

**ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
EAST GRANBY, CONNECTICUT
March 21, 2017 MEETING**

A special meeting of the East Granby Zoning Board of Appeals was held on Tuesday, March 21, 2017. Members present when Acting Chairman John Corcoran called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. were David Tobin, Gary Ginsberg, Robert Paskiewicz and alternate member Jennifer Cook.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Application #16-06 – Debra Banning/879 South Grand Street – Appeal from ZEO/Front yard variance for an animal shelter/variance for number of animals

Mr. Corcoran noted that the hearing on this application was closed and no further comments can be heard. Town Attorney Carl Landolina explained and clarified procedures to the Board. He also noted the consequences of negating the cease & desist, explained the term estoppel, and discussed conditions on variances. In their discussions, the Board members commented on loopholes in the Zoning Regulations with regards to livestock in the Agricultural Zone (which they noted the Town needs to address), keeping livestock as pets, and finally the lack of action by the Town with regards to the reason for the cease & desist as the cows have been on the property for seven years.

A motion was made by Gary Ginsberg and seconded by David Tobin to overturn the cease & desist order. Votes in favor were one (Ginsberg). Four opposed (Tobin, Corcoran, Paskiewicz, Cook). Motion denied. The cease & desist order is upheld.

A motion was made by David Tobin and seconded by Robert Paskiewicz to grant the variance of Section 1X.C to allow for an increase in the number of livestock animals at 879 South Grand Street with the condition that upon the demise of the two existing animals, they cannot be replaced with any other large animals. Votes in favor were unanimous. Motion carried.

Mr. Tobin made a motion on the second variance request but after discussion on the fencing, withdrew his motion. A motion was made by John Corcoran and seconded by Gary Ginsberg to grant the a variance of Section IV.E.5 to allow for a 16 foot projection into the front yard for a 12'x15' animal shelter with the condition that it be removed upon the demise of the two existing animals. Votes in favor were unanimous. Motion carried.

B. Election of Officers

No action. This item was tabled.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Jennifer Cook and seconded by Robert Paskiewicz to adjourn the meeting at 8:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Rosalie McKenney
Land Use Administrative Assistant