

Borough of Newtown Zoning Board of Appeals Newtown, Connecticut

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ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**

Minutes of Special Meeting of December 15, 2015

Minutes of the special meeting of the Borough of Newtown Zoning Board of Appeals on December 15, 2015 at Borough Room, Town Hall South, 3 Main Street, Newtown. Vice Chairman Kathy Geckle called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Kathy Geckle, Mary Thomas, Jane Maher and Patricia Antal.

Absent: John Madzula.

Staff Present: Maureen Crick Owen, Clerk.

Docket B15-03: Application of Peter Reichmann for a variance to Section 5.01 of the Borough zoning regulations so as to permit a 44' setback on the southerly side of the property for the building of a staircase attached to the front yard porch. The property is located at 18 Elm Drive, owned by Mary Andreotta and is in a R-1 Zone in the Borough of Newtown.

Vice Chairman Geckle opened the public hearing at 7:00 p.m. Mrs. Maher read the legal notice. Peter Reichmann, 7 Plumtrees Road, Newtown, presented the application on behalf of the owner, Mary Andreotta, who was also present at the hearing. Mr. Reichmann discussed the shape of the lot as being squarer where all the surrounding lots were more rectangular. He said that property has very little backyard and a large front yard. Ms. Andreotta stated that the only outdoor living space is the front porch. The variance is for the staircase. The staircase needs to be as presented because if they moved it to another location it would be steeper, more stairs and encroach into the driveway. The hearing was closed at 7:10 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Mrs. Antal Maher made a motion to approve the application of Peter Reichmann for a variance to Section 5.01 of the Borough zoning regulations so as to permit a 44' setback on the southerly side of the property for the building of a staircase attached to the front yard porch on property located at 18 Elm Drive in a R-1 zone in the Borough of Newtown, as presented. Mrs. Maher seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved. The vote was as follows:

Kathy Geckle	Yes
Mary Thomas	Yes
Jane Maher	Yes
Patricia Antal	Yes

2. A motion was made by Mrs. Maher to accept the 2016 meeting schedule. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Thomas and unanimously approved.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, the meeting was adjourned by the Vice Chairman at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Crick Owen
Zoning Clerk