

MEETING OF THE ZBA HELD SEPTEMBER 8, 2009

THE APPELLANT PAT SCOTT PRESENTED HER REQUEST TO HAVE A PROFESSIONAL OFFICE IN PART OF THE HOUSE AT 57 WASHINGTON STREET, WHICH IS IN A RESIDENTIAL ZONE. SHE STATED THAT SHE WOULD BE USING PART OF THE FIRST FLOOR FOR HER PROPERTY MANAGEMENT AND REAL ESTATE OFFICE. SHE HAD THE PROPER NUMBER OF PARKING SPACES FOR THE SQUARE FOOTAGE OF THE OFFICE.

THE BOARD QUESTIONED THE AMOUNT OF ACTIVITY THAT THE OFFICE WOULD GENERATE. IT WAS NOTED THAT THERE IS ONLY ONE HOUSE TO THE LEFT OF THIS HOUSE AND THEN THE PROPERTY IS IN THE COMMERCIAL ZONE.

THERE WERE NO ABUTTERS PRESENT AND NO LETTERS TO BE READ.

MARY POTTLE SPOKE IN FAVOR OF THE VARIANCE.

MR. SCOTT ASSURED US THAT GRANTING THIS WOULD NOT MEAN THAT WE WOULD BE OBLIGATED TO DO THIS FOR THE NEXT APPELLANT IN THIS SITUATION.

THE PUBLIC HEARING WAS CLOSED AND THE ZBA MEETING WAS OPENED.

IT WAS DETERMINED THAT WE HAD A QUORUM. THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING WERE READ AND APPROVED.

THE CONCERN OF SOME BOARD MEMBERS WAS THAT MAKING AN EXCEPTION WOULD PUT US AT A DISADVANTAGE IN THE FUTURE AND FORCE ACCEPTANCE OF OTHER VARIATIONS THAT WOULD BE MORE INVASIVE TO THE SURROUNDING AREA.

WE WERE ASSURED THAT THIS IN NO WAY OBLIGATED US TO APPROVE ANYTHING IN THE FUTURE.

IT WAS DECIDED THAT WE WOULD ADD SOME CONDITIONS TO THE GRANTING OF THE EXEMPTION.

THIS IS GRANTED FOR THE SPECIFIC PURPOSE OF USE AS A PROFESSIONAL PROPERTY MANAGEMENT AND REAL ESTATE OFFICE AT 57 WASHINGTON STREET. THIS APPROVAL IS LIMITED TO 4 PARKING SPACES.

THE VOTE WAS NOYES-YES, REPOLE-YES, AERICKSON-YES, EMERY-YES, MILLS- ABSTAIN