

## Great Barrington Zoning Board of Appeals

Minutes of July 25, 2017, Meeting

The meeting opened at 7:35 p.m. at the Great Barrington Town Hall. Attending were Chairman Ron Majdalany, Carolyn Ivory, Kathy Kotleski, Steve McAlester, Michael Wise and Don Hagberg.

Catherine Chester, Helman, Shearn & Arienti; Navin Shah, trustee, KSNS Stockbridge Road Realty Trust (**Great Barrington Holiday Inn Express**); and architect Robert Harrison appeared before the board to request a one-year extension to the special permitted granted Sept. 16, 2015. It was explained that discussions with corporate Holiday Inn over design details had delayed the beginning of construction of a third floor on the existing building, changes to the parking lot, etc. Those details appear to have been resolved, Mr. Harrison said.

In answer to a question from Mr. Wise, Ms. Chester and Mr. Shah said there would be no change in the number of rooms specified in the special permit. In answer to a question from Mr. McAlester, Ms. Chester said the one-year extension would be from Sept. 17, 2017, the expiration date of the original permit.

Motion was made and seconded to approve the request. Four members of the board voted in favor, Mr. Wise opposed.

The board approved the minutes of the June 21, 2017, meeting on a motion by Mr. Hagberg, seconded by Mr. McAlester.

Town Planner Chris Rembold reported that the Massachusetts Attorney General's office had approved **zoning changes** voted at the 2017 annual meeting. These changes included a revised solar installation bylaw. This means Kersarge, which failed to secure a special permit under the old bylaw, will have the green light to build an array on the Coons farm and thus should soon withdraw its appeal of a ZBA decision to uphold the building inspector's denial of a permit.

The meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bernard A. Drew  
Recording Secretary