

NEWPORT CITY

DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD

**MINUTES**

**Public Hearing January 25, 2017**

Members present:

John Harlamert, Denise Bowen, Dan Ross and Harriett Hall

Members absent: Agathe Coburn

Others present:

Charles Elliott, Zoning Administrator, Pam Iads, Laurie Grimm, Bruce Amsden, Karen Szely, and Jennifer Bjurling representing Doug and Harriette Hamblett

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(94)

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.

The Chairman read the hearing warning.

1. Approve the minutes of the October 19, 2016 meeting.

Motion by Harriet Hall to approve the minutes of October 19, 2016 as written and seconded by Denise Bowen was approved unanimously.

**2. Appeal of the Zoning Administrator's decision regarding a neighbor's use of snow fence to protect a cedar hedge from animal and storm damage during the winter season only. The Zoning Administrator ruled that the use of the snow fence for the described purpose was not a violation of the Zoning Bylaw. The applicant disagrees and has requested a public hearing and review of the issue.**

Chairman John Harlamert read the application.

Bruce Amsden reviewed and presented various materials, primarily focused on the Zoning Administrator's failure to act consistent within a prescribed timeframe for appeals of his decision. Mr. Amsden presented some materials related to the use of snow fence for the protection of the cedar fence.

Jennifer Bjurling presented photographs of the fence and surrounding area on behalf of the Hamblets.

A discussion between Mr. Amsden, Jennifer Bjurling and the DRB members followed.

A motion to go into a deliberative session made by Dan Ross was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Harriett Hall and was approved unanimously.

Upon return the following motion was made by Denise Bowen and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Harriet Hall;

"It is moved that the time frame was not followed as per regulation but that the determination by the Zoning Administrator was appropriate for the barrier fencing".

The motion passed unanimously.

3. Other business.

~~None.~~ CLARIC CURTIS CHAIR OF PLANNING COMMISSION REQUESTED DRB INPUT ON UPDATING ZONING REGS. (94)

4. Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made by Harriet Hall and seconded by Dan Ross was approved unanimously.

Minutes approved 2-8, 2017

By Jol Harlan Chairman of the Development Review Board