

April 25, 2022

Minutes for the Zoning Board Meeting of the Town of Smithfield held April 25, 2022 at the Smithfield Community Center commencing at 7:00 p.m.

Present:

Chairman (Stand in)	Jody Luce
Zoning Board Member	Lori Towlmey
Zoning Board Member	Doug Berry
Zoning Board Clerk	Christine Boyden

Others Present: Jim Stokes, Larry Cesario, David Troyer, Krista Troyer, Kenny Mennig, Jessica Bradbury, Robert Burnett, Robert J. Weir, Jacob Donovan-Colin and Darrin Luce

-The Meeting was called to order by Chairman Jody Luce.

David Troyer's Area Variance

Chairman Jody Luce reviewed with the board David Troyer's application for an area variance as the land use law states that lot depth shall not be more than three times road footage width- they are looking for the area variance to allow area for the house location on Rich Road, Morrisville, NY 13408 (Tax Map 89.00-1-4.1).

Land Survey reviewed by board.

Larry Cesario and Jim Stokes explain to the board that there are no negative impacts this variance would create.

Public Hearing for David Troyer's Area Variance

Public Hearing opened at 7:06 pm by Chairman Jody Luce.

Jacob Donovan-Colin questioned about the location of this area variance.

Chairman Jody Luce closed the Public Hearing at 7:07 pm.

Smithfield Fire Department's Area Variance

Chairman Jody Luce moved on to the Smithfield Fire Department's Area Variance for an LED sign. The Fire Department needs a 58 foot variance from the center of the road to put up an LED sign as 100 feet away from the center of the road would be too far away to display messages to the public at 4581 Peterboro Road, Morrisville, NY 13408 (Tax Map 80.15-1-24)

Kenny Mennig presents to the board that the Fire Department would like to put up two LED signs to notify the public of upcoming meetings and events. Located in between the Firehouse and the Deli, on Fire District Land.

Public Hearing for Smithfield Fire Department's Area Variance

Chairman Jody Luce opened the Public Hearing at 7:11 pm.

Jim Stokes, Deli owner, requests the Public Hearing be postponed until a full presentation has been put together and presented by the Fire Department. Jim expressed his concern of the sign location as it would be too close to the road and his concern of our future side walks that are to be put in. Jim would like to know exactly what the sign is going to entail. He wants the board to weigh the benefits of the applicant versus the detriment to the Community.

Board Member Lori Twomey inquires about the details of the sign in which Kenny Mennig explains that the sign would be LED, they are unsure of exactly how the sign would be put up as the Fire Department is still getting pricing quotes but it would definitely run on a timer. Lori further asks if the sign would only be used for only the Fire Department and Kenny in response explains that he proposed to the Town Board that if they help pay for the sign that they can have full use of it as well.

Board Member Lori Twomey asked to see pictures of the sign they are hoping to build. Chairman Jody Luce adds in addition to pictures they would like exact measurements of the sign.

Jacob Donovan-Colin questioned what kind of messages would be displayed and who would control the messages, what time of day is the sign going to be on and explained that it is a historical town, the messages should be monitored.

Jim Stokes commented that the Fire Department intends to use the sign for the public as well, displaying birthday messages, anniversaries, etc for a cost. He believes this should be addressed as well.

Darrin Luce compares the LED sign for the Fire Department to the LED sign that used to be on in front of the Community Center. He is concerned about the timer and the LED aspect of the sign. He states that this is a distraction to traffic. He wants to know why the Fire Department needs an LED sign.

Board Member Lori Twomey asks Kenny Mennig if they explored other options than LED. Kenny explained that the LED would be easier to update, they could update the sign with a keyboard. He wants the sign to look presentable to the town.

Darrin Luce questioned what is the benefit of the new sign? Kenny explained with the older sign, they can only display one message at a time. However, with the new LED sign, the Fire Department would be able to display several messages. They could display fire prevention messages, etc.

Board Member Doug Berry comments on the new Morrisville State College's LED sign, explaining that it is blinding when you're driving through the town so it is important that the Fire Department's sign is not the same in brightness.

Chairman Jody Luce decides that the Area Variance can not be approved until a full presentation is given by the Fire Department and closes the Public Hearing at 8 pm.

The Public Hearing will reconvene on Wednesday, May 18 at 7 pm to revisit the Fire Department's Area Variance for an LED sign.

Regular Meeting for David Troyer's Area Variance

Short Environmental Assessment Form completed.

Chairman Jody Luce makes a motion seconded by Board Member Lori Twomey that based on the Short Environmental Assessment Form that the proposed action will not result in any significant environmental impacts.

Motion to vote on David Troyer's application was made by Chairman Jody Luce, seconded by Board Member Doug Berry

David Troyer's Area Variance was approved by Roll Call Vote:

Chairman	Jody Luce	Aye
Zoning Board Member	Lori Twomey	Aye
Zoning Board Member	Doug Berry	Aye

New Business- Board is to vote on Chairman at next meeting, May 18th , 2022 at 7 pm.

Adjournment-

With no further business, on a motion made by Chairman Jody Luce, seconded by Board Member Lori Twomey the meeting adjourned at 8:19 pm. All said aye. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine Boyden
Zoning Board Clerk