

**Freetown Zoning Board of Appeals**  
Minutes of the Wednesday, September 9, 2015 Meeting  
Town Hall, 3 North Main Street, Assonet, Mass.



**Present:** James Frates, Walter Sawicki, and Nicolas Velozo (associate).

**Absent:** Robert Jose.

**Call to order:** James Frates called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**Minutes of Previous Meeting**

No minutes were presented.

**Case #543 – Threetown, LLC – 6 Braley Hill Road, East Freetown**

A motion was made by Mr. Velozo, seconded by Mr. Sawicki, to open the continued public hearing at 6:30 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

The clerk informed the board that the petitioner, through his agent, was requesting to withdraw the application without prejudice.

**DISPOSITION:** A motion was made by Mr. Velozo, seconded by Mr. Sawicki, to accept the withdrawal of the petition for Threetown, LLC, without prejudice. The motion carried unanimously.

**Case #551 – Craig J. Cabral – 4 Gull Lane, Assonet**

A motion was made by Mr. Velozo, seconded by Mr. Sawicki, to open the public hearing at 6:45 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Sawicki stated that he would be recusing himself due to his working and supervisory relationship with the petitioner, Mr. Sawicki being a constable and retired police lieutenant and Mr. Cabral being a current reserve officer. It was noted that the board hearing the petition will be made up of Messrs. Frates, Jose, and Velozo.

A motion was made by Mr. Velozo, seconded by Mr. Frates, to continue the hearing to Wednesday, September 23rd at 7:00 p.m., at which time Mr. Jose will be back from his trip. The motion carried unanimously.

**Associate Membership**

The clerk queried the board about the vacancy for an Associate Member, as the zoning by-laws allow for two associate members and there is presently only one. Mr. Frates said he could not remember a time when there were two, even though the by-laws allowed for it. Mr. Sawicki noted that if there had been a second associate member, it would not have been necessary to continue the Cabral hearing. Consensus was to post the vacancy for a period of time and see if it drew any interest.

**Accessory Apartments**

Brief discussion was held on the five-year life of accessory apartments, and whether these should be looked after by the Zoning Enforcement Officer as has been happening or by the Zoning Board of Appeals as the permits indicate. No decisions were made.

**Meeting Adjourned**

A motion was made by Mr. Jose, seconded by Mr. Sawicki, to adjourn at 8:15 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

This is a True Record by me.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_, Senior Clerk