

**TOWN OF ROCKY MOUNT
BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS
MEETING MINUTES
December 2, 2021
6:00 P.M.**

The Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) of the Town of Rocky Mount, Virginia met at the Rocky Mount Municipal Building on Thursday, December 2, 2021 at 6:00 p.m., with Chairman C. Holland Perdue III calling the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS PRESENT

- C. Holland Perdue, III, Chair
- Susan Hapgood, Vice Chair
- Member Lucas Tuning
- Member John Speidel via conference phone

Board Members Absent: None

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

- Jessica Heckman, Town Planner
- Cherie Compton, Board of Zoning Appeals Clerk

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Additions or Corrections: None

Motion: To approve the agenda as presented

Motion By: Vice Chair, Susan Hapgood

Second By: Member Lucas Tuning

Action: Approved by a unanimous vote of members present

REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

Prior to the meeting, the Board received the following draft minutes for review and consideration of approval:

- May 6, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion: To approve the minutes as presented

Motion By: Board Member Lucas Tuning

Seconded By: Vice Chair Susan Hapgood

Action: Approved by a unanimous vote

PUBLIC HEARING:

The applicant, Greg Walker, has applied for a variance for Franklin County Tax Map and Parcel Number 2040021800 commonly known as 65 Circle Drive, Rocky Mount, Virginia, to allow an accessory structure that exceeds fifty percent of the primary structure's footprint.

Town Planner Jessica Heckman presented the staff report. The variance request pertains to allowing an accessory structure that exceeds fifty percent of the primary structure's foot print on a lot containing approximately 6 acres. The applicant intends to place a 40x30 garage in the larger portion of the lot behind the residence. Jessica Heckman presented members with a sketch of the property and where the garage would be placed.

Applicant Greg Walker came forward and spoke about the use of the garage. He intends to store his mowers, boat, and personal belongings. Vice Chairman Susan Hapgood asked about how he would access the garage. Mr. Walker showed members where the driveway would be placed and run along the side of the property. An open discussion ensued.

There was no public comment.

With no further comment and no public comment, Chair Holland Perdue asked for a motion.

Motion: To approve the request for the variance for Franklin County Tax Map and Parcel Number 2040021800 commonly known as 65 Circle Drive, Rocky Mount, Virginia, to allow an accessory structure that exceeds fifty percent of the primary structure's footprint.

Motion By: Board Member Lucas Tuning

Second By: Vice Chairman, Susan Hapgood

Action: Approved by a unanimous vote

NEW BUSINESS

None at this time

BOARD CONCERNS

None at this time

STAFF UPDATES

Town Planner Heckman shared with the Board that there is a new member coming soon. She also shared some community events coming up:

- Come Home to a Franklin County Christmas, December 3
- Bald Knob Artist Show at Train Depot, December 4
- Christmas Parade, December 5
- Jam Sessions at Train Depot hosted by Twin Creeks Stringband will be held the 2nd Saturday of the month
- Festive Fridays start on December 3
- Farmers Market will be open for holiday vending
- Raise the Barre will host a dance recital on December 6
- Buddys BBQ & Twin Creeks Distillery are in the running for Best of the Blue Ridge
- Starbucks is coming working on the E&S
- Kawaja Corp has submitted the site plan

Hearing no further comments, Chairman Perdue asked for a motion to adjourn.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion By: Member Lucas Tuning

Seconded By: Vice Chairman Susan Hapgood

Action: Adjourned by a unanimous vote of members present

Time: 6:15 p.m.

C. Holland Perdue, III, Chairman

ATTEST:

Cherie Compton, Clerk