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**TOWN OF WEST HARTFORD  
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS  
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2022  
MINUTES**

**ROLL CALL: 7:00 PM**

**ATTENDANCE:** Commissioners: D’Amato, Doyle, DiMatteo, Johnson, Harris; Alternate: Levesque; Brittany MacGilpin, Zoning Enforcement Officer; Robert Gosselin, Assistant Zoning Enforcement Officer

The Zoning Board of Appeals met in the Legislative Chamber, Room 314, 50 South Main Street, West Hartford on Wednesday, October 19, 2022, at 7:00 p.m., to hear and act on the following petitions:

**#23-22**      **242 Steele Road** - [Petition of N. Jhilal](#) (Applicant) on behalf of J. Savarese (RO), requesting a variance to Section 177-20 Obstructions in yards. Requesting a +/- 2.1-foot variance to the required 30-foot rear yard setback to construct an addition on the eastern side of the home per plans on file. **R-10 Zone**

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

Commissioner Doyle made a motion to approve the variance; Second by Commissioner Harris. 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. Variance request is minor and will not adversely impact neighboring properties.
3. A portion of the dwelling is legal, non-conforming to the rear yard setback and the proposed addition would not encroach further east into this setback.

**Voting in favor:** Commissioners D’Amato, Doyle, DiMatteo, Johnson, and Harris

**Opposed:** None

**VOTE: 5-0; Petition granted**

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**#24-22**      **29 Wampanoag Drive** - [Petition of L. McCoy](#) (Applicant) on behalf of Northwest Catholic High School Corporation (RO), requesting a variance to Section 177-20 (C) which allows for a maximum fence height of 7-feet tall in side and rear yards. Northwest Catholic High School is proposing to install an approximately 8-foot tall fence and approximately 30-foot high safety netting for baseball field renovations per plans on file. Additionally, seeking a variance to Section 177-20 (D) (1) to

allow for fencing and netting in excess of four-feet high in front of the building line per plans on file. Lastly, seeking a variance to Section 177- 20 (D), to allow dugout structures in front of the building line 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 Johnson made a motion to approve the variance; Second by Commissioner D'Amato. 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. Granting of the fence/safety netting variances mitigates safety and security concerns with respect to the use of the proposed fields.
3. The location of a building line on this portion of the property restricts the usable area for proposed structures.

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

**Opposed:** None

**VOTE: 5-0; Petition granted**

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- Minutes for February 16, 2022 and September 21, 2022 regular meetings were approved.
- Adjournment at 7:45 p.m.