad in the newspaper for alternate position.

PUBLIC INPUT

The Chair opened the hearing to the public. He informed the public they can only hear general public input and nothing on the hearing as the application has been withdrawn.

Mr. Schroth, Clough Road, asked why there are not five people sitting on the Board. The Chair responded Mr. Heffernan is teaching a class tonight and they had a member resign. Mr. Schroth said they need five people to get a fair chance. The Chair said they are trying to get five people. Mr. Schroth said he would apply. The Chair welcomed Mr. Schroth however, he informed Mr. Schroth because of his rather public commentary at the last meeting he wouldn't be able to sit on the hearing.

The Chair reminded the public they can't discuss the Teen Challenge application. Mr. Nickerson said he wanted to talk about the application. The Chair said they are not having a public hearing at this time. They will reapply and it will be noticed again. Mr. Nickerson informed the public there was information online about Teen Challenge.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion. Mr. Bosen made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Palmer seconded the Motion. There was no additional discussion.

A Roll Call Vote was taken: Mr. Hetu – Yes; Mr. Palmer – Yes; and Mr. Bosen - Yes.
The Chair declared the Motion passed.

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 7:12pm.

APPROVED:

Approval discussed at ZBA meeting 3/28/2019

Approval voted at ZBA meeting 4/11/2019