

Town of Jamestown Zoning Board of Review 93 Narragansett Ave Jamestown, RI. 02835

CORRESPONDENCE

November 20, 2020

Re: Application of Donald R and Laura Carlson

To the Members of the Zoning Board,

We are the property owners of 23 Friendship St. and abutters to the Carlson property at 20 Brook Street and share the rear property line.

Our opposition to the original proposed plan which was first presented to the Zoning Board was the placement of the house only 10 ft from the rear property line and the variances and permits were being requested for an accessory structure. We were opposing on the facts that we felt it was a second principle dwelling and should conform to the R-8 Zoning and be placed 30 ft from the rear property line.

Two informative hearings were held by the Technical Review Committee and then the Planning Board Commission. Their recommendations were made and the Planning Board asked for modifications to the proposed plan.

- 1. Proposed structure was deemed a second principle dwelling and moving the structure to a 15 ft rear setback.
- 2. Agreement to plant 10 ft evergreens along northern property line for privacy.
- 3. Foregoing the right to subdivide property.
- 4. Agreeing to forego short term rentals of less than 60 days.

The Carlsons have agreed to accept these modifications and recommendations having amended their application. We appreciate the time and consideration given to all concerned and we are amenable to the findings and the compromise suggested by the Planning Commission.

To date, the proposed structure's size has not been adequately considered and the increase in square footage of the proposed structure from 442 sq.ft to 900 sq.ft is intimidating to us.

Our understanding from what was mentioned by the Carlsons architects is that the North side has a shallow roofline with a one story wall facing North. When we were approached by Laura Carlson in July she assured us that there would no windows on the second story North side. After reviewing the North side elevation there appears to be four windows across the roof line of the second story facing North. As long as there is no balcony or deck on the second story and no windows on the North side second story we are inclined to go along with the current proposal and the recommendations of the the Zoning Board of Review.

Thank you for consideration in this matter.

Mel and Barbara Whitaker 23 Friendship St. Jamestown, RI

