



ZONING BOARD of APPEALS

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ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS MEETING MINUTES

JUNE 23, 2010

John Burek made the motion on July 14, 2010 to approve the minutes of June 23, 2010. Second by Robert Sojka and approved unanimously. Ernest L. Brown – Aye, John Burek – Aye, John Reynolds – Aye, Robert Sojka – Aye and Ericka Almeida – Aye.

Hearing #10-08, 5 Center St., Montague, MA

Meeting was opened at 7:30 pm. Hearing was held in the Upstairs Conference Room at One Avenue A, Turners Falls, MA. Present were Ernest L. Brown – Chairman, John Burek – Vice Chairman, Dennis Booska – Member, John Reynolds – Member, Robert Sojka – Member, David Jensen – Zoning Enforcement Office, Karen Casey-Chretien - Clerk and applicant Leigh Rae. Absent was Ericka Almeida – Member.

Karen Casey-Chretien reads Public Notice, 20 Public Notices were sent, 6 Returned, 6 Did Not Object. Zoning Board of Appeals discusses the Special Permit to alter a non-conforming structure and to allow the reconstruction of the second story over the rear porch to a greater height within the existing footprint of the dwelling.

The Board of Appeals finds: The modest increase in height of a second story renovation is reasonably necessary for the function of the interior space while the exterior height increase is close to inconsequential. It's proximity to an abutting common driveway is without impact. There is no public purpose served by withholding approval.

The Board of Appeals voted: To grant a Special Permit to alter a non-conforming structure to allow the reconstruction of the second story over the rear porch to a greater height within the existing footprint of the dwelling.

Vote:

Ernest L. Brow, Chairman YES

John Burek, Vice Chairman YES

John Reynolds, Member YES

Dennis Booska, Member YES

Robert Sojka, Member YES