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Zoning Board of Appeals

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MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
March 11, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.
Town Hall, 1st Floor Conference Room
302 Main Street, Old Saybrook,

I. CALL TO ORDER 6:01pm

II. ROLL CALL

Attendant Members

Robert McIntyre
Kevin Danby
Jacqueline Prast
Alfred Wilcox
Brenda Dyson
Chuck Gadon

Absent Members

Dorothy Alexander

Staff & Representatives

Erica Cosenza, Recording Clerk
Gregg Fedus, Fedus Engineering, LLC
Nick Sapia, Sapia Builders, Corp
Hope Proctor, Architect

There was one member of the public, Marion J. Lewandowski.

Prior to hearing the K. Danby wanted full disclosure that he represented a realtor that rented a house to the Lewandowskis, never met them, has not seen them since, does not have a conflict and wants to remain seated. R. McIntyre agreed K. Danby can remain seated. In the absence D. Alexander C. Gadon will be seated for the Lewandowski Application and B. Dyson will be seated for 19/20-25 Langwell variance.

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. “Lewandowski” Application for Coastal Site Plan Review

Demolition of existing home and construction of a 1,698 s.f. house with front porch, rear deck and garage.

482 Main Street, Map 22/Lot 28, Residence A District, Coastal Area Management Zone

Applicant/Owner: Marion J. & Nancy F. Lewandowski

Agent: Gregg Fedus P.E. & Nick Sapia, Sapia Builders Corp.

Gregg Fedus of Fedus Engineering gave an overview of what they propose to do to comply with the regulations for a CAM Application for the tear down and rebuild of 482 Main Street.

Explained they will comply with side yard regulations, Tidal Wetland set back, septic code compliant, not asking for any variances, will meet all zoning regulations.

Chairman invited questions from the Board.

Questions from the Board consisted of where water runoff will go from downspouts and excessive rain, the suspended solid reduction, pre and post permeable existence, driveway location and if it will be permeable, basement flooding and the effects that rain, tides, and water tables have on it.

G. Fedus addressed all question brought forth by the Board indicating the home will meet FEMA requirements through the use of permeable material being used as well as a rain garden where water will flow.

Chair asked if any member in the audience had questions: No questions.

The public hearing was closed.

A MOTION was made by R. McIntyre **SECONDED** by K. Danby to **grant the Coastal Site Plan** for 482 Main Street, Map 22/Lot 28, Residence A District, Demolition of existing home and construction of a 1,698 s.f. house with front porch, rear deck and garage. Whereby the applicant will ensure that the sedimentation will be taken and maintained and they will demonstrate best practices to control run off post development. **IN FAVOR** R. McIntyre, K. Danby, J. Prast, A. Wilcox, C Gadon **OPPOSED**: None **ABSTAINING**: None, the **MOTION** was **GRANTED**, 5-0-0

IV

19/20-25 Robert & Lisa Langwell 19/20-25 Robert & Lisa Langwell seek a variance of Par 10 .7.1/10.7.2 (non-conformity enlargement/change) and Par 24.5.1 as amended by Par 68.1.2 (narrow street setback/30' required/7' proposed) of the Zoning Regulations to permit the construction of a 24 s.f. portico roof at 17 Bellaire Dr., Map 3/Lot 97, Residence A District, Coastal Area Management Zone

Hope Proctor, Architect, spoke on behalf of the owners, Robert & Lisa Langwell who were not present at the time of meeting. She explained how they were seeking a variance to add a portico roof over the front door on an existing concrete stoop. In addition, she indicated that a 2' overhang wrapping around a portion of the house will be removed and a decorative railing will be added. She is seeking a 7' set back which is where the current stoop exists.

The chair asked if any board members had questions.

Questions consisted of why the needed the portico roof, what was the structure behind the stoop and if that could address the homeowners concern of safety during inclement weather, and if a door will be added to the portico roof. Discussion of the setback measurements on the prints from the road to the house and the road to the stoop as well as the total amount of coverage change.

H. Proctor answered all the Boards questions indicating they will be reducing the total amount of coverage, but the setback for the stoop will not change as it will remain in its original location.

The chair asked if anyone from the public wanted to speak on the issue. None

The chair next acknowledged members of Board that had additional questions or comments.

The mention of the visual look of the portico roof along with the worsening coverage from the road and that no other home in the neighborhood had coverage over their stoops. The mention of a fireplace outside in the side yard was addressed as whether or not it was included in the total land coverage number.

H. Proctor answered indicating that the setback is the same and not changing and suggested the use of brackets instead of columns to hold the portico roof.

A **MOTION** was made by R. McIntyre **SECONDED** by J. Prast to **APPROVE** a variance of Par 10.7.1/10.7.2 (non-conformity enlargement/change) and Par 24.5.1 as amended by Par 68.1.2 (narrow street setback/30' required/7' proposed) of the Zoning Regulations to permit the construction of a 24 s.f. portico roof at 17 Bellaire Dr., Map 3/Lot 97, Residence A District, Coastal Area Management Zone. A vote was taken.

IN FAVOR: R McIntyre, J. Prast, K. Danby **OPPOSED:** B. Dyson, A. Wilcox **ABSTAINING:** None, The **MOTION** was **DENIED** 3-2-0

V. REGULAR MEETING

A. **New Business** – None

B. **Minutes**

A **Motion** was made by R. McIntyre, **SECONDED** by A. Wilcox to **APPROVE** the February 12, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes. A vote was taken: **IN FAVOR:** R. McIntyre, K Danby, J. Prast, A. Wilcox, B. Dyson, and C. Gadon, **OPPOSED:** None **ABSTAINING:** None. The **MOTION** passed **UNANIMOUSLY**. 6-0-0


C. **Correspondence & Announcements** – None

D. **Committee, Representative & Staff Reports** – None

VI. ADJOURMENT

Motion was made by R. McIntyre, **Seconded** by C. Gadonto adjourn the March 11, 2020 Regular Meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals. No discussion and a vote was taken: **IN FAVOR:** R. McIntyre, K Danby, J. Prast, A. Wilcox, B. Dyson and C. Gadon. **OPPOSED:** None. **ABSTAINING:** None. The **MOTION** passed **UNANIMOUSLY** . 6-0-0. The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 pm

Erica Cosenza, Recording Clerk


NEXT REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, April 8, 2020 at 6:00 P.M.
Town Hall, 1st Floor Conference Room
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