

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS

JULY 28, 2016

TOWN OF EAST HARTFORD



REGULAR MEETING

The Regular Meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals was called to order by Chairman Richard Torpey at 7:03 in the Town Council Chambers.

PRESENT: Members: Richard Torpey, David Repoli, Timothy Siggia,
Alternates: Eddie Camejo, Caroline Torres
Also Present: Gary Zalucki, Assistant Zoning Enforcement Official

ABSENT: Richard DeCrescenzo, James McElroy, Carol Noel

I. CHAIRMAN – Call to Order – 7:03 p.m.

Chairman Torpey began the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance, the reading of the opening statement and a reminder to the audience of the Fire Exits.

Chairman Torpey appointed Ms. Torez and Mr. Camejo as a voting members for this meeting.

II. HEARING OF ITEMS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD; CALL OF ITEMS.

Ingrid Lopez, 249 Woodycrest Drive, Requests a variance from Sections 214.2(c) Accessory Structures, to permit a detached garage 2 ft. from the side property line, requiring a variance of 4 ft. and Section 209.1(c) Parking, to permit the driveway to be 2 ft. from the property line requiring a variance of 3ft. (Zone R-3)

The applicant stated that she was unaware of permits being required and assumed the contractor was doing things according to code. The purpose of the detached garage is for storage. No one spoke in favor or opposition.

III. HEARINGS DISCUSSION AND BOARD DECISIONS:

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Mr. Torpey read into record a letter from Mr. Grew, Director of Inspections and Permits, stating that the hardships the applicant stated are self-imposed and it's his opinion that the variance be denied.

Motion made by Timothy Siggia to deny the request. Seconded by David Repoli.

Discussion:

The board acknowledged the problems the owners are facing but saw no clear hardship for approval. Several options were discussed to accommodate the applicant. No conclusions were able to be made.

Timothy Siggia made a motion to table the previous motion to deny and made a motion to postpone until the next meeting so options can be reviewed. Seconded by Caroline Torres.

Approved 3:2

IV. OLD BUSINESS

Chairman Torpey read into the record communication from court council regarding Royal Spa.

V. NEW BUSINESS None

VI. MISCELLANEOUS None

VII. APPROVAL OF ZBA MINUTES FOR:

A. June 30, 2016

David Rippoli made a motion to approve. Seconded by Timothy Siggia. **Approved 5:0**

VIII. PAYMENT OF BILLS

Payment of Clerk – Caroline Torres made motion. Seconded by Timothy Siggia. **Approved 5:0**

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Timothy Siggia made motion to adjourn at 7:46. Seconded by Eddie Camejo. **Approved 5:0**

The next regular meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals is scheduled on Thursday, August 25, 2016.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Watson