

Roles/Responsibilities of TPC and ZA:

If ordinance/job descriptions are followed, I do not believe that there should be any issues.

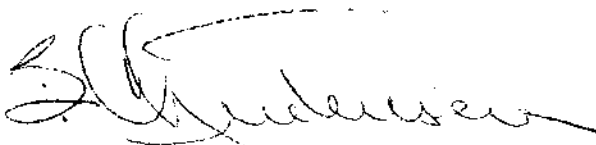
I believe that the primary issues that have caused difficulties in the working relationship between the TPC and the ZA revolve around who supervises the TPC's roles/responsibilities. I see no where in the ordinance where it states that it is the ZA's role to oversee how the TPC functions. This is the Town Board's responsibility. If members of the public have issues with the TPC, the ZA needs to advise him/her to contact the TPC/Chair or Town Board directly.

A particular area of concern seems to be CUP's. It is clear both in ordinance and job descriptions that the responsibilities of dealing with correspondence surrounding CUP's lies with the TPC. If these responsibilities are not met and there is public complaint, this is a Town Board issue.

I agree that according to ordinance, it is the ZA's responsibility to comply with public record requests. The ZA should give all public records that are available. If there is anything that is missing that is the TPC's responsibility, the public should be directed to the TPC Chair.

As far as the issue that the ZA is the "keeper of the ordinance", I do not find this anywhere stated in the ordinance. It is clear that the ZA should adhere to ordinance and enforce ordinance as it relates to the job description of the ZA. I believe that each respective government body has the responsibility to adhere to the ordinance where it applies to them as best they can. Ultimately, it is the Town Board's job to oversee whether or not respective bodies are adhering appropriately to ordinance.

As the chair, I would respectfully request that memos reminding me of timelines, affidavits, etc. would stop. I would also request that memos to the Town Board reporting on alleged missing affidavits, etc. also stop. If the public has issues relating to the TPC's performance, they should be referred to the TPC and/or Town Board. The performance of the TPC does not need to be the ZA's responsibility.



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