

Minutes of the Forest County Board of Adjustment
Friday, August 11th, 2023
3:00 p.m. Forest County Board Room

1. The meeting was call to order by Chairman Harry Thurin at 3:00 p.m.
2. The roll was called and present were Harry Thurin, Bill Lester and Casey Sponable. Others present were Wesley Miller, Sandy Beauchaine and Jeannie Fannin, Forest County Zoning Administrator.
3. Motion by Sponable to approve the agenda, second by Lester, all in favor, motion approved.
4. Motion to approve minutes from October 14, 2022 by Lester, second by Sponable. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried.
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 to open the public hearing for comment by Lester, second by Sponable. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried.
8. Jeannie Fannin read the application
9. Mr. Miller answered some questions regarding the application.
10. Jeannie Fannin explained the zoning in this area and the requirements in the district.
11. There were no comments from the public.
12. There was no correspondence from the town.
13. A discussion was held regarding property lines and fire codes.
14. The committee discussed the three tests for a variance.

Hardship: The hardship is due to physical limitations of the property rather than the circumstances of the applicant. This property does not have a garage. The approved area would put a new garage too close to an existing deck that would be against fire code. The snow removal would be difficult to keep off of neighboring properties and the existing sanitary system. The approved location would block access to the back area of this lot. The committee feels that in winter months a garage is a necessity for emergency situations. This is a flowage property with the OHWM coming into the property limiting property use in this area. The other area of this property is used for a sanitary system.

No Harm to the Public Interest: This property is in a residential neighborhood at the end of a dead- end road. This building will not cause any issues with vision triangles. No erosion will be capable of reaching any neighboring properties. No use of the flowage will be affected by this construction. The setback of 57 ft gives ample area for

any runoff to be treated before it hits the water. The water level of this flowage could possibly be lower at different times of the year.

15. Motion to approve the variance for a garage 57 ft from the OHWM by Lester, second by Sponable. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried.

16. Motion to adjourn by Casey Sponable, second by Bill Lester, all in favor, motion approved.

Submitted by: _____08/15/2023