

CITY OF DECORAH
BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
Minutes of January 6, 2014

Chair John Moeller called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. and called roll. Present: John Moeller, Janelle Pavlovec, Jon Christy, Steve Johnson and Sue Sander. Also in attendance: City Manager Chad Bird.

Moeller discussed the Board's rules in regards to the Chair and Vice-Chair positions and asked for discussion and nominations.

**Sander moved and Christy seconded a motion to appoint Moeller as Chair and Christy as Vice-Chair.
Roll call vote: Unanimously approved.**

Moeller asked for consideration of the minutes of the December 2, 2013 meetings.

**Christy moved and Sander seconded approval of the minutes as presented.
Roll call vote: Unanimously approved.**

The first item on the agenda was a request from Brenda Harris for 309 West Broadway, requesting a side-yard variance for a monument sign contrary to the R-2 zoning requirements.

The Board engaged in minimal discussion about the type of sign being requested. The Board was disappointed the applicant was not present for the meeting.

Jason and Chaelee Madison, 403 West Broadway, were present and noted that they are not in favor of a large sign and do not support the angled sign as proposed. They believe it would detract from the character of the neighborhood.

Johnson questioned the historic aspect of the sign given that the sign is in a historic district.

**Sander moved and Moeller seconded a motion to deny the application.
Roll call vote: Unanimously approved.**

The next item on the agenda was a review of the Board's rules and regulations. The Board spent time reviewing the rules and procedures. There were no suggested changes at this time.

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In other business Bird and Pavlovec updated the Board on the sign code committee working on new zoning code language to address signage in the community.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Chad A. Bird".

Chad A. Bird
Zoning Administrator