

Zoning Board of Adjustment *Town of Ferrisburgh, Vt.*

FINAL – Minutes for meeting of June 5, 2019; approved July 10, 2019

Members present: Norm Smith (chair), Bob Beach, Mike Delaney, John Paul, Katie Quinn.
Absent: Dave Mentzer.

Town official present: Bonnie Barnes, zoning administrator.

Visitor: Diane Nadon.

The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. Committee members welcomed Katie Quinn to her first meeting as a member of the Zoning Board of Adjustment. And Diane Nadon attended as an applicant for the remaining open position on the board.

Nadon said she had been born in Burlington, and grew up there after spending a few years as a child in Saranac Lake, N.Y. She moved to North Ferrisburgh nine years ago, and lives on Old Hollow Road, two doors down from the Methodist Church. She said she worked in retail for Bennington Potters North and the Frog Hollow Gallery in Burlington and now is working with the New England Federal Credit Union in Williston. She was an Environmental Studies major at the University of Vermont.

She said because she works in Chittenden County she does not see many people from Ferrisburgh on a regular basis. She said her father-in-law, Bob Blanchard, had been a member of the selectboard in Ferrisburgh and suggested she could get more involved in the town by working as a volunteer board member. She heard Norm Smith talk about the vacancies on the Zoning Board of Adjustment at town meeting, and decided to apply.

Board members gave her a brief description of the time commitment involved, and the work of the zoning board, which they said deals with projects large and small, some simple, some quite complicated. They discussed the need for ZBA members to be unbiased, withdrawing from any discussions in which they might have a conflict of interest. They said the board tends to give property owners the benefit of the doubt regarding what they want to do with their own land, trying to work with people while also making sure they meet the requirements of the zoning bylaws. They also noted the town is in the process of rewriting those bylaws.

Norm Smith thanked Nadon for her interest in the position and said he would contact Town Clerk Gloria Warden and ask to have Nadon's appointment to fill the vacancy on the board put on the agenda for the next selectboard meeting.

Bob Beach made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:16 p.m. Mike Delaney seconded. All voted in favor. **Motion approved.**

— Respectfully submitted,

Tim Etchells