Town of Randolph

Planning Board Minutes September 1, 2016

Members Present: John Scarinza (Chairman), Arlene Eisenberg, Roberta Arbree and Bob Ross

Members Excused: John Turner

Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 7:05 by Chairman Scarinza

Minutes of August 7, 2016 – The minutes need to be amended to reflect that John Turner was present, Arlene Eisenburg was excused and the motion to approve the July 7, 2016 minutes received a second from Bob Ross instead of Arlene. Bob moved that the minutes be approved as amended. The motion received a second from Roberta and all voted in favor.

Chairman Scarinza informed the board that he and Roberta had attended the Board of Adjustment meeting on August 30, 2016 where the Mt. Jefferson View Motel had requested a variance to allow them to keep a sign which far exceeds the 16 sq ft limit set forth in the ordinance. When asked if they could follow the Town Ordinance, the applicant conceded that they could. and their request seemed to center around the monetary cost of the sign. The Board of Adjustment denied the variance request. A lot of the discussion at the hearing centered around where the 16 sq ft size limit came from. Arlene remembered that they had looked at ordinances from other towns when they were formulating the ordinance. John questioned if perhaps the board wanted to look at the size of signs on Route 2 as opposed to other areas due to the speed on Route 2. Should those signs be larger than 16 sq ft? Roberta felt the size was ok but felt the ordinance needed some work. John also brought to the boards attention that there was a recent court decision regarding sign content and the regulation thereof. He will send language from Bernie Waugh to the members. Arlene questioned if NCC could lend a hand rewriting that section of the ordinance. Another case the that was heard was for Richard & Caroline Doyle for a storage shed which the board approved which seemed to make sense.

Adjournment: As there was no other business to conduct, the board adjourned at 7:25 by general consensus.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle M. Lutz September 7, 2016