

**City of Southport
Board of Adjustment
February 22, 2022
113 W. Moore Street
Indian Trail Meeting Hall
4:30 p.m.**

Present: Chairman Harley Lemons, Jennifer Fontaine, Pete Haislip, Lisa Fosbury, and Jason Robbins.

Absent: Josh Cline McGee

Staff Present: Dorothy Dutton, City Clerk
Thomas Lloyd, Developmental Services Director

Others Present: Tom Lombardi, Aldermen Liaison

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- 1.) Call to order by Chairman Harley Lemons at 4:19 p.m.
- 2.) Chairman Lemons led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 3.) *After a motion made by Pete Haislip and seconded by Jenna Fontaine, the Board of Adjustment approved the minutes from their meeting on December 21, 2021. All ayes. Motion carried.*
- 4.) Chairman Lemons described the interviews that were conducted that afternoon, to fill one regular City position, one regular ETJ position, and one City alternate position. He was excited to report that they did receive an application from an ETJ representative, Amy Aycock. She has an engineering degree from Virginia Tech and is employed by Brunswick County. The interview committee recommends appointing her as the regular ETJ member. Mr. Lemons said that we still need an ETJ Alternate position filled. Chairman Lemons expressed his gratitude for Jenna Fontaine's many years of service. It is important to have a diverse board for equal representation. One of the applicants was Jason Robbins. He already serves as the City alternate member, and the interview committee would like to recommend his appointment a regular City member. The interview committee has also made the recommendation to appoint Loten Masker (Tuck) to serve as the City alternate. He lives on McKenzie Circle and was a registered professional engineer in many states. He has a degree in civil engineering from the Virginia Military Institute and will be a great addition to the Board. Chairman Lemons said that they had a great time conducting the interviews and meeting the applicants. Alderman Lombardi will present the recommendations at the Board of Aldermen meeting in March.

- 5.) Chairman Lemons recommends that when a topic comes up that is difficult, they take some time to discuss it, and perhaps make some recommendations. There are several topics that are not clear, are misleading or are missing from the UDO. Once discussed at the Board of Adjustment meeting, Alderman Lombardi can take their suggestions back to the Board of Alderman.

One example is the allowed square footage of accessory buildings is confusing; is the footprint supposed to be considered or the total square footage? Thomas Lloyd said that Josh Cline McGee was supported of establishing a maximum percentage of the size of the footprint of the house. Harley Lemons said that if a percentage is used to arrive at the accessory building square footage, a maximum square footage should also be established. But even still, there is confusion about whether porches or overhangs are included.

There were suggestions to also consider establishing a maximum impervious area, even for residential properties. Pete Haislip asked whether the City asks for a stormwater management plan for single-family residences? Thomas Lloyd said that right now, the City does not, but we are starting to think about it. The Board asked Thomas Lloyd and Dorothy Dutton to gather some information about how to manage the accessory building sizes and bring it back for them to discuss. Then they will make a recommendation to the planning board.

The board agreed to meet in March, even if there was no official business. They can use the day for training and discussion.

- 6.) *After a motion by Jenna Fontaine and seconded by Lisa Fosbury, Chairman Lemons adjourned the meeting at 4:53 p.m. All ayes. Motion carried.*

Harley Lemons, Chairman
Zoning Board of Adjustment

Dorothy Dutton, City Clerk