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Town of Middleton

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Changes from first draft – corrected misspelling, page 2, 5th paragraph changed pain to paint; added signature line, added two paragraphs above and put on town letterhead.

Middleton Zoning Board of Adjustment Minutes of August 6, 2024 Meeting

Members Present:

Jim Keegan (Vice Chair)

Linda Adamo Lorri Gunnison Dan Saliga

Tim Cremmen (BOS Liaison)

Members Absent:

Charles Therriault

Joe Varga (Alternate)

Public Present:

Kate Buzard

Laura Spector-Morgan Christopher Perry

Meeting Called to Order by Vice Chair Keegan at 6:42 PM

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation

Roll Call

Middleton Workforce Housing Request for Rehearing

- L. Gunnison said that she does not feel like there is anything different in the motion and does not feel that the board needs to have another hearing. She does not think the board acted discriminatorily.
- D. Saliga began to make a motion.
- L. Spector-Morgan suggested that J. Keegan address the allegations regarding his status as an abutter first.

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- J. Keegan stated that he agrees that the board did not do anything wrong. He noted that he had mistakenly stated that he was an abutter, but he is not. His wife is an owner of an abutting property along with 4 other members of her family. They own a 60 acre piece of land on the side of the Therriault property furthest away from the area proposed to be developed. J. Keegan has no ownership or say in that property. J. Keegan said that C. Therriault has known for more than 12 or 15 years that J. Keegan's wife is an abutter, and C. Therriault has approached J. Keegan several times to talk to his wife to sell the property to C. Therriault. J. Keegan noted that C. Therriault also knew last time that he applied to develop the property that J. Keegan's wife was an abutter.
- L. Gunnison noted that it was common knowledge in 2021.
- J. Keegan stated that his wife spoke to C. Therriault during the last application because she did not receive an abutter's notice. He noted that during that process his wife spoke several times and each time she said her name and said she was an abutter. She did that during the last application and at every hearing for this application. He noted it was never an issue then. J. Keegan noted that it was C. Therriault who asked J. Keegan to become a member of the zoning board, knowing that J. Keegan's wife was an abutter to C. Therriault's property. J. Keegan stated he is not an abutter and has no bias. He stated that the board went over the list of criteria and granted one variance and denied three. He further noted that several times people asked about the impact to the school, fire, etc. from the proposed development and each time he pointed out that that was a planning board issue and explained that it would have no impact on the zoning board's decision.
- L. Adamo stated that other than using a very broad and ugly brush to paint the board as racist and discriminatory there was nothing in the request that warranted a rehearing.
- J. Keegan stated that he 100% agreed and those considerations never entered into the decision at all.
- L. Gunnison agreed.
- D. Saliga stated that he agreed and made a motion to deny the request for rehearing because nothing presented in the letter warrants a rehearing. L. Gunnison seconded the motion. J. Keegan called for a vote, which was 4-0 in favor of the motion.
- D. Saliga moved to adjourn at 6:53 pm. L. Adamo seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 4-0.

Respectfully submitted

Robin Willis Administrative Clerk