

CITY OF ITHACA
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS MINUTES

Thursday, March 25, 2021
6:00 PM

The regular meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals was called to order by Chair Wideman at 6:00 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

Board Members Present: Jim Wideman, Rob Endter and Clark Hubbard

Board Members Absent: None

Staff Present: City Manager Jamey Conn and City Clerk Cathy Cameron

Audience in Attendance: Michelle Pratt (meeting held via Zoom).

Moved by Hubbard, second by Endter to approve the minutes of September 24, 2020. Motion carried.

Public Comments

Chair Wideman asked for public comments. None were offered.

Public Hearing

Chair Wideman stated it was time for the public hearing.

Moved by Hubbard, second by Endter to open the public hearing to take comments on a variance request by Michelle Pratt for an attached garage at 221 N Elm Street. Motion carried.

The hearing was opened at 6:02 pm.

Manager Conn presented the variance request. Ms. Pratt would like to build a 20' x 28' sq. attached garage to her house. The location of the garage meets all set back requirements. The zoning code maximum lot coverage is not to exceed 15%. This new building addition would increase the lot coverage to 20%. The variance would allow for the additional increase of 5% lot coverage. Discussion was held.

Clerk Cameron shared an email received from neighbor Rosemarie Smith and written letter from Carolyn Potter in support of the attached garage.

Chair Wideman asked for additional comments. There were none.

Moved by Hubbard, second by Endter to close the public hearing. Motion carried.

The hearing was closed at 6:07 pm.

Moved by Endter, second by Hubbard to approve the variance for lot coverage of 20% which includes the proposed attached garage of 20' x 28' sq. at 221 N Elm Street. Motion carried.

New Business

Next meeting will be held April 22, 2021 if needed.

Public Comments

Chair Wideman asked for public comments. Ms. Pratt thanked the board.

Chair Wideman asked for additional business to come before the ZBA. None was offered.

Moved by Endter, second by Sigafosse to adjourn. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:15 pm.

Clark Hubbard, ZBA Secretary

Cathy Cameron, Recording Secretary