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**MINUTES of the ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS MEETING
THURSDAY, February 27, 2025**

City Hall – 7:00 p.m.
62 Friend St.
Amesbury, MA 01913

Attendance: Sharon McDermot (Chair), Donna Collins, David Haraske, & Charles Bassler

Also in attendance: Building Inspector Jim Wilson

Call to Order

Roll Call/Attendance

Minutes for Approval – 12/19/24

Topics for Discussion:

1. 13 Merrimac Street, LLC. – is seeking a Special Permit/Finding under Amesbury Zoning By-laws, Section IX, Paragraph B, to extend a pre-existing non-conforming structure on a pre-existing, non-conforming lot at 13 Merrimac St. to enlarge the current two residential units.

Chair McDermot called the meeting to order at 7:03pm

Chair McDermot read the agenda items.

Chair McDermot asked the board if they had any changes to the meeting minutes.

Chair McDermot motioned to approve the minutes from December 19, 2024.

Motion by Donna Collins, seconded by Dave Haraske. **All in favor.**

Jim Wilson, Director

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PUBLIC HEARINGS

13 Merrimac Street, LLC. –Special Permit/Finding

Attorney Paul Gagliardi is presenting on behalf of the owner of 13 Merrimac St. who would like to enlarge two (2) current residential units that are presently pre-existing, non-conforming structures.

The structure was constructed in 1830 and presently does not comply with front, rear, left side setbacks. The owner plans to expand the structure on the right side and replace windows, siding, and other details to bring back historical character. The expansion will not create any new non-conformities.

Chair McDermot made a motion to close for discussion.

Summary of Findings read by Chair McDermot

Chair McDermot made a **motion to approve/deny the Special Permit/Finding application:**

Charles Bassler – approve
Donna Collins – approve
Sharon McDermot – approve
David Haraske – approve

The Board voted unanimously to APPROVE the Special Permit/Finding application to enlarge two pre-existing, non-conforming structures located at 13 Merrimac St.

THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:00 PM

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