VILLAGE OF HASTINGS-ON-HUDSON, NEW YORK ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Held June 29, 2006 at 8:01 P.M., Seven Maple Avenue, Hastings-on-Hudson, New York 10706-1497.

PRESENT:

Arthur Magun, Chairman David Deitz, Board Member Stanley Pycior, Board Member Denise Furman, Board Member Brian Murphy, Board Member

Deven Sharma, Building Inspector Marianne Stecich, Board Counsel

> VERA MONACO, RPR Court Reporter

- 1 ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS 06/29/2006
- 2 CHAIRMAN MAGUN: Good evening, Page 1

- 3 everyone. This is the Zoning Board of
- 4 Appeals' meeting of June 29th. Everyone
- 5 is very happy tonight because it's summer
- 6 and we only have one item on the agenda. I
- 7 could see the smiling ZBA members.
- 8 I think we're ready to go. So, are
- 9 the mailings in order for this case?
- 10 MR. SHARMA: Yes, the mailings are
- 11 in order.
- 12 CHAIRMAN MAGUN: So, this case was
- 13 adjourned from the April meeting and is now
- 14 here for re-discussion tonight.
- This is Sophie Hayden and David
- 16 Rosen, 55 Rosedale Avenue coming before us
- 17 for construction of a covered porch and
- 18 step. And the variance addresses the
- 19 front-yard setback where required is
- 20 30 feet, existing is 28, and the proposed
- 21 porch, deck, will have 21.8 feet
- 22 approximate setback.
- 23 Mr. Weinstein, are you going
- 24 to present?
- 25 MR. WEINSTEIN: I am. My name is

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- 2 Edward Weinstein. I am an architect
- 3 representing the owners. And just to
- 4 briefly go over the history of 2004.
- 5 CHAIRMAN MAGUN: Yes, please do Page 2

- 6 that.
- 7 MR. WEINSTEIN: The variance was
- 8 granted for the very same construction that
- 9 we are proposing and requesting a variance
- 10 again. And why you may ask are we
- 11 requesting a variance again is because
- 12 unknown to the owners, once a variance is
- 13 granted, they had a year to actually get
- 14 the permit.
- Now, we did file architectural
- 16 plans with the building inspector. The
- 17 plans were approved by the building
- 18 inspector for construction, but they never
- 19 got the contractor or had difficulty
- 20 getting a contractor. And you can't
- 21 actually get the permit until you have a
- 22 contractor who shows up with his
- 23 homeowners' improvement license and his
- 24 Workers' Compensation certificate.
- 25 So, we are here requesting a

- 1 ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS 06/29/2006
- 2 variance again. And basically, I'd like
- 3 to --
- 4 CHAIRMAN MAGUN: Let me just
- 5 interrupt. The board tonight contains at
- 6 least two -- not at least, but two people
- 7 who weren't on the previous application.
- 8 So, I think you should just present Page 3

- 9 everything.
- 10 MR. WEINSTEIN: I'm going to
- 11 present this as if you hadn't heard it
- 12 before.
- 13 CHAIRMAN MAGUN: I think that's the
- 14 right thing to do.
- MR. WEINSTEIN: And in fact, it
- 16 will be better than last time because I've
- 17 had an opportunity to improve it.
- 18 CHAIRMAN MAGUN: Two years to think
- 19 about it.

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- 20 MR. WEINSTEIN: So, as you stated,
- 21 the applicant proposes to construct a deck
- 22 that's 28.3 inches by 7 feet wide. We
- 23 feel, No. 1, that 7 feet is the minimum
- 24 acceptable width for a useable deck.
- No. 2, you also noted that at its

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- 2 closest point, this porch is going to be
- 3 20 feet 6 inches from the lot line.
- 4 We've done a search around the
- 5 neighborhood, and I have aerial photos
- 6 which you can pass around. From our
- 7 observation, many of the homes in the
- 8 neighborhood have porches and decks, if not
- 9 the entire house, closer than 20 feet, if
- 10 not 5 feet.
- 11 One example, the house on the Page 4

- 12 corner of Farragut and Ravensdale is right
- 13 up against the line.
- 14 This is an older neighbored in
- 15 Hastings. It's a neighborhood that has a
- 16 lot of lots that are below standards and
- 17 non-complying in many ways, not only yard
- 18 requirements but also coverage and lot size
- 19 and Lot width.
- 20 The other thing I think is
- 21 important to note is that this is a unique
- 22 situation. And by unique I mean that this
- 23 house is no closer than 150 feet to its
- 24 closest house across the street. And
- 25 that's because the -- there is a triangular

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- 2 village-owned parcel in the middle of the
- 3 street created by the intersection of
- 4 Merrill, Hamilton and Rosedale which
- 5 creates that unique situation. It's a very
- 6 wide area. There's a lot of open space
- 7 there. I'll pass that around as well.
- 8 MR. MURPHY: Mr. Weinstein, is the
- 9 150 feet, is that Mr. Goldberg's house?
- 10 MR. WEINSTEIN: It's about the same
- 11 distance to Mr. Goldberg's house and the
- 12 house directly opposite. I don't know who
- 13 the owner of that house is.
- 14 MS. HAYDEN: Ruth Nyberg. Page 5

- MR. WEINSTEIN: Ruth Nyberg.
- 16 So, I mean, it is a very wide area.
- 17 It is a unique situation.
- 18 Porches can serve a very useful
- 19 purpose in neighborhoods. They create eyes
- 20 on the street. They create a more friendly
- 21 street. And I think this particular porch
- 22 will do that in a way that doesn't
- 23 challenge the neighborhood. In fact, it
- 24 softens the appearance of the house, which
- 25 is sort of probably a '50s house and not

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- 2 particularly attractive in its detailing.
- 3 The porch, which is a one-story porch, will
- 4 integrate the house a lot better into the
- 5 nei ghborhood.
- 6 There has been no objection the
- 7 first time we were here. In fact, there
- 8 were neighbors -- one neighbor sent in a
- 9 Letter of support, and Steve Goldberg, who
- 10 lives diagonally across the street who also
- 11 has a porch, spoke in favor of porches.
- 12 And he is the one who pointed out that the
- 13 police department should put him on the
- 14 payroll because he feels being on the porch
- 15 a lot he is the eyes of the neighborhood.
- So, I think because we're asking
- 17 for minimal variance because we're, you Page 6

- 18 know, consistent with the character of the
- 19 neighborhood because of the unique
- 20 situation, you know, and that's why we feel
- 21 that once again, the variance should be
- 22 granted by this board.
- 23 I know that, you know, David and
- 24 Sophie have some additional materials they
- 25 sort of scouted the neighborhood and have

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- 2 done additional work.
- 3 MR. ROSEN: I'm David Rosen. I'm
- 4 going to hand these out. And I realized as
- 5 I'm sitting here going this is really
- 6 coming from the, well, they have a porch,
- 7 why can't I?
- 8 These are all porches within
- 9 about -- if somebody could share. They're
- 10 all within a block or block of Rosedale and
- 11 Hamilton. And there's actually about
- 12 another 15 or more that we didn't take
- 13 pictures of that are all within that
- 14 vicinity. And as Ed said, a few of them on
- 15 the street that's adjacent to the school
- 16 are literally this far from the street.
- 17 And I know those are old houses and they
- 18 were built that way. So, as I said, that's
- 19 an old neighborhood and that's what we're
- 20 dealing with.

- 21 The one thing that I wanted to --
- 22 the last page has two houses. One, the top
- 23 of one is on Rosedale and it has what looks
- 24 like will be the kind of half -- it's
- 25 almost three quarters of a porch. It

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- 2 starts at the doorway and ends at the side
- 3 of the house, which is kind of what ours
- 4 will look like, and ours will extend
- 5 further but be open.
- 6 And then there's a house on
- 7 Hamilton that, technically, its front door
- 8 is what you see there. I don't know if you
- 9 can see it clearly in the picture, but it's
- 10 an open deck leading to the front door.
- 11 And so I just -- that's kind of the
- 12 combination of what we're look to do.
- 13 Mostly a front porch and that open deck.
- 14 I want to also emphasize that in
- 15 talking to some of our neighbors that John
- 16 Conway, who couldn't be here, wanted me to
- 17 say that he also appreciates the fact that
- 18 we would be hanging out on the porch a lot.
- 19 If you drive by you'll see us sitting on
- 20 our really ugly lawn furniture on the front
- 21 lawn, and we'd rather just get rid of that
- 22 and be able to sit on the porch with some
- 23 ni ce furni ture.

- 24 All right. You can see our lawn
- 25 furniture. It's really not that ugly, but

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- 2 it's not appropriate. I mean, we would
- 3 rather have something that we would like to
- 4 sit up on and watch our friends and
- 5 neighbors go by and watch our kids play in
- 6 the front yard.
- 7 And I don't know what else. Did
- 8 you want to read that thing?
- 9 MS. HAYDEN: I was just going to
- 10 read -- oh, I'm Sophie Hayden -- just from
- 11 Steve Goldberg's -- our neighbor, what he
- 12 said at the last meeting, if that was
- 13 appropriate. He said, "I think right now
- 14 the house has a kind of -- it's always had
- 15 a rather empty front appearance. I think
- 16 just from esthetics, it would add to it.
- 17 I'm a big porch person. I think it would
- 18 be something that our new neighbors would
- 19 enjoy the way I've enjoyed my porch. I
- 20 don't see it detracting in any way from the
- 21 nei ghborhood.
- 22 "The other thing is, as
- 23 Mr. Weinstein pointed out, what you can't
- 24 tell if you know the area where Rosedale,
- 25 Hamilton and Merrill come together is that

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- 2 there is an island and there's a great
- 3 sense of openness to that whole area. It's
- 4 not as if this is a narrow street with a
- 5 house directly across. If the concern is a
- 6 confining concern, I don't think that's the
- 7 case at all."
- 8 MR. ROSEN: I just want to say one
- 9 other thing -- it just went out of my mind.
- 10 0kay.
- 11 CHAIRMAN MAGUN: Thank you. Just a
- 12 couple of questions about the design. On
- 13 the plans the distance is 21.8 feet and
- 14 then you make reference to a number of 20.6
- 15 or so feet. Could we clarify that? In a
- 16 statement that you wrote, Mr. Weinstein,
- 17 you said at its closest point the deck will
- 18 be 20.6.
- 19 MR. WEINSTEIN: 21.8.
- 20 MR. MURPHY: Well, I had the same
- 21 question, Mr. Chairman, because the
- 22 application is for 21.8 feet from the front
- 23 line, but your statement indicates the
- 24 closest point would be 20.6 feet. So it
- 25 makes a difference.

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- 2 MR. WEINSTEIN: That's because at
- 3 this corner there's a curb. So, if you
- 4 take it perpendicular to, you know, the
- 5 street at that point, it's a little more
- than actually --6
- 7 CHAIRMAN MAGUN: So, at its closest
- 8 point it's 20.6.
- 9 A question for counsel MR. MURPHY:
- 10 is does the variance have to be for 20.6?
- 11 MR. WEINSTEIN: No, because you're
- 12 measuring -- from a zoning point of view,
- 13 you're measuring the perpendicular.
- 14 MS. STECICH: I don't know how -- I
- mean, you write, Brian, it has to be for 15
- 16 the shortest point. How the Building
- 17 Department measures, that's --
- MR. SHARMA: 18 The shortest distance
- 19 perpendicular to the curb, whatever that
- 20 happens to be.
- 21 MS. STECICH: Would that on this
- 22 one be 21.8 or 20.6?
- 23 CHAIRMAN MAGUN: I think it would
- 24 be 20.6.
- 25 MS. STECICH: I don't think it's

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- 2 perpendi cul ar.
- 3 MR. CHAIRMAN: When you said

- 4 perpendicular, you can just make it
- 5 perpendicular to this corner. We always
- 6 take the shortest point.
- 7 MS. STECICH: So, it's 20.6.
- 8 CHAI RMAN MAGUN: 20.6.
- 9 MS. STECICH: So, if you were going
- 10 to grant the variance, the variance should
- 11 be for 20.6.
- 12 MR. CHAIRMAN: I don't think that
- 13 would affect the notice issue based on the
- 14 strong public response to this, unless
- 15 anybody else has a strong feeling about
- 16 that.
- 17 Second question I have is the --
- 18 we're calling this a lot of different
- 19 things, a deck, a porch.
- MR. WEINSTEIN: It's a combination,
- 21 I guess.
- 22 CHAIRMAN MAGUN: Yes. So, the part
- 23 that's covered I think I'm going to call
- 24 that a porch because it looks like a porch,
- 25 as porches look like. Is there going to be

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- 2 a railing on the side, on the south side of
- 3 that? In other words, as you stand on it
- 4 in the house, can you walk right off the
- 5 side there?
- 6 MR. WEINSTEIN: No.

2006-06-29hastingszba MAN: There's a railing? 7 MR. CHAIRMAN: 8 MR. WEINSTEIN: There's a railing. 9 CHAIRMAN MAGUN: Okay. And what 10 about on the other side facing the -- going 11 towards the garage going to the north side of the deck? 12 13 MR. WEINSTEIN: I think there would 14 be a railing. 15 MR. CHAIRMAN: There would be. MR. WEINSTEIN: There would be a 16 17 railing around it.

- 18 CHAIRMAN MAGUN: I mean, on the
- 19 drawing there is a railing indicated. So
- 20 there is going to be a railing on both
- 21 si des?
- MR. WEINSTEIN: Yes.
- 23 CHAIRMAN MAGUN: Okay. I think
- 24 those were my two questions. And the
- 25 roof -- the third question is, is the

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- 2 facade of the house going to change at all
- 3 at this point, or this was just a plan to
- 4 put this --
- 5 MR. WEINSTEIN: This was -- the
- 6 plan was to build an addition.
- 7 CHAIRMAN MAGUN: The facade stays
- 8 as it is right now?
- 9 MR. WEINSTEIN: Yes.

2006-06-29hasti ngszba 10 CHAIRMAN MAGUN: Okay. Anybody on 11 the board have any issues to raise or 12 questi ons? 13 MR. MURPHY: Mr. Weinstein, just to 14 make clear again, we're talking about the 15 front-yard setback? 16 MR. WEINSTEIN: Yes. 17 MR. MURPHY: So, the closest distance to the next house is 150 feet? 18 19 MR. WEINSTEIN: Yes. 20 MR. MURPHY: To the next house? 21 CHAIRMAN MAGUN: To the house 22 across the street? 23 MR. WEINSTEIN: Yes. 24 MR. MURPHY: House across the

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ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS - 06/29/2006 1 2 situation of the property with this 3 tri angul ar --4 MR. WEINSTEIN: Correct. And I 5 measured that. Google doesn't let you measure, but I have another service called 6 7 Terrer Server which actually has a 8 measurment tool, and I did measure the 9 di stance. 10 MS. FURMAN: Are there any plans to 11 enclose the porch? 12 MR. WEINSTEIN: No.

street. And that's because of the unique

- MS. FURMAN: Screens?
- MR. WEINSTEIN: No, open porch.
- 15 CHAIRMAN MAGUN: Now, this house,
- 16 as you know from the previous time you were
- 17 here, has been before us a number of times.
- 18 In fact, this application has come before
- 19 us more than any other house that I can
- 20 remember in Hastings. And it's no fault of
- 21 yours. It has to do with the previous
- 22 owner.
- 23 MS. HAYDEN: Thank you.
- 24 CHAIRMAN MAGUN: No, and that
- 25 doesn't matter. So we are familiar with

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- 2 this.
- Now, one of my concerns was that
- 4 the enclosed porch in the back of the house
- 5 was a non-conforming structure, and we
- 6 granted a variance to that. It's very
- 7 close to the rear-yard setback to the
- 8 property line. And now we're being asked
- 9 to give you a front-yard setback. So, this
- 10 was an issue that really, you know, caused
- 11 me some concern and why I really did not
- 12 vote for the application before, that we
- 13 have both a front yard and -- a request for
- 14 a front yard and a pretty significant
- 15 incursion into the rear yard.

2006-06-29hasti ngszba 16 Is that porch going to remain in the back? You had made some minor elusion 17 18 to the fact that you might take it down. 19 But I guess you're not taking it down. 20 MR. ROSEN: Let me say something. 21 If you told us tonight that you would 22 prefer us to take it down and you'll let us 23 do the porch, we'll take the back thing 24 Right now we don't use it.

CHAIRMAN MAGUN: Can we consider

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mean, that's --

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ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS - 06/29/2006 1 2 that in the motion? 3 MR. ROSEN: We talked about it and 4 we don't really need it. We did at that 5 time out of convenience because Tommy said, do you want the thing, do you want it or 6 7 not when we bought the house. We didn't really know if we would use it or not. 8 9 said go ahead. We didn't understanded that 10 he had to come here and get permission. 11 CHAIRMAN MAGUN: It was built 12 without a building permit. 13 MR. ROSEN: Right, right. 14 didn't know all of that. So we were just 15 buying it at the time. So he went and got 16 permission. So we don't really need it. 17 We could just assume to do without it. I

- 2006-06-29hastingszba Y: Just so I understand, 19 MR. MURPHY:
- 20 a variance for the rear porch has been
- 21 granted.
- 22 CHAIRMAN MAGUN: Yes, it's been
- 23 That's not an issue. But what
- 24 concerns me is that we're intruding on both
- 25 the front-yard setback and the rear-yard

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- 2 setback.
- 3 MR. MURPHY: That may be, but the
- 4 board has granted the variance already for
- 5 the read-yard setback.
- 6 CHAIRMAN MAGUN: Right, but it
- 7 would be a mitigating factor, in my mind,
- 8 granting a variance to the front-yard
- 9 setback if you already have a pretty
- 10 significant incursion into the rear yard.
- That was my concern last time, and it is 11
- still somewhat of a concern. 12
- 13 Another question I wanted to ask,
- 14 the 7 feet that you have eluded to as the
- 15 size of this, is there some magic number
- 16 about --
- 17 MR. WEINSTEIN: I've done some
- 18 research and looked at some sort of text
- 19 and texts, and 7, 8 feet is somewhat --
- there's no regulation, but that is sort of 20
- 21 a standard, comfortable size for a deck.

- 22 Anything narrower than that you couldn't
- 23 really put a folding lounge chair and still
- 24 have the room to walk by. So, a 6-foot
- 25 lounge chair, you know, would give you a

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- 2 foot to sort of squeak by. And that's how
- 3 we came at that and that's how they would
- 4 like to use the deck.
- 5 CHAIRMAN MAGUN: Any other concerns
- 6 or questions?
- 7 (No response.)
- 8 CHAIRMAN MAGUN: Is there anyone in
- 9 the audience that wishes to -- there's only
- 10 one other person in the audience, aside
- 11 from the applicants. Would you like to say
- 12 anything, ma'am? You don't have to.
- 13 MS. KENNEDY: Okay. Joan Kennedy,
- 14 I live at 4 Merrill Street, the back of
- 15 their house.
- 16 CHAIRMAN MAGUN: So, where are you
- 17 when you say the back of their house? Oh,
- 18 you're right next to them.
- 19 MS. KENNEDY: I'm on Merrill.
- 20 CHAIRMAN MAGUN: On Merrill?
- 21 MS. KENNEDY: On Merrill.
- 22 MR. CHAIRMAN: So you are the house
- 23 immediately adjacent.
- 24 MS. KENNEDY: Yes, and I have no

25 objections to a porch or even the back room

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- 2 or porch, whatever it's called. I'm just
- 3 here in support.
- CHAIRMAN MAGUN: Okay, thank you. 4
- 5 MR. ROSEN: I want to say one more
- 6 thing, and I remember what my point was,
- 7 that there's very little else we can do to
- 8 this house the way it is designed, the way
- 9 it's been laid out, and it's been added
- onto already at least one other time with 10
- 11 the den. We talked about possibly
- 12 expanding. We really can't expand anymore.
- 13 This is really it. And I mean, we foresee
- 14 living there for many years to come, and
- 15 this is pretty much the only work we're
- 16 going to do to it.
- 17 CHAIRMAN MAGUN: Well, I can give
- you a lot of ideas. 18
- 19 MR. ROSEN: Oh, I'm sure, but they
- 20 would cost a lot more money than our porch
- 21 This gives us a little bit more woul d.
- 22 living space without having to bust open
- 23 the side and, you know, build out over the
- 24 den and the garage, which we can't afford
- 25 to do.

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2	CHAIRMAN MAGUN: Okay. Are there					
3	questions or comments from the board?					
4	(No response.)					
5	MR. MURPHY: Well, I just want to					
6	say, I did go back and read the minutes					
7	from, I guess, it was from 2000.					
8	CHAIRMAN MAGUN: Yes, we have the					
9	advantage of having the minutes available					
10	to us on the web.					
11	MR. MURPHY: And what I think is					
12	helpful is the additional information that					
13	the applicant had a chance to present since					
14	that time.					
15	CHAIRMAN MAGUN: Which additional					
16	information?					
17	MR. MURPHY: Well, these aerial					
18	photographs and the measurements are kind					
19	of important, at least to my consideration.					
20	Because the fact of the matter is this is					
21	such a significate incursion into the front					
22	yard that, ordinarily, I wouldn't vote for					
23	it at all. However, these photographs, I					
24	think, demonstrate a unique position of					
25	this house on that corner where, you know,					

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- 2 next door is the back of the legion hall. Page 20 $\,$

- 3 So there's nothing there. There's nothing
- 4 immediately across the street because you
- 5 have the median that separates all the
- 6 streets where the Hamilton and Merrill and
- 7 I guess Rosedale converge. So, the fact
- 8 that the next side of the house across the
- 9 way from the setback is 150 feet is a
- 10 significant ameliorating condition for me.
- 11 I do think in that neighborhood
- 12 there are a lot of front porches. Some of
- 13 them appear to be within the 30-foot
- 14 setback, most of them would not appear to
- 15 be this close. But I do think the porch is
- 16 definitely in keeping with the
- 17 neighborhood. It's an enhancement to the
- 18 property. It's not at all a negative.
- 19 It's a positive to the neighborhood.
- 20 And I share the chairman's concern
- 21 that under -- in most applications I
- 22 wouldn't even think of granting a variance
- 23 that's this substantial. It's not
- 24 something that I think is appropriate.
- 25 I guess I was persuaded a lot by

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- 2 Mr. Pycior's comment the last time when he
- 3 voted for the application. That it is a
- 4 rather unique situation. And so I ask
- 5 counsel, could we condition this on the Page 21

- 6 condition that the porch remain open and
- 7 covered only to the extent that is proposed
- 8 in these plans?
- 9 MS. STECICH: Yes.
- 10 MR. MURPHY: So with those
- 11 conditions, I guess I would be inclined to
- 12 be in favor of this application. But I
- 13 agree with the applicant, but you're really
- 14 pushing your limits of the zoning laws and
- 15 what this board could reasonably permit.
- 16 MR. ROSEN: Are you talking about
- 17 screening in; right? Nothing else to it.
- 18 Just leave it the way it is.
- 19 MS. FURMAN: Right, no screening
- 20 in, no coming back later for a variance to
- 21 enclose it, make it part of the house.
- 22 MS. STECICH: You can make it a
- 23 condition. The only thing is somebody can
- 24 always seek a variance. But I think it
- 25 would make it a lot harder when one of the

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- 2 conditions in the variance is that they --
- 3 CHAIRMAN MAGUN: Right, if they
- 4 sell the house and the new owner wants to
- 5 screen it in, they would --
- 6 MS. STECICH: Right. That doesn't
- 7 mean they can't come back.
- 8 MS. FURMAN: But the record would Page 22

- 9 show that the variance was granted on the
- 10 condition that the property may not be
- 11 screened in.
- 12 MS. STECICH: By making it a
- 13 condition of the variance, it will be in
- 14 the property file. So it's a good way to
- 15 do i t.
- 16 CHAIRMAN MAGUN: Brian, you are
- 17 suggesting that because you think it would
- 18 contribute to the openness of the space and
- 19 it would feel less enclosed and less of an
- 20 intrusion.
- 21 MR. MURPHY: Yes, I do agree with
- 22 that analysis given where this particular
- 23 house is located on this particular corner
- 24 of Hastings.
- 25 MR. PYCIOR: If I might. Also, you

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- 2 said it's the half that's actually closest
- 3 to Merrill is not covered. I think that
- 4 softens it even further. So, that's an
- 5 open and almost ground level half or
- 6 40 percent of the porch.
- 7 CHAIRMAN MAGUN: Okay. David, any
- 8 comments?
- 9 MR. DEITZ: No.
- 10 CHAIRMAN MAGUN: Okay, fair enough.
- So, I personally think Brian's idea Page 23

- 12 is a good one in terms of putting a
- 13 condition on granting this variance, and
- 14 that might incline me to change my vote
- 15 from abstention to in favor since that's a
- 16 change from what we voted on before.
- 17 So, if there is no further
- 18 discussion, can I hear a motion?
- 19 MS. FURMAN: I would like to make a
- 20 motion to grant the request for a variance
- 21 for the front yard where required is
- 22 30 feet, existing non-conforming is 28 feet
- 23 and proposed is 20.6 feet.
- 24 CHAIRMAN MAGUN: Are you going to
- 25 make -- use the suggestion that Brian made?

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- 2 MS. FURMAN: As a condition of the
- 3 granting of the variance that the porch
- 4 remain open except for the roof that's
- 5 being placed over it, that there be no
- 6 screening or walls of any sort.
- 7 MS. STECICH: And deck, porch and a
- 8 deck.
- 9 MS. FURMAN: That neither the porch
- 10 nor the deck be enclosed.
- 11 MR. MURPHY: I will second.
- 12 CHAIRMAN MAGUN: All in favor?
- MR. MURPHY: Aye.
- MS. FURMAN: Aye.

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- MR. PYCIOR: Aye.
- MR. DEITZ: Aye.
- 17 CHAIRMAN MAGUN: Aye. We are going
- 18 to pass that unanimously. Good luck.
- 19 MR. ROSEN: Thank you.
- 20 MR. WEINSTEIN: Thank you again.
- 21 MR. PYCIOR: Try to build it this
- 22 year.
- 23 CHAIRMAN MAGUN: We have no other
- 24 applications before us tonight. We have
- 25 the minutes to approve from the last

- 1 ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS 06/29/2006
- 2 meeting.
- 3 Is there a motion to approve the
- 4 minutes or make comments on the minutes?
- 5 MS. FURMAN: I make a motion to
- 6 approve the minutes from the last meeting.
- 7 CHAIRMAN MAGUN: Which was May
- 8 25th. Is there a second?
- 9 MR. PYCIOR: I will second.
- 10 CHAIRMAN MAGUN: All in favor?
- 11 MR. MURPHY: Aye.
- 12 MS. FURMAN: Aye.
- 13 MR. PYCIOR: Aye.
- MR. DEITZ: Aye.
- 15 CHAIRMAN MAGUN: Aye.
- 16 The next meeting of the Board of
- 17 Appeals will be four weeks from now, which Page 25

- 18 is July 27th, and then we will take a
- 19 break in August, just to remind everyone.
- 20 And then I'll just remind you again that
- 21 our September meeting is the 14th, the
- 22 second Thursday in September. So
- 23 July 27th is our next meeting, no meeting
- 24 in August, and then we have our September
- 25 meeting is always a little early, so

- 1 ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS 06/29/2006
- 2 September 14th, second Thursday.
- 3 I don't think there's any other
- 4 business. Make a motion to adjourn,
- 5 someone.
- 6 MR. MURPHY: I move to adjourn the
- 7 meeting.
- 8 CHAIRMAN MAGUN: In favor?
- 9 MS. FURMAN: Aye.
- 10 MR. MURPHY: Aye.
- 11 MR. PYCIOR: Aye.
- MR. DEITZ: Aye.
- 13 CHAIRMAN MAGUN: Aye.
- 14 Adj ourned. Thank you.
- 15 (Time noted 8: 32 P.M.)
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