

MINUTES – Alfred Village Board of Trustees Public Hearing

November 11, 2014

Present: Mayor Grigg; Trustees Bowden, Prophet, Rasmussen, McDowell; Clerk-Treasurer Koegel; Police Chief Griffith; approximately 19 members of the public and 1 member of the press

1. **Hearing Opening** – Mayor Grigg opened the public hearing at 7:20 p.m.
2. **Local Law #2014-6: Zoning Law** – Trustee Rasmussen summarized the proposed law into three categories of change: consideration of a ban on hydraulic fracturing activities in the village, integration of the overlay zone and some minor additional changes proposed by the Planning Board.
 - a. **Comment:** general concern about the process, for various reasons including the initial inclusion and subsequent removal of imprisonment as part of penalty for all offenses, lack of definition of term ‘student housing’ used in the description of the R-1 zone, other clerical errors; additional ideas for changes in content, including policy on nonconforming structures, live entertainment in bars, and zoning for professional offices.
 - i. **Answer:** Due to these concerns and final updates to the zoning map, the proposed law will be revisited for presentation at the December 10, 2014 board meeting, with passage anticipated in January.
 - b. **Question:** Please describe changes in lot size and building size for group homes?
 - i. **Answer:** Minimum lot size is 8,000 sq. ft.
 - c. **Question:** Please clarify the minor changes?
 - i. **Answer:**
 1. Sect. 200 – Differentiation between “minor/major” home occupations
 2. Sect. 302 – Exclusion of garden fences from permit requirements
 3. Sect. 304 – Parking requirement list changed to reflect allowed uses
 4. Sect. 305 – Removal of length of time restriction for political signs
 5. Sect. 306 – Update antenna restrictions to only those over 40” in diameter.
 6. Definitions – Add “Functional Equivalent of Traditional Family”
 7. Other Sections – As listed on Summary Sheet (attached)
3. **Adjournment** – The hearing was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathryn L. Koegel, Clerk-Treasurer