

Town of Northumberland Zoning Board of Appeals  
Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday,  
July 2, 2014 7:00 pm  
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**Zoning Board Members Present:** Bruce Bemis, Carl Harrison, Jeremy DeLisle, David Gougler, Aimee Gates, Gary Applegate and Mark Boyce, Chairperson.

**Members Absent:** Hugo Leone, Julie Trollip, Vice-Chairperson

**Town Employees Present:** Richard Colozza, Code Enforcement Officer & Tia Kilburn, Zoning Board Clerk

Chairperson, Mark Boyce called the Monthly Meeting to order at 7:01 PM.  
All in attendance stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Boyce stated they will be reviewing application #0003-13 for applicant Dave Swota. He then asked Mr. Swota if he was aware his variance had expired. Mr. Swota said he was not aware that variances had an expiration date. He explained that he has 12 acres of land, he sought and was granted a variance last year and he did not know it would expire. He continued that it did not make sense to him that when he purchased his property he had several parcels and at some point they were combined, he did not understand this process and wanted to know who changed his deed and maps. Then he explained he went to an attorney for help understanding the process and after his attorney spoke with the Town's Attorney and Mr. Colozza, Code Enforcement Officer his attorney in short, informed him he had two options, option one he could pay the Town the balance of his bill, then approximately \$700 for maps to be drawn up with requirements indicated by the Planning Board and then about \$150 to file the maps with the County to complete the subdivision application that was started a year ago, or option two spend much more money trying to avoid option one which will take a lot more time. He stated he choose option one, so he returned to the Planning Board in June and they informed him he had to return to this Board because his variance had expired. He explained he is now hoping to get an extension on the original variance nothing has changed with his proposal from the original application. Mr. Boyce asked if the Planning Board was using the original application, the Clerk responded yes. Mr. Colozza interjected Mr. Swota has been working on the completion of this application, struggling to understand the process, working with Attorneys both his own and the Town's, the regulated time frame passed however, he stated he considered it as a work in progress for Mr. Swota. Discussion ensued on the expiration and an extension for the variance.

Mr. Boyce explained an applicant has 6 months from the date of approval to in act or start the project for the variance or to seek an extension for the variance. He said this Board can grant an extension because the Planning Board is following the original application not requiring a new application process.

Mr. Boyce made a motion to grant a 6 month extension on Application #0003-13 for David and Cynthia Swota for an area variance for a 2 lot subdivision.

Mr. Delisle 2nd the motion,

All in attendance unanimously agreed, motion passed.

Mr. Boyce welcomed new members to the Board, Aimee Gates as a regular member and Gary Applegate as an Alternate. He explained even without an agenda this Board usually tries to meet at least every other month. He then asked them if they had any questions or concerns. None were noted at this time.

Mr. Boyce made a motion to close the monthly meeting at 7:11 pm,

Mr. Harrison 2nd the motion,

All in attendance unanimously approved

**FUTURE MEETINGS**

June5, 2013 - As Needed

Respectfully submitted,

Tia Kilburn, Zoning Board Clerk

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