



COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Town of Southwick

Board of Appeals

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Meeting Minutes

August 9, 2021

Attendees: Chris Mastroianni, Chairman and Paul Grégoire

Absent: William Lis, Mike Parent, Thomas Stapleton and Wendy Cordeiro

7:02 PM The Chairman opened the meeting. Meeting Minutes were reviewed and one minor revision was noted. The Board signed newspaper bills and reviewed the mail.

7:15 PM 1 Sawgrass Lane, Lot 22

Chairman read the hearing notice for 1 Sawgrass Lane, Lot 22. Ms. Roz Terry from R. Levesque Associates presented the plan showing the required front setback from Sunnyside Road on this corner lot. Mr. Gregory Hamlin, applicant, was also in attendance. Setbacks were misinterpreted, due to this being a corner lot which requires two front setbacks. The house was already built before the error came to light. Mr. Mastroianni asked where the street is relative to the property line and was shown on the plan. Mr. Grégoire also requested the street line and the property line location. Ms. Terry indicated the locations on the subdivision plan, including the town right of way.

Mr. Mastroianni asked about plantings or shrubbery for the property and Mr. Hamlin advised that the decision is left to the homeowner upon purchase. Mr. Grégoire asked if this is the original plan and was advised by both Ms. Terry and Mr. Hamlin that it is the original plan submitted to the town for a building permit. According to Mr. Grégoire, the Building Inspector informed him that the original plan had the proper dimensions and that is why he approved the building permit. Mr. Hamlin stated the plan had a 20 foot setback which would have been appropriate for a side setback, not the required two front setbacks.

Mr. Mastroianni asked how do we, going forward, prevent this from happening and it was agreed that some simple education would be advisable.

The Board did not have a quorum to vote on this application so Ms. Terry signed a continuation until the next meeting on August 23rd.

7:44 PM Members adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Chris Mastroianni".

Chris Mastroianni
Chairman