

Dummerston Development Review Board Meeting 1-21-20

Attending: Alan McBean, Josh Pacheco, Cami Elliott, Dennis Mewes, Patty Walior and Roger Jasaitis.

Interested parties at hearing only: Fita Ferguson, David Baxendale, Tyler Lynch, Carol Lynch, Ruth Barton, Susan Meggiolaro,

Interested parties at site visit and hearing: Dave Trisciani, Bruce Berg, Larry Lynch, Carol Lynch, Catherine Gormley, Rip Lhamon.

Meeting called to order at 7:00 by chair Alan McBean. Changes made to November meeting and accepted. Roger reported that at this time he's not sure if there will be a February Mtg. If there is to be one it will be the 25th rather than the 18th. He will let us know as soon as he knows anything.

Hearing for application #3578 for an accessory structure at the Grange began at 7:10. Alan read warning and swore in all interested parties. Dave Trisciani reported that his company is seeking a Conditional Use permit for a wood shed with shingles to be located at the Grange for collection of used clothing, footwear, towels, etc. Larry Lynch stated that this is a fundraiser for the Grange to defray heating costs. He feels that it should cover approximately one fourth of their yearly bill. There will be nothing left outside of structure, if there is something left that is too large, Larry will call and it will be picked up within 24 hours. At this time pick up is once a week with a box truck. To date (6 weeks) Larry said it has been working great. Nothing has been left outside of shed and what is left is in great shape. Catherine Gormley asked if they had considered other sources for fundraising. Maybe try public dinners, craft fairs, soliciting from the community. Larry said by national bylaws they are not allowed to solicit donations. Carol Lynch (mom) reported that the Grange has been her forever, they are struggling to maintain traditions they're pockets are not deep. Their mission is to help those in need. She doesn't feel that this is an unsightly building. This was never put there to offend anyone. Carol and Larry also said that if there is ever a local need they have permission to go into shed and take items that may be needed. David Baxendale stated that he doesn't feel it's an appropriate

fundraiser in the center. He thinks the reality is that trashy clothes will be left, there will be bed bugs, etc. He wondered about putting it somewhere on Rt 5 where there is more traffic. Dave T stated that they don't want to be in that type of location bc that is where they will get unwanted items. Fita Ferguson doesn't like the yellow lettering, can it be a 6-8 month trial? Is there anything that could make it more visually appealing? Landscaping? There was a question about why the permit wasn't obtained prior to putting shed in. Dave did call the town office and was told that he didn't need a permit if it was under 100 SQ feet. Roger never received call, it seems to have been an innocent and unintended piece of misinformation. Catherine read her letter again stating that she wishes there would be other ways to obtain funds, maybe the locals could help support. Donations could be made to Caring and Sharing. She doesn't really feel it is in keeping with the neighborhood. Ruth Barton stated that there is no more Caring and Sharing as she will not be chairing/organizing any more. They did do a small on this fall and appreciated having the shed to bring all the leftover clothing to that wasn't taken. Ruth is confused, if it were to be a chicken coup or pig pen they would not need a permit, she feels not letting this shed would be discrimination. Young Carol reported some of the recipients of this clothing are flood victims, tornado/hurricane for the Red Cross. This is not a permanent shed, they have no contract. It does meet setback and doesn't affect traffic, noise, dust. Catherine G. is worried about safety, she sees motorists driving through without stopping at intersection. Tyler Lynch doesn't see how the shed would affect speeders. Susan Meggiolaro read letter from Catherine Gruver's opposition to shed. Cami asked if the color of signage could be changed, Dave said yes. Alan asked about sandwich sign on side of road. Dave hears all of the concerns and will try and alleviate them. Hearing closed at 8:05.

Hearing for application #3579 began at 8:10. This is a request from Lauren Shockley for a short term rental permit. They had originally thought that their friends were going to be long term renters however they left after the first snow storm. They want the income from short term rentals. It already had the septic permits for a 2 bedroom, so are all set. They foresee renting to small families or couples. It's a 1 Bedroom/Bathroom with pull out couch. They have added motion

detection lighting for stairs. Lauren said it isn't visible from RT. 30. There are no signs. Hearing closed at 8:18.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Walior, DRB Member