

**TOWN OF STERLING
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
Minutes of Meeting**

DATE: January 8th, 2013
TIME: 6:30 pm
LOCATION: Butterick Municipal Building

Board Members Present:

Richard Hautaniemi, Joe Curtin, William Bird, Jeffrey Donaldson

Alternates Present:

Jerry Siver

Agenda:

6:30 pm Discussion of Minutes

6:35pm ZBA Business

- Budget
- ZBA input (if any) on by law changes needed to address medical marijuana sales
- Status of Attorney Foley's request for information
- Clerk of committees in put
- Follow up on previously granted decisions

[Also other issues to be discussed may include: Budget-Bills-Administrative Issues-Memos-Comments from the Public]

Proceedings:

- 6:35pm Mr. Bill Bird opened the meeting with a roll call.
- Mr. Richard Hautaniemi discussed the recommended budget for the 2014 fiscal year. Board discussed the recommendation to lower the requested budget from the ZBA expenses.
- Mr. Bird noted that the ZBA was asked about its opinion with regards to the medical marijuana moratorium. Mr. Bird added that he mentioned to Ms. Terri Ackermann that the voters have spoken and the ZBA should just wait until the federal government issues more statements.
- Mr. Curtin said that some communities are trying to be preemptive but still the State has not done a move. He added that it will be a problem if there is going to be a need for a bylaw change.
- Mr. Bird noted that we sent a response to attorney Foley and sent him the costs.
- Mr. Curtin read attorney Foley's latest letter and noted that what we sent was an estimate.
- Mr. Bird replied that we can do a little bit more research on the cases he is looking for.
- Mr. Siver asked if there were more information about Sterling online.
- Board discussed the amounts of information that is available online for researchers with regards to Sterling.
- Mr. Curtin suggested doing some more research with regards to the Foley request and maybe also checking the records of the Building Inspector. .

- Board members discussed the proposition of adding a “Clerk of Committees” position to the Town. Board members saw that this position is not going to be much needed by the Town since most committees have their administrative staff responsible for posting and coordinating their meetings.
- Mr. Donaldson asked for an update about the Baldarelli lot which was deemed a grandfathered use.
- Mr. Siver suggested that maybe we could have a public calendar which sends the ZBA reminders of follow ups on cases.
- 7:30pm *Mr. Jeffrey Donaldson* moved to adjourn. Motion seconded by *Mr. Joseph Curtin*. Motion carried. All in favor, Yeas: 5 (*Richard Hautaniemi, Joseph Curtin, Jerry Siver, Jeffrey Donaldson, William Bird*) Nays: 0.