

**TOWN OF PITTSFORD  
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS  
MINUTES  
August 16, 2021**

**PRESENT**

George Dounce, Chairperson; Barbara Servé, Vice Chair; Mary Ellen Spennacchio-Wagner, James Pergolizzi, Tom Kidera

**ALSO PRESENT**

Cathy Koshykar, Town Board Liaison; Doug DeRue, Director of Planning & Zoning; Allen Reitz, Building Inspector; Bill Zink, Assistant Building Inspector; Susan Donnelly, Secretary to the Board

**ABSENT**

David Rowe, Phil Castleberry, Robert Koegel, Town Attorney

Proceedings of a regular meeting of the Pittsford Zoning Board of Appeals were held on Monday, August 16 at 7:00 P.M. local time.

George Dounce, Chairperson called the regularly scheduled meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals to order at 7:00 pm.

The applications before the Board this evening are Type II Actions under 6-NYCRR §617.5 (c) (17) and, therefore, are not subject to Environmental Review under SEQRA. The applications are exempt from review by the Monroe County Planning Department based on an agreement with Monroe County dated October 7, 2008.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS FOR AN AREA VARIANCE**

- 4 Harleston Lane, Tax # 138.19-2-33, Applicant is requesting relief from Town Code §185 – 121 (A) for the construction of a fence forward of the Front Setback, that exceeds the 3-foot maximum height allowed by Code. This property is zoned RN-Residential Neighborhood.

Chairman Dounce opened the public hearing.

The homeowner Christopher Argento was present.

Mr. Argento indicated that his most affected neighbor did not have a problem with the fence and he presented a petition of signatures of residents on Harleston Lane who indicated support of the fence.

Concerns were raised by a Board member regarding the difficulty in visibility that a fence in the front yard may pose. The fence will measure 25 ft. from the road at the gutter. It will be placed starting at a point where the first of a row of arbor vitae currently stands.

A four foot fence was discussed but it was determined that it was not adequate to meet the applicant's screening needs.

Natural screening was discussed but this location does not receive enough sunlight to provide the adequate growth to accomplish the applicant's needs.

There was no public comment.

Mary Ellen Spennacchio-Wagner moved to close the public hearing.

Tom Kidera seconded.

All Ayes.

### **CONTINUED HEARING**

- 18 Golf Avenue, Tax # 151.15-2-45.2 Applicant is requesting relief from Town Code(s) §185-113 B. (1); (2); for an oversized, over height accessory structure (garage/barn, proposed to be 1440 square feet and 29 feet in height). Property zoned RN – Residential Neighborhood District.

The applicant was not present.

This hearing remains open.

### **DECISION FOR 4 HARLESTON LANE– AREA VARIANCE**

A written Resolution to grant the area variance for 4 Harleston Lane was moved by Mary Ellen Spennacchio-Wagner and seconded by Barbara Servé.

George Dounce called for a roll call vote.

Dounce	aye
Servé	aye
Pergolizzi	nay
Spennacchio-Wagner	aye
Castleberry	absent
Rowe	absent
Kidera	aye

The approved Resolution contains the following Specific Conditions:

1. This variance is granted only for the plans submitted and prepared by the Applicant dated July 15, 2021.
2. The 6 foot fence shall not be less than 25 feet from the road edge.
3. All construction is to be completed by December 31, 2022.
4. Arbor Vitae or similar screening plantings will be kept and maintained.

### **REVIEW OF MEETING MINUTES OF JULY 19, 2021**

George Dounce moved to approve the minutes of July 19, 2021 as written.

All Ayes.

### **POINT PERSONS FOR SEPTEMBER 20, 2021 MEETING**

Linden Park – David Rowe  
103 Knickerbocker Road – George Dounce  
2585 Clover Street – Barbara Servé  
121 Van Voorhis Road – Mary Ellen Spennacchio-Wagner  
14 Round Trail Drive – Tom Kidera  
23 Butternut Drive – Phil Castleberry

## **MEETING ADJOURNMENT**

George Dounce moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 pm.

All Ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan K. Donnelly  
Secretary to the Zoning Board of Appeals