

Westmoreland Zoning Board  
Minutes of July 21, 2021 Hearing

The Westmoreland Zoning Board of Adjustment met on July 21, 2021 at 7:00 pm at the Westmoreland Town Hall to hear the following applications.

#1 Kathy and Jeff Watson of 1772 Route 12, Westmoreland came to the Board to inform it of their intention to buy The Village Store in the coming months and to lay out some of their plans for changes they would like to make; the most important being parking.

They intend to change the parking area from the north side of Town Hall to the south side of the store. The north side was used for tenants of the store building, customers, and for those visiting the Town Hall. The Watson's plan will leave the north side parking spaces empty of store tenants and customers but available for those working in or visiting the Town Hall even though it is part of the property which they are buying. The north side is less safe than the south side as it is so close to the intersection of S. Village Road also the blind corner of the Post Office parking lot.

Kathy Watson said that the store would offer many of the same products and keep similar hours. In addition they would also have outdoor seating on the south side.

The Board was mainly interested in safety issues of parking and lighting and opening and closing hours being tailored to the convenience of the residential neighborhood. They also

wanted to know if the building would continue renting the two apartments within the building, which they will. A large group of residents was present at the hearing and they were enthusiastic about the plans they had heard.

Chairman Remy called for a motion on whether to grant the Special Exception. The motion was made and the vote was unanimous to grant the Special Exception.

### Stephanie Shelburne hearing

Stephanie Shelburne of 66 S. Village Road was applying for a Special Exception to allow her to sell her home baked desserts two days a week from her home. Again, the large number of local residents attending the hearing were very enthusiastic about Stephanie's products. The Board was concerned that there was an issue with parking and safety having heard several complaints since S. Village Road is a narrow two lane country road that many residents use to reach their homes on interior Westmoreland roads. Stephanie and her husband said they had made changes to their driveway to accommodate off street parking. Also, It was a rare occasion when there were more customers than parking spaces.

Board member, Nancy Ransom, objected, saying that she had heard many complaints about the parking problem.

The Shelburnes said they would put up signs directing any customers into the new parking spaces.

Chairman Remy called for a motion on whether to grant the special exception. The vote passed 5 to 1 with one member abstaining.

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Kelly Jarvis of 45 S. Village Road, Map U 6, Lot 9 submitted an application for a Special Exception to have a retailHome business. Kelly intends to specialize in growing and selling all kinds of herbs and associated herb products. She does not expect to have a large crowd of customers at any one time and feels that her driveway will accommodate all of her customers. If not, there is a place next to her house which can be refigured into two or more parking spaces. Once the parking issue was addressed Chairman Remy called for a motion which was made and passed unanimously.

Chairman Remy called for a motion to adjourn which passed unanimously.