



COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

# **Town of Southwick**

## **Board of Appeals**

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## **Board of Appeals**

### **Meeting Minutes March 28, 2022**

**Attendees:** Christopher Mastroianni, Chairman, Paul Grégoire, Michael Parent (via remote link), and Wendy Cordeiro

**Absent:** Thomas Stapleton and William Lis

**7:00 PM** Mr. Mastroianni opened the meeting. The Board reviewed all new mail and the meeting minutes. Mr. Lis sent an email with his approval of meeting minutes. Mr. Parent read the meeting minutes for the last meeting, which he was unable to attend however, he was at the previous meeting. Mr. Parent made a motion to accept the meeting minutes, Mr. Grégoire second and all were in favor.

The Board reviewed an informal request for variance (formal paperwork not yet submitted) and discussed the necessary dimensions required. Mr. Mastroianni will contact the resident to discuss his next steps to an official application.

#### **7:15 PM 142 Berkshire Avenue**

Mr. Condon and Mr. Christopher Melillo were in attendance to continue the discussion from March 14<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Condon provided a copy of the official deed. Mr. Mastroianni provided Mr. Condon with the Board's thoughts on the dimensions of the garage. Mr. Mastroianni did express that he would like to see the applicant park his truck in the garage and if the dimensions would in fact fit in the proposed garage. Mr. Mastroianni asked if the truck is his primary vehicle and Mr. Condon advised he has a truck and his wife has car. Mr. Parent also agrees that the truck will need room to enter the garage and is ok with the Board's proposed dimensions.

Mr. Grégoire asked about the hardship and Mr. Condon advised that his parents visit often and would like them to be safe in the inclement weather as well as his wife, being a nurse, needs to have a safe, weather protected area to get to her job.

Mr. Mastroianni made a motion to grant a variance to 142 Berkshire Avenue for the construction of a garage. The variances granted are lot area variance of 22,800 sq ft, lot frontage variance of 40 feet and front setback variance of 39 feet. A condition will be added to state that the garage will be a maximum of 28 feet off the front of the house and 26 feet wide. Mr. Parent second and all were in favor.

Mr. Parent advised to sign the variance for him since he is out of town.

**7:33 PM** Mr. Grégoire made a motion to close the meeting and Mr. Parent second, all were in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christopher Mastroianni  
Chairman