

**FRANKLIN ZONING BOARD
REGULAR MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING
Wednesday, May 3, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.
City Hall – Downstairs Conference Room**

Minutes

Call to Order - 6:30 p.m.

Attendance: Chairman Glen Feener; Cecile Cormier, Kathlene Fleckenstein, Gregory Thompson (arrived at 6:35 p.m.). Staff present: Planning Director Seth Creighton, Planning & Zoning Administrative Assistant Judy Bibbins. (Absent: Debbie Davis)

Salute to the Flag – led by Kathlene Fleckenstein

Approval of Minutes of the March 1, 2023 Public Meeting of the Board

Member Fleckenstein made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Member Cormier. **Motion carried 3-0-0.**

New Business:

Z 23-04: Public Service of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy, is requesting a variance from 305-15.B “Height Regulations” to replace 46 existing non-conforming wooden poles with taller steel poles along the existing F-139 electric transmission line and 49 existing non-conforming wooden poles with taller steel poles along the existing A-182 electric transmission line. The wooden poles along the F-139 line range from 50-60 feet above ground and will be replaced with steel poles that will range from 60-90 feet above ground. The wooden poles along the A-182 line range from 55-105 feet above ground and would be replaced with steel poles ranging from 60-110 feet above ground.

Brad Norman from Eversource spoke to the application. He explained this is an ongoing project along the A182 and F139 transmission lines. The A182 is structural upgrades only and the F139 is a rebuild. The project begins at the Webster substation and extends to the Northfield Town line.

Member Cormier asked if they had already obtained the required permits with NH DES. Andrew Mahoney from VHB, agent for the applicant, said they had filed standard dredge and fill permits. Member Thompson asked for the statutory reference number for the authority for the project. Mr. Norman said he did not remember the statute number but would be happy to email it to Director Creighton.

Chairman Feener opened the hearing to the public. Lillian Emerson of Punch Brook Road shared that she had spoken with Eversource representatives and was satisfied with the expected look of the project at completion. With no other comments, the hearing was closed and brought back to the Board.

Member Cormier made a motion to approve the application:

*“After review of the file and all the information presented, I move that the Applicant has met all the Variance criteria and the Variance be **granted.**”* Motion was seconded by Member Fleckenstein. **Motion carried 4-0-0.**

Z23-05: Robert and Jennifer Hayward, owners, are seeking a special exception per 305.4 to open a family daycare for up to 6 children at 66 View Street. The property is located at Map/Lot 118-092-00 in the R3 [One, Two and Three-Family Residential] zoning district.

Jennifer Hayward spoke to the application. She explained that most of the time there would only be 4 children, but after school there would be an additional 2 children. She explained that the arrival and departure times are

staggered so there would be very little impact to the traffic in the neighborhood and they would always be supervised while outside playing.

Member Cormier asked if she had any interest in increasing the number of children to 10. Ms. Hayward said she did not as that requires additional licensing from the State.

Chairman Feener opened the hearing up to the public. Ernest Solis-Lugo of 72 View Street spoke in favor of the application. He said the Haywards are good people and this will be a positive addition to the neighborhood.

With no further comments, the hearing was closed and brought back to the Board. Member Fleckenstein made a motion to approve:

*"After review of the file and all the information presented, I move that the Applicant has met all the Special Exception criteria and the Special Exception be **granted** with the following conditions:*

1) The yard, or portion thereof, be fenced in." Motion was seconded by Member Thompson. Member Cormier asked if they should include the 10-child limit. Members Fleckenstein and Thompson were satisfied without that amendment. **Motion carried 4-0-0.**

Other Business:

Election of Zoning Board Officers

Member Cormier made a motion to re-elect Glen Feener as Chairman and Kathlene Fleckenstein as Vice-chairperson. Seconded by Member Thompson. **Motion carried 4-0-0.**

Adjournment: Member Thompson made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Member Fleckenstein. **Motion carried 4-0-0. Meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.**

The next scheduled meeting of the Zoning Board of Adjustments is Wednesday, June 7, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. The deadline date for submission of applications for this meeting is Wednesday, May 17, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Bibbins
Planning & Zoning Administrative Assistant