

Town of Washington Zoning Board of Appeals

Meeting Minutes

May 17, 2022

A Zoom Meeting and Public Hearing of the Town of Washington Zoning Board of Appeals was held on May 17, 2022 at 7:30PM, hosted by Chairman John Parisi to consider the application of St. Peter's Church at 692 Deep Hollow Road, for an Area Variance for a handicap ramp, previously approved in August of 2021, which now needs to be moved 18 inches closer to the road due to building conditions. St. Peter's Church also requires a 13-inch variance for installing an extra step on the front porch, bringing the steps up to code.

Attending in person were members of the Zoning Board of Appeals Chairman John Parisi, Frank Redl and Katherine Briggs. Members Fletcher Coddington and Peter Audia were absent. Howard Schuman from the CAC and Leslie Heaney, Town Board Liason, and Aaron Werner, AKRF consultant, also attended in person.

Chairman Parisi called the meeting to order at 7:30pm. He asked for a motion to approve the April 19th meeting minutes. Frank Redl made the motion, seconded by Katherine Briggs. The vote is as follows:

Chairman Parisi	___AYE___
Member Coddington	___absent___
Member Audia	___absent___
Member Redl	___AYE___
Member Briggs	___AYE___

Chairman Parisi asked Julie Kalberer Turino, representative of St. Peter's Church, to come to the table to discuss the application. Ms. Kalberer Turino summarized the previously approved variance for Member Briggs, who was not yet on the Zoning Board when the original approval was given.

Ms. Kalberer Turino went on to explain that a tree had fallen on St. Peter's Church's vestibule and steps last year. They needed to rebuild the steps to code, which meant adding a step, which brought the steps 13 inches closer to the road. This required an area variance along with the handicapped ramp needing to be 18 inches closer to the road due to conditions of the building.

Consultant Aaron Werner was asked to summarize his findings. He stated that it was a Type II Action. The Planning Board was not needed and no special permit was required, since this was an area outside the floor area of the church.

Chairman Parisi asked for a motion to open the Public Hearing. Member Frank Redl made the motion, seconded by Member Katherine Briggs. The vote is as follows:

Chairman Parisi	<u> </u> AYE <u> </u>
Member Coddington	<u> </u> absent <u> </u>
Member Audia	<u> </u> absent <u> </u>
Member Redl	<u> </u> AYE <u> </u>
Member Briggs	<u> </u> AYE <u> </u>

There were no comments from the ZBA members, nor the public. Chairman Parisi asked for a motion to close the Public Hearing. Member Redl made the motion, seconded by Member Briggs. The vote is as follows:

Chairman Parisi	<u> </u> AYE <u> </u>
Member Coddington	<u> </u> absent <u> </u>
Member Audia	<u> </u> absent <u> </u>
Member Redl	<u> </u> AYE <u> </u>
Member Briggs	<u> </u> AYE <u> </u>

Chairman Parisi asked for a motion to approve the Type II Action. Chairman Parisi made the motion, seconded by Member Briggs. The vote is as follows:

Chairman Parisi	___ AYE ___
Member Coddington	___ absent ___
Member Audia	___ absent ___
Member Redl	___ AYE ___
Member Briggs	___ AYE ___

Chairman Parisi asked for a motion to approve the 34.4 inch variance for the handicap ramp, and the 34.11 inch variance for the new steps. Member Redl made the motion, seconded by Member Briggs. The vote is as follows:

Chairman Parisi	___ AYE ___
Member Coddington	___ absent ___
Member Audia	___ absent ___
Member Redl	___ AYE ___
Member Briggs	___ AYE ___

There was no other business on the agenda. Chairman Parisi asked for a motion to close the meeting. Chairman Parisi made the motion, seconded by Member Redl.

The meeting closed at 7:39PM.

