

The Office of the Zoning Board of Appeals
THE TOWN OF MERRIMAC
Massachusetts, 01860

COMMITTEE: ZBA

MEETING DATE: December 14, 2020

Meeting Location: Merrimac Town Hall (REMOTE)

School Street, Merrimac, Ma 01860

Members present: Ed Mills, Matthew Passeri, Josh Jackson, Mitch Kostouiakos
Bob Sinibaldi, Phil Parry

7:00PM

Ed Mills, Chairman opened the meeting.

Josh Jackson made a motion to approve the cell phone warrant for the Bd Admi. Matt Passeri 2nd the motion. Roll call vote 4:0

Josh Jackson made a motion to approve the 11-9-20-20 meeting minutes, Matt Passeri 2nd the motion. Roll call vote 4:0

7:05PM

Josh Jackson made a motion to approve payroll for the board Admin, Matt Passeri 2nd the motion. Roll call vote 4:0

7:05PM

Vale Street Petition

Sean Paradis 4 Vale Street-has been a long-term resident of Merrimac-has concerns about public safety related to the garage/ garage positioning, number of cars on the street will double create an unsafe roadway. Several abutters voiced the same concerns.

Phil Parry offered that there maybe a new plan that offers more width to the lots, more frontage, 1 ½ story homes with a standard size garage.

Phil Parry has drafted a proposed Zoning Amendment that he will work with the Planning Bd on. Bob Sinibaldi stated that he spoke to the Chair of the Planning Bd and the board is looking to simplify the Bylaw.

Sean Paradis, Cheryl Stiles, John Schaffer, Helen Cheragotis-Vale Street Abutters-all expressed the same concerns regarding the current plan-stated that garages are beneficial-relating to safety. Safety for elderly and children.

Attorney Phil Parry will work with Planning Board if he revises and submits plan.

Chairman Mills stated that if Attorney Phil Parry would like to move forward, he should work with Planning Board.

Attorney Parry is advised that the board could possibly hear a new application in February.

7:42PM

Ramshead LLC

The Board Admin stated that the attorney for Ramshead LLC contacted the Board in an effort to get accounting for all invoices and monies relating to Peer Reviews. The information was provided via mail. The Ramshead LLC account was closed out (Nov 2020) and the balance was paid to the applicant (\$3,400)

7:43PM

80 East Main Street

Tracey Hutchinson and George Thousiognos

Home is categorized as a 3-family home The real estate agent is asking about it being converted into a 4-family home.

The option was discussed, there are no building permits in the file. Current rules and regulations would need to be followed. It was discussed about the current property being converted to 4 apartments, with the option of rentals and one owner.

7:51PM

53 School Street Cease and Desist order (Inspectional Services)

It is a 2 family that has been illegally converted into a 3 family. Letter sent relating to egress issues. There are issues with the tenant and owner. Fire Chief has toured the property.

This issue could come before the ZBA relating to a possible in-law. Inspectional Services stated that action on this item is on hold. There have been contracted licensed workers on site since letter sent, must meet standards.

7:55PM

Bd Admin will talk with BOS to determine their meeting schedule. ZBA to meet in January and chose to change the day of the week that meetings are scheduled for. ZBA will meet on alternate days from the BOS.

8:03PM

Matt Passeri made the motion to adjourn the meeting, Josh Jackson 2nd the motion. Roll call vote: 4:0.

Ed Mills

Chairman Ed Mills