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## Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting Minutes April 27, 2021

**Due to COVID19 pandemic and the Governor's Executive Order 202 regarding open meetings, this meeting was held via Webex. Connection information was broadcast online for residents to participate.**

**Present:** Board Members: Scott Campbell, Mary Frank, Joe Gavner, Ed Quirk, Sam Fisco, Attorney Ben Neidl, Bldg. Insp. Eyal Saad, Deputy Clerk Paula Kerbert, student Jordan Stoltz and contractor for 39 Finger Street Mike Helfer.

### **Regular Meeting**

Chairman Campbell opened the regular meeting of the Zoning Board at 7:00pm.

**Mary Frank made a motion to accept the minutes of the January 26, 2021 Zoning Board meeting as presented. Sam Fisco seconded the motion to accept the minutes of the January 26, 2021 Zoning Board meeting as presented. The motion carried unanimously.**

### **Daniel Payne/Michael Helfer 39 Finger Street Area Variance**

Michael Helfer spoke on behalf of his clients Mr. & Mrs. Payne of 39 Finger Street to present information on the area variance they are requesting. Michael said he is a general contractor based out of Hyde Park New York and he will be doing the work for the Payne's. They are doing renovations and they are trying to expand the garage because the chimney is right there and they have to move the car off to the side to get in the driveway. The family is very family oriented and wants to have barbecues and such so since they are doing the garage they would like to add a mud room and a half bath. With this they would keep the whole look of the house and with that they would renovate the kitchen as well. Scott Campbell asked Michael if they were seeking a variance of 4 ½ feet and Michael answered yes. Looking for 19' 6 inches. Michael is working with David Beckwith an architect over in Pleasant Valley who drew up the proposed plans. They will have to extend the driveway as well. Michael also said that there will be modifications to the curb as well because of extending the driveway. Scott wanted to verify the exact location of the house and renovations and he asked if it was on the corner of Finger and Williams. Michael said yes, it's on the corner of Finger and Williams Street, it's a corner lot. Scott mentioned that when he was looking at the short form that was filled out, questions 18,19 & 20 all were checked yes and he believed they should all be checked no? Michael said yes, they should all be checked no and he is going to modify it and send it back in with the corrected answers. Scott asked if the board had any questions or concerns and Mary Frank asked if it was possible to get a picture of what the renovations were going to look like on the Finger Street side. Michael said that he could certainly get the architect to render a drawing and get it back to the board in the next couple of weeks before the next meeting in May. Eyal Saad stated that the main reason

for the application is so the board would know that they are supposed to have 25' and they only have 19' 6" on the Williams Street side. They have 36 feet in the front on the Finger Street side. Being that it's a corner lot it means that the side yard is also considered a front yard as stated by Scott Campbell. Eyal Saad agreed. Eyal also stated that you can pick a front a side and rear but you can't pick 2 fronts.

Scott stated that they have to schedule a public hearing for next month for this variance request. The public hearing will be set for May 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. Scott made a motion that they set a public hearing for May 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm, Sam Fisco seconded the motion. All in favor, no one opposed.

Ben Neidl stated that this is a type 2 action variance and it means that we don't have to do the project form and we don't have to go to refer to other agencies unless you want to. It's optional. It doesn't have to go to the Ulster County Planning Board either because it's not within 500 feet of a county or state road or a park. Eyal brought up the map and did verify that it is not within 500 feet of a county or state road or a park so there's no need to go to the Ulster County Planning Board. Michael asked if he didn't have to do the short form over and Ben stated that he didn't need to do that since the variance is not within the 500 feet.

Ed Quirk had a question on the project across from the fire house, the church. He was informed that it was 1 driveway in and out and there are 2 driveways. He stated that it looks like there is another driveway now. Eyal said the driveway is in part of the fire zone and the fire department has an issue with it now. Ed stated that he had to park the ladder truck outside the other day and parked it in the fire zone and had a hard time fitting it in the fire zone because of the driveway. Eyal checked it and it really didn't interfere with the driveway. Eyal stated it was an oversight on everybody's part. Eyal said that the fire lane is actually supposed to be there so no one parks there for when they need to get the fire trucks out for a fire call. Ed Quirk stated that they do park the trucks there when they are doing work inside the fire house. He said it looks like a little issue and he wanted to just make sure we were aware. Eyal stated that there is another driveway right in the middle of the fire lane and the new driveway is not the only driveway that's there in the fire lane. Eyal said he put the SEQR request in Brian Martin's mailbox to give to the fire chief. Eyal was told that the fire chief never saw the request. Eyal stated that Lisa Mayone always does her due diligence and always sends the paperwork that is required before the meetings. Ed Quirk said he was good with the explanation that Eyal gave him.

**Joe Gavner made a motion to adjourn the Zoning Board Meeting of April 27, 2021. Scott Campbell seconded the motion to adjourn the Zoning Board meeting of April 27, 2021 at 7:23 pm. The motion carried unanimously.**

**The next scheduled Zoning Board Meeting will be May 25, 2021 at 7:00pm.**

**Respectfully submitted,  
Paula Kerbert  
Deputy Village Clerk  
04/30/2021**