

Town of Newington, NH

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Meeting Minutes – Monday, February 4, 2013

- Call to Order:** Chair Morton called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.
- Present:** Matt Morton, Chair; Ted Connors; Ralph Estes; John Frink; Planning Board Rep, Mike Marconi; Steve Prefontaine; and Town Planner, Tom Morgan.
- Public Guests:** Bruce Crawford and Dorene Stern
- Minutes:** Ted Connors motioned to accept the Zoning Board Minutes of November 26, 2012. Mike Marconi seconded the motion, and all members voted in favor.

Public Hearing: A request by Todd Adelman for a variance from Article XI Section 5 in order to allow a free-standing sign to be 15.1 feet from Shattuck Way where the ordinance requires a setback of 75 feet. The property is located at 521 Shattuck Way, Tax Map 7, Lot 3. Bruce Crawford of Ambit Engineering spoke to the petition.

Marconi recalled an earlier proposal for attached signs. Crawford referred to his submittal letter in regards to the five criteria. The free-standing sign will be internally illuminated, and will be set atop a concrete base, and will be six feet above grade.

Connors asked why the signage wasn't on the building instead of a free-standing sign. Dorene Stern of 516 Shattuck Way conveyed her opposition to any sign that is internally illuminated. She added that there is already too much light pollution. The sign does not require internal illumination because it is proposed to be situated beneath a pole light. Prefontaine asked if the sign needed to be lit internally. Crawford responded that he would confer with his client.

Marconi stated that the applicant did not mention signs during the Planning Board review. Stern added that the sign can be placed on the building instead of by the road. She stated that there is no evidence of hardship in this instance. Frink addressed the five criteria. In that regard, he concurred with Crawford's written submission. They all agreed that the spirit and intent of the ordinance was served. Marconi moved to grant the requested variance, subject to two conditions:

- 1) The sign shall not be internally illuminated; and
- 2) There shall be no internally illuminated signs placed on the building.

Prefontaine seconded the motion. All in favor. Marconi moved to adjourn. Prefontaine seconded. Unanimous. The meeting adjourned at 7:15 PM.

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