
YARMOUTH GENERAL BOARD OF APPEALS MINUTES

March 9, 2020

I. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS	PRESENT	ABSENT
Jennifer Peters	X	
Tom Marjerison	X	
Phil Ahrens	X	
Craig Wolff	X	
Samuel Carter	X	

OTHERS

Nicholas Ciarimboli, Code Enforcement Officer

Wendy L. Simmons, Administrative Assistant, Recording Secretary

II. PUBLIC HEARING

There were 0 people from the public in attendance.

Jennifer Peters called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

A. NEW BUSINESS:

Height Exception, under Chapter 701, Article II, K.; Town of Yarmouth; 659 East Main St.; Map 13 -Lot 16,

The applicant is requesting a height exception for a new 40' Fire Department Fire Training Tower located at the existing Fire Department Training Facility at the Town of Yarmouth Transfer Station. The allowable height for the Rural Residential (RR) Zoning District is 35'.

Steve Johnson, Town Engineer gave an overview of the height exception request. The Yarmouth Fire Department is a regional training facility and was awarded a grant for a new training facility. It will be located at the existing training site at the Yarmouth Transfer Station. The proposed building will be 4 stories in height or 40' which will increase their training capacity and meet training requirements. There will be no additional impact on abutters.

Phil Ahrens questioned the view of the building from abutting properties. All photos provided were from the street. S. Johnson, the photos were from Google Earth street view. They did not go onto neighboring properties to take photos. Based on the natural buffering and elevation difference the Town feels visual impact on the abutters should be minimal. The Town also believes that the building located at 605 East Main St. may be a storage building and not a residence.

Chair Peters opened to public comment

No public comments

Comments closed

Jennifer peters asked for confirmation regarding the parcel being partially in the Shoreland Overlay District (SOD) and Resource Protection (RP) is not relevant to this review. Nick Ciarimboli confirmed that although those zones are on the parcel, the site is located outside those zones and the General Board of Appeals review is not affected in this regard.

The Board discussed the 3 Standards for the Height Exception. Details are in the General Board of Appeals Findings and Decisions document.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM

Respectfully submitted:

Wendy L. Simmons, Administrative Assistant, Recording Secretary