

**Zoning Board of Appeals
City of Newburyport
City Hall
Meeting Minutes
February 22, 2011**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M.
A quorum was present.

1. Roll Call

In Attendance: Ed Ramsdell, Duncan LaBay, Charles Ciovacco, and Sean Leonard

Absent: Rob Ciampitti, Jamie Pennington, and Nat Coughlin

2. Business Meeting

a) Approval of Minutes

Minutes of February 8, 2010 meeting

Mr. LaBay made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted.

Mr. Ciovacco seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

Votes Cast:

Chairman Ramsdell – approve

Duncan LaBay – approve

Charles Ciovacco - approve

Sean Leonard – approve

b) Charter Commission Recommendations

The Charter Commission has recommended that the mayor appoint the chair of the boards and that the mayor become a member of each board with all of the rights and privileges except the ability to vote. The Chairs of the Newburyport Planning Board, Zoning Board, and Conservation Commission would like to write a joint, official response to the recommendations essentially stating that they do not agree with the recommendations and consider them poor governance. The Chairs would also like the option to submit comments in response to what is sent to the Attorney General by the Charter Commission.

Mr. LaBay made a motion to approve Chairman Ramsdell writing a joint letter in response to the Charter Commission's recommendations.

Mr. Leonard seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

Votes Cast:

Chairman Ramsdell – approve

Duncan LaBay – approve
Charles Ciovacco - approve
Sean Leonard - approve

c) Executive Session

Mr. LaBay made a motion to go into Executive Session.
Mr. Ciovacco seconded the motion.
The motion passed unanimously.

Votes Cast:

Chairman Ramsdell – approve
Duncan LaBay – approve
Charles Ciovacco - approve
Sean Leonard – approve

Mr. LaBay made a motion to come out of Executive Session.
Mr. Ciovacco seconded the motion.
The motion passed unanimously.

Votes Cast:

Chairman Ramsdell – approve
Duncan LaBay – approve
Charles Ciovacco - approve
Sean Leonard - approve

3. Public Hearings

**a) Hayward Thompson Adams
18 Olive Street**

Dimensional Variance: reduce the size of the pre-existing non-conforming lot by 151 square feet to convey that portion to an abutter

The applicant's attorney submitted a letter requesting permission to withdraw the application.

Mr. LaBay made a motion to allow the applicant to withdraw the application without prejudice.
Mr. Ciovacco seconded the motion.
The motion passed unanimously.

Votes Cast:

Chairman Ramsdell – approve
Duncan LaBay – approve
Charles Ciovacco - approve
Sean Leonard – approve

4. Adjournment

Motion made to adjourn.
Motion seconded.

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Motion unanimously approved.
Meeting adjourned at 7:22 P.M.

Respectfully submitted, Jennifer Stone - Note Taker