

Minutes of the Forest County Board of Adjustment  
Friday, August 5, 2016  
11:00 a.m. Forest County Board Room

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1. The meeting was call to order by Chairman Ron Tschohl at 11:00 a.m.
2. The roll was called and all board members were present. Those included Ron Tschohl, Harry Thurin, and Jim Drefahl. Assistant Land & Water Resources Administrator Jean Fannin was present to act as clerk. Members of the audience included Todd Cullen, Ken Schauer and Bart Hardy.
3. Motion by Harry Thurin to approve the agenda, second by Jim Drefahl, all in favor, motion approved.
4. There were no minutes to approve.
5. Jean Fannin confirmed compliance with the open meetings and public hearing requirements.
6. No time limit was set for anyone wanting to speak.
7. Motion by Harry Thurin to open the public hearing, second by Jim Drefahl, all in favor, motion approved.
8. Jean Fannin read the application.
9. Todd Cullen explained that they would like to build a new cottage in place of the existing cottage. The new cottage would be further back than the existing one. The lot line on the side is only 4.5 ft. The existing cottage has been there over 60 years in the same setback.
10. Jean Fannin reported that the property owners had looked into the required permits for their project and were informed that the setback to the side yard was 15ft. The setback to the OHWM is 75 ft. She stated that they would be more conforming on the setback to the water. The existing side yard setback had been there for over 60 years and had not posed any problems.
11. There was no related correspondence
12. There were no ex-parte communications.
13. There were no comments from any witness
14. No further comments from staff
15. No further questions
16. Motion to close the public hearing by Harry Thurin, second by Jim Drefahl, all in favor, motion approved.
17. The board did not feel there was a reason to go into close session.
18. The board discussed that the hardship on this property is the sanitary system placement preventing them from moving any further back than they have requested. The west side of the lot has many trees and would clear the land of shore cover. Mr. Thurin

stated that there should be access to the front of the lot for emergency purposes. If the home was moved to far over to the west this would become a problem. This request would not be harmful to the public interest because the existing cottage has been there for over 60 years with no issues. Compliance with the terms of this ordinance is prevented by the need for a sanitary system and there being no other area that a code compliant septic system could be installed and the trees on the east side preventing access to the front of the lot.

19. Motion to approve the variance for a lesser setback to the west lot line, to be the same as it is now and for a lesser setback to the OHWM but at least 10 ft. further back than already exists with two conditions, one being stay 5 ft. back from septic tank and to make sure the home is guttered and runoff into the ground by Harry Thurin, second by Jim Drefahl, all in favor, motion approved.
20. No other business
21. Motion to adjourn the meeting by Harry Thurin, second by Jim Drefahl, all in favor, motion approved.

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_ 08/08/2016