

**Draft
Smithfield Board of Adjustment
Minutes
Thursday, October 30, 2019
6:00 P.M., Town Hall, Council Chambers**

Members Present:

Stephen Upton, Chairman
Mark Lane, Vice Chairman
David Johnson
Sarah Edwards

Members Absent:

Staff Present:

Stephen Wensman, Planning Director
Mark Helmer, Senior Planner
Julie Edmonds, Administrative Support Specialist

Staff Absent:

CALL TO ORDER

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM September 26, 2019

Mark Lane made a motion, seconded by Sarah Edwards to approve the minutes as written.
Unanimous

CHANGE IN AGENDA

David Johnson made a motion to remove swearing in of new member and add the voting of swearing in a vice-chair, seconded by Mark Lane. Unanimously approved

VOTING IN OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

Stephen Upton nominated Doris Wallace as vice-chairman, seconded by David Johnson.
Unanimously approved

SWEARING IN OF CHAIRMAN

Mark Lane swore in Stephen Upton as Chairman.

SWEARING IN OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

Stephen Upton swore in Mark Lane as Vice-Chairman.

PUBLIC HEARING

Mr. Upton stated that this board had meet before on this variance and they should've honored the request put before them at that time.

BA-19-02 Johnston County Board of Education:

The applicant is requesting a variance to the Town of Smithfield Unified Development Ordinance, Article 10, Section 10.23.2 to allow for an increase in the maximum sign height and one additional ground mounted sign on properties located within an OI (Office- Institutional) zoning district. The properties considered for a variance are located on the southeast side of the

intersection of Booker Dairy Road and Kellie Drive and further identified as Johnston County Tax ID#14075033 and 14075021A

Mr. Helmer stated that Smithfield – Selma High School is requesting a 2 foot variance from the 6 foot maximum height for the construction of a sign located within an OI (Office-Institutional) zoning district variance to allow for one additional monument sign.

Mr. Upton asked the two gentlemen in the audience to identify themselves. David Allen, Principal of Smithfield-Selma High School and Junior Creech, Vice-Principal both stated their names and affiliation.

David Allen of 6220 Old Davis Rd Sims, NC came forward to answer any questions.

Mr. Lane asked Mr. Allen when the old monument sign would be removed and relocated to its new location.

Mr. Allen said as part of the contract with Advance Signs, they will remove and relocate the old sign. He doesn't think it will be long before it is relocated. He recognizes the value of the existing sign and that is why they chose for it to be placed by the car pool lane and on the side of campus where there isn't much signage.

Sarah Edwards made a motion to approve BA-19-02 based on the finding of fact found in the staff report to allow for a two foot variance to the maximum sign height and to allow for 2 ground mounted signs, seconded by David Johnson. Unanimously Approved

OLD BUSINESS
NONE

NEW BUSINESS
NONE

David Johnson made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Sarah Edwards. Unanimously Approved



Julie Edmonds
Administrative Support Specialist
Town of Smithfield Planning Department