

**City of Ellsworth
Board of Appeals Minutes
October 23, 2023**

The meeting of the Ellsworth Board of Appeals was attended by Members Jeffrey Toothaker, Jarad Wilbur, Steve Salsbury and Steve Shea. Also in attendance was Loretta Roberts - CEO.

**Call to Order
[6:30PM]**

1. ADOPTION OF MINUTES: From the September 25, 2023 hearing. Mr. Salsbury motioned to adopt the minutes as written. Mr. Wilbur seconded the motion. The motion passed with all four Members in favor.

Minutes Approved

2. HEARING AND CONSIDERATION: Request of Greg and Judy Olson for a variance to reconstruct their camp on a new foundation, relocating it 10' back from the current location, and maintain the current side setback at 11' 3" opposed to complying with the required fifteen-foot sideline setback. The property is located at 9 Golden Way in the Limited Residential zone.

Variance – For proposed replacement structure within the sideline setback.

Mr. Toothaker asked the appellant Joshua Tunick, architect, to the podium and confirmed the submission of site plan, application, and a letter from the neighbor indicating there were no concerns with the location of the proposed camp. Mr. Toothaker ask Mrs. Roberts if there were any additional abutter comments and she indicated there was none. Mr. Toothaker asked if the City had concerns and Mrs. Roberts stated she couldn't authorize the appellant to move the camp back and remain in the setback, but guided the property owner to seek a variance allowing the proposed camp to stay within the 15' setback.

Mr. Tunick said in moving the camp location away from the water, there is a large boulder that they do not want to blast. The boulder is large and adds character to the site.

Mr. Toothaker stated all the criteria has been met and motioned to pass the variance request.

Mr. Toothaker motioned to approve the variance request. Mr. Salsbury seconded the motion. Mr. Shea asked to have a discussion and stated that it appears there are several areas to relocate the camp that meet the sideline setback. Mr. Tunick indicated there is another camp behind this proposed relocated camp and blocking the view would reduce the value. Mr. Shea asked if they had cost estimates to remove the rock and Mr. Tunick stated they had not gotten an estimate for blasting. Mr. Tunick showed the Board a digital copy of a site plan with the new camp and old camp locations. **After discussion amongst the Board, the motion passed with all four Members in favor.**

Approved

3. ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Toothaker motioned to adjourn. Mr. Salsbury seconded the motion. The motion passed with all four Members in favor.

**Adjournment
[7:34PM]**

View meeting at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=su_Ib31lssU

Link to video

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_____ Date
Steve Salsbury, Secretary
