



Dessie Hoppes

From: Tom Boni <tomboni@townofeagle.org>
Sent: Wednesday, February 15, 2012 3:28 PM
To: 'Dessie Hoppes'
Subject: FW: please forward...Thanks

Dessie

Another one for the Board..

I have already forwarded the comments to the P&Z

Tom

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From: rosieswood@aol.com [<mailto:rosieswood@aol.com>]
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Tom, Would you please make sure my comments from last night, (2/14/12) are sent to members of the P&Z Commission, and please enter this for the record and forward to:

Town Board of Trustees
Mayor Woodland
Willy Powell
Town Planning and Zoning Commission

February 15, 2012

I would like to explain why it was important to me that my public comment be read aloud last night. As the topic of the P&Z approval of ERS was to be discussed, and I was certain that at least one of those Commissioners would be present, I wanted whomever from that Board was in attendance to hear my comments. I spoke specifically to their process and felt it appropriate for them to hear my opinion from me.

Over the years, friends and neighbors have stood up for someone who was not able to attend and had their comments read in public meetings; in fact the present Board has allowed it in the past. It has always been accepted and allowed simply as a way for more people to express themselves.

Our Town Hall should be open to all who expect their VOICE to be heard, even if delivered by someone else. I understand that reading something that has already been entered into record and read by the Trustees is redundant, and I have seen the lack of patience toward those who might want to make a point doing so. But my comments were not a matter of record and I feel that they should have been heard, and can come to no good conclusion as to why they weren't allowed.

At the sole discretion of one person, I feel my rights as a citizen were denied. My letter would have taken about one minute to be read; nothing compared to the time it took me to carefully create it knowing that all in the Hall would hear it. I feel there was prejudice involved, as I'm sure my comments were predicted to be primarily negative, which actually was not totally the case. I can think of no other reason why a previously accepted practice was disallowed, and it saddens me that openness at Town Hall suffered a loss last night.

Respectfully,
Rosie Shearwood