

SHARON ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

MINUTES OF WEDNESDAY, October 25, 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 on 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, October 25, 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, Peter O'Cain, Town Engineer 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 1919 – 262-290 Edge Hill Road- Continued from May 24, 2024

Present for the applicant, Attorney Mike Khoury

Mr. Khoury gave an explanation as to why a continuance is needed. He stated that they had just received a report from Jack Gillon, Gillon Associates, who had recently broken his back and suffered the loss of his brother. The report needs to be reviewed by the Civil Engineer, Bay Colony Group, along with Mr. Houston, hopefully well in advance from the next hearing. They could not go forward without this information and some potential changes might have to be made to site plans. Therefore, he requested a continuance. Mr. Garber stated that December 13, 2023, was the next meeting and confirmed with board members their availability.

Laura Nelson, Edge Hill Road questioned if Tom Houston will still be point of contact for this project or if it will now be Peter O'Cain.

Mr. Garber stated that Mr. Houston has spoken to Town Counsel and after some investigation, it was determined that there is no conflict of interest, therefore Mr. Houston will remain the point of contact. He also stated that Peter is a point of contact as well and Mr. Houston is an outside consultant. Ms. Nelson thanked Mr. Garber for the clarification.

Matt MacDonald, Edgehill Road, stated that he is sorry about Mr. Gillon's travails and hopes everything works out. He also wanted to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving, as the next meeting will not be until December. He stated that he hopes the board enjoys the month of November off.

Ms. Nelson had a question regarding an email she sent pertaining to a zip file that was uploaded by the Dept. of Public Works not being accessible as a document on the board's website.

Mr. Khoury stated that he can email the documents to Ms. Nelson, Mr. MacDonald and all of the abutters. He will also send to the Board. Ms. Nelson stated that she had already received the document from Mr. Khoury and that the issue is on board website and the fact that the zip file titled W. Buckley _482960.zip is not accessible.

Michelle stated that she has the files and will ask Jeff to upload. Mr. Garber stated that if not Jeff, she can contact Sonal.

Motion:

The chair made a motion to continue Case 1919- 262-290 Edge Hill Road to Wednesday, December 13, 2023. Mr. Mehta seconded the motion. Approved by unanimous roll call vote 3-0-0 (Garber, Mehta, Wallenstein).

Meeting adjourned – 7:20 pm.

Respectfully Submitted