

The Dorchester County Board of Appeals met in regular session on Thursday, June 23, 2011 in Room 110 of the County Office Building at 7:00 PM. Present were Ed Howard, Vice-Chairman, Dwight Cromwell, Wendell Foxwell, Catherine McCulley, Chairperson, Elizabeth Hill, Walt Gunby, Attorney, Rodney Banks, Deputy Director of Planning, with Merris Hurley recording.

An introduction was made by Chairperson McCulley, explaining the procedures of this meeting to the audience. She then asked Mr. Banks to read the first case.

Case #2317A – Robert and Cheryl Harvey

To request a variance from the side yard setback requirement to allow an existing detached garage to be connected to a principal dwelling via a sunroom addition. Property located at 6304 Burford Lane and contains .75 acres. AC, Agricultural Conservation Zoning District.

This case was continued from last month. Mr. Gunby informed the Board and audience that Mr. Howard had listened to the audio of last month's hearing and asked Mr. McAllister if he thought it was appropriate for Mr. Howard to vote on this case tonight. Mr. McAllister agreed.

Mr. Banks read agency comments into the record. The Department of Public Works had no comments. The Health Department had no objection. The Planning Commission, based on the information at hand, agreed with the Director's assessment that this is a self-created hardship. Mr. Banks submitted eight (8) letters from neighbors stating they have no objection to the request.

Mr. McAllister stated that he had an objection to the Planning Commission's recommendation. He believes that it is irrelevant.

Ms. Hill asked the applicant about the previous appeal case and the possibility of obtaining property from the neighbor and then doing a lot line revision. Mr. Harvey told the Board that he did try to do that, but it didn't work out.

No one spoke in favor of this request and no one was opposed.

Mr. Howard made a motion to adjourn and speak with counsel. Seconded and unanimously carried.

When the Board reconvened, Ms. McCulley announced the end of testimony and the Board began their deliberations.

At this time, each Board member explained his decisions regarding the criteria.

After all testimony, Ms. McCulley called for a motion regarding this case. Mr. Foxwell made a motion "to approve this request." Seconded by Ms. Hill. The motion was carried, with one opposed vote, Ms. McCulley.

With no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Howard to adjourn.
Seconded by Mr. Cromwell and unanimously carried. Time of adjournment: 7:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rodney Banks', with a long horizontal line extending to the left.

Rodney Banks
Executive Secretary