

Report of the Zoning Board of Adjustment

In 2020 the Fremont Zoning Board of Adjustment convened for a total of four (4) monthly meetings. Two (2) meetings were conducted for variance applications which were withdrawn. One (1) case was heard for a variance request in May for Map 2, Lot 14-2. The variance was granted at the same meeting in May. Other meeting actions included a review of Board Procedures and voting on Board membership.

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 their 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. Members meet back at the Town Hall to continue the application presentation and for a possible decision.
4. Sometimes, depending on the scope of the case or time constraints, there can be further continuations of the Public Hearing before a decision is rendered.

The Town of Fremont Zoning Board of Adjustment members are volunteers that are committed to thoroughly evaluate each case and make decisions that affect our community and natural resources.

Current Members of the Fremont Zoning Board of Adjustment:

Douglas Andrew, Chairman
Dennis Howland, Vice Chair
Neal Janvrin, Member
Todd O'Malley, Member
Joshua Yokela, Member

Alternate positions are open on the Zoning Board of Adjustment. If you are interested in getting involved in community issues and participating in decisions that shape our community, consider attending meetings and joining as an alternate member to gain the experience and knowledge needed to become a full and valued member of a board. Visit the Zoning Board of Adjustment page on the Fremont Town website for more information.

If you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions for the Zoning Board of Adjustment, please contact Leanne Miner in the Land Use Office. She can be reached at 895 3200 x 306 or by email at landuse@fremont.nh.gov.

Respectfully submitted,

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On behalf of the Fremont Zoning Board of Adjustment



ZBA Members L to R: Todd O'Malley, former member John (Jack) Downing, Dennis Howland, Doug Andrew, Neal Janvrin, Joshua Yokela.

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This is a pre-Covid photo!