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Bridgewater Zoning Board
March 15, 2021 Minutes

Board Members Present: Wayne Thompson, Patrick Roach, Ron Linde, Steve Williams (Chair), Edwin Boyce

Public Present: Deedie Kriebel, Charles Kriebel, Jim Gickas, Paul Fleming, Melissa Mullen, Michael Finnegan, P W Morrill Jr.

Steve opened the meeting at 7PM. Steve explained the file was not available but Selectman Morrill was able to get the file for the Board. Steve reviewed the application and what a request for variance involved. The abutter Charles Kriebel responded with the letter they had sent to The Town which Steve read to those present. Mrs. Kriebel then expressed concern about the proposed building being too close to their building and the possibility of fire spreading.

Paul Fleming stated he felt the 35 ft setback requirement made it impossible for them to build anything on the lot and a 20 ft setback would allow them to build a house. Paul said the building there now doesn't meet the setback requirement. Paul also said that the movement of Pollard Path is contributing to the problem of meeting the setback requirements. Melissa Mullen said she feels they should be able to build a house there by changing the layout perhaps.

Steve asked the Kriebels where they live and they live on Thistle Road. Paul showed a plan to the Board with 20 ft setbacks. Mr. Finnegan explained that Pollard Path was moved to make lots near it more conforming. Steve asked the Kriebels if they would be comfortable with 20 ft setbacks. Mrs. Kriebel said no and they have another house already closer to the water. She said it's not like they don't have a house already.

Steve suggested to Paul and Melissa that they do more homework and come up with some alternatives plans and maybe a smaller house. Other members of the Board also said they felt the house was too big for the lot. Steve suggested they find out where the right away is on Route 3 as it changes in various places from lot to lot and they may be able to move the house closer to Route 3.

Steve suggested the meeting be continued to April 5th at 7PM and after further discussion by all parties, it was agreed to continue the meeting till then. The minutes were then reviewed and approved and the meeting was adjourned at 7:45PM

Sincerely,

Denise Stark, Secretary