

CITY OF DECORAH
BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
Minutes of March 3, 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 asked for consideration of the minutes of the February 3, 2014 meetings.

**Sander moved and Pavlovec 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 front yard variance for a monument sign contrary to the R-2 zoning requirements

Ms. Harris noted that she wished to build a sign structure on the front of the property located at 309 West Broadway. She noted the sign would be similar in design and height as others along this block of Broadway.

Ms. Harris is seeking a setback for the sign of 12' instead of the required 35'. She also noted the sign would be lit by small solar spot lights.

Jason and Chaelee Madison, 403 West Broadway, were present and noted that they are not in favor of a large sign and noted that they believed the lighting proposed would be bothersome to them and the neighborhood.

Moeller closed the public comment portion of the meeting.

The Board held minimal discussion and favored the project. Christy noted he supported the new orientation of the sign to be perpendicular to Broadway. Johnson concurred.

**Johnson moved and Christy seconded a motion to approve the application with a 12' variance on the Broadway Street front-yard and for the sign to be installed as noted in the application.
Roll call vote: Unanimously approved.**

In other business, Bird reminded the Board of the Zoning workshop scheduled for April 7, 2014. The Board agreed to keep their regular meeting on the same date and time.

Bird also updated the Board on proposed legislation being discussed in the State Legislature regarding rental properties and code specifying the number of non-familial residents.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:20pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Chad A. Bird
Zoning Administrator