

HINSDALE ZONING BOARD APPEALS
MINUTES OF MEETING OF
FINAL DECISION
January 8, 2023

Present were:

Jeff Viner-ZBA Chairman

Bruce Alexander- ZBA Board member

Dan Thornton-ZBA Board member

Dion Douglas-Alternate ZBA board member

Terry Douglas-ZBA Clerk

Jeff Randall-Hill Engineers

Ken Boudreau-Hill Engineers

Chris Horton

Jack Pluta

Teresa Daigle

Joseph Horton

Ron Cole

Marie Cole

Meeting called to order by Jeff Viner @ 6:34 pm

Jeff Viner read the application and explained the home owner was unable to attend the meeting. Jeffrey Randall from Hill Engineers representing Jeff McCorkindale and would answer questions regarding the application. Jeff Viner said if there were any questions that Jeff Randall could not answer the meeting would be extended till Jeff McCorkindale could attend.

Jeff Viner asked Terry Douglas if the certified letters were mailed and the public notice posted two weeks in the Berkshire Eagle. Terry Douglas replied that was done and there had not been any emails, letters or calls regarding the application.

Bruce Alexander asked would the land be leveled and Jeffrey Randall said they would not be leveling the land.

Jeffrey Randall explained in moving the house back 20 feet closer to the road, placing it on a foundation and it would be up higher because the grade of the land would elevate it but this would not block the view of any of the abutter's houses.

Jeffrey Randall said the foundations would have drains and swale which has already been approved by the Conservation Board.

Marie Cole voiced her concern with the house being on a foundation and not on piers that the water coming down would cause soil erosion. She asked about the setbacks being less feet. Jeffrey Randall explained the side setbacks would actually go from 9 feet to 11 feet. She also concerned because come Spring the water will increase and does not want it go on neighbor's property.

Jeff Viner said by all the water coming under the house and around the piers it causes them to rot.

Teresa Daigle asked where would the grinder pump be located. Jeffrey Randall said at this time not sure where it will be moved to. It might be relocated to across the street at a lot also owned by Jeff McCorkindale. Teresa Daigle also expressed concern about the heavy machinery and trucks causing damage to the street, or the sewer pipes under the street or the neighbor's property. Jeff Viner said that there has been heavy equipment on the road numerous times without any damage. If there is any damage done to the neighbor's land it would be fixed by Jeff McCorkindale.

Chris Horton expressed concern with the house being up higher that the owners would be able to look into their neighbors' windows. He also thinks that with moving the house that the trees in the buffer would be affected causing soil erosion. His biggest concern is the footprint would be bigger because of enclosing the porch.

Jeff Viner explained that a porch is always included in the footprint and there are not any windows on the side of the house that the home owners could look down into.

Marie Cole thinks that all the construction will cause the tree roots to be cut and then the trees would die within two years.

Jeff Viner explained that the erosion and water will be addressed with placing a swale on the property. This has already been looked at and approved by the Conservation Board.

Bruce Alexander asked Marie Cole to expand on her concern with the trees. Marie said she thinks that all the construction will cause the tree roots to be cut and then the trees would die within two years.

Teresa Daigle asked what a swale looks like. Jeffrey Randall it is a long narrow depressed trough which helps direct the water.

Joesph Horton asked if gable goes front to back or side to side. Jeffrey Randall said the gable goes front to back.

Bruce Alexander asked where was all the water coming from. Jeffrey Randall said across the tree behind the trees is a swamp.

Jeff Viner said Hill Engineers have gone over and above in addressing the water and drainage issue.

Jeff Viner called for a motion to vote; Bruce Alexander seconded motion.

Jeff Viner voted yes, Bruce Alexander voted yes and Dan Thornton voted yes.

All special conditions in application must be fulfilled.