



**TOWN OF WEST HARTFORD  
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS  
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20, 2022  
MINUTES**

**ROLL CALL: 7:00 PM**

**ATTENDANCE:** Commissioners: DiMatteo, D'Amato, Doyle, Johnson and Harris;  
Alternates: Boorman and Levesque; Brittany MacGilpin, Zoning  
Enforcement Officer

The Zoning Board of Appeals met in the Legislative Chamber, Room 314, 50 South Main Street, West Hartford on Wednesday, April 20, 2022, at 7:00 p.m., to hear and act on the following petitions:

**#09-22**      **15 Bishop Road** - [Petition of Jay and Gail Costello](#) (R.O.), requesting a variance to section 177-20 E, Obstructions in yards, which limits accessory buildings to 25% of the required rear yard. Requesting a variance of +/- 250 s.f. to construct a +/- 700 s.f. garage or approximately 39% of the required rear yard. **R-6 Zone**

At the regular meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals, immediately following the public hearing, the following action was taken:

Commissioner Harris made a motion to approve the application but to limit the petition request of the garage to a size of +/- 22' x 24' and/or +/- 528 s.f. to be located in the rear yard of the property; Second by Commissioner Doyle. In reaching its decision, the Board granted the petition with the following findings:

1. Granting of the variance is in harmony with the purpose and intent of the West Hartford Code of Ordinances.
2. The granting of the variance is the minimum variance needed to accomplish the intended purpose.
3. There are conditions especially affecting the land and the abutting property to the west, which conditions are peculiar to the applicant's land and not personal or financial in nature.

**Voting in favor: Commissioners DiMatteo, Doyle, D'Amato, Johnson, Harris (and Alternate Levesque)**

**Opposed: None**

**VOTE: 6-0; Petition granted.**

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**#11-22**      **7 Country Lane** - [Petition of Jeffrey and Kate Simon](#) (R.O.), requesting a variance to section 177-20 D, Obstructions in yards, which restricts the height of fences

installed between the building line and the street line to four (4)-feet and requires a “1/2 solid” style of fencing (such as a picket fence). Requesting a variance of +/- 6” in order to install a 4.5’ high fence in front of the building line and greater than “1/2 solid” style per plans on file. **R-13 Zone**

At the regular meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals, immediately following the public hearing, the following action was taken:

Commissioner DiMatteo made a motion to grant the petition; Second by Commissioner D’Amato. In reaching its decision, the Board granted the petition with the following conditions:

1. Granting of the variance is in harmony with the purpose and intent of the West Hartford Code of Ordinances.
2. Variance request is minor in nature and will not adversely impact neighboring properties.
3. The fence will not be visible from Fern Street due to the high retaining wall located along this portion of the street.

**Voting in favor: Commissioners DiMatteo, Doyle, D’Amato, Johnson, Harris (and Alternate Boorman)**

**Opposed: None**

**VOTE: 6-0; Petition granted.**

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- Minutes for the March 16, 2022 meeting were approved. (Motion/Doyle; Second/DiMatteo)
  - Adjournment at 8:11 p.m. (Motion/DiMatteo; Second/Harris)