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MINUTES of the ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS MEETING
THURSDAY, September 26, 2024

(Posted in accordance with the provisions of MGL Ch. 39, Sec. 23A, as amended)

City Hall – 7:00 p.m.

68 Elm St.

Amesbury, MA 01913

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

Also in attendance: Building Inspector Vincent Tirone

Call to Order

Roll Call/Attendance

Minutes for Approval – 08/22/24

Topics for Discussion:

1. Alysa Morse of River Run Lending Center seek a variance/finding for allowable sign area for a permanently installed sign to be placed on their location at 43 Main St. Amesbury, MA in accordance with the City's ordinance Section VII and other applicable size/quantity requirements.
2. Michael McCarthy of 25 Greenwood St. seeks a Variance/Finding relief from the table of dimensional use for setback requirements according to Section VI of the zoning ordinance for a potential garage to be constructed into the setback.

Chair McDermot called the meeting to order at 7:00pm

Chair McDermot read the agenda items.

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

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Chair McDermot motioned to approve the minutes from June 20, 2024.

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Alysa Morse of River Run Lending Center seek a variance/finding for allowable sign area for a permanently installed sign to be placed on their location at 43 Main St. Amesbury, MA in accordance with the City's ordinance Section VII and other applicable size/quantity requirements.

Ms. Morse presented extensively. Sharon asked Ms. Morse to describe the hardship and Ms. Morse conveyed that the sign was already paid for, holes drilled into the building, etc. Dave did not feel that this constituted a hardship.

Vinny briefed the Board that the sign was presented to the Planning Board and was referred to the ZBA.

Chair McDermot made a motion to close for discussion.

Summary of Findings read by Chair McDermot

Chair McDermot made a **motion to approve/deny**

Charles Bassler – approve

Donna Collins – approve

Sharon McDermot – approve

David Haraske – approve

The Board voted unanimously to approve the VARIANCE application to allow the sign subject to the Planning Board's final approval on the sign permit application filed with them.

2. Michael McCarthy of 25 Greenwood St. seeks a Variance/Finding relief from the table of dimensional use for setback requirements according to Section VI of the zoning ordinance for a potential garage to be constructed into the setback.

Mr. McCarthy went over his submittal.

Donna sought clarification as to why the proposed dimensions appeared to be the same as the existing dimensions. The frontage on the application were not correct but were later found and brought to show the Board.

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No one was present to speak.

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Charles Bassler – approve

Donna Collins – approve

Sharon McDermot – approve

David Haraske – approve

The members discussed future meetings. There will be no meeting in November, and the December meeting will take place (if a case is presented) on the third Thursday of the month instead of the fourth.

THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:40PM

NEXT MEETING: October 24, 2024

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