

## Commonwealth of Massachusetts Town of Acushnet Zoning Board of Appeals

### **MEETING MINUTES – February 20, 2024**

Present were:

Mr. Robert Brown

Mr. Kevin Smith

Mr. Thomas Whitehead

Mr. Charles Leonard

Absent:

Mr. Paul Hipolito

Mr. Randall DeTerra

- I. Mr. Leonard makes a motion to open the meeting, seconded by Mr. Whitehead. All members are in favor. The meeting called to order by member Robert Brown.
- II. Minutes to be approved: November 21, 2023

Mr. Smith makes a motion to approve the minutes of November 21, 2023, as presented. Mr. Whitehead seconds the motion. All members of the Board are in favor, the motion passes unanimously.

- III. Meeting Mail:
- IV. Appointments:
- V. Old Business:
  - 1. The annual town report has been submitted for 2

#### VI. Business:

 Case #2024.02.20A- A case of Andrew and Aryana Gomes, of 1561 Main Street, who is petitioning the Board for a special permit for an accessory apartment to be included in the construction of a single-family dwelling located on Tripp's Way (assessor's plat 8, lot 25F). This request is being made under the provisions of Section 3.4B.

Mr. Brown asks a representative to come forward. Mr. Matthew Leone explains the petitioner's request for a special permit to construct an in-law apartment. The current plans include a 746 square foot accessory apartment with the main living area consisting of 3323 square feet. The plans have been approved by the Conservation Commission.

Mr. Brown asks if there are any abutters present. Mr. Mark Francois of 301 Perry Hill Road is present and in support of the proposal.

Mr. Smith makes a motion to grant the special permit for the plans as presented. Mr. Leonard seconds the motion. All members of the Board are in favor.

2. Case #2024.02.20B- A case of Justin Lawrence, of 23 Birch Street, who is petitioning the Board for a variance to construct a single-family dwelling on Lambert Street (assessor's plat 18, lot 4G). This request is being made under the provisions of Section 3.3.1E.

Mr. Brown asks a representative to come forward. Mr. Matthew Leone explains the petitioner is requesting a variance to extend Lambert Street to the lot 4G.

Mr. Brown asks if any abutters are present. Mr. Antonio Alves of 36 East Lawnton Street expresses concerns about the new plans fitting into the neighborhood. Mr. Howard Allen of 50 Lambert Street is concerned with the plans to extend Lambert Street due to the wetlands as well as his home's value.

Mr. Brown states that the average lot size for the neighborhood is between 20,000 and 30,000 square feet.

Mr. Leone asks the Board for a continuance. Mr. Leonard makes a motion to continue the case to the next meeting. Mr. Smith seconds the motion, and it passes unanimously.

3. Case #2024.02.20C- A case of James Killackey, of 20 Quaker Lane, who is petitioning the Board to expand current living space by finishing 900 square feet of basement.

Mr. Brown asks a representative to come forward. Mr. Killackey explains his plans to expand the living area of his home. He states that he already received permits from the building inspector his his proposed plans.

Mr. Brown asks if there are any abutters present. There are none.

Mr. Killackey requests to withdraw his case. Mr. Leonard makes a motion to allow for the case to be withdrawn. Mr. Smith seconds the motion. All members of the board are in favor.

#### VII. New Business:

VIII. Schedule Next Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting: March 26, 2024

Mr. Leonard lastly makes a motion to adjourn. This motion is seconded by Mr. Whitehead. All members of the Board are in favor. The meeting is adjourned.



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Respectfully submitted: Kara Koska

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