

ZONING BOARD MEETING MONDAY, APRIL 29, 2024 AT 5:30PM

Zoning board members present: Ron Merrill, Ernest Choquette, Bruce Sargent, Glenn Foster, Ed Champine Zoning administrator: Oscar Roberts Applicant: Richard Craig II

Glenn Foster called the meeting to order at 5:30PM. The first order of business was the re-organization of the zoning board. Glenn Foster was elected chair, Ernest Choquette, vice-chair, Ed Champine, secretary. The purpose of this meeting was an application from Richard Craig II parcel ID#VT105053 location 3901 VT Route 105 for a setback to build an addition to his existing garage.

Glenn directed the board to Section 505.1 of the Newport Town Zoning by Laws. Glenn read the 5 criteria's and explained that a variance could only be granted if the applicant met all five of the criteria. Richard Craig explained what he wanted to build. Ernest made the motion to go and look at the site. The motion passed so the board drove to the site.

When the meeting was re-convened at the Town Clerk's office, Ernest made a motion to grant the variance, Bruce Sargent seconded the motion. Some discussion followed. Ron Merrill asked Glenn to read again section 505.1. Glenn then re-read section 505.1 and asked the board if they understood that all five of the criteria in this section must be met to grant the variance. Ed Champine stated that the applicant had room to build his garage without needing a variance; by changing the location he would be able to meet the setback requirement of 25 feet.

The motion to approve the variance made by Ernest was voted on. Results of the vote was 2 members in favor, 2 members opposed. Glenn Foster as chairperson then voted no. The variance was denied.

Motion to adjourn at 6:35PM.

Submitted by Edward Champine
Newport Town Zoning Board Secretary