

**Village of Liverpool Zoning Board of Appeals
Minutes
Monday, December 22, 2014 – 6:00 p.m.**

Attendees:

Michael Romano, Chairman
Pamela Carey
Christina Fadden Fitch - absent
Ron Herrgesell
David DeRouchie
Matt Devendorf, alternate
Charlene Connolly (alternate-absent)
John Langey – Attorney
Bill Reagan, Chief Codes Officer
Sandra Callahan, ZBA Secretary

Call to Order

Chairman Romano called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Adoption of Minutes

Ms. Carey moved and Mr. Devendorf seconded the motion to adopt the minutes from November 24. All ayes, motion passed.

Continued Public Hearing

On the application of **Joan T. Tibbett** for an area variance to §380-94.A.3 of the code of the Village of Liverpool, to expand the driveway coverage of a front yard to 33% for property located at 607 Vine Street, designated as Tax Map #003.-05-03.0

Chairman Romano stated that the current driveway has room for 7 vehicles including the carport. Mrs. Tibbett said that the purpose of this request was to get Mr. Tibbett closer to his wheelchair ramp.

The new proposed plan is for a sidewalk to allow for wheelchair access. Mrs. Tibbett explained the difficulty with snow on the driveway for the wheelchair or cane and on the ramp. She said they can't currently get the wheelchair out of the car with snow on the ground.

Chairman Romano said that they could widen the entire driveway by 1' and wouldn't need a variance.

Mrs. Tibbett said that they need 4-5 feet additional to get the wheelchair out of the van.

Mr. Tibbett said that the Village is anti-handicap and making this difficult. Chairman Romano acknowledged that we are an old village and not real handicap-accessible currently, but that we are not anti-handicap and are trying to work with the Tibbetts.

Mr. Herrgesell asked what the difference in size was for the new proposal; the new proposal is 26.5% of coverage from 33%.

Mr. Devendorf said that there is no restriction on sidewalk space on the property. He suggested the Tibbetts reduce driveway space by 1.5% and add the sidewalk and a variance wouldn't be required. This would only result in a possibly 2' difference.

The Tibbetts will talk with Bill Reagan about options and after discussion, Bill Reagan will have to ok any plans.

Attorney Langey suggested they withdraw their application without prejudice (for any possible future requests) and re-design their plan and meet with Bill Reagan to review and proceed in a fashion that wouldn't require a variance.

The Tibbetts seemed interested in this approach and will withdraw their application.

A motion was made by Mr. Devendorf and seconded by Mr. Herrgesell to close the public hearing. Motion approved.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Herrgesell and seconded by Ms. Carey to adjourn. Motion approved. Meeting adjourned at 6:35

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra J. Callahan
Zoning Board Secretary