Zoning Board of Appeals – Minutes
February 1, 2022
Location: Town Hall Annex Conference Room
Time: 7:00 to 8:00pm

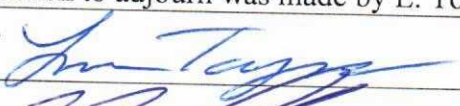
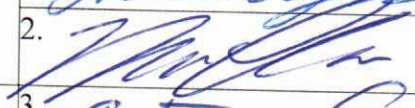
Board Member Attendees: Marc Oliviera Acting Chairman, Tony Carmo Alt Member & Lucas Tourgee Alt Member

Board Member Out: Marcus Baptiste Chairman & Jeanne Russo Member - The board had a quorum.

Attendees: Michael Ricardo, Atty. Mark Bobrowski- via Zoom, Atty. Adam Costa- via Zoom, & Many Abutters were present.

Topic	Discussion:
Mail & Minutes	**7:05pm**- M. Oliviera opened the meeting by introducing the Board and himself as acting Chairman. A motion was made by T. Carmo to move the minutes, bills, and correspondence to the end of the meeting. **7:45pm**- The meeting minutes from 12/7/21 were not reviewed. The Board members that attended that meeting were not present. Minutes to be reviewed at the next meeting those Board members are present. **Bills**: A bill for Gatehouse Media for Dunkin Donuts 128 Myricks St. Map 23 Lot 5- Newspaper Ad $495.04 was paid on 12/29/21. Escrow Balance for Poyant Signs 128 Myricks St. Map 23 Lot 5 was paid on 1/25/22 in the amount of $504.96 **Correspondence**: None Secretary told the Board another application will be coming in for a variance soon. **No other New Business came in front of the Board at this time.**

Michael & Angela Ricardo 1 Ricardo Way Map 16 Lot 98-5 40A Public Hearing	**7:05pm- -** Marc Oliviera opened the 40A Public Hearing for Michael & Angela Ricardo 1 Ricardo Way Map 16 Lot 98-5 requesting an appeal to an administrative decision of the Building Inspector tto the said property. The newspaper ad ran in the Taunton Daily Gazette 1/14/22 & 1/21/22. All certified mailings were returned back from the abutters. Mr. Michael Ricardo came in front of the Board. There were many abutters present. Mr. Oliviera presided. The petition, plan, and the submissions were reviewed by the Board. Atty. Mark Bobrowski representing the Zoning Board of Appeals was on zoom and Atty. Adam Costa representing the Building Inspector was on zoom. Mr. Ricardo introduced himself to the board. He told the Board he was in front of them to appeal a Cease & Desist letter he was given by the Building Inspector. He then asked the Board if he could reschedule/continue the hearing because he had to seek new legal counsel. His first attorney had a medical emergency and now he has hired a new attorney. His new attorney needs more time to review the case before he comes in front of the Board. Atty. Bobrowski said he would need to poll the Board to find out if they are in favor of continuing the Hearing and when they would be available. Mr. Ricardo asked Atty. Bobrowski if he could ask two questions about that procedure. He first asked if Mr. Biszko the Building Inspector could be present at the next Hearing. Atty. Adam Costa explained to Mr. Ricardo that the Mr. Biszko has no obligation to be present at the Hearing. He will convey the message to him though. Mr. Ricardo also asked if the Board Members that were present could do a site walk on the property before the next Hearing so they could see what is on the property at this time, he feels there is a misunderstanding with that situation. Atty. Bobrowski told Mr. Ricardo that would be a good idea, he would need to work out a time with all the Board members to walk the site. The Board and Atty. Bobrowski discussed a date that everyone could agree on to continue the meeting, everyone agreed on March 8, 2022. Atty. Bobrowski advised the Board to vote to continue the hearing to March 8, 2022 and also to file the decision with the Town Clerk no later than March 21, 2022. T. Carmo made a motion to accept the continuation of the hearing to March 8, 2022 and the decision of the Board to be received and filed with the Town Clerk by March 21, 2022. L. Tourgee seconded the motion. Atty. Bobrowski emailed the continuation letter to the secretary to have Mr. Ricardo sign and read into the record immediately at this meeting. Mr. Ricardo read the continuation letter out loud for the record and signed. T. Carmo made a motion to accept. L. Tourgee seconded. The signed continuation letter will be turned into the Town Clerk's office and date stamped for the record. Atty. Costa also agreed and had no problem with the continuation. Atty. Bobrowski explained to the audience the continuation and what was just read and signed by the applicant- Mr. Ricardo. He also told everyone there would be no other evidence given to the Board to discuss at this meeting. M. Oliviera opened up the abutters to minimal questions. Mr. Robert Powell of 31 Plain St. East asked if any fines had been given to Mr. Ricardo, because things are still happening on the property that he was given the Cease and Desist letter for. The Board told him they would not be the ones to give the fines. Atty. Bobrowski clarified what the Board had stated and any fines given to the applicant would have to be from court. Ms. Karen Kullas of 51 Plain St. East told the Board it was very hard to hear everything and there are some abutters that are hearing impaired. She would like this to be addressed at the next meeting. The Board will notify the Town Administrator. She would also like a copy of the continuation letter. Secretary told her to pick up at the Town Clerk's office tomorrow. Mr. David Destefano of 5 Plain St. East asked the Board if Mr. Ricardo does not have an attorney for the next meeting, will the hearing still be held. The Board told everyone there will definitely be a hearing on March 8, 2022 and a decision by March 21, 2022. Mrs. Eve Lippold 50 Plain St. East asked the Board what room the next meeting would be in. The Board informed everyone the next meeting will be in the Hearing Room.

40A Public Hearing Continued	All Motioned the next meeting date will be on March 8, 2022 @ 7:00pm in the Hearing Room.
	Motion to adjourn was made by L. Tourgee @ 8:00pm
Signatures	1. 
	2. 
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