

**STOCKBRIDGE SELECT BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**Thursday, March 7, 2024**  
**6:30 p.m.**  
**ZOOM MEETING - TOWN OFFICES, 50 MAIN STREET**

**Present:**

Chuck Cardillo, Jamie Minacci, Patrick White and Mike Canales

**Call to Order:**

Chuck called the meeting to order and lead with the Pledge of Allegiance

**Special Permit Hearing to consider the application of 80 Norwood Delaware Associates LLC for property at 6 Maple Lane**

Chuck made a motion to open the hearing to consider the application for special permit public hearing for 80 Norwood Delaware Associates LLC for property at 6 Maple Lane and waive the reading of the notice and incorporate the notice into the minutes of the hearing. Jamie seconded. Aye Patrick, Aye Chuck, Aye Jamie.

Notice:

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Selectmen, acting as a Special Permit Granting Authority, will hold a public hearing at the Stockbridge Town Offices and via Zoom Meeting, on Thursday, March 7, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. to consider the application for the property of 80 Norwood Delaware Associates LLC located at 6 Maple Lane. The applicant is requesting authorization, pursuant to Section 6.1.2 of the Zoning Bylaws to allow the extension, alteration reconstruction or change of use of a nonconforming single-family dwelling. The property is in an R-2 zone.

The application is filed in the Town Clerk's Office where it can be reviewed.

Ernest Cardillo, Chairman

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Attorney Elisabeth Goodman presented the plans for 80 Norwood Delaware Associates LLC.; property owner Tom Perlmutter. The application filed under 6.1.2 is for the expansion of a pre-existing non-conforming structure. The owner wishes to demolish the existing house and shed and construct a new single-family house. The plans were reviewed. The Historical Commission and Conservation Commission had already approved. The new structure will be less non-conforming. The height and coverage remain under requirements. Chuck asked for those who wished to speak before or against to do so.

Abutter Rodney Agar was concerned with runoff drainage which is an issue. Drainage was discussed and explained how drainage will be addressed with none directed into the road. Conservation had already approved the drainage area. Chuck explained that this was outside of their jurisdiction and Attorney Goodman said that this was already taken care of.

Patrick made a motion to close the public hearing. Chuck seconded. Aye Chuck, Aye Jamie, Aye Patrick.

Chuck made a motion they accept the application. Patrick seconded; Aye Jamie, Aye Chuck, Aye Patrick.

Special Permit Hearing to consider the application of Lori Grifa for property at 62 Lake Drive

Chuck made a motion to open the hearing for special permit public hearing for Lori Grifa for property at 62 Lake Drive and waive the reading of the notice and incorporate the notice into the minutes of the hearing. Jamie seconded. Aye Patrick, Aye Chuck, Aye Jamie.

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Notice is hereby given that the Board of Selectmen, acting as a Special Permit Granting Authority, will hold a public hearing at the Stockbridge Town Offices and via Zoom Meeting, on Thursday, March 7, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. to consider the application for the property of Lori Grifa located at 62 Lake Drive. The applicant is requesting authorization, pursuant to Section 6.1.2 of the Zoning Bylaws to allow the extension, alteration reconstruction or change of use of a nonconforming single-family dwelling. The property is in an R-2 zone.

The application is filed in the Town Clerk's Office where it can be reviewed.

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Attorney Lori Robbins presented the proposal for the pre-existing non-conforming property as to the setback. Renovations will be on the exact same footprint. The plans were reviewed for :

- 1) Remove the existing deck on the west & north side of the house (476 sq.ft.) and remove the existing mud room (32 sq.ft.) on the north side of the house and replace them with a new screen porch (260 sq.ft.) on a western portion of the existing deck footprint and a new deck on the remaining portion of the existing deck footprint;
- 2) Remove the existing southerly screen porch (307 sq. ft.) that is partially in the westerly side non-conforming set back and replace it with a new living room (314 sq.ft.) on the same screen porch footprint and some overlap footprint on the existing westerly deck;
- 3) Construct a new foyer (39 sq.ft.) and new front porch (108 sq. ft.) and new 2<sup>nd</sup> floor master reading room (144 sq. ft.) above the new porch on the south side of the home;
- 4) Add a new side porch (57 sq. ft.) side porch on the existing deck and mudroom footprint and a new 2<sup>nd</sup> floor master bathroom (103 sq.ft.) above the existing first floor space on the north side of the home.

Nothing is higher than existing. Jamie asked if there were future plans to make the screened porch enclosed and the architect said no. With no one speaking in favor or opposition, Patrick made a motion to close. Chuck seconded; Aye Patrick, Aye Chuck, Aye Jamie. Chuck made a motion to accept the application. Jamie seconded; Aye Patrick, Aye Chuck, Aye Jamie.

Chuck read to: Take action on All Alcohol one day licenses for the Berkshire Botanical Garden for events on March 29<sup>th</sup>, April 19<sup>th</sup>, June 7<sup>th</sup>, June 8<sup>th</sup>, June

27<sup>th</sup>, July 27<sup>th</sup>, August 11<sup>th</sup>, August 15<sup>th</sup>, August 18<sup>th</sup>, October 12<sup>th</sup>, October 13<sup>th</sup>, and December 6<sup>th</sup>.

Jamie seconded; all were in favor.

#### SBSC appointments

Chuck said that they had two applicants: Sally Underwood-Miller and Don Chabon. Chuck made a motion to appoint the two. Patrick seconded; all were in favor. Chuck noted that there remain two seats open.

#### Take action on minutes for February 1st and 8<sup>th</sup>

Chuck made a motion to accept the minutes. Jamie seconded; all were in favor.

Patrick excused himself from the meeting.

#### Budget Discussion – Operational and Capital

Mike noted that overall, there have not been many changes to the budget. He will be meeting with the Finance Committee and will be discussing who we may want to bring in for discussion. Highway was looking to put all of the highway equipment into borrowing and was looking at a five-year note. With borrowing the interest charges are more than the cost of equipment at \$95,000. Mike advised funding all of the requested equipment this year out of cash as we have it with the Rest of River settlement, fund two vehicles this year and two the following year; adding a John Deere tractor and a large truck in fiscal year 2025 out of its free cash allotment, with two additional vehicles—a roadside mower and one-ton truck—to be purchased in the following fiscal year. Chuck agreed. Mike said that he will be increasing the line for the Town Report to \$9,000 to include mailing. Mike questioned adding the tuition and transportation payments to Taconic for students out of free cash instead of in the operational budget. We are expected to have it for three more years and we have enough to fund this. Mike also said that there is also almost 5 million in OPEB and asked if the Board wanted to use it to fund our Medicare portion. It can be used for retiree health care with out hitting the tax payers. Chuck and Jamie would like it be considered with the Finance Committee. It should be totally funded in 2030. If we start tapping into it, we will not get to 100%. The budget is projected to grow by 5.3%. Chuck asked to have Police and Fire come in to discuss Capital budgets with Finance.

#### **Adjournment:**

With no further business, Chuck adjourned the meeting.

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