

**TOWN OF SOMERS
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2009**

I. Call to Order: Chairman Torres called the meeting to order at 7:33 pm.

II. Members Present: John Torres, Barbara Flebotte, Daniel Scully, Robert Minch, Jerome Young.
Absent: alternate B.J. Ferro III.

III. Minutes Approval – October 14, 2009 and November 18, 2009

A motion was made by Commissioner Scully; seconded by Commissioner Young and unanimously voted to approve the minutes of October 14, 2009 as written.

A motion was made by Commissioner Flebotte; seconded by Commissioner Minch and unanimously voted to approve the minutes of November 18, 2009.

IV. Old Business:

Commissioner Scully asked if the attendance records he keeps of the ZBA meetings were needed. Mr. Torres offered to file them.

The Commissioners discussed the ZBA's need for new Commissioners and the difficulty in attracting volunteers.

V. New Business – There was no New Business.

VI. Correspondence:

Chairman Torres distributed copies of the *Connecticut Federation of Planning and Zoning Agencies Quarterly Newsletter* to the Commissioners for their review. He also distributed the schedule of meetings of the ZBA for 2009.

A memo from Town Planner, Patrice Carson to Finance Officer, Greg Simmons discussing the Town Land Use fees was also distributed. In the memo Ms. Carson says that currently no fee is charged for a challenge to a decision of the Zoning Enforcement Officer (ZEO). She recommends having a \$200 fee for a challenge. The Commission discussed the wisdom of charging for a challenge to the ZEO.

Ms. Carson also suggested in the memo that the current variance application fee of \$175.00 be increased to \$225.00 to cover the associated expenses. The memo was sent to the ZBA for their information only, as the ZBA does not set the fees for this Commission.

VII. Bills – There were none.

VIII. Adjournment:

A motion was made by Commissioner Flebotte; seconded by Commissioner Young and unanimously voted to adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals at 8:10pm.

The meeting stood adjourned at 8:10pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeanne Reed
Recording Secretary

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