City of Ellsworth
Board of Appeals Minutes
July 27, 2020

The regular meeting of the Ellsworth Board of Appeals was attended by Members Jeffrey Toothaker, Steve Salsbury, Jarad Wilbur, Steve Shea and Mike Wight.	**Call to Order [6:32PM]**
1. <u>ADOPTION OF MINUTES:</u> from the April 24, 2019 and January 27, 2020 meetings. Mr. Salsbury motioned to adopt minutes as written. Mr. Wilbur seconded the motion. The motion passed with four Members in favor.	**Adoption of Minutes**
2. <u>OLD BUSINESS:</u>	**None**
3. <u>PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDERATION:</u> Request of Marly Sachsman to construct an emergency escape stairway on the west side of the structure, three feet in to the 10' setback area for the property located at 27 Lincoln Street (Tax Map136 Lot 137), in the Neighborhood zone. **Mr. Toothaker motioned Mike Wight to be a voting Member for this hearing.** Mr. Toothaker confirmed the abutters were notified of the appeal, no comments had been received from the abutters, and Ms. Sachsman was present. Mr. Tilton (CEO) was not present, but submitted a memorandum stating he had no issue with the construction of this emergency escape stairway into the setback area because the neighboring zone (Downtown) has zero setbacks.	**Marly Sachsman for a variance to build 3' into the 10' setback**
Mr. Toothaker motioned to grant the variance. Further stating the variance meets all the criteria; the land in question cannot yield a reasonable return, the need for a variance is due to the unique circumstances of the property and not the general conditions of the neighborhood, the granting of the variance will not alter the essential character of the neighborhood, and the hardship is not the result of action taken by the applicant or a prior owner. Mr. Salsbury seconded the motion. Motion passed with all Members in favor.	**Variance granted**
<u>ADJOURNMENT:</u> [at 6:37 PM] Mr. Toothaker motioned to adjourn. Mr. Wilbur seconded the motion. The motion passed with all Members in favor.	**Adjournment [6:37PM]**

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Date **Steve Salsbury, Secretary**
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