Minutes of the Windham Zoning Board of Adjustment Meeting 8/24/22

Members in Attendance: Vance Bell, Dawn Bower, Bill Dunkel, Tom Johnson, Kate Wright. Bob Fisher, town attorney, also attended via Zoom.

The meeting began at 5:04PM at the Meeting House and via Zoom. Tom moved to adopt the minutes of the two-part public hearing which occurred on August 2 and August 10 to hear the appeal from Randall and Mona DiStefano for a dimensional waiver. Vance seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.

The ZBA then suspended the public portion of the meeting and began a private, deliberative session to continue discussing the appeal.

At approximately 6:10PM Vance moved to end the deliberative session and reopen the public part of the meeting. Tom seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

Bill announced that the ZBA had arrived at a decision. Vance moved to approve the ZBA's decision to grant a dimensional waiver to the DiStefanos, subject to conditions outlined in the written decision. Kate seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Bill noted, and Attorney Fisher confirmed, that the applicants and/or interested parties may appeal the decision to the Vermont Environmental court within the next 30 days.

The written decision will be signed by the members of the ZBA and will be on file in the Town Office. An electronic copy of the decision will be posted on the town website as soon as possible. In addition, the DiStefanos and abutting landowners will receive, via certified mail, a written copy of the decision.

Bill noted that this has not been an easy case. He urged interested parties to read the decision which outlines the ZBA's reasoning. He expressed hope that even those who disagree with the outcome will respect the fact that the process outlined

in our Zoning Regulations for determining whether to grant a dimensional waiver has been faithfully followed, and that the ZBA has done its best to render a just decision.

Tom moved to adjourn the meeting. Vance seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

The hearing adjourned at 6:20 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bill Dunkel