

**MINUTES**  
**CRISP COUNTY ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**  
**MEETING**  
**February 18, 2020**

The Crisp County Zoning Board of Appeals met at a regular meeting on the 18th day of February 2020 at 9:00 a.m. in the Crisp County Government Center. The following members were present: Dale Mitchell, J.C. Clark, Ray Cromer and Lucky Taylor, absent was Wendy Peavy. Also present, Planning Director Connie Youngblood and Building Inspector Jimmy Mumphery.

Visitors: Jason Spires.

Chairman Ray Cromer called the meeting to order.

**MINUTES**

Chairman asked for a motion on the January 21, 2020 minutes.

**VOTE:** Motion was made by Dale Mitchell with a second by J.C. Clark to **approve** the minutes of the January 21, 2020 meeting with amendment. Carried unanimously 3-0.

Mr. Cromer opened the Public Hearing and read aloud the criteria in which the board handles requests.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

Request from Warren and Elizabeth Suggs for a variance to reduce the required 15' side yard setback to 6' on each side (North and South) for the purpose of adding on to an existing structure or possibly removing the structure and rebuilding. Property zoned RS2 (Single Family Residential) and is located at 292 Lakeshore Way.

Mr. Suggs was present and spoke on behalf of the request. Mr. Suggs told the board that he purchased the property in 2014 and plans were to use as a summer cabin. In the meantime, he sold his permanent home in Lee County, so now they would like to make the cabin their permanent home, he and his wife are a few years away from retirement. Their first thought was to just add on to the existing structure, but after talking with their contractor they have decided the best thing to do is just tear the house down and start over. He stated they already have the plans for the new house and with that being said they hope the board will grant their request. Mr. Suggs stated that this will be their full time home. Mr. Clark asked if they were building a larger home and were they planning on coming forward with it and only needs the side setbacks. Mr. Suggs replied yes. He stated they are using the same house plan that is there now only going out toward the water with a bedroom. Mr. Mitchell stated that it seems you are staying inside the existing footprint of the house that is there now on each side, so you are going to maintain what you have now. Mr. Suggs replied yes. Mr. Steve Glover told the board that the only thing new would be the bedroom in the back toward the water but still the same footprint. He stated they are installing a new septic system in the front along with enough area for repair and they have already gotten that approval. Mr. Mitchell asked if there had been any comments from the neighbors. Mr. J.D. Calhoun, part owner of the adjacent property and stated that he did not have any problem

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with the request but he would like to know where the property line is and there is an existing fence and he has been told that the fence is actually over the property line. Mr. Suggs replied that he has had the property surveyed and it is marked now. Mr. Suggs stated that they were going to take the existing fence down and redo the back yard. At this time Mr. Cromer asked if there were any further questions or comments. There were none, he then stated this concludes the public portion of the hearing.

**MEETING**

After discussion, the chairman asked for a motion.

**VOTE:** A motion was made by Dale Mitchell with a second by J.C. Clark to **approve** the requested variance to reduce the required 15' side yard variance to 6' on the north and south side property lines for the purpose of constructing a new home. Property is zoned RS2 (Single Family Residential) and is located at 292 Lakeshore Way. Carried unanimously 3-0.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

Request from Kenneth and Lisa Hall for a variance to locate a 25x40 (1000 sq. ft.) metal building for storage on a parcel of property prior to or in lieu of a principle use on the property Property zoned RS2 (Single Family Residential) and is located at 689 Cork Ferry Road.

Mr. Hall was present and spoke on behalf of the request. Mr. Hall told the board that he was able to acquire some property that adjoins theirs. Mr. Hall told the board that he has a lake front home across the road and they are needing more storage area for their watercraft. In acquiring this property they have torn down 2 small buildings, storage building and have cleaned up the property in hopes they can build an accessory building for their watercraft. He showed the members a similar picture of what he plans to build. He stated that he had the property surveyed and everything joined together into one parcel. Mr. Hall stated that the property looked a lot better then it did before since they had cleaned it up. Mr. Mitchell stated that this is kind of a common thing with storage buildings across the street from houses because of lack of storage and is kind of keeping with what is going on. Mr. Hall stated that they wanted to build in the way that it sort of blends in with the surroundings and is not obvious. Mr. Cromer asked what the time table for this is. Mr. Hall replied that he did not have a definite time just wanted to move forward and has not approached any contractors yet wanted to get this process completed first. But plans to move forward soon. Mr. Cromer asked if the neighbors had any issues with the request. Mr. Hall said that he had spoken with the neighbors and none of them had any problems with the request. Mr. Cromer asked if there were other comments, there were none. At this time Mr. Cromer stated this concluded the public portion of the hearing.

**MEETING**

After discussion, the chairman asked for a motion.

**VOTE:** A motion was made by Dale Mitchell, with a second by Lucky Taylor to approve the variance request

to locate a 25x40 metal building for storage on a parcel of property prior to or in lieu of a principle use on the property. Property zoned RS2 (Single Family Residential) and is located at 689 Cork Ferry Road.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Two applications have been filed for next months hearing.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None.

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Ray Cromer  
Chairman

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Connie Youngblood  
Secretary/Planning Director

