

**TOWN OF WOODFORD VT
WOODFORD TOWN HALL
ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS (unapproved)
March 14, 2022**

Members Present: Susan Wright-Chair, Ed Shea, John Dovitski

Also Present: Janet Saddler (Clerk)

1. Susan called the meeting to order at 5:11PM

2. **Reorganization of the Board:** Ed made a motion to keep the same structure of the Board as it currently is with Susan as Chair and Chuck as Vice Chair. John seconded the motion. All in favor, **motion carries.**

3. **Agenda Adjustments:** Citing none, the Board moved to item 3

4. **Public Comments:** There were no public comments

5. **Approval of Minutes (11/08/2021):** Ed made a motion to approve the minutes as presented with a 2nd from John. There being no further discussion, all in favor, **motion carries.**

6. **Other Business:** Susan brought up a concern with regard the Town's Bylaws that address a resident rebuilding after a catastrophic event. (Fire, flood, weather) Currently the bylaw states that a resident can rebuild based on the original permit if done within a year of the event. Her concern was that the bylaw was not specific enough to state that it must be built to the same specifications of the original permit. There is nothing preventing someone from adding another room or changing a floor plan as it currently exists. The question arose about requiring a new permit as opposed to allowing the original permit to stand. Ed then added to the concern that if someone added another bedroom or bathroom the Wastewater permit could be called into question as well. John felt that an amendment addressing rebuilds was appropriate and necessary.

Ed offered to review the bylaws for any other items that may be of concern. Susan stated that she has been keeping a list of bylaw changes or additions to be addressed when the Board is ready. It was noted by Susan that the last update of the Bylaws was in 2020.

Susan also wanted to update the Board on the status of the Matthews permit. Mr. Matthews is continuing to work with the State in order to bring his building into compliance. The State is going to allow him to keep the structure with revisions. Once approved he will return to the

Zoning Board to discuss the local permit. The Board had previously told Mr. Matthews that he needed to resolve his issues with the State before they will address his permit request.

7. **Adjourn:** Susan made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:45PM with a 2nd from Ed. All in favor, **motion carries.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Janet Saddler, Board Clerk