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## TOWN OF NEWTOWN

### Zoning Board of Appeals

#### MINUTES

March 3, 2010

7:30 P.M.

The meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals was called to order by Chairman Charles Annett. Other members present were: Alan Clavette, Vice Chairman, Barbara O'Connor, Secretary, Ross Carley, and alternate Herbert Rosenthal and Brian O'Connor. Members absent were: Roy Meadows and Tim Cronin.

Mr. Annett asked the secretary to call the roll. After the roll, he asked the secretary to read the legal notice for the hearing, Docket 10-01, the application of the Dodgingtown Fire Company for a variance of Section 7.02.100 of the Zoning Regulations to allow an addition to the firehouse too close to the setback line. The property is located at 55 Dodgingtown Road in the Town of Newtown in a B-1 Zone.

Ronald Bolmer and Mark White represented the Dodgingtown Fire Company.

Mr. Bolmer explained to the Board that the State Fire Marshal requires a three story stairwell to be added to the firehouse. Therefore, He said that they will have to move the proposed addition closer to the property line. He said that the addition is required to house the new larger fire trucks and due to the configuration of the existing lot, the addition will fall within the building setback line along Jacklin Road.

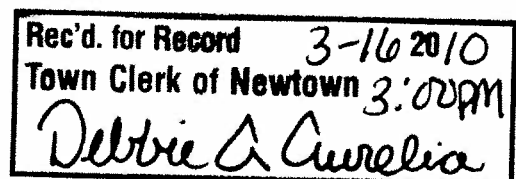
Mr. Bolmer continued and said that the Fire Code requires the extra means of egress and that the stairway will be interior.

The Board asked about the height of the stairwell. Mr. White said that it will be lower than the peak of the roof.

No one spoke in favor or in opposition.

The Board then discussed the application. Mr. Clavette said that the increase size of the addition and location of it is due to fire code regulations. Mr. O'Connor agreed and said it seemed to be a safety issue and that hardship was demonstrated due to the safety issue.

Mr. Clavette then made a motion to approve the variance as requested as hardship was demonstrated due to a safety issue.



Ms. O'Connor seconded the motion.

The Board voted as follows:

Charles Annett....."Yes"  
Ross Carley....."Yes"  
Barbara O'Connor....."Yes"  
Alan Clavette....."Yes"  
Brian O'Connor....."Yes"

A motion was made to adjourn at 9:25. All voted in favor.