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The Northampton Zoning Board Minutes of Meeting May 14, 2020 VIA ZOOM Teleconference

Zoning Board Meeting 5:30 PM

Members Present:		Time
R	Chair, David Bloomberg	
	Sara Northrup	
R	Elizabeth Silver	
R	Bob Riddle, Associate Member	
R	Maureen Scanlon, Associate Member	

5:35 PM David Bloomberg opened the meeting and described protocol for Zoom Public Hearing and other procedural details.

There was no public comment.

5:35 PM David Bloomberg opened the hearing on the request for special permit by Girard Homes on behalf of Philip Fitz, owner of 28 Norfolk Ave, Northampton.

Philip Fitz presented the application and noted that there are a number of non-conformities in the neighborhood.

David Bloomberg asked about the trees location relative to the proposed addition.

Maureen Scanlon asked about the layout and size of the addition.

Elizabeth Silver asked about the number of trees.

Fitz noted that he had spoken to his neighbor about the trees and protecting them during construction. He noted his neighbor had no concern.

There was no public comment.

Upon motion by Elizabeth Silver and second by Maureen Scanlon, the Board voted by roll call vote to close the hearing.



Elizabeth Silver stated she is sympathetic to the need for the addition to allow single floor living and had no concerns about the new encroachment, particularly if the recommendations by the arborist are met.

Maureen Scanlon concurred noting that this was a large addition but the abutter has no concern, which convinces her as well.

David Bloomberg noted that the project is consistent with the characteristics of the neighborhood with garages close to the property lines.

Upon motion by Elizabeth Silver and second by Maureen Scanlon, the Board voted by roll call vote to approve the special permit with conditions regarding tree protection and root pruning as recommended by the arborist.

David Bloomberg described the elements of MGL 1106.

Upon motion by Elizabeth Silver and second by Maureen Scanlon, the Board voted unanimously by roll call vote to adopt the provisions allowing for Municipal E-Signatures.

Upon motion by Elizabeth Silver and second by Maureen Scanlon, the Board voted to accept the minutes of April 9 by roll call vote.

6:15 PM Upon motion by Elizabeth Silver and second by Maureen Scanlon, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn.