

EAST LONGMEADOW ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Date: May 10, 2021

Time: 6:30 PM EST

Zoom Webinar



MINUTES

Chair Mark Beglane opened the meeting at 6:30 pm.

Present: Mark Beglane, Chair
Charles Gray, Vice Chair
Brian Hill, Clerk (joined at 6:53pm)
Francis Dean
Daniel Plotkin

Staff Present: Bethany Yeo, Director of Planning & Community Development
Rebecca Jones, Planning & Community Development Administrative Assistant

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

April 12, 2021

Board member Francis Dean noted that his vote was incorrectly recorded during the variance heard at the April 12, 2021 meeting. Chair Mark Beglane proposed that the minutes be amended to record that Mr. Dean and Board Member Brian Hill's vote.

Motion to approve made by Board Member Daniel Plotkin; second by Vice Chair Charles Gray and approved by roll call vote five (5)-zero (0).

PUBLIC HEARING

- 1. Acceptance of Denial Decision or Revote: Case ZV 2021-1: A petition for Variance under East Longmeadow By-law Table 3.2 Dimensional & Density Regulations, District B for 5 FT +/- relief from a 40 FT setback for the construction of a porch at 60 Norden Street (Assessor's Parcel ID 6-79-77) in the Residence B zoning district. Petitioner: Anthony Gorneault, 60 Norden Street, East Longmeadow, MA 01028. Petitioner for reconsideration: Brian Hill, Zoning Board of Appeals Clerk.**

Chair Mark Beglane explained the intention of the reconsideration vote was to allow members to correct their vote if made in error; however, a debate of the vote and findings would not be entertained.

Reconsideration motion to deny the variance made by board member Daniel Plotkin; second by board member Francis Dean. Motion did not carry with a roll call vote of two (2) to three (3). Mark Beglane, Charles Gray, and Brian Hill voting in opposition of the motion to deny the variance.

Reconsideration motion to approve the variance made by board member clerk Brian Hill; second by vice chair Charles Gray. Motion did not carry with a roll call vote of three (3) to two (2). Daniel Plotkin and Francis Dean voting in opposition of the motion to approve the variance. Variance DENIED due by failure to obtain super majority vote in favor of approval.

Clerk Brian Hill asked Chair Beglane regarding the role the alternate would play in terms of this vote. Chair Beglane clarified that would only be if a regular member is unable or unwilling to vote.

The petitioner Anthony Gorneault was added for discussion. He asked the Board members about options going forward to help remedy the drainage issue. He explained that a neighbor who is a civil engineer ran the calculations that the Board was previously requesting. Chair Beglane explained that this information could not be considered as the public hearing was closed at the April 12, 2021 meeting. Board member Daniel Plotkin recommended to discuss with the Building Inspector what is most efficient and allowable given the Town bylaws.

OTHER BUSINESS

1. Solar Array

Chair Beglane requested that the Board members be prepared to review the conditions at the next meeting.

ADJOURN

The next meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals is June 14, 2021

Motion to adjourn made by Board member Daniel Plotkin second by Vice Chair Charles Gray and approved by roll call vote five (5)-zero (0) at 7:01PM.

Respectfully submitted.

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