

Town of Clintwood
Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting
248 Clintwood Main Street – Clintwood Town Hall
September 27, 2023
6:00 p.m.

Record of Attendance:

James Andrew “Andy” Rose- Chairman
Catherine Cummins – Vice Chairman
Marzie Fleming
John Blanton
Shelia Viers – Absent

Others Present:

Susan Wood - Attorney
Judy Steele - Secretary

Present: Talbert Bolling, Gary Ratliff

The meeting was called to order by Andy Rose.

Motion was made by Catherine Cummins and a second by John Blanton to select James Andrew Rose as Chairman. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Marzie Fleming and a second by John Blanton to elect Catherine Cummins as Vice Chairman. Motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Rose asked for a moment of silent prayer.

Chairman Rose asked for any additions to the agenda and hearing none, he asked for a motion to approve the agenda.

Motion was made by Marzie Fleming and a second by Catherine Cummins to approve the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Catherine Cummins and a second by Marzie Fleming to approve the minutes as written. Motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Rose said the public hearing was on an application received from Gary and Belinda Ratliff requesting a variance on the age model of a double wide home. He asked Gary Ratliff for any comments on the application.

Gary Ratliff addressed the board concerning his application on placing a 1997 double wide mobile home on Charles Street. He said Belinda has recently opened a business in town, and this is where her family is from, and he has family here as well. They would make people a good neighbor.

John Blanton asked what business did his wife open and Mr. Ratliff said she had a massage business located in M & K Floral.

Talbert Bolling said he came as a town council member and a town resident in support of Mr. Ratliff. We do not have too many opportunities for new people to try to come into the Town. Where the lot is, the age of the home and seeing the pictures that were given, he thinks it would be compatible in the confine of what would be considered a nice place. He asked the board to accept Mr. Ratliff's request for a variance on the mobile home that he is asking for.

John Blanton asked if he owned the mobile home and Mr. Ratliff said he did own the home and it is in Abingdon where they lived. Catherine Cummins asked if he would be owning the property it will be placed on, and he said yes. She said from her perspective, she finds that an important piece to all of this is that you own the property, you own the trailer, and that it is currently your home, and you would be just relocating to the Town of Clintwood as your place of residence and Mr. Ratliff said that was correct.

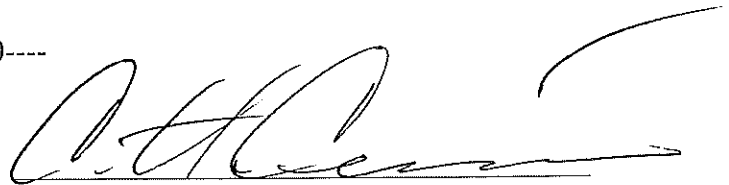
Chairman Rose said that within the zoning ordinance that no such variance shall be authorized by the board unless it finds that authorization of such variance will not be of substantial detriment to adjacent property and that the character of the district will not be changed by the granting of the variance. He asked for any other comments or questions from the Board or the floor. John Blanton said he would like to see them move here and Catherine Cummins said she has driven up the road and it is consistent with residences in the vicinity of where it would be located. It looks like the property you currently maintain is clean-looking, and she would presume the same would be true when you relocated, and Mr. Ratliff said yes.

Motion was made by John Blanton and a second by Marzie Fleming to grant Gary and Belinda Ratliff a variance to move a 1997 mobile home into town. Motion passed unanimously.


Chairman Rose closed the public hearing and asked if there were any other business and hearing none, he asked for a motion to adjourn.

Motion was made by Catherine Cummins and a second by John Blanton to adjourn. Motion passed okay.

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Catherine Cummins- Vice- Chairman

Attest:


Judy Steele, Secretary