

MANSFIELD ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS – REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 9, 2009

Chairman Pellegrine called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber of the Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building.

Present: Members – Pellegrine, Singer-Bansal, Wright

Alternates – Accorsi, Clauson

Absent: Members – Fraenkel, Katz

Alternates – Gotch

DAN BRITTON, SUNLIGHT SOLAR ENERGY – 7:00 PM

To hear comments on the application of Dan Britton, Sunlight Solar Energy, for a Variance of Art VIII A to erect an 11' x 55' solar panel array requiring a 47' rear yard and 32' side yard variance at 920 Storrs Rd.

Mr. Britton is seeking approval to install a 40 panel, ground mounted, solar array. He feels that the natural gas pipeline, which goes through the property, creates a hardship in determining the placement of the panels. To be most effective, these panels should be placed where there is the most sun. The front yard would not be a suitable location due to an old sycamore tree and other areas on the property would be shaded by the house or garage. There would be no moving parts, liquids or noise generated at the panel site.

A Neighborhood Approval Sheet and certified receipts were submitted, showing no objections from abutters.

Business Meeting:

Wright moved to approve the application of Dan Britton, Sunlight Solar Energy, for a Variance of Art VIII A to erect an 11' x 55' solar panel array requiring a 47' rear yard and 32' side yard variance at 920 Storrs Rd, as shown on submitted plan.

In favor: Accorsi, Clauson, Pellegrine, Singer-Bansal, Wright

Reasons for approval:

- Location of natural gas pipeline is a hardship

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- Access to sun is limited
- Old sycamore tree will be saved

CONTINUED HEARING – JEROME D. SIPPLE

Pellegrine spoke to Mr. Sipple before the hearing. It has now been determined that he has a problem with his septic system and it may need replacing. He has asked for another 30-day extension so that he can look into what needs to be done. It was unanimously decided to grant an extension to Mr. Sipple until the regular ZBA meeting on October 14, 2009.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM AUGUST 12, 2009

Wright moved to approve the minutes of August 12, 2009 as presented.

Motion passed

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Julie Wright
Secretary