

Town of Oriental
Board of Adjustment Meeting
August 17, 2017

The Town of Oriental Board of Adjustment held an organizational meeting on August 17, 2017 at 11:00 AM at Town Hall.

The Board said the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Valinoti declared the meeting properly noticed, covered the open meeting statement, and opened the meeting at 11:03AM.

Town Clerk Diane Miller swore in Mr. Johnson, Mr. Small, and Mr. Marlowe. Oaths attached.

Town Clerk Diane Miller took roll call, determined a quorum was present and Chairman Valinoti opened the meeting.

PRESENT: Chairman Valinoti, Vice Chairman Carmichael, Khouri, Small, Johnson, Marlowe, and Town Clerk Miller

ABSENT: Newly appointed member Beth Michne

Chairman Valinoti turned the floor over to Clerk Miller to conduct the election of Chair and Vice-Chair for the 2017-2018 Fiscal Year.

According to the revised GMO Article II, Section 31, the Board of Adjustment is required to elect its Chair and Vice Chair at its annual organizational meeting.

Clerk Miller opened the floor for nominations. Member Johnson nominated Joe Valinoti to serve as Chairman of the Board of Adjustment, Vice Chair Carmichael seconded. Vote from membership: Vote 6-0 in favor of re-electing Chairman Valinoti.

Instead of turning the floor back to the newly elected Chair, the Clerk, in error, proceeded with requesting nominations for Vice Chair. Chairman Valinoti nominated Vice Chair Carmichael for re-election and Member Small seconded. Vote: 6-0 in favor of re-electing Vice Chair Carmichael.

Minutes to be approved included Sept 11, 2015 (which were unavailable for the last meeting), and July 7, 2016. Vice Chair Carmichael made a MOTION to accept the Minutes from September 11, 2015, Member Khouri seconded. 6-0 with no discussion. Member Johnson made a MOTION that Minutes from July 7, 2016 be approved. Vice Chair Carmichael seconded. 6-0 with no discussion.

Chairman Valinoti asked for any old business. None was offered. Chairman Valinoti asked for any new business. Clerk Miller offers that several item may be brought to the Board's attention in the near future concerning changes that may be proposed to the GMO. Not that those changes

would come to the BOA, but that the result of those changes may come. Chairman Valinoti urged the Board to try to abstain from discussions concerning the potential actions resulting from any proposed changes to the GMO. Chairman Valinoti also thanked the Board for avoiding conversations concerning the SUP that had been brought to the Town Board in recent months. Vice Chair Carmichael thanked Chairman Valinoti for notifying the BOA in advance of possible approach by Town residents concerning those actions and applications.

Chairman Valinoti asked the Clerk to attempt to reschedule some training potentially in the January 2018 time frame for members with Mr. Padraig from the School of Government. In addition, she was instructed to look for the most recent editions of the two texts that the Board uses for reference.

Clerk Miller asked that the Board forward times in January when members would NOT be available to meet, in order to schedule such training.

Member Johnson noted he will be unavailable after January 25, 2018, but will otherwise be able to make the meeting. Other members will get their restrictions to the Clerk.

Having no other business, Vice Chair Carmichael made a MOTION to adjourn the meeting. Member Johnson seconded. Vote: 6-0.

The meeting adjourned at 11:10 A.M.

Chairman Joe Valinoti

Town Clerk Diane Miller

Approved _____