

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF APPEALS  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2020**

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Chairperson Carol Long called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. *Members Present:* Chairperson Carol Long, Vice-Chairperson Sara Sweeney, Linda Moser, Natalie Mose, and Scott Race. *Members Absent:* Darrell Jones  
*Staff Present:* Reiley Stanley, Town Planner/Zoning Administrator

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Motion by Linda Moser, second by Natalie Mose to approve the meeting minutes of the March 19, 2019 meeting approved as submitted.

**Docket No. BZA20-01**

To hear a Variance Request by David & Bonnie Shifler, appellants, to vary the 10 foot setback to a 2 ft setback (Sec.401.A.1) for a proposed single story addition, located at 102 Potomac St, Boonsboro, and zoned Town Residential(TR).

The Zoning Administrator denied the request under Sections 401 A of the Zoning Ordinance, which states that the side setback for the Town Residential Zoning District is 10 feet minimum.

**Testifying For:**

The Appellant, David Shifler of 102 Potomac Street testified in front of the board. Mr. Shifler indicated that this house way built before zoning was in effect in the Town. He stated that the reason he would like to do this project is so that his wife was able to get around the home easier than she has been able to. Mr. Shifler brought in copies of documents signed by his neighbor to the right (104 Potomac Street) stating that they were fine with him encroaching into the required setback on his land and they did not see how it could affect the sale of their home in the future.

No one else testified for.

**Testifying Against:**

No one testified against.

**Board Discussion:**

The Board entertained a brief discussion amongst the group. Member Natalie Mose made a motion that the Board of Appeals approve the Special Exception request(s), member Scott Race seconded the motion, and the motion passed (approved) with a 4 to 0 vote. Board members Moser, Race, and Sweeney voted to approve.

**Action on BZA Case No 20-01:**

**Motion was made by Member Mose, seconded by Board Member Race, that the Board of Appeals APPROVE the Requests for Special Exception. The motion passed 4 to 0.**

**Adjourn**

There being no more business to come before this meeting of the Board of Appeals, Chairperson Long declared the meeting adjourned.

BOARD OF APPEALS  
FOR THE TOWN OF BOONSBORO

Linda Moser, Secretary  
January 19, 2021