

Variance Hearing
Greensboro Cemetery Commission
May 11, 2017

To consider a variance request by the Greensboro Cemetery Commission to erect a sign within the road right-of-way at all four cemeteries in Greensboro.

The application requires a review under the following sections of the Greensboro Zoning By-Law: 2.5 Greensboro Rural Lands District; and 5.5 Variances.

Warnings were posted on April 24, 2017 at the Greensboro Town Hall, the Greensboro Post Office, the Greensboro Bend Post Office, and Smith's and Willey's Stores. The warning was sent to the following abutters and neighboring property owners on April 26, 2017: Dorothy Roche, Ida Perron, Lawrence & Sherral Lumsden, Ronald Lumsden, Marion Stegner, Cornelia Deschepper, Jeanne Eisner, the Godfrey Family, the Isaacson Family Trust, Russel & Cynthia Hislop, the Barr Family LLC, John and Melanie Clarke, Elsa Williams, the Lotspeicch Family Properties LLC, Patrick & Amanda Keith, and Peter Gebbie. It was published in the Hardwick Gazette on Wednesday, April 26, 2017.

Development Review Board members present: Linda Romans, Nat Smith, Sean Thomson, Janet Travers (alternate), Jane Woodruff, and B.J. Gray (alternate),

Development Review Board members absent: Wayne Young (recused), MacNeil (recused), Lee Wright

Others present: Audrey DeProspero, Zoning Administrator

Summary of Discussion

Ms. Woodruff, chair, began the hearing at 7:17 PM. Since there was no representative from the Cemetery Commission and the Board had many questions about the cemeteries and the proposed signs, the hearing was continued to a later date. The continued hearing will be duly warned once a date and time are confirmed.

The hearing ended at 7:37 PM.

Findings of Fact:

Based on the application and testimony, the Development Review Board makes the following findings:

2.5 Rural Lands District

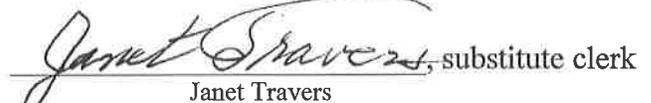
Signs up to 6 square feet are permitted uses in the rural lands district. (C) All four cemeteries are located on pre-existing, non-conforming lots of less than 10 acres. (E) The minimum setback from the centerline of a public road is 50 feet. (E)

5.5 Variances

The criteria for a variance were not discussed since there were several questions about the signs and the cemeteries. The placement of the signs was marked in only two cemeteries and, in the case of the Baker Hill cemetery, the ownership of the lot seemed vague.


Jane Woodruff, chair
Jane Woodruff

date 5/13/2017


Janet Travers, substitute clerk
Janet Travers

date 5-12-17

NOTICE:

This decision may be appealed to the Vermont Environmental Court by an interested person who participated in the proceeding (in person or in writing) before the Development Review Board. Such appeal must be made within 30 days of the date of this decision, pursuant to 24 V.S.A. #4471 and Rule 5(b) of the Vermont Rules for Environmental Court Proceedings.