

**TOWN OF HENNIKER  
ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT**

November 18, 2009

*Approved Minutes*

**Members Present:** Joan Oliveira, Vice Chairwoman; Jeff Connor; Gigi Laberge; Bruce Trivellini, alternate

**Members Absent:** Doreen Connor; Bob Stamps; Roni Hardy

**Others Present:** Mark Fougere, Town Planner; Scott Osgood; John Weber; Michael Crocker; Jennifer Astholz, Recording Secretary

*Call to Order:*

Joan Oliveira, Vice Chairwoman, called the meeting to order at 7:22 pm.

Ms. Oliveira stated that Doreen Connor had called to inform her that she would not be able to attend the meeting. Ms. Oliveira stated that she had not heard from Mr. Stamps or Ms. Hardy. Ms. Oliveira stated that she would find out if they had let Ms. Connor know that they would not be attending.

*Review Meeting Minutes from October 21, 2009:*

As the applicant was not yet present, the Board members decided to proceed with the next agenda item and review the minutes from the October 21, 2009 meeting.

After reviewing the minutes from the 10/21/09 meeting and making one correction, Gigi Laberge **MOVED** to approve the minutes as amended. Jeff Connor **SECONDED** the motion. Motion **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**.

*Public Hearing:*

**Case 2009-108:** The Applicant, Congregational Church of Henniker, requests a Use Variance from Article V, Section 133-22A Land Uses, to allow for an expansion of an existing House of Worship use onto an adjoining property that will be used for accessory uses, Map 2, Lot 166A, 35 Gould Street in the RV Village Proper District, owned by Anthony and Dorothy Riccio.

Ms. Oliveira and Ms. Laberge verified the abutters' notices. Vice-Chairwoman Oliveira explained that the Board is usually comprised of five members; however, the applicant may present to the four-member Board if they wish. John Weber and Michael Crocker, representing the applicant, agreed to proceed with the application.

Mr. Weber stated that the acquisition of the Village Greenhouse property would allow additional office space for the church. They anticipate utilizing the space for the pastor's office, an office for the church secretary and perhaps a small parlor area to be used for Bible studies, a bride's room, committee meetings, etc. Mr. Weber stated that the property is attractive for the church as it is an ideally situated lot in the RV district and has ample parking spaces.

Mr. Connor asked if they plan to leave the building structure as it currently stands. Mr. Weber stated that there is a shed in the back and a large cooler on the side of the building. Mr. Crocker stated that they envision that the church will remove the cooler try to sell it at some point in the future.

Bruce Trivellini asked if there was any need to discuss parking. Mr. Fougere stated that they have more than enough parking for the space, and a handicapped space is available. Dr. Trivellini asked if the church had any plans to hold outside activities at that location. Mr. Weber and Mr. Crocker stated that the church had not thought of such plans, but it could possibly be discussed in the future.

As there was no one in attendance from the public that wanted to speak in favor of, or against, this application, Vice-Chairwoman Oliveira closed the public session at 7:37 pm.

It was the consensus of the Board to vote on the entire application instead of voting on the individual criteria.

Jeff Connor **MOVED** to approve the application for a Use Variance for Case 2009-108 for the Congregational Church of Henniker for the property at 35 Gould Street located in the RV district to allow for expansion of an existing House of Worship. Gigi Laberge **SECONDED** the motion. Motion **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**.

Adjournment:

Ms. Laberge **MOVED** to adjourn the meeting at 7:44 pm. Mr. Connor **SECONDED** the motion, and the motion **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Astholz  
Recording Secretary