

Zoning Board of Adjustment Meeting  
August 18, 2010 - 7:00 PM  
Library, Elementary School,  
347 Rte. 125, Barrington, NH 03825

Members present : Vice-chairman Ray Desmarais  
Douglas Hatch Jr.  
Ellen Conklin  
George Bailey  
Gerald Gajewski (Alt)

Vice-chairman Desmarais called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM. The Clerk called the roll of members present. Vice-chairman stated that Tonia Mays, Case # ZB 10/678 had asked for continuance to September 15 because her Attorney was unavailable for this meeting. Bailey made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Hatch Jr., all in favor. Desmarais opened the first hearing.

Case ZB 10/684 – Bernie & Lorie Keenan

12 Mica Point Road, Barrington, NH 03825  
General Residential District – Map 256, Lot 36  
Variance Request Art. 4, Section 4.2 – General Provisions, Table 2,  
Side setback  
Replacement of a residence that has burned. House that existed - 37'  
by 35' / new house 40' by 36'

Applicants, Bernie and Lorie Keenan represented their Case with builder Paul Kerrigan. Lorie read the points that had to be proven for the variance. She said that their home had burned in March and they were working with the builder and insurance company to rebuild on the lot.

L. Keenan said the lot had restraints and non-conforming. She said they were asking to build a new house 36' by 40' to replace the 37' by 35' house that existed. Keenan said that the new house would be more conforming than the existing had been. The new home would be turned slightly to better conform. He said the house would be pinned before the foundation was poured.

Desmarais asked if anyone wanted to speak for or against the Case. Abutters Chuck and Janice Pierson spoke in favor of the request and looked forward to having the Pearsons back as neighbors. Abutter, Donna Shaman said the Pearsons were a great family and everyone missed them. Nancy Mason, a neighbor said the Pearsons were a nice family and good neighbors.

Desmarais asked if there were any more questions or comments. There were none. The informational portion of the hearing was closed.

Decision

Bailey said he saw no problem with the request as the house would be more conforming and be built to the Codes. Conklin agreed with the presentation made by

Keenan. Hatch Jr. said he thought the new house would add value to the area. All agreed that the new home would be an asset to the town. Bailey made a motion to grant the variance as presented, seconded by Conklin, all in favor. Desmarais announced that the variance was granted. The hearing was closed.

#### Business meeting

Town Planner Constance Brawders asked to speak to the Board. She said every department would be getting a memo from Carol Reilly concerning who was in charge. She said she was the Department Head for the Conservation Commission, Planning Board and Zoning Board. If anyone had a problem or question he/she should contact her. Each member was given her business card.

Brawders said the Board needed to be thinking of what it wants to include in the 2011 budget. The budget hearing process would begin shortly so she wanted to know what each Board felt that they wanted to include.

Brawders said she was a member of the Planning Association and wondered if the members would also like to join. Bailey asked what the costs would be. Brawders said \$50.00 per member. She said additional persons could join at a lesser rate. Bailey said he thought that this could be costly. Desmarais said he could support Karyn Forbes joining as she would keep the members informed of what they should know. Brawders said to join would need 5 persons. She said the Planning Board members would be asked if they wanted to join also.

Brawders suggested that each member view the ATA website to check to see if they would be interested in joining. She said she would get the cost figures to the Board. Brawders said as a member you would be informed of what other communities were doing. Bailey asked who paid for attending conferences and how much information would we get from a membership. Brawders said it would probably be paid by the Town.

Brawders said that we would get use from the membership over a period of time as there are changes going on constantly. She said the Local Government would be holding workshops starting on the September 15, 22, and 29 and October 13, 20, and 27. She said we should look at the calendar of events and take advantage of what was free.

Hatch Jr. said in his opinion email was used too much. He said sometimes items were discussed and the appearance of decisions made that should have been made in a posted meeting. Brawders said never use reply to an email. Desmarais said memos and some things could be done through email but each said they would like to receive the application packets the same way that they do now.

Brawders said she was working on a new variance application for the Board to consider. She gave the members a draft for them to review. She said there was a section that asked for photos and how to take them. She asked the members to make any suggestions or comments as it was a draft. She thanked the members for allowing her to speak to them.

The next meeting will be held on September 15. Clerk Hatch said the Mays re-hearing would be held and at this time a second application had been submitted. Bailey made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Conklin, all in favor. The meeting closed at 8:00 PM.

Dawn Hatch, Clerk