

Report of the Fremont Zoning Board of Adjustment

In 2017 the Fremont Zoning Board of Adjustment convened for a total of nine (9) monthly meetings. Eleven (11) requested actions were addressed and four (4) site visits were conducted which resulted in the following actions:

Case #	Map / Parcel	Application	Final Status
16-006	Map 5 Lot 35	Appeal from Administrative Decision	Granted
17-001	Map 6 Lot 022	Special Exception	Granted
17-002	Map 1 Lot 048	Variance	Granted
	Map 5 Lot 035	Rehearing Request	Denied
17-003	Map 2 Lot 001.016	Special Exception	Granted
17-004	Map 3 Lot 001	Variance	Granted
17-005	Map 3 Lot 001	Variance	Granted
17-006	Map 3 Lot 169.060.012	Special Exception	Granted
17-007	Map 2 Lot 014.002	Variance	Granted
17-008	Map 2 Lot 151.002	Variance	Granted
17-009	Map 6 Lot 021	Variance	Granted
17-010	Map 7 Lot 072	Variance	Granted
17-011	Map 7 Lot 072	Variance	Granted

In addition to hearing the cases that came before the Board, we also attended an “On-Demand” ZBA training session with New Hampshire Municipal Association Attorney Margaret Byrnes at our regularly scheduled April 25th meeting.

Purpose of the Zoning Board of Adjustment

The purpose of the Zoning Board of Adjustment is to hear and make decisions relative to Appeals from Administrative Decisions, Special Exceptions, Variances and Equitable Waivers of Dimensional Requirements. Appeals for a rehearing are also part of the Board’s responsibility.

Applications, Public Hearings, Site Visits and Decisions

Each zoning application is carefully reviewed and considered by the Zoning Board of Adjustment Members. The Board typically meets at least three (3) times for each application request.

1. First there is a duly noticed Public Hearing held at the Fremont Town Hall. This Public Hearing gives the applicant the opportunity to present his/her case and for Board Members, the public and abutters to become informed of the applicant’s request, to ask questions and to convey any concerns. Continuation dates are usually chosen by the Board at this Public Hearing.

2. The Site Visit is helpful in that it allows the Members to visualize how the request might fit to the property and terrain.
3. The members then meet again at to the Town Hall on a subsequent evening to continue the application presentation and for a possible decision. Sometimes, depending on the scope of the case or time constraints, there can be further continuations of the Public Hearing (meeting session) before a decision is rendered.

Our gratitude is extended to the Members who continue to volunteer their time and efforts to serve on the Town of Fremont Zoning Board of Adjustment. Their commitment and dedication to voluntarily serve the Town does not go unnoticed. Because Members are expected to attend meetings on a regular basis, being a member of any Board takes time and commitment. We are also thankful to have an alternate member, who will step in as a voting member when a regular member is absent.

Current Members of the Fremont Zoning Board of Adjustment:

Douglas Andrew, Chairman
Dennis Howland, Vice Chair
John (Jack) Downing, Member
Neal Janvrin, Member
Todd O'Malley, Member
Josh Yokela, Alternate

Please visit the Zoning Board of Adjustment page on the Fremont Town website at www.fremont.nh.gov for ongoing updates and information relative to the Zoning Ordinance, decisions, minutes and agendas/meeting notices.

If you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions for the Zoning Board of Adjustment, or if you would like to participate by filling one of the available positions, please contact Land Use Administrative Assistant Casey Wolfe in the Land Use Office at 895 3200 X 306 or by email at Fremont PZ@comcast.net. Office hours are generally Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Respectfully submitted,

Douglas Andrew
Fremont Zoning Board of Adjustment Chairman

Fire Rescue Members in the Annual Escort of Santa
throughout Fremont ~ 16 December 2017

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