



COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Town of Southwick

Board of Appeals

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Meeting Minutes

September 27, 2021

Attendees: Chris Mastroianni, Chairman, Paul Grégoire, William Lis, Mike Parent

Absent: Tom Stapleton

7:00 PM The Chairman opened the meeting. The Board reviewed the meeting minutes from August 23 and Mr. Lis made a motion to accept the meeting minutes, Mr. Grégoire second.

7:15 PM General Discussion

Mr. Mastroianni informed the Board that the revised application has been put on line and given to town clerk's office. Mr. Lis asked what date the new application came into use and was advised August 15, 2021. The cleaned up format on the application should make the process easier for the applicant. Mr. Grégoire asked if the application could be emailed to everyone on the board and Mr. Mastroianni advised he would send it out.

Mr. Mastroianni has contacted the computer administrator to revise the board website to reflect the chairman and vice chairman. So far it has not been completed.

The Board discussed the questions they would like to speak with legal counsel on and came up with an appropriate list to discuss with the town attorney.

Mr. Mastroianni clarified the questions as follows:

1. Define the difference for a variance and a special dimensional permit.
2. What are acceptable hardships?
3. Corner lots (2 sides/2 fronts)?
4. Non-conforming lots that extend or expand the footprint.
5. Derelict fee statute (paper streets).
6. Notification to the Board when decision is over turned in court.
7. Alternate members?

Mr. Moglin (selectman in attendance) asked what the derelict fee statute was and the Mr. Lis explained about paper streets in town.

Mr. Grégoire expressed concern that denied applications are not getting to the Registry of Deeds but Mr. Moglin advised there would be nothing to register since the application was denied.

Mr. Moglin discussed new equipment that would allow the board to have hybrid meetings. Mr. Mastroianni advised that, since the board works with large blueprints, he is not a fan of online meetings. Mr. Moglin did point out that it would allow members , who may be out of town, a chance to attend and assist in decisions.

7:45 PM Mr. Parent made a motion to adjourn and Mr. Lis second, all were in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Chris Mastroianni".

Chris Mastroianni
Chairman