

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
July 1, 2019 Meeting Minutes

Board Members Present: Shane O'Connor, Douglas Glazier, Christopher Halpin,
Mark Horan and Daniel Merrigan

Town Staff Present: none

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm

Board roll call was taken.

MINUTES:

Chairman O'Connor referred to the May 6, 2019 meeting minutes and asked for any corrections or changes. There were none. Mr. Glazier moved to approve the May 6, 2019 meeting minutes as published. Mr. Halpin seconded the motion. All were in favor. The vote was 5 – 0, the motion was approved.

BILLS & CORRESPONDENCE:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

a. DMV Applications

b. Public Hearings

- 1. Public hearing on Application #FY19-20-01, Owner/Applicant: William Gallucci for a variance for the property located at 46 Bristol Road in order to construct a porch with roof to replace existing stoop, 27 feet to the front building line where 32 feet are required.**

William J. Gallucci of 46 Bristol Road addressed the Board and stated he had purchase the property in question in 2007/2008. He explained that since that time his wife was injured in combat in Afghanistan in 2011. Mr. Gallucci stated that her C5 and C6 were compressed and that after four years of rehabilitation the military retired her from service.

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Mr. Gallucci stated that a covered porch would help his wife avoid slipping and falling while trying to navigate the stairs to access their home. He went on to say that he was still in the military and often got called away for extended periods. He then commented that it would be nice for him not to have to worry about his wife falling while he was away.

Chairman O'Connor asked if the front door, where the covered porch was proposed, was the main point of entry to the home. Mr. Gallucci replied that it was. He then explained that they would be installing railings on the porch and steps, even if they were not required by code, to assist his wife.

Chairman O'Connor asked if the porch was going to be the entire length of the home, 46 feet. Mr. Gallucci replied that that was correct. He went on to say that the front door was approximately 32 to 33 feet from the driveway and that he did not think that it made much sense to stop the porch there. He reiterated that they would be running the porch the entire length of the home.

Chairman O'Connor noted that the drawing that had been submitted with the application stated that the porch was going to be 40 feet. Mr. Gallucci took a look at the drawing in question and stated that the porch was going to be 46 feet, the 40 feet had been written on the drawing in error.

Mr. Glazier asked if the porch was going to be fully enclosed. Mr. Gallucci replied that it was not going to be an enclosed porch; it would, however, have full railings.

Mr. Horan asked Mrs. Gallucci if the railing would help her. Mrs. Gallucci replied that they would. She went on to say that she had fallen several times in the past while trying to navigate the front and back steps to their home. She then noted that her husband had tried to install railings into the cement steps, but that the cement had just crumbled. Mr. Glazier asked if there was going to be a railing in the middle of the stairs. Mrs. Gallucci replied that there was not. She then explained that she would be able to use her service dog as her cane along with the side railing in order to navigate the steps.

Chairman O'Connor asked the Board members for any further questions. They had none.

Chairman O'Connor asked for any public input in favor of or in opposition to the application. There were no members of the public present; there were no comments.

Chairman O'Connor asked for a motion regarding Application #FY19-20-01. Mr. Horan moved to approve Application #FY19-20-01, Owner/Applicant: William Gallucci for a variance for the property located at 46 Bristol Road in order to construct a porch with roof to replace existing stoop, 27 feet to the front building line where 32 feet are required. The granting of this variance is for the

improvements proposed in this application only permitting a certain exception to the requirements of Section 220, Obstructions in Yards. Changes to the plan may require a return to this Board. This is not a permit to construct or install, please see the Building and Land Use Office for permit requirements. The hardship upon which this decision is based is service to our country. Mr. Glazier seconded the motion. All were in favor. The vote was 5 – 0, the motion was approved.

Mr. Glazier moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Halpin seconded the motion. All were in favor. The vote was 5 – 0, the meeting was adjourned at 7:14 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Ferrari
Recording Secretary

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Please check the following month's meeting minutes for official approval of these minutes and any amendments or corrections that were made.