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Date 7/15/08

Minutes of the DRB Meeting

Members Present: Lew Sorenson, Regina Rockefeller, Pat Jaquith; Alternate John Warren seated as voting member.

Also present: Daniel Brown, John Abel, Karen Abel, Gina Faro

Following a site visit to the residence of John and Karen Abel at 434 Schoolhouse Road, East Dummerston, the hearing was called to order at 7 p.m. by the Chair, Lew Sorenson. The hearing on the application #3150 of John and Karen Abel for a Conditional Use Permit, variance, and appeal of a decision of the Zoning Administrator, all to allow a fence six feet in height and 30 feet in length within the setback area of their residential property at 434 Schoolhouse Road in Dummerston.

Lew administered the oath to all present who wished to offer testimony.

Karen Abel addressed the reason for their fence: a change in the neighborhood and resulting parking of unsightly vehicles resulted in the Abel's desire to screen the parking lot across the road from their view. John Abel addressed the other items of Section 728, Variances.

Neighbor, Dan Brown spoke in support of the construction of the fence.

Gina Faro spoke to the issue from her perspective as the Zoning Administrator.

Lew verified that the posting of the permit application was placed on July 6; the neighbors were notified in person on July 11.

Variances of 37-foot side yard and 57-foot front yard are requested.

The hearing was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Gina Faro brought up questions about the Blake permit at the former West Dummerston Grange because they are considering only renovating for their own residence and not putting in the second apartment or home industry per their current permit.

The minutes of June 3 were approved as presented. The meeting was closed at 7:45 and the DRB went into deliberative session.

The written decision will issue and control.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia Jaquith
Clerk