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**Zoning Board of Appeals
Meeting Minutes
August 28, 2019**

The August 28, 2019 meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals was held in the Board of Selectmen's Meeting Room and was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mr. Thomas R. Noel, Chair. Members present: Mr. Allen Bouley and Mr. David Wrenn. Mr. James Tenore absent. Also in attendance were Paul DiGiuseppe, Planning Director, and Chris Carmichael, Building Commissioner.

Variance 19-17: 34 Elm Street – Continued from Previous meeting

Motion to remove from table for further discussion, second by Mr. Bouley. All in favor.

Ed Levine, applicant, Mohammad Farid, property owner, and Tommy Thompson from Circle B Barn Company present. The Board discussed Mr. Farid's letter. The Board then focused on the revised plan including the proposed relocation of the structure as well as screening applicant is willing to add. The applicant believes they meet the intent of the Zoning Bylaw definition for accessory structure. The applicant states the height cannot be reduced as it will cause the structure to look like a box which is out of character with the neighborhood.

The Board requested an updated, stamped drawing and a screening/landscaping plan showing the changes proposed by applicant. The applicant agreed to submit and to continue hearing.

Abutter Jonathan Drobnis raised concerns about Mr. Farid's letter and still has concerns about the revised project.

The Board discussed whether the proposal is "of the same class" as stated in ZBL 1.5(e) and whether the proposal is subordinate to the primary structure.

Motion to close the public hearing made by Mr. Wrenn. Motion withdrawn.

Motion to continue to September 18, 2019 made by Mr. Bouley, second by Mr. Wrenn. All in favor. Motion passes.

Election of Board Chair

Due to absence of Mr. Tenore, Mr. Noel continues to next meeting, September 18, 2019.

Charter Commission

The Board discussed coordinating with the Charter Commission. Mr. Wrenn and Mr. DiGiuseppe stated they will bring up the Board's interest in going to five-member board.

Remote Participation

The Board discussed issue of possibly allowing remote participation in Board meetings.

Motion to approve the May 29, 2019 minutes made by Mr. Bouley. Second by Mr. Wrenn. All in favor. Motion passes.

Motion to approve the July 31, 2019 minutes made by Mr. Bouley. Second by Mr. Wrenn. All in favor. Motion passes.

Motion to adjourn at 8:43 made by Mr. Bouley. Second by Mr. Wrenn. All in favor. Motion passes.

Minutes by: Paul DiGiuseppe, Director of Planning and Economic Development.

Respectfully Submitted,



Thomas R. Noel
Chair, Norton Zoning Board of Appeals

Approved by Committee on: September 18, 2019