

ZONING BOARD MEETING MAY 22, 2024 AT 5:30PM AT TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

This meeting is for request for variance from MMLRM, LLC, Matthew Bull, parcel #VT100032 located at 2863 VT Route 100

Present: Ron Merrill, Glenn Foster, Ed Champine, three members were absent so there was no quorum. Oscar Roberts, Zoning Administrator, Matthew Bull by phone, Mary Price and her husband

Due to no quorum of the zoning board this meeting was postponed to a later date.

ZONING BOARD MEETING (CONTINUATION) MAY 29, 2024 AT 5:30PM AT TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

Present: Ron Merrill, Ernest Choquette, Jeff Hall, Bruce Sargent, Glenn Foster, Ed Champine Oscar Roberts, Zoning Administrator Mary Price and her husband, Matthew Bull by phone

Glenn brought the meeting to order at 5:30PM

Glen read section 404 of the Newport Town Zoning regulations. Ernest Choquette made a motion to approve the variance, Jeff Hall seconded this motion. Discussion followed. Bruce Sargent asked if there was room to move the garage closer to the driveway in front of the existing garage. The answer was yes but this would require more fill and more cost. Mary Price (who stated she has power of attorney for the neighbor) said the neighbor had no objection for granting the variance to the setback requirement.. Glenn referred to the criteria for a variance in section 505.1 of the Newport Town Zoning regulations. He stated that this variance did not meet at least two of the five criteria. Ed Champine stated that by strictly following the variance criteria in section 505.1 every applicant would be treated the same. Jeff Hall stated he thought that the variance regulations made it nearly impossible to get a variance.

Glenn called for a vote on the original motion. Results were as follows: Ernest – yes, Jeff – yes, Bruce – no, Ron – no, Ed – no. The motion failed with 2 in favor and three against.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:40PM

Submitted by Ed Champine, Secretary