

**TOWN OF THORNTON**  
**ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT**  
***Business Meeting***  
***April 14, 2008***

The Thornton Zoning Board of Adjustment met and held a business meeting.  
Monday, April 14, 2008, 6:00 PM at the Thornton Town Hall.

Board Members present: Jim Demeritt, Chairman, David Gravel, Vice  
Chairman, Dennis Day, Harry George and Marianne Peabody, Clerk.

At 6:00 PM Chairman Demeritt opened this meeting stating: "The reason we  
are meeting is because our rules of procedure state that we will."

Board Members discussed a number of issues beginning with the swearing  
in of Board Member David Gravel for an additional three-year term.

First, the nomination of Chairman. A motion was made and seconded to  
nominate Jim Demeritt as Chairman for the next year. This motion was  
seconded and Jim Demeritt accepted. VOTED 3-0.

Second, the nomination of Vice-Chairman. A motion was made and  
seconded to nominate David Gravel as Vice-Chairman for the next year.  
This motion was seconded and David Gravel accepted. VOTED 3-0.

A motion was made and seconded to nominate Marianne Peabody as Clerk  
for the next year. This motion was seconded and Marianne Peabody  
accepted. VOTED 4-0.

Board Members reviewed the Zoning Board of Adjustments Rules of  
Procedure. Amendments were made under the headings of:

Officers 1,2,3 and Meetings 1. Regular Meetings.

The following amendments have been made:

***Officers***

1. A chairman shall be elected annually by majority vote of the board in the  
month of ***April***.
2. A vice-chairman shall be elected annually by a majority vote of the board  
in the month of ***April***.
3. A clerk being a non-board member shall be elected annually by a  
majority vote of the board in the month of ***April***.

## ***Meetings***

***Regular meetings*** shall be held at the Town Hall at 6:00 PM on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of April, June, July (zoning review) September & December.

Chairman Demeritt asked if anyone has submitted to serve as a ZBA Alternate? As of this date there have been no inquires. It was mentioned that maybe it is time to begin recruiting.

## ***Other Discussion:***

Windmills – The ZBA would like to be a part of any discussions relating to the adoption of a Windmill Ordinance. This will be brought up again at our next business meeting.

Covered Bridges – The ZBA would like to see a procedure in place relating to the construction and approvals of covered bridges. Question raised: Should they be allowed?

Enforcement – The ZBA would like to see more enforcement in place relating to zoning, building permits.

Review of the new amended zoning ordinance. In an effort to reduce the need for area variances the ZBA would like to see some changes made on the building permit applications. Board Members reviewed the intent to build and will be taking this up at the next business meeting. In regards to location of structures and easements.

The ZBA would like to see the amount of acreage shown on the building permit application. Chairman Demeritt will discuss building permit applications with the Board of Selectmen.

This meeting adjourned at 7:30PM. Next scheduled meeting will be held on, Monday, June 9, 2008 @ 6:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marianne Peabody

Clerk

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