

TOWN OF ARLINGTON
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

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Date: August 11, 2020

Time: 7:30 PM

Location: Remote Hearing, Zoom ID # 922 7728 5905

Members in Attendance: Christian Klein R.A., Chair, Patrick M. Hanlon, Kevin Mills, Shawn O'Rourke, Stephen Revilak, Aaron Ford.

Minutes:

Attendance: Pavas Gupta, Kanchan Gupta, Steve Hackbarth, Rick Vallarelli, Smolak and Vaughn (Representative)

Chair's Introduction: Chairman Klein opened the meeting at 7:38 PM. After reading the rules for remote hearings and a roll call attendance, the hearing commenced. It was noted that this hearing would be recorded.

1) Docket #3515 – Continued 40B Hearing, Thorndike Place.

Chairman Klein presented and read a letter addressed to himself and Town Counsel Doug Heim from Stephanie Kiefer, Attorney for the Petitioner. The letter requested a continuance to August 25, 2020. Mr. Klein asked the Board and the public if there were any comments, there were none. Mr. O'Rourke made a motion to approve the request and Mr. Hanlon seconded that motion.

SO VOTED 5-0

2) Docket #3622 46 – 48 Park Avenue Extension.

The Petitioner(s) Pavas and Kachan Gupta first appeared before the Board on June 23, 2020. They wished to install a second driveway on their property located at 46 – 48 Park Avenue Extension. The Board requested more information and a continuance was granted. Initially there were two concerns. Mr. Mills was concerned about the elevations, slope, and appearance. Mr. Ford was concerned about the structural integrity of the existing retaining wall and if it would perform after the driveway were to be constructed. Mr. Gupta displayed the new drawings on the screen and the Board seemed satisfied with the elevations. Neighbors spoke in favor of the request as not only would it be convenient to have a second driveway, the existing condition posed a danger while backing out onto Park Avenue Extension. Mr. Gupta told the Board that if

the retaining wall had to be rebuilt he would do so. Mr. Klein asked the Board and the audience if they had any questions, there were none. Mr. O'Rourke abstained from voting as he was not present at the first hearing. Mr. Revelak noted that the Board should approve the revised plan not the original plan from the first hearing. Also, it was noted that the driveway should not be less than the minimum width of seven feet six inches (7'6"). Mr. Hanlon made a motion to approve with conditions. Mr. Mills seconded.

SO VOTED 5-0

3) Members Vote:

Members were asked to approve Meeting Minutes from ZBA remote hearing on July 14, 2020. Mr. Hanlon motioned to approve, Mr. Mills seconded.

MINUTES APPROVED, SO VOTED 5-0

4) Members Vote:

Members were asked to approve Decisions from ZBA remote hearing on June 23, 2020. Prior to the vote, Mr. Vallarelli, Board Administrator, reported to the Board that there were still a few edits to be executed on some of the Decisions. Mr. Vallarelli added that most of these edits were punctuation errors and the meaning and intent of the draft Decisions were accurate.

Docket #3623 – 37 Fairmont Street, Mr. Hanlon motioned to approve subject to editorial adjustments and Mr. Mills seconded.

SO VOTED 5-0

Docket # 3624 – 400-402 Massachusetts Avenue, Mr. Hanlon motioned to approve subject to editorial adjustments, Mr. Mills seconded..

SO VOTED 5-0

Docket #3626 – 66-68 Palmer Street, Mr. Hanlon motioned to approve subject to editorial adjustments, Mr. Mills seconded.

SO VOTED 5-0

Docket #3626 – 73 Freeman Street, Mr. Hanlon motioned to approve subject to editorial adjustments, Mr. Mills seconded.

SO VOTED 5-0

At approximately 8:40 PM Mr. Klein asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Hanlon made that motion and Mr. Mills seconded.

MEETING ADJOURNED 8:40 PM