OCEANPORT PLANNING BOARD
MINUTES
April 9, 2013

Chairman Widdis called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and announced that the meeting had been advertised in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

Chairman Widdis led the flag salute.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Kahle, Mr. McCarthy, Councilman Johnson (entered at 7:37p.m.), Mr. Kleiberg, Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Savarese, Mr. Whitson, Mr. Gruskos, Mr. Widdis

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mr. Fichter, Ms. DeSousa

OFFICIALS PRESENT: Jeanne Smith, Board Secretary and Rick DeNoia, Esq., Board Attorney

BOARD BUSINESS:

1. Minutes of the meeting of January 22, 2013 would be provided at a future meeting due to technical reasons.

2. Minutes of the meeting of February 26, 2013 were approved as presented on a motion from Mr. Whitson and a second from Mr. Kleiberg and approved by the eligible Board members.

3. Minutes of the meeting of March 12, 2013 were approved as presented on a motion from Mr. Whitson and a second from Mr. Kleiberg and approved by the eligible Board members.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

4. PB2013-01 Johnson, Wayne & Mary
   34 Mohican Avenue
   Block 24, Lot 6
   Request for Bulk Variances for Rear Yard Setback

Wayne Johnson, Applicant and Property Owner, was sworn in and explained to the Board that he had been impacted by Superstorm Sandy and chose to elevate the house and that he was seeking to construct a deck that he could access from the first floor of his home which previously had been at ground level out to a concrete patio. which he was unable to use now. The deck and its steps required relief for a rear yard setback of 15.5' where 25' was required.

Mr. Whitson asked for the dimensions of the deck. Mr. Johnson advised that his copy of the plan did not have that information but the one submitted to the Board had.

Mr. Sullivan asked how many steps down to the deck from the house. Mr. Johnson answered that the deck would be even with the exit door of the house.

Chairman Widdis asked Mr. Johnson to be considerate of the neighbors with any lighting and that it be directed downward. Mr. Johnson stated there was an existing light but if it were a problem he would address it.

Chairman Widdis opened the meeting to questions from the public on that witness only.

PUBLIC:

Mrs. Boyle asked to see the map which Mr. Johnson showed to her.

As no one else from the public wished to be heard Chairman Widdis closed that portion of the meeting.

Mr. Sullivan made a motion to approve the application which was seconded by Mr. McCarthy and received the following roll call:

AYES:	Mr. Whitson, Mr. Kahle, Mr. McCarthy, Mr. Kleiberg, Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Gruskos, Mr. Widdis
NAYES:	None
ABSTAIN:	Mr. Fichter, Ms. DeSousa
ABSENT:	None
INELIGIBLE:	Councilman Johnson

Ms. Smith stated the motion carried.

Mr. DeNoia for the record summarized the resolution of approval memorializing the Board's decision on the Johnson matter.

PETITIONS FROM THE PUBLIC: Chairman Widdis opened the meeting to Petitions from the Public and as no one from the public wished to be heard, Chairman Widdis closed that portion of the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m. on a motion by Councilman Johnson which was seconded by Mr. Kleiberg and approved by the Board.

Respectfully submitted,

JEANNE SMITH
Secretary