

March 10, 2011

The Board of Zoning Appeals for the Town of Sullivan's Island met on the above date at Town Hall, all requirements of the Freedom of Information Act having been satisfied.

Present: Jimmy Hiers, Chairman
Ward Lasso
Susan Romaine
Elizabeth Tezza
Carlin Timmons

Chairman Hiers called the meeting to order.

Motion was made by Elizabeth Tezza, seconded by Susan Romaine, to approve the minutes of the February 10, 2011 meeting, carried unanimously.

Chairman Hiers issued the applicant and participant oath.

Margaret Jenkins Skinner, 1001 Middle Street, appeal from action of zoning official denying application for vacation rental license. Chairman Hiers asked Building Official Randy Robinson to present. Mr. Robinson stated Mrs. Skinner had a vacation rental license since the beginning of the vacation rental license ordinance. Every year she completed the vacation rental application and received a license. Mrs. Skinner submitted a letter with her BZA application explaining the circumstances as to why she was unable to receive a license for 2010. Mr. Robinson said due to those circumstances the completed vacation rental application was not submitted until December 28, 2010 and did not give time for Mrs. Skinner to legally rent the vacation house for the required two weeks. For that reason, Mr. Robinson could not issue a vacation rental license. (Mrs. Skinner submitted documentation for renting the property for two weeks in 2010; however, it was not rented legally because she did not have a license for 2010.)

Chairman Hiers asked the applicant to present. Mrs. Skinner read her letter submitted with the BZA application to the Board, and it became a part of this record.

During discussion, the Board inquired if this type application had been received in the past. Mr. Robinson stated the Board had one similar application in 2002, and the variance was granted, provided the applicant paid the fees due; and two applications in 2008 that were granted.

Motion was made by Susan Romaine, seconded by Elizabeth Tezza, that the Board overrule the zoning administrator on the grounds that there is precedence for granting similar applications in the same circumstances; there are extraordinary and exceptional conditions pertaining to this particular piece of property and these conditions do not generally apply to any other property in the vicinity; because of these conditions the application of the ordinance to this particular piece of property

would be an unreasonable restriction and the authorization of the variance will not be a detriment to the public good or the character of the district; carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Susan Romaine, seconded by Ward Lasso, to adjourn, carried unanimously.

Respectfully,

Ellen Miller

Approved:

Date:
