Town Of Gardiner, Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting Minutes

March 23, 2023

Members Present: Richard Cerruto (Chairman), Lisa Lindsley, Michael MacElhiney

Public Hearing

Johnson

1546 Old Ford Road, Gardiner, NY SBL: 94.1-4-5

The meeting began at 7:03 pm.

- R. Cerruto reviewed all of the application documents and photos and had a brief dialogue with the applicant. He confirmed that the fence was partially completed.
- R. Cerruto asked the applicant why there was a need for a 6 foot fence. The applicant shared security fears, and was uncomfortable with line of sight from Old Ford Road directly into living space within the home. The applicant was uncomfortable in the home and did not want to have shades drawn closed all of the time.
- R. Cerruto confirmed that the setback requirement was 30' based on §220-11 of the municipal code.

The applicant did not want to move the fence in order to meet the setback requirement.

R. Cerruto asked the applicant if using tree, shrubs or other natural alternatives could be considered.

The applicant did not want to use natural alternatives.

Lisa Lindsley had no comments at this point of the discussion.

- M. MacElhiney asked if there was a specific way that the applicant determined a need for a 6' fence in order to sufficiently obstruct line of sight view from Old Ford Road into the house.
- R. Cerruto reviewed the five-question checklist with the board.

The board voted unanimously to not grant an area variance for the Johnson Application.

Administrative:

Resolution on Videoconferencing

Prior to the vote, the board briefly discussed whether business travel would be considered "extraordinary" and would be covered by the resolution. The board concluded that business travel was an extraordinary circumstance that would qualify a member to remotely participate in a meeting.

Lisa Lindsley motioned to approve the Resolution on Videoconferencing. The motion was seconded by M. MacElhiney. The board voted unanimously to approve the Resolution.

Lisa Lindsley motioned to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by R. Cerruto. The board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

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