



Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Town of Acushnet
Zoning Board of Appeals

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MEETING MINUTES – FEBRUARY 18TH, 2020

Present were:

Mr. Marc Cenerizio
Mr. Robert Brown
Mr. Rick Lally
Ms. Amanda Baptiste, Alternate

Absent:

Mr. Paul Hipolito, Chairman
Mrs. Carol Westgate

- I. Meeting called to order by Mr. Robert Brown**
- II. Minutes to be approved: October 8th, 2019 and January 21st, 2020**
Mr. Lally makes a motion to approve the minutes of October 8th, 2019 and January 21st, 2020 as presented. Mr. Cenerizio seconds this motion. All members of the Board are in favor, the motion passes unanimously.
- III. Meeting Mail:**
- IV. Appointments:**
- V. Old Business**
- VI. Business:**
- Case #2019.10.08A-** A case on Mr. Manuel Almeida, of 8 Wildrose Lane, Acushnet, who is petitioning the Board for a Special Permit for the use and parking of more than one commercial vehicle for business use at his address. This request is being made under the provisions of Section 3.3.1 Residence "A" District- Section "B" (8)- Use and Parking of More than One Commercial Vehicle for Business Use.
- Mr. Brown asks Mr. Almeida, or representative, to approach the podium to speak on this case. There is no one present at this meeting on behalf of this case. Ms. Baptiste then makes a motion to deny the Special Permit request. This motion is seconded by Mr. Lally. All members of the Board are in favor, the case is denied.
- Case #2020.01.21A-** A hearing on the case of Mr. Garrett Soucy, of 5 Williams Street, Acushnet who is petitioning for a Special Permit to be able to turn renovations or additions of his dwelling into an accessory apartment. The request is being made under the provisions of Section 3.3.1 "B" (1) and Section 3.4 "B": Accessory Apartments.
- Mr. Brown asks Mr. Soucy, or representative, to state their case to the Board. Mr. Soucy, along with his father, approach the podium. They explain to the Board that they are looking for a Special Permit for an in-law apartment for the grandmother to move in after her house had caught fire. They note that the apartment would be no larger than the already existing carport so no extensions of the building will be made. Mr. Brown explains that according to the denial letter from Building Inspector Marot, a letter from the Board of Health is required for comment on this case and asks if Mr. Soucy can provide the letter; he cannot.
- Mr. Soucy requests the Board continue the case to the next meeting to be able to get the provided information for the Board and meeting again with the Building Inspector. Ms. Baptiste makes a motion to continue the case to the next regularly scheduled meeting, Mr. Lally seconds the motions. All members of the Board are in favor, the case is continued.

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Case 2020.02.18A- A hearing on the case of Gary Hathaway, of 19 Westland Street, who is petitioning the Board of a Variance and expansion of the original Special Permit issued in October of 1989 to be able to add customer seating (waiting area) and handicap accessibility to the business, owned by Ahoy Matte LLC and located at 586 Main Street, Acushnet. These requests are being made under the provisions of Section 3.32.1 E (3).

Mr. Brown asks Mr. Hathaway, or representative, to approach the podium and state their case. Ms. Baptiste discloses that the original Special Permit that was granted for this business in 1989 was to a family member of hers that is no longer a resident in Town and this would not impact any vote made. Mr. Hathaway then approaches the Board and provides updated plans with revisions. He explains that he is looking to an enclosed waiting area and handicap ramp onto the business. It is mentioned that his denial letter from the Building Inspector required comments from: The Fire Department, Police Department, Department of Public Works, Board of Health, and Conservation Commission; the Board asks if he had acquired the letters from these departments, other than the Board of Health he had not. There are no abutters present either for or against this case.

Ms. Baptiste makes a motion to approve the request for expansion of the original Special Permit, as well as Variance, contingent upon the petitioner receiving the required letters from all departments. This motion is seconded by Mr. Lally. All members of the Board are in favor, the motion passes with a unanimous vote.

Case #2020.02.18B- A hearing on the case of Katie Belanger, of 8 Archer's Way Acushnet, who is petitioning for a Special Permit to be able to run a commercial dog breeding business out of her home. The request is being made under the provisions of Section 3.3.1 "B" (5).

Mr. Brown asks Ms. Belanger, or representative, to state their case to the Board. Ms. Belanger explains that she has been running a Golden Retriever breeding business out of her home and looking for the Special Permit to be able to continue. She notes that she breeds approximately 4 litters a year and is not looking to expand on what she is currently doing. She mention that she does run her business by appointment only and has never had any neighbor complaints, she has currently had her kennel license for the past three years. The Board asks if there are any abutters present, either for or against the request. Maria Rodrigues, of 10 Bow Drive, is present and explains that she was initially concerned about noise issues associated with having the dog breeding business nearby but she has no complaints now that she learned that it has already been going on without her knowing it was even there.

Mr. Cenerizio next makes a motion to approve the Special Permit as requested. This motion is seconded by Mr. Lally. With all members of the Board in favor, the motion passes with a unanimous vote.

VII. New Business: There is no other old or new business to be discussed.

VIII. Schedule Next Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting: March 24th, 2020

Ms. Baptiste lastly makes a motion to adjourn. This motion is seconded by Mr. Cenerizio. All members of the Board are in favor. The meeting is adjourned.



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Acushnet Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting – Tuesday, February 18, 2020

Respectfully submitted:
Amanda Baptiste

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Minutes Approved:

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Carol Christgate
Paul Baptiste
Amanda Baptiste

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