

Harpers Ferry Board of Zoning Appeals

January 7, 2021

Hearing Minutes – Variance on setback for two sheds at 699 Fillmore Street

Call to order and attendees - The meeting was called to order by Mike Buscher at 6:30 pm.

SEAT 1 (term ends January 1, 2021): David Simmons – ABSENT (RECUSING HIMSELF)

SEAT 2 (term ends January 1, 2022): Shaun Amos – PRESENT

SEAT 3 (term ends January 1, 2022): VACANT

SEAT 4 (term ends January 1, 2023): Mike Buscher – PRESENT and leading meeting

SEAT 5 (term ends January 1, 2023): Chris Craig – PRESENT and recording minutes

ALTERNATE 1 (term ends March 1, 2021): VACANT

ALTERNATE 2 (term ends March 1, 2022): Rob Case – ABSENT

ALTERNATE 3 (term ends March 1, 2023): VACANT

Non-BZA members present: Deb Kelly (technical assistance), Dave Kardok (project contractor/builder)

Application for Variance for New Construction at 699 Fillmore Street Reviewed – Mr. Kardok described the project under consideration. The existing garage on the property is being converted into an apartment. He has designed two closets/sheds that are 30” deep for storage. They would have doors that open toward the garage apartment, and their backs would be on the setback near the fence. The adjacent property to the proposed construction is a vacant lot belonging to the National Park Service.

Mr. Craig asked if the Park Service had been approached or had expressed any concerns. Mr. Kardok did not know of any contact. No Park staff attended the hearing to express any concerns.

Mr. Craig moved to allow the construction of two closet/sheds as presented in the application within the rear setback of the property. Mr. Amos seconded; passed unanimously.

Consideration of Hearing Minutes of the BZA from November 30, 2020 –

Mr. Buscher presented his minutes of the Nov. 30 hearing. Mr. Amos asked that an addition be made under the section “Discussion of application for installation of two sheds on the Velez property, 1090 Putnam Street.” To the text “The Board went into private deliberations,” he asked for the following revision: “The Board, made up of members Simmons, Rago, Buscher, Case, and Craig went into private deliberations.” Mr. Craig moved that the minutes be approved with that addition. Mr. Amos seconded; passed unanimously.

Adjournment – At 6:48 Mr. Amos moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Buscher seconded; passed unanimously.

Minutes submitted by Chris Craig