

PICKSTOWN BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
PUBLIC HEARING
REQUEST FOR VARIANCE
RAINBOW ROOM
MAY 4, 2020

Public Hearing for Variance was called to order at 6:35 PM. Roll Call was taken. Members present were: Dick Crabtree, Gary Wiesner, Ron Mabie, Sandy Daggett and Sue Schultz. Others present: Craig Hibbs, Cindy Broyhill, Kurt Bialas, Dawn Bialas, William Bietz, Jordan Weber, Dave Daggett, Jeremiah Freidel, Dee Denekas and Mark Fortuna, along with one other unidentified person.

The only agenda item was Request for Variance #2020-2 by William Bietz for an unattached garage on Lot J of Lot 8, Town of Pickstown. Mr. Bietz would like to construct his garage with a 19' peak and 14' sidewalls to allow for 12' doors. Current City Ordinance 150.004 establishes the height of a garage or shed at peak of 17' with sidewalls of 12' for unattached garages or sheds.

Meeting was opened for public comments and discussion. Dave Daggett spoke about another home owner that had to adjust their garage height to comply with the ordinance. This occurred during his tenure as Building Inspector. Dave recommended the town should keep the Ordinance as is. Property owners can adjust the roof from a gable to a hip roof design to lower the peak height.

Bietz said he needs the extra height for his ski boat that has a tow-rope tower 11'6" high. He feels there are several garages in town that exceed the 17' height 12' sidewalls. He asked why they didn't need a variance. Crabtree said he can't speak to what may have occurred in the past but each request for variance will be looked at by this committee on its own merits. When questioned, Bietz said he bought the boat 5 years ago and just recently bought the lot. Crabtree asked if Mr. Bietz had investigated garage limitations prior to his purchasing the lot. He said he had not.

Jeremiah Freidel said the Board of Trustees needs to consider changing the Ordinance. The current ordinance was put in place in October 2013. Jeremiah said he is planning to build a garage in the future that will require greater height for a car lift. Jordan Weber said that Pickstown is a "recreational" community and more and more people have big boats and big campers. Crabtree said that many residents at previous public hearings have expressed strong opposition to big sheds/garages being built in town. Crabtree read two letters submitted by neighboring homeowners who live near the lot. Both letters were opposed to the variance. Wiesner stated that he knows of two residents who have previously had to change their roof designs to meet this ordinance.

With no further comments from the public, the committee moved to vote on the variance request. Crabtree called for a Roll Call vote as required. Schultz voted "nay", Daggett voted "nay", Mabie voted "nay", Wiesner voted "nay", Crabtree voted "nay". The Board of Trustees will now have their Public Hearing on the Variance at their May 13, 2020 meeting.

Motion to adjourn made by Wiesner, seconded by Daggett. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Schultz, Secretary