HIGHLAND BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

Study Session Minutes

September 22, 2021

Study Session began at 6:10 p.m.

In attendance were Commissioners Grzymski, Martini, Thomas and Murovic. Also in attendance were Ken Mika, Building Commissioner/Zoning Administrator and BZA Attorney, John Reed. Commissioner Helms was not present.

Those in attendance reviewed the Use Variance petition request for Autumn-Lynumn Simmons of 3145 Duluth Street, who is proposing an in-home day care facility. Mr. Mika questioned the brief description that the petitioner included on her petition for hearing application where it was stated "This is to service children who already reside at this address (No outside children)." Mr. Mika stated that he had contacted the petitioner earlier in the day and was told that this would be her sister's children. Confirmed no-one else. She also made mention of a government program where she might be able to receive compensation for this arrangement. Mr. Mika thought that this would be under these arrangements like babysitting and would not require a Use Variance or permits from the Town. It was decided that Ms. Simmons attend the hearing to present to the Board what she was proposing and then go from there. Mr. Mika also talked with Attorney Reed earlier that afternoon and seemed to agree with his take on the matter. After some discussion, it was decided to hear her presentation and to decide how they would proceed from there.

Study Session ended at 6:28 p.m.

Ken Mika

Building Commissioner/Zoning Administrator