

SHARON ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

MINUTES OF WEDNESDAY, April 26, 2023

LOCATION OF MEETING: In compliance with the Governor's emergency declaration relative to the conduct of public meetings, the Town arranged to conduct board and committee meetings using Zoom video/audio conferencing in an effort to minimize the spread of COVID-19. Interested citizens received directions on how to attend the meeting remotely in the agenda as posted on the ZBA website and the Town. This meeting was presented with the video and/or audio available for later broadcast. The Zoning Board of Appeals is focused on observing the spirit of the Open Meeting Law during this temporary emergency situation to assure accountability for the deliberations and actions of elected and appointed officials conducting the public's business.

A virtual meeting of the Sharon Zoning Board of Appeals was held on Wednesday, April 26, 2023, at 7:00 P.M. The following members were present as established by roll call: Joe Garber, Chair, Hemant Mehta, and Arnold Wallenstein. Also present for the town, Dana Hinthorne, Building Inspector, Dick Gelerman, Town Counsel and Michelle Katapodis, ZBA Administrative Assistant.

Mr. Garber, Chair called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Mr. Garber, Chair, read Covid19 protocols per the Governor of MA and procedural ground rules.

Case 1918– 17 Chestnut Street

Present for the applicant Deepak Wadhwa, resident.

Mr. Garber read a letter from Josh Philibert of Conservation Commission dated March 30, 2023, into the record. He also read a letter from the dated April 26, 2023, from James Grasfield, Chairman of the Sharon Historical Commission.

Based on the letter Mr. Wadhwa is still working with the Historical Commission to resolve the ongoing issues. Mr. Wadhwa asked the Historical Commission to schedule another meeting that his architect can attend. Once he has this meeting, he will come before the Zoning Board again. Mr. Garber suggested that the case be continued to a future date.

Motion:

Chair made motion to continue Case 1918– 17 Chestnut Street to a future date to be determined. Mr. Mehta seconded the motion. Approved by unanimous roll call vote 3-0-0 (Garber, Mehta, Wallenstein).

Case 1912– 1200 General Edwards Highway – Continued from March 22, 2023

Present for the applicant, Attorney Joel Fishman, and Attorney Ian Hedges.

Mr. Fishman stated that he has been speaking to Attorney Dick Gelerman, Town Counsel. Mr. Gelerman stated that he forwarded a revised motion to Mr. Garber and Mr. Fishman for review. Mr. Gelerman explained that he added language stating that the building inspector shall contact the CCC to confirm that they wish to participate in this matter. In the event that the CCC answers affirmatively, then things stay the way they were. If the CCC isn't interested, then we won't bother with them. Mr. Fishman stated that he spoke to his client and decided that it would be best to just continue the matter and sort things out with the CCC. Then they will know for sure how to proceed.

Mr. Fishman announced that he is retiring, and this would be his last ZBA meeting, and he introduced Attorney Ian Hedges who will be taking over this case.

Motion:

Chair made motion to continue Case 1912 – 1200 General Edwards Highway to May 10, 2023. Mr. Mehta seconded the motion. Approved by unanimous roll call vote 3-0-0 (Garber, Mehta, Wallenstein).

Meeting adjourned 7:25pm

Respectfully submitted