



City of Barre, Vermont

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**Development Review Board
Agenda for the Regular Hearing on
Thursday, October 1, 2020
Council Chambers, City Hall 6 N. Main Street, Barre, VT
AND
Virtual Hearing via Zoom
<https://zoom.us/j/94587483505> Meeting ID: 945 8748 3505**

A regular meeting of the Barre City Development Review Board was called to order by Linda Shambo (Ward I) at 7:00 pm at City Hall Council Chambers. In attendance were Board Members, Ward I Vice-Chair Jeffrey Tuper-Giles, Ward II Richard Deep and David Hough, and Ward III Board Member Katrina Pelkey and James Hart III, At-Large Betty Owen and Denise Ferrari. Also in attendance was Heather Grandfield Permit Administrator. The Chair determined a quorum was present.

Absent: At-Large Member Jessica Egerton

Adjustments to Agenda: None

Visitors and Communications: None

Old Business:

Consideration of August 6, 2020 Hearing:

- Motion to approve minutes was made by Board Member Deep and seconded by Board Member Hart *motion carried unanimously.*

Consideration of August 6, 2020 Decision's:

- Motion to approve decision was made by Board Member Tuper-Giles and seconded by Board Member Deep *motion carried unanimously.*

Chair Shambo went through the basics of how the hearing will work. In order for an application to receive approval, there must be a minimum of five (5) affirmative votes. Because there was not a full board this evening, the Chair afforded the applicant the opportunity to table their hearing until a full board was present to receive full review. The applicant chose to proceed. She also stated that anyone wishing to speak or be on record must sign in, and would be sworn in when testimony was to be given.

New Business:

Douglas Bergeron (Applicant & Property Owner), 90 Smith Street. Seeks conditional Use to erect a fence along the rear and side property lines greater than 6 ½'. This proposed development is located in the R-12 Zoning District.

Sworn in at 7:06 PM, Douglas Bergeron, property owner.

Mr. Bergeron spoke as to that; he had had no input from neighbors negatively. Discussion on how he had called the Zoning office but had not asked the right questions and did not know that he could not have a fence higher than 6 ½'. Discussion on how and why the fence was already built and 8' high. Discussion on why it needed to be higher than 6 1/2'. Discussion on what is the regulation at this time. The fence in the front is at 4', which is within the regulations.

There were no other questions at this time. The Chair thanked the applicant for presenting their project. That they would render a decision during deliberative session, and that they would be able to find out the outcome by calling the Planning and Permitting office the next day, or wait until a formal letter was issued to them.

Maple Street Partnership, LLC, David & Stacey Nelson (Applicant & Property Owner), 9 Maple Street. Seeks Site Plan Review to expand existing deck. This proposed development is located in MU-1 Zoning District, Flood Hazard District.

Sworn in at 7:15 PM were David Nelson, property owner and Joe Green of Joseph Architects.

Applicant was given the opportunity to present more information at this time. They felt that they had provide the board with all the information and had answered questions brought up by staff's review. Discussion took place about whether or not there would be a covering. Discussion about the placement of a green space and that it was nice to see that in the plan. Discussion took place about the placement of the new added deck would be.

There were no questions at this time. The Chair thanked the applicants for presenting their project. That they would render a decision during deliberative session, and that they would be able to find out the outcome by calling the Planning and Permitting office the next day, or wait until a formal letter was issued to them.

Other Business: None

Roundtable: Vice-Chair Tuper-Giles spoke about how business was starting to pick up and that the fall foliage colors are brighter this year.

Executive Session: Not needed.

Deliberative Session: On a motion by Vice-Chair Tuper-Giles and seconded by Board Member Deep (*Motion carried unanimously*) the board entered deliberative session. Permit Administrator Grandfield was invited into the session at 7:16 PM.

On a motion by Vice-Chair Tuper-Giles and seconded by Board Member Deep the Board came out of deliberative session at 7:30.

To be approved at November 5, 2020 Development Review Board Hearing

A motion was made by Vice-Chair Tuper-Giles and seconded by Board Member Ferrari to Deny the application as presented by Douglas Bergeron and that the fence needed to come into compliance (6 ½' in height) within 90 days; ***vote of 6 in favor and 2 opposed.***

A motion was made by Vice-Chair Tuper-Giles and seconded by Board Member Deep to approve the application as presented by Maple Street Partnership, LLC, David & Stacey Nelson; ***motion carried unanimously***

The Development Review Board adjourned at 7:36 PM on a motion by Vice-Chair Tuper-Giles, and seconded by Board Member Deep; ***motion carried unanimously.***

An audio recording of the hearing is available through the City's Planning and Permitting Office.

Respectfully Submitted,
Heather L. Grandfield, Permit Administrator