

**TOWN OF BARRE  
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS  
PUBLIC HEARING  
JANUARY 24, 2011**

**CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 PM** by acting chair Mr. Karas

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Stephen Karas  
Charles Swan  
Dale Laubacher  
Richard Miller  
LuAnn Tierney

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT/EXCUSSED**

**Also present:** Kurt A. Melder, Michael Preston, Jamie Preston, and Peter Allen

**I. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES – November 1, 2010**

Mr. Laubacher made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of November 1, 2010; seconded by Mr. Swan and carried (5-0).

**II. PUBLIC HEARING – Debbie Preston 13500 ALLIS ROAD (342200 105.-1-38.1)**

Mr. Jamie Preston stated that they would like to add a front deck for access into the existing house that was built in the 1850's. They thought that it was included in the original building permit but due to misunderstandings, it was not. Mr. Melder spoke saying that he thought the Preston's were doing a great job at remodeling the home and sprucing up the neighborhood as well as being great neighbors. Mr. Laubacher commented that the chimney that was originally there and removed jutted out further than the deck proposed. Mrs. Tierney questioned if it would interfere with snow removal, and it would not.

**RESOLUTION NO 01012011**

**Introduced by: Charles Swan  
Seconded by: Dale Laubacher**

**WHEREAS,** The Barre Zoning Board of Appeals has reviewed the application of **Debbie Preston** for an area variance on the property located at 13500 Allis Road (342200 105.-1-38.1); and be it hereby

**RESOLVED**, that a variance consisting of 45 feet from the center of the road to the front steps be granted to accommodate the 8' x 15' deck on the northwest corner of the home.

**UPON ROLL CALL VOTE:**

Mr. Karas – Aye  
Mr. Laubacher – Aye  
Mr. Miller – Aye  
Mr. Swan – Aye  
Mrs. Tierney - Aye

The resolution was thereupon duly adopted.

The Public Hearing was adjourned at 7:15pm

**III. OLD BUSINESS**

There is none at this time.

**IV. NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Laubacher handed out information regarding online training to members that needed training. Members need 4 hours training per year.

Mr. Laubacher stated that the zoning board is looking for alternates and if anyone knows of someone to let the board know.

Mr. Laubacher stated that the town board is looking for a chair for this board and would like input from the zoning members. Anyone interested in the position should attend the town workshop meeting on February 2

A few questions were asked concerning the above hearing and the logistics/reasons for it and discussion took place

- Where do the rules come from
- Rules are out dated and many may not be in compliance
- Upgrades and improvements are not a problem for current owners unless it is more that 75% change/removal.
- Current zoning districts may pose problems for some if not written correctly (current homeowners in rezoned area or for future businesses to come into the town).
- Mr. Karas would like to look at the zoning maps again with a couple members agreeing.

Address/phone number list was passed around for updates and will be given to members when it is updated correctly – a few did not know their email address and will either get it to secretary or she will get it from her personal list.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Laubacher made a motion to adjourn at 7:35 pm; seconded by Mr. Swan and carried.

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Lee A. Preston, Secretary