A special meeting of the East Granby Zoning Board of Appeals was held on Tuesday, December 05, 2017. Members present when Chairman David Lawton called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. were David Tobin, Robert Paskiewicz and alternate member Jennifer Cook. Gary Ginsberg arrived at 7:36 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING

The legal notice was read.

A. Application #17-02 – Brian Spears/180 South main Street/Front yard variance for a detached garage

Mr. Spears explained that the location was the only place feasible for a garage as the property drops off. It would match the existing home in style and distance from the street line. Mr. Spears currently has no garage.

Mr. Haynes reviewed his report to the Commission reiterating the hardships of the property
  • with steep slopes,
  • the current house is legal non-conforming as it was built before zoning
  • And the State took frontage from the property when Route 187 was reconstructed.

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Mr. Haynes recommended approval as it met the strict variance criteria.

In favor of the application, Keith Antiuk noted he was an abutter and had no problems with the proposal. No one was opposed. The Board had no comment. Mr. Haynes did question whether a new driveway cut would be proposed but Mr. Spears stated that the existing drive would be utilized to access the garage.

The public hearing was closed at 7:38 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

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A motion was made by Robert Paskiewicz and seconded by Jennifer Cook to approve the variance as presented. The votes in favor were unanimous. Motion carried. (Mr. Ginsberg did not vote as he missed a portion of the public hearing.)
B. Election of Officers

A motion was made by David Lawton and seconded by David Tobin to elect the current slate of officers for 2018:
David Lawton – chair
John Corcoran – Vice Chair
Robert Paskiewicz – Secretary
Votes in favor were unanimous. Motion carried.

C. Regular Meeting date Change/2018 Meeting Dates

Clerk Rosalie McKenney explained the issue of conflict on Tuesday evenings with the Board of Finance meetings. Also, many of the Boards and Commissions meet at 7:00 p.m. rather than 7:30 p.m. Staff would appreciate the change in time. After a brief discussion, the Board agreed to select the 4th Thursday of each month as the new meeting date and the time would be set for 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by David Lawton and seconded by Jennifer Cook to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Rosalie McKenney
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