

Present: Steve Cannon, Matt LaCasse, Cynthia Morse, Greg Noyes, and Jeanne Peacock  
Also present: Jan Finley, Robert Scott and Elizabeth Ashley.

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Steve Cannon at 6:09.

Public Hearing: Elizabeth Ashley applied for a special exception for a small hair salon in a small room of a house on ground level with a separate entrance, located at 3 Evans Street, Eastport, Maine.

Discussion: Greg asked specifics of the business, i.e. hours, number of costumers. Elizabeth replied no more than 2 customers at a time, there is plenty of off street parking, and hrs. 9-7. Greg pointed out that this is a mixed residential area. Matt explained that the door & larger window would face a neighbor who has a 6-foot fence between them. Steve pointed out that there is a size requirement for a sign. Robert sent out 25 letters to the abutters and nearby residents. The only response was John Lybee who said, "He thought it is a great idea". Robert needs to get back to Elizabeth on the sign requirements. Steve closed the public hearing.

Regular Meeting:

Adjustments to the agenda: Representation for legal representation for the board needs to be added. If there are legal questions for a lawyer one representative from the board needs to be appointed to obtain the answers and Steve, as chairman should be that person. During open forum Jeanne moved to appoint Steve and Cynthia seconded. All approved.

Minutes: Greg moved to approve the minutes, Matt seconded and all approve.

Steve called for a vote on Elizabeth Ashley's application for a Special Exception.

Discussion: Greg wanted to require that there be no more than 2 clients at a time because of the location in a mix residential area. If she wants to expand in the future she would need to come back to the board with a new proposal. We changed the 2 clients to 2 customers' vehicles at one time. That way a parent with two children would be allowed. Greg moved to approve a special exception for Elizabeth Ashley to open a hair salon based on her application and with the number of costumers' cars not to exceed two at a time. Jeanne seconded. Vote: 1 abstention- Matt LaCasse, all others approved.

Open forum:

Greg mentioned that Steve needs to report any legal information or advice that he might seek from legal council without prejudice. Steve agreed and assured the board that he would follow that directive.

We were reminded to get sworn in. Also everyone must read on line the freedom of access training.

Cynthia asked Jan if the Ordinance Review Committee had been asked to become active again. Jan responded that the City Council was looking at a couple of options for that and she would get back to us.

Greg moved to adjourn and Jeanne seconded, all approved.