

MINUTES

**Town of Wappinger
Zoning Board of Appeals
March 10, 2020
Time: 7:00PM**

**Town Hall
20 Middlebush Road
Wappinger Falls, NY**

Summarized Minutes

Members:

Mr. Galotti	Chairman	Present
Mr. DellaCorte	Co-Chair	Present
Mr. Haas	Member	Present
Mr. Shah	Member	Present

Others Present:

Mrs. Roberti	Zoning Administrator
Mrs. Ogunti	Secretary

SUMMARY

Discussion:

Timothy & Nancy Fox

Public Hearing on March 24, 2020
Site Visit on March 14, 2020

Mr. Shah: Motion to accept the Minutes from January 14, 2020.
Mr. Haas: Second the Motion.
Vote: All present voted Aye.

Video of the March 10, 2020 Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yylKpe5lwic>

Discussion:

Appeal No. 20-7695 (Variance)

Timothy & Nancy Fox: Seeking an area variance Section 240-37 of the District Regulations in an R40 Zoning District.

-Where **50 feet** is required to the front property line, the applicant can provide **36.96 feet** for the construction of a 28' x 11'6" front porch, thus requesting a variance of **13.04 feet**. The property is located at **14 Michael Drive** and is identified as **Tax Grid No.: 6157-04-999332** in the Town of Wappinger.

Mr. Galotti: Good evening. Please come up and state your name for the record.

Mr. Fox: Timothy Fox, 14 Michael Drive, Wappingers Falls, New York.

Ms. Fox: Nancy Fox.

Mr. Galotti: Please give us a brief description of what you are looking for and why you need it.

Mr. Fox: We just want to put a front porch in the front half of the house on the driveway side to break up the length of the house because it looks like a trailer. It will enhance the look of the house. During the summer it's much cooler to sit out in the front than it is in the back. It's a lot less noisy. When you sit out in the back you get a lot of road noises from Route 9 but when you sit in the front you don't hear the road noise. Plus you get a nice breeze from up the hill so it's very comfortable to sit out there.

Mr. Galotti: Basically steps that stoops in the front walk.

Mr. Fox: Yes.

Mr. Galotti: So basically, this replaces what's there?

Mr. Fox: Yes, they are destroyed and contractors want more than half of what it's going to cost to construct the porch with walkway and steps.

Mr. Galotti: Gotcha.

Mr. DellaCorte: Can you refresh my memory where Michael Drive is?

Mr. Fox: It is off of Old Hopewell Road and you make a right on Eck Road. Michael Drive is the second right up on the hill.

Mr. DellaCorte: Okay.

Mr. Fox: It's a nice view up there and beautiful sunset. We moved there 5 years ago and we love it up there.

Mr. Galotti: Any other questions guys?

Mr. Haas: You have a one acre lot?

Mr. Fox: Yes.

Mr. Haas: Do the adjoining houses have similar size lots?

Mr. Fox: The one next to us on the right is and the one right before us is a little bit larger. There's woods that separates us. The guy across the street has almost two acres.

Mr. Haas: Does anybody else have a similar porch on the road?

Mr. Fox: The guy next to us has a front porch but that was built with the house.

Ms. Fox: It looks like a trailer.

Mr. Galotti: Please identify yourself.

Ms. Fox: Nancy Fox, 14 Michael Drive.

Mr. DellaCorte: You actually hear road noisy because you are that high up the hill from Route 9?

Mr. Fox: Yes, and I'm not complaining.

Mr. DellaCorte: But you can hear it.

Mr. Fox: Yes, in the morning around 4:30am-5:00am when we are having coffee it is beautiful to sit out on the porch. You get to hear the train and nothing else. In the evening after dinner and you want to have a cup of coffee, it's noisy in the back.

Mr. DellaCorte: So you have a deck, a pool and a patio?

Mr. Fox: Yes.

Mr. DellaCorte: There's nothing else going on back there?

Mr. Fox: No, just the front.

Mr. Galotti: Generally, what we would like to do is a site visit to see the property. Is it possible for you to mark out with a tape?

Mr. Fox: I already put sticks out already. We were supposed to do this the last time so the sticks will be there for you.

Mr. Galotti: Perfect, so we plan on being there this Saturday around 9:00am to take a look.

Mr. Fox: Okay.

Mr. Shah: I will call you since I cannot make it this Saturday.

Mr. Fox: Okay.

Mr. DellaCorte: **Motion to adjourn.**
Mr. Shah: Second the Motion.
Vote: All present voted Aye.

Respectfully Submitted,

Adjourned: 7:12 pm

Bea Ogunti
Secretary
Zoning Board of Appeals