Rob Knapik, Member John Gniadek, Member Joseph Frisk, Alternate Member



TOWN OF UXBRIDGE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Uxbridge Town Hall 21 South Main Street, Room 205 Uxbridge, MA 01569 508-278-8600 x2013 p 508-278-0709 f

> Received by Uxbridge Town Clerk

MEETING MINUTES: Wednesday, February 7, 2018

Present: Rob Knapik, John Gniadek, Joe Frisk (participated remotely) and Administrator Melissa Shelley

It being approximately 6:00 pm, the meeting being properly posted, duly called, and a quorum being present, the meeting was called to order by the Chair, who led the Pledge of Allegiance.

I. PUBLIC HEARINGS

FY18-06 Tracy and Jonathan Yoffe, Owners, are seeking a VARIANCE or SPECIAL PERMIT for the
installation of an above ground pool within the front accessory setback requirements. Property is shown
on the Town of Uxbridge Assessor's Map 27 Parcel 556 and described in a deed recorded at the
Worcester Registry of Deeds Book 24452 Page 390 and is located in Agricultural Zone.

Discussion: Tracy Yoffe, the homeowner, presented her application to the Board. She is seeking relief of 25 feet from the 75-foot front setback requirement from Kathy Trail. The property is located on a corner lot and therefore has frontage on both West Street and Kathy Trail. The proposed pool location is off the rear corner of the NW/right side of the house approximately 50 feet from Kathy Drive and 77 feet from West Street. Mrs. Yoffe explained the location was chosen because the driveway and septic system are located is on the SE/left side and there is an outcropping of ledge behind the house.

Mr. Lench, Uxbridge Building Inspector, attended and concurred with the owner's description of the project and property. He briefly applied the Special Permit criteria outlined in Section 400-50 (B) of the Uxbridge Zoning Bylaws to the project as outlined below.

- 1. social, economic, or community needs which are served by the proposal no impact
- 2. traffic flow and safety, including parking and loading no impact
- 3. adequacy of utilities and other public services no need for additional services
- 4. neighborhood character and social structures fits the character; trees screen the property
- 5. impacts on the natural environment no impact
- potential fiscal impact, including impact on town services, tax base and employment no impact

During deliberations, the Board agreed with the Building Inspectors assessment and found the application, as proposed, met the Special Permit Criteria. Mr. Knapik stated that based on the applicant's presentation that the petition also met the criteria for a Variance finding a hardship created due to the topography of their lot and the location of utilities. After a brief discussion, the Board, Applicant agreed to move forward with the Special Permit because it requires a lesser standard to approve, and it is not as permanent as a Variance. There was also discussion with the applicant and the Building Inspector regarding pool safety requirements governed by the Building Code in Massachusetts.

Motions:

Joe Frisk made a **MOTION** to close public hearing FY18-06 for 185 West Street. John Gniadek **SECONDED** and the motion passed unanimously by roll call vote of 3-0-0. Rob Knapik – aye, John Gniadek – aye, Joe Frisk – aye.

Joe Frisk made a **MOTION** that the Zoning Board of Appeals to **APPROVE** a **SPECIAL PERMIT** request regarding FY18-06 for 185 West Street to allow the installation of an above ground pool within the front accessory setback requirements that have met the criteria set forth in the Uxbridge zoning bylaws. Motion amended to clarity the criteria met is within the zoning bylaws section 400-50

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(B). John Gniadek **SECONDED** and the motion passed unanimously by roll call vote of 3-0-0. Rob Knapik – aye, John Gniadek – aye, Joe Frisk – aye.

II. MINUTES/MAIL/INVOICES

1. Review 1/3/18 Meeting Minutes

Motion: Mr. Frisk moved to approve the ZBA January 3, 2018 Meeting Minutes as amended during the meeting. Mr. Gniadek seconded and the motion passed unanimously by roll call vote of 3-0-0. (John Gniadek – aye, Rob Knapik – aye, Joe Frisk – aye).

Motion: Mr. Frisk moved to approve the ZBA January 3, 2018 Executive Session Meeting Minutes as amended during the meeting. Mr. Gniadek seconded and the motion passed unanimously by roll call vote of 3-0-0. (John Gniadek – aye, Rob Knapik – aye, Joe Frisk – aye).

- III. ANY OTHER BUSINESS, which may lawfully come before the Board.
- IV. ADJOURNMENT: NEXT ZBA MEETING, WEDNESDAY, March 7, 2018

Motion: Mr. Frisk moved to adjourn the February 7, 2018 ZBA meeting. Mr. Gniadek seconded and the motion passed unanimously by roll call vote of 3-0-0. (John Gniadek – aye, Rob Knapik – aye, Joe Frisk – aye).

SIGNATURES:

Rob Knapik, Member

Joe Frisk, Alternate Member