

TOWN OF CAMPTON
ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
JULY 31, 2008
MEETINGMINUTES

The Zoning Board of Adjustment met this date with Robert Barach, Chairman, Sam Plaisted, Roger Blake, Paula Kelly, and James Palmer, Alternate.

Robert Barach opened the meeting at 7 PM.

First on the agenda, the minutes for the June 26, 2008 meeting. Roger Blake made a motion to approve the minutes for the June 26, 2008 Zoning Board of Adjustment meeting. Sam Plaisted seconded the motion. The Zoning Board voted in affirmative, unanimously.

Next on the agenda, John March representing Andre and Shirley LaMonthe, 5 Boot Jack Road. The LaMonthe's have an application for a variance under Article IV, Section A 10 of the Zoning Ordinance to permit a structure to be placed closer than 50 feet from the limit of any road. The Variance is for 25 feet. John March said that the abutters do not have any objections. John March also said that typically on a Cul-De-Sac you do not have the volume of traffic. The LaMonthe's would like to have a shorter driveway. Roger Blake said that he does not see the hardship, as the lot is almost three acres and there is plenty of room to move the driveway back twenty five feet. John March said that the LaMonthe's would have to bring in a lot of fill to move the driveway back. James Palmer said that they could salvage the materials from the front of the lot to save on the fill. Roger Blake said that he feels that this is a variance for convenience, not for a hardship. Paula Kelly said that this was a big lot and everything would be jammed up in the front by the cul-de-sac, and to move the driveway 25 feet back was not a hardship.

Sam Plaisted said that the Zoning Board has to be careful not set a precedent when no hardship is shown. Sam also stated that the Zoning Ordinance rules have been created and voted on by the town for a reason, and to be upheld by the various boards. Robert Barach said that there is no reason why you cannot move the driveway back 25 feet. Willis Merrill said that this is not a hardship to move the house back 25 feet, it would mean a longer driveway and bringing in more fill. Robert Barach asked the Zoning Board for the vote on the application. Roger Blake made a motion to DENY the application for a variance for 25 feet for Andre & Shirley LaMonthe, for Lot 5 Sunset Acres, Boot Jack Road. Sam Plaisted seconded the motion. The Zoning Board of Adjustment voted in the affirmative, unanimously.

The Zoning Board of Adjustment adjourned at 7:45 PM

Respectfully submitted, May Brosseau

Zoning Board Clerk