

## SHARON ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS MINUTES OF WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2020

**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 November 4, 2020, at 7:00 P.M. The following members were present as established by roll call: Abe Brahmachari, Joe Garber, Steve Weiss, and David Young. Sam Reef was not present. Mr. Garber opened meeting by reading Covid19 protocols per the Governor of MA and procedural ground rules.

**7:03 PM --** Mr. Garber motioned to be appointed temporary chair for the meeting tonight per Mr. Brahmachari's request. Seconded by Steve Weiss. Approved unanimously 4-0-0 (Garber, Brahmachari, Weiss, Young). Sam Reef was not present.

### **7:07 PM- 23 Suffolk Road, Case 1864—Continued**

Present for the applicant: Arindam Chattopadhyay and his architect, James B Michael Jr., AIA – Theodhosi + Michael, Sharon MA

Documents included: application filed on September 4, 2020, plot plan by Professional Land Surveying, Weymouth, MA dated August 9, 2016, and a two-paged Addition Proposed Plan by Theodhosi + Michael Architecture, Sharon, MA dated August 31, 2020. Legal notice as it appeared in Times Advocate September 30, 2020, and October 7, 2020; a letter from Kevin Davis, Board of Health agent dated September 24, 2020; and a letter from John Thomas, Conservation Commissioner, dated September 21, 2020. New documents for November 4, 2020 hearing consideration include: Revised plot, architectural and elevation plans dated October 15, 2020 by Theodosi + Michael Architecture.

New documents showed setback moved to 14.4 feet, so no further encroachment with this addition. Instead of aligning with existing building, architect now shows a six-inch offset of the addition to the house.

No abutters present.

Applicant's architect, representing applicant, requested to close the case.

Mr. Garber motioned to close 23 Suffolk Road, Case 1864. Seconded by Mr. Brahmachari. Unanimous roll call: 4-0-0 (Garber, Brahmachari, Weiss, Young).

Mr. Garber motioned to approve Case 1864, 23 Suffolk Road with standard conditions and updated plot plan and architectural plans dated October 15, 2020 by Theodhosi + Michael, Sharon MA. Mr. Weiss seconded. Roll call vote approved unanimously, 3-0-0 (Brahmachari, Garber, Weiss).

**7:20 PM- 15 Franklin Road, Case 1854—Continued**

Mr. Garber made a motion to continue 15 Franklin Road, Case 1854 that was continued from October 14, 2020, to continue the case to November 18, 2020. Mr. Weiss seconded. Board approved the continuation unanimously 4-0-0 (Brahmachari, Garber, Weiss, Young).

**7:21 PM- Minutes Approval:**

Mr. Garber motioned to approve the ZBA minutes from October 14, 2020, meeting. Mr. Weiss seconded. This vote was by roll call and approved unanimously 4-0-0 (Brahmachari, Garber, Weiss, Young).

**7:23 PM -- Procedure to move to Executive Session:**

Mr. Garber made a motion to go into executive session. Mr. Brahmachari seconded. Unanimously approved 4-0-0 (Garber, Brahmachari, Weiss, Young). Mr. Garber stated that the board will vote to come out of executive session when they are done with discussion and back to open meeting.

Mr. Garber conducted a roll call of the zoning board members and confirmed Mr. Garber, Mr. Brahmachari, Mr. Weiss, Mr. Young were present. Mr. Gelerman joined as well. Mr. Reef was not present.

**7:37 PM- Open Meeting** resumed.

Board asked if any residents had procedural questions. Cheryl Weinstein, Chair of the Library Board of Trustees, asked if there would be a vote on the decision tonight. Mr. Gelerman stated it would be voted on. No other questions.

Mr. Garber motioned to approve the decision SSBC case number 1858, 1 School street. Seconded by Mr. Brahmachari. Roll call unanimous in favor 3-0-0 (Garber, Brahmachari, Weiss).

Motion to close this part of the meeting for 1858, 1 School St. Seconded by Mr. Brahmachari. Board voted unanimously, 4-0-0 (Garber, Brahmachari, Weiss, Young).

The meeting adjourned at 7:49 P.M.

Respectfully submitted.

Approved: November 18, 2020