

Great Barrington Zoning Board of Appeals

Minutes of February 19, 2013, meeting.

Attending were Chairman Ron Majdalany, Vice Chairman Carolyn Ivory, Madonna Meagher, Kathy Kotleski and Michael Wise. The meeting opened at 7:30 p.m. at the Great Barrington Town Hall.

The board voted to organize with Dr. Majdalany as chairman (nominated by Ms. Ivory, seconded by Ms. Kotleski), Ms. Ivory as vice-chairman (nominated by Ms. Kotleski, seconded by Ms. Meagher) and Ms. Kotleski as clerk (nominated by Ms. Meagher, seconded by Ms. Ivory). The vote for this slate was unanimous.

On a motion by Ms. Ivory, seconded by Ms. Kotleski, four members voted to accept the minutes of March 13, 2012, the last meeting held by the board. Mr. Wise did not vote as he was not at that meeting.

Notice was read of the hearing on **Jan Wojcik's special permit** application for a carport at property at 1 Roger Road. The project was subject to an earlier special permit in 2008, to raze an existing nonconforming dwelling and construct a new one. Members said they made a site visit at 5 p.m. that day but the chairman noted that neither the applicant nor a representative appeared. Mr. Wojcik was at the hearing along with his builder, Jay Feldman.

Mr. Wojcik said he had no presentation. Mr. Feldman explained the applicant's interest in constructing a shed roof to create a carport on the Roger Road side of the property. As board members asked for dimensional information and a case for the carport, Mr. Wojcik said the submitted plot plan did not reflect additional acreage that was conveyed to him. Mr. Feldman said the carport would create no greater nonconformity, but could offer no information on dimensional requirements or actual site measurements. The chairman asked for an accurate plot plan, with indication of the proposed carport and dimensional information. On a motion by Ms. Ivory, seconded by Ms. Meagher, and voted unanimously, the hearing was continued to March 5, 2013. As Ms. Ivory said she won't be able to attend, an alternate member may sit in, thus the applicant will be asked to begin the presentation again.

For the record:

- The board had advertised a public hearing for Jan. 8, 2013, on an appeal filed by **Sharon Strassfeld** of a cease order issued by the building commissioner regarding activity within a buffer zone of Long Pond, a public water source. The applicant in a letter from Counsel Michele A. Butler dated Dec. 20, 2012 asked to withdraw the appeal, as an agreement had been reached with the building commissioner. Town Counsel advised the ZBA need not hold the hearing. This letter and a meeting cancellation notice were filed with the town clerk.

In other business, the board:

- Learned that there has been no reported action on the Bell/Shapiro appeal.

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted
Bernard A. Drew

