

CITY OF GLOUCESTER
Zoning Board of Appeals

Minutes

August 12, 2010
Kyrouz Auditorium, City Hall
7:00 p.m.

Board Members Present: James P. Movalli, Chairman
Virginia Bergmann, Vice Chairman
Robert G. Stewart
Francis S. Wright, Jr.
Michael C. Nimon
Alternate: David B. Gardner

The Board granted a specific and material change to property located at 15 Middle Street.

Judith C. Monteferrante, 45 Eastern Point Road: Attorney Robert J. Coakley, 64 Middle Street, was present representing the petitioner. Counsel stated his client requests the proposal be withdrawn.

MOTION: Chairman moved to withdraw the petition without prejudice.

SECOND: Ms. Bergmann. All in favor. Petition is withdrawn without prejudice.

Peter & Elizabeth Cavallaro, 85 Atlantic Road: Attorney Robert J. Coakley, 64 Middle Street, was present and made a request to continue the matter until the September 9th meeting.

MOTION: Chairman moved to continue this matter to September 9th.

SECOND: Ms. Bergmann. All in favor. Petition is continued to September 9th.

Continued petition of Anthony J. & Gillian B. Palumbo, 51 Atlantic Road: Ms. Palumbo was present and explained her proposal to erect a two (2) car garage. The Board made a site visit where the petitioner staked the property. Details of the garage remain the same as detailed at the prior hearing.

No one spoke in favor.

Speaking in opposition was Mr. Francis Girard, 7 Tragabigzanda Road, who did not have any concern with the garage itself but had concerns of the variance being sought of fourteen feet (14') when it should be twelve feet (12'). He stated he met with the petitioner to compromise although he can't understand the hardship and that the gambrel roof will obstruct his view. Ms. Bergmann suggested a planting of shrubs may resolve the issue. Also in opposition was Ms. Henriette McNiff who stated view is very important. Mr. Gardner stated the height is the issue and twelve feet (12') may be more appropriate.

Attorney Marc Sandler suggested a site visit with all interested parties to which Ms. Bergmann stated the site visits are done individually by members and that it would not be appropriate to meet and discuss the issues.

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Vote of the Board: Movalli and Bergmann in favor of the Special Permit and Variance. Mr. Stewart, Mr. Nimon and Mr. Gardner are in favor of the Special Permit and opposed to the Variance.

MOTION: Chairman moved that the petitioner is allowed to build a twelve foot (12') garage. The garage shall be twelve feet (12') or less.

SECOND: Ms. Bergmann. All in favor.

Walter F. & Meg E. Golden Taraska, 85 Lexington Avenue: Mr. and Mrs. Taraska were present and explained their proposal to add a second story to the existing ranch style home. The shape of the lot is odd and is bounded by roadway on three sides. Mr. Wright recalled a question arose during a prior Special Permit request so he met with Bill Sanborn. Several parts of the house shall be removed as well as the garage and east gable on the house. The entry way shall be removed and stairs shall be constructed. No one spoke in favor or in opposition. A petition was submitted in support of the proposal signed by eleven residents.

Vote of the Board: Bergmann, Stewart, Wright, Nimon and Movalli in favor of the Special Permit and Variance.

Galen L. & Christine M. Brooks, 132 East Main Street: