



TOWN of
THOMPSON
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Minutes
July 13, 2015

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Chairman Dan Roy called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM in the Merrill Seney Community Room at the Town Hall.

1. Roll Call: A. David Babbitt
Kevin Beno
Dan Roy
Ray Faucher, Sr. and Ross Dimock were seated as alternates.
There was a quorum.
2. Staff Present: Alvan Hill, ZEO
Tina Fox, Recording Secretary
3. Public Hearings:
 - a. **Variance 15-08:** Robert Darling, Applicant. Robert and Cheryl Darling, Owners of Record. For property at 55 LaPorte Rd., North Grosvenordale. Map 57/Block 65/Lot 6-A/Zone RA-80. Requesting side yard setback relief of 14ft and 5ft.
Reason: Pre-existing house location built before zoning established in Thompson.
 1. Robert Darling, 55 Laporte Rd., explained that he wished to increase the size of his porch to 12 ft.
 2. K. Beno clarified that there is a 50 ft setback from the road, and extending the porch will put it 36 ft from the road.
 3. D. Roy stated for the record that the approximate dimensions of the porch will be 12 ft x 16 ft.
 4. No citizen's in attendance spoke for or against the variance.
 5. **Kevin Beno moved and A. David Babbitt seconded the motion to close the public hearing. The motion carried unanimously.**
 6. K. Beno noted that other structures in the area of the subject property have similar setbacks.
 7. **A. David Babbitt moved and Kevin Beno seconded the motion to grant Variance 15-08. The motion carried unanimously.**
4. Approval of Minutes
 - a. **A. David Babbitt moved and Kevin Beno seconded the motion to accept the June 8, 2015 minutes as written. The motion carried unanimously.**

5. Correspondence

- a. Sent via regular mail
 1. Agenda: Zoning Board of Appeals, July 13, 2015
 2. Minutes: Zoning Board of Appeals, June 8, 2015, and *Planning and Zoning Commission June 22, 2015, June 30, 2015 (Special Meeting)
 3. ZEO Report: June 2015

6. Applications and Appeals: None

7. Applications and Appeals Received after Agenda Posted

- a. Application 15-09: 756 Quinebaug Rd.
 1. **A. David Babbitt moved and Kevin Beno seconded the motion to move forward with Application 15-09 with the understanding that the concerns of the ZEO are covered by the next meeting. The motion carried unanimously.**
 2. K. Beno clarified that the fee for the application must be paid before the public hearing.

8. Old Business: None

9. New Business

- a. D. Roy welcomed new alternate Ross Dimock.

10. Citizens' Comments

- a. Joe Gaucher, 519 Riverside Dr., asked if the majority of residents have permits for the swimming pools they have been putting up. A. Hill answered that as Building Official for almost 18 years, he would say almost half of the pools in Town have no permits.

11. Commissioners' comments

12. Future Meetings

- a. The next regular meeting will be held Monday, August 10, 2015 at 7:00 PM in the Merrill Seney Room, Town Hall.

13. Adjournment

- a. **A. David Babbitt moved and Ray Faucher, Sr. seconded the motion to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.**
- b. Chairman Dan Roy adjourned the meeting at 7:12 PM.

Tina Fox
Recording Secretary