

**Board of Zoning Appeals
Town of Easton
Tuesday, September 1, 2015**

OPEN SESSION MINUTES

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Mr. Cotter called the regularly scheduled meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Tuesday, September 1, 2015 in the Town Council Chambers in the Town Office Building.

In attendance were:

Board of Zoning Appeals Members: Peter Cotter, Chairman, Gary Molchan, Charles Fitzgerald and Tom Moore, Alternate.

Staff: Lynn Thomas, Brett Ewing and Stacie Rice.

The Board voted unanimously to approve the May 19, 2015 minutes.

NEW BUSINESS:

BOZA Case No. V-735 - 8610 Commerce Drive

Nancy Andrew & Christine Smith with Habitat for Humanity Choptank were present at the meeting for property located at 8610 Commerce Drive, Easton, MD. They are seeking a Variance to allow a second sign on an existing building with a single street frontage. The property is located in the I1 Zoning District. Ms. Andrew stated that the restore relocated to a larger space in May of this year. She stated that the contractors dropping off building materials are having a hard time finding the site as well as customers visiting the Restore. Therefore, they are asking for an additional sign in hopes that their business will be more visible. The Board felt that due to the location of the Restore, the distance from Commerce Drive and the fact that the other two tenants have street facing signs felt as though the additional signage would be appropriate.

Public Comment

Debbie Wilkins with Midshore Board of Realtors, stated that the Restore is a great neighbor. She stated that people are coming to her office (across the street) looking for the Restore and stated it would be helpful if there was additional signage to better direct people looking for the Restore.

Ms. Andrew addressed the criteria as set out in Section 1303.5 C provisions for granting a Variance.

Upon consideration of all the evidence and testimony presented at the meeting, Mr. Molchan made a motion to approve the Variance request as submitted with sign size a maximum of 40 square feet. The motion was seconded by Mr. Fitzgerald and carried on a 3-0 vote.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:35 a.m.

Submitted by

Date