

**Minutes of August 3, 2015 Regular Meeting of the Civic Association of Short Beach Zoning Board of Appeals.**

**Present:** Tom Horrigan (chairman), John Elgee (secretary), David Steinman, Norma Bennum and Marty Hallier.

Meeting called to order at 7:30 P.M. by Tom Horrigan Chairman.

**New Applications:** None.

**Minutes:** The July 6, 2015 ZBA minutes were approved unanimously by the board (motion to accept the minutes by Marty Hallier and seconded by John Elgee).

**Old Business:** Application 2015-2 for 40 Beckett Ave. Martin Hallier moved to deny this application without prejudice because the personal hardship claimed by applicant does not meet the definition of hardship under C.A.S.B Zoning Regulations, and John Elgee seconded the motion. Norma Bennum, Marty Hallier and John Elgee all agreed that no personal hardship had been demonstrated. Tom Horrigan and David Steinman both agreed that no unique hardship had been demonstrated. Vote was unanimous by the board to deny this application.

**New Business:** Marty Hallier asked if and when an application for 120 Highland Ave. had been approved by the CASB executive board. Norma Bennum stated that she had seen construction at 120 Highland Ave. address. Discussion continued about what was approved by the CASB executive board. There were no minutes of the May and June CASB executive board posted on the CASB website, as of this date, to learn exactly what had been approved for 120 Highland Ave. There were suggestions from the board to file a Freedom of Information request for that information, the ZBA possibly suing the CASB executive board because a number of applications for that property had been denied by the ZBA in the immediate past, and even possibly disbanding the CASB and allowing the Town of Branford to assume the responsibilities now administered by the CASB. There was also a question raised about the application for the demolition of the building at 269 Shore Drive, Branford, CT. approved by the CASB executive board. John Elgee stated that he would contact Fran Clark (CASB secretary) to find out what had been approved by the CASB executive board for the property at 120 Highland Ave.

**Correspondence:** None

**Bills:** None.

Martin Hallier made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by John Elgee and passed unanimously at 7:59 P.M.

Submitted,

John Elgee

ZBA Secretary