

Bridgewater Zoning Board of Appeals
Minutes of Meeting Tuesday, July 31, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.
Town Hall, 44 Main Street South, Bridgewater, CT 06752

Meeting called to order: 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call: Marc Isolda, Susan Patrick, Eric Gsell, Chairman, absent: Walter Hatcher, III

Alternates present: Meg Khare, Susan Branagan

Eric read the agenda for tonight's meeting. Marc Isolda was asked to read the legal notice into record. Alternate Susan Branagan was moved to voting status. Eric gave a general overview of what the applicants wanted to do. Meg Khare questioned the application and read from the regulations of what actual footage should be. She went on to state that she pulled the applicants field card and there was missing information on it.

Questions for applicant Mr. Cooper – what is the actual square footage? How many bedrooms? Mr. Cooper explains how he had a new septic done and it is ok for up to five bedrooms.

Discussion followed.

Hardship was not listed by applicant. Mr. Cooper explains to the board what the hardship is and why he needed to do the addition. Kevin Cooper his son, added to the explanation.

Discussion followed.

Eric opened public portion of the meeting :

Phil Extance – 139 Blueberry Hill Road – he explains he knows the Coopers a long time and doesn't see a problem with the size of the addition, but is wondering why it needs to be attached. Eric answers his question.

Cliff Allen – Blueberry Hill Road – would like clarification of footage amounts. Eric goes over the amounts and explains what the Coopers need in order to build this attached accessory apartment to their house.

Brian Wilson – 52 Blueberry Hill Road – has been the Coopers neighbor for many years and sees no objection to what they want to do. He feels the Coopers keep their property immaculate and see no problem with the addition. Also he brought a letter from his wife who couldn't make this meeting. He read the letter for the record – Kathy Wilson is in full support with what the Coopers want to do.

Kevin Cooper – gives an explanation of why he wants to do this projects with his parents and what benefits the outcome would be.

Phil Extance – understands the issue of the hardship and is in full support of this application.

Motion -

Marc Isolda makes the motion to allow the Cooper family at 193 Blueberry Hill Road, a one hundred and forty six square foot variance to build an accessory attached building to their existing structure. Eric adds – which the vote decision will be sent back to the Zoning Board.

Susan Branagan seconds the motion. Susan Patrick objects the vote. Neighbor Brian Wilson asks her why. Susan’s answers – states this board was not given enough information.

Eric states the motion is not carried – 3 yes to 1 no. Motion is cancelled.

Discussion followed.

Mr. Cooper wanted to know what does he need to do next. Eric explains that decision of denied goes back to Zoning. Alternate, Meg Khare states that she agrees with Susan Patrick that there needs to more information - i.e. Field card needs to be updated.

New Business:

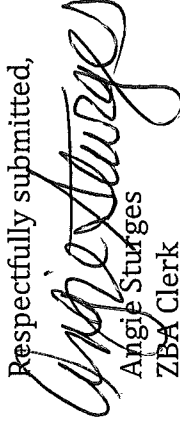
Eric states that being Ed Bennett resigned back in March. Stephan Gerherd has taken a position where he will be working nights. Walter Hatcher is ill and will not be attending meeting for a while. Marc states that an alternate will have to be moved up. Eric agrees and states that will be on next meetings’ agenda. Eric will asked AnneMarie Lindblom to put out a email to the town.

Motion to adjourn:

Marc Isolda made a motion to adjourn, Susan Branagan second the motion. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned: 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Angie Sturges
ZBA Clerk

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AUGUST 8, 2018

DECISION – ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS MEETING

The Bridgewater Zoning Board of Appeals held a public meeting in the Town Hall on Tuesday, July 31, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. voted on the following application:

App. No. 18-6-1 – by David and Patricia Cooper for property located at 193 Blueberry Hill Road. A variance to Sec. 4.06.04A accessory apartment to build, is denied.

Dated in Bridgewater, Connecticut, 1st day of August, 2018



Eric Gsell
Chairman

Cc: Town Clerk
Darius Virkickas – P&Z

Send bill to: Selectman's Office
Main Street
Bridgewater, CT 06752