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IN RE: PETITION FOR SPECIAL HEARING

NW/S Timber Trail Road, approx. 800' E

Midmeadow Road

(1010 Timber Trail Road)

9th Election District 3rd Council District

Charles W. Johnson Petitioner

BEFORE THE

ZONING COMMISSIONER

OF BALTIMORE COUNTY

Case No. 04-576-SPH

FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

This matter comes before the Zoning Commissioner for consideration of a Petition for Special Hearing filed by the owner of the subject property, Charles W. Johnson. The Petitioner requests a special hearing to approve the location of a detached accessory structure (garage) on a lot without a principal structure. The subject property and requested relief are more particularly described on the site plan submitted which was accepted into evidence and marked as Petitioner's Exhibit 1.

Appearing at the requisite public hearing in support of the request was Charles W. Johnson, property owner. Christine Bird, an adjacent property owner, appeared in opposition.

Testimony and evidence offered revealed that the subject property is a rectangular shaped parcel located on the northwest side of Timber Trail Road, just south of Midmeadow Road, in the Hampton Gardens community in Towson. The property is comprised of four lots, identified as Lots 8, 9, 10 and 11 of Hampton Gardens, which contain a combined gross area of 2.21 acres, zoned D.R.2. Although recorded as four separate lots, the property is used as one parcel and is improved with a single-family dwelling, known as 1010 Timber Trail Way. As shown on the site plan submitted, that dwelling straddles the internal lot lines between Lots 8 and 9. The Petitioner has owned and resided on the property since 1973.

In November 2003, the Petitioner sought zoning relief through a Petition for Administrative Variance filed under Case No. 04-197-A. In this regard, the Petitioner sought relief

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to allow a proposed garage, 30° x 70° in dimension, to be located in the front/side yard of the property in lieu of the required rear yard, and with a height of 20 feet in lieu of the maximum allowed 15 feet. At that time, the garage was to be located on Lot 9. Since the dwelling straddles the lot lines between Lots 8 and 9, the garage would be located on the same lot as a portion of the dwelling. Pursuant to the administrative variance process, the property was posted with a sign for a period of 15 days, during which time any interested person or adjacent property owner could submit written comments on the proposal, and/or request a public hearing. There were no objections raised at that time and there was no request for public hearing. Additionally, there were no adverse Zoning Advisory Committee (ZAC) comments submitted by any reviewing agency. Thus, variance relief was granted on November 20, 2003. No appeal of that decision was taken and thus the relief granted in that case is now final.

The Petitioner now comes before me seeking amended relief. In this regard, the Petitioner now proposes to construct the garage on Lot 10. As shown on the site plan, the newly proposed garage will be 30' x 50' in dimension, with a height of 16 feet. Mr. Johnson indicated that the garage was necessary to provide storage space for two antique cars, a recreational vehicle and boat, and other personal items. In that the garage will not be located on the same lot as the dwelling, the requested special hearing relief is necessary.

The Petitioner submitted a series of documents in support of his request. These documents show that a new driveway is proposed to provide access to the garage. Currently, there are two curb cuts along the property's frontage on Timber Trail Road. These curb cuts connect to a lengthy circular driveway that extends around the rear of the house and provides two points of access along Timber Trail Road. Mr. Johnson indicated that due to the topography of his property and drainage conditions thereon, the proposed location for the garage was preferable. He also indicated that the garage would be set back a minimum of 70 feet from the front property line and would therefore be buffered by existing vegetation.

As noted above, Ms. Bird appeared in opposition to the request. She believes that the proposed garage is too large and out of character with the surrounding community. She also

objects to a third curb cut and driveway on the property. The positions of the parties are set forth in the record of the hearing. Additionally, it is to be noted that several days after the hearing, Mr. Johnson called the Office of the Zoning Commissioner to determine if a written decision had been made and was advised that the matter was still under consideration. He became verbally abusive and demanded immediate issuance of a decision. This decision follows.

Based upon the testimony and evidence presented, I am not persuaded that relief should be granted. Although I am appreciative of the Petitioner's need for storage, I am not persuaded that the proposed location is appropriate. In my judgment, an additional curb cut should be avoided, if possible. Additionally, the garage should be located further towards the rear of the property and closer to the existing dwelling. Under this latest proposal, the garage will be much closer to the road than the existing dwelling and I am concerned that it may appear out of character for this residential neighborhood. Thus, for all of these reasons, the Petition shall be denied.

Pursuant to the advertisement, posting of the property and public hearing on this Petition held, and for the reasons set forth above, the relief requested shall be denied.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED by the Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County this And day of September 2004 that the Petition for Special Hearing to approve the location of a detached accessory structure (garage) on a lot without a principal structure, in accordance with Petitioner's Exhibit 1, be and is hereby DENIED.

Any appeal of this decision shall be entered within thirty (30) days of the date hereof.

LAWRENCE E. SCHMIDT

Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County

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IN THE MATTER OF
THE APPLICATION OF
C. WILLIAM JOHNSON - LEGAL OWNER
FOR SPECIAL HEARING ON PROPERTY
LOCATED ON THE NW/S OF TIMBER TRAIL
ROAD, APPROXIMATELY 800' E OF
MIDMEADOW ROAD
(1010 TIMBER TRAIL ROAD)
9TH ELECTION DISTRICT
3RD COUNCILMANIC DISTRICT

- * BEFORE THE
- * COUNTY BOARD OF APPEALS
- * OF
- * BALTIMORE COUNTY
- * Case No. 04-576-SPH

OPINION

This matter comes before the Baltimore County Board of Appeals on an appeal from a decision of the Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County in which Petitioner's requested zoning relief was denied. Charles William Johnson, Petitioner and legal owner of the subject property, filed a Petition for Special Hearing to approve the location of a detached accessory structure (garage) on a lot without a principal structure.

A hearing was held before this Board on April 26, 2005. Public deliberation was held on May 11, 2005. Appearing before the Board in support of his Petition was Charles W. Johnson. Christine Bird, an adjacent property owner, appeared in opposition. Both Mr. Johnson and Ms. Bird appeared *pro se*.

Testimony and evidence offered at hearing revealed that the property is located on the northwest side of Timber Trail Road, just south of Midmeadow Road, in the Hampton Gardens community of Towson. This property is made up of four lots (Lots 8, 9, 10 and 11). Together they have a combined gross area of 2.21 acres. These four lots are deeded together (Petitioner's Exhibit #2), and the property is used as one parcel and is improved with a single-family dwelling known as 1010 Timber Trail Road. The Petitioner was the developer of the property in years 1974 and 1975. The Johnson home actually straddles the common lot line of Lots 8 and 9. Mr.

Johnson has a front setback of 137 feet on a heavily wooded parcel. The home is barely visible from the front street.

Mr. Johnson testified that he plans to build a detached garage 30 feet by 50 feet by 16 feet on Lot 10. Petitioner stated that he needed the garage to store antique cars, an R.V., and boats that are "getting fouled up" by leaf litter from the wooded parcel on which he lives. He further testified that he believed Lot 10 was most suitable for this building due to the topography of his property.

Testifying in opposition to the Petition was Christine Bird. Mrs. Bird stated that, because she lives directly across the road from the Petitioner, she is concerned that the garage is too large and out of character with the neighborhood. Also, she testified that she is concerned about the new view with an apron (curb cut) and the cutting of all the vegetation.

Petitioner testified during the hearing that he believed he could make the garage driveway connect to the existing driveway, thereby doing away with the third curb cut. He stated that the garage would be set back 70 feet, and he only planned to cut down enough trees to put in the garage and driveway. He indicated that the plans for the garage somewhat mirror the house, therefore keeping it in character with the neighborhood.

Based upon the testimony and evidence presented, this Board finds that the requested relief should be granted. We believe that the 70 feet will give enough buffer for the neighbors, and, based upon the evidence submitted at hearing, that the garage will be in keeping with the spirit and intent of the zoning regulations and in character with the neighborhood. Although we feel strongly about not adding another curb cut to the parcel, which is made up of Lots 8, 9, 10 and 11, we would suggest to Mr. Johnson that he consult with an engineer due to the topography of the property.

ORDER

ORDERED that the Petition for Special Hearing filed in Case No. 04-576-SPH to approve the location of a detached accessory structure (garage) on a lot without a principal structure be and the same APPROVED as shown on Petitioner's Exhibit #1 entered at the Zoning Commissioner's level and contained in the subject file, subject to the following restriction:

That there shall be no third curb cut on the parcel known as 1010 Timber Trail Road that is made up of Lots 8, 9, 10 and 11.

Any petition for judicial review from this decision must be made in accordance with Rule 7-201 through Rule 7-210 of the *Maryland Rules*.

COUNTY BOARD OF APPEALS OF BALTIMORE COUNTY

Lawrence M. Stahl, Chairman

John P. Quinn

Edward W. Crizer, Jr

Zoning Commissioner

Suite 405, County Courts Building 401 Bosley Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204 Tel: 410-887-3868 • Fax: 410-887-3468



Baltimore County

James T. Smith, Jr., County Executive Lawrence E. Schmidt, Zoning Commissioner

September 1, 2004

Mr. Charles W. Johnson 1010 Timber Trail Road Towson, Maryland 21286

RE: PETITION FOR VARIANCE

NW/S Timber Trail Road, approx. 800' E of the c/l Midmeadow Road

(1010 Timber Trail Road)

9th Election District – 3rd Council District

Charles W. Johnson - Petitioner

Case No. 04-576-SPH

Dear Mr. Johnson:

Enclosed please find a copy of the decision rendered in the above-captioned matter. The Petition for Special Hearing has been denied, in accordance with the attached Order.

In the event any party finds the decision rendered is unfavorable, any party may file an appeal to the County Board of Appeals within thirty (30) days of the date of this Order. For further information on filing an appeal, please contact the Department of Permits and Development Management office at 887-3391.

Very truly yours,

LAWRENCE E. SCHMIDT

Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County

LES:bjs

cc: Ms. Christine Bird

1021 Timber Trail Road, Towson, Md. 21286

People's Counsel; Case/File



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MINUTES OF DELIBERATION

IN THE MATTER OF:

C. William Johnson

04-576-SPH

DATE:

May 11, 2005

BOARD/PANEL

Lawrence Stahl

John P. Quinn

Edward W. Crizer, Jr.

RECORDED BY:

Linda B. Fliegel/Legal Secretary

PURPOSE:

To deliberate Petitioner's request for approval of a detached accessory

structure (garage) on a lot without a principal structure.

PANEL MEMBERS DISCUSSED THE FOLLOWING:

STANDING

· Property was purchased in 1973.

Three lots are placed on same Deed.

Current house straddles lots 8 and 9.

Petitioner would like to build a garage on lot 10.

Lots are very narrow and builder had to sell as one.

Lots needed to be used in conjunction with each other.

There are currently two curb cuts and the new plan calls for three.

The proposed garage does not violate the nature and spirit of the area.

DECISION BY BOARD MEMBERS: The Board reached a unanimous decision to GRANT the request for a variance.

FINAL DECISION: After a deliberation and review of the facts and law, the Board GRANTED the Petitioner's variance with the restriction that a third entrance could not be make and that the Petitioner would have to make a connection to the garage from what already exists on the other two lots.

NOTE: These minutes, which will become part of the case file, are intended to indicate for the record that a public deliberation took place that date regarding this matter. The Board's final decision and the facts and findings thereto will be set out in the written Opinion and Order to be issued by the Board.

Respectfully Submitted

Linda B. Fliegel

County Board of Appeals

Case No. 04-576-SPH

In the Matter of: C. William Johnson - Petitioner

SPH - To approve location of detached accessory structure (garage) on a lot without a principal structure.

9/02/04 -- Z.C.'s Order in which requested zoning relief was DENIED.

2/10/05 - Notice of Assignment sent to following; assigned for hearing on Tuesday, April 26, 2005 at 10:00 a.m.:

C. William Johnson
Christine Bird
Office of People's Counsel
William J. Wiseman /Zoning Commissioner
Pat Keller, Planning Director
Timothy M. Kotroco, Director /PDM

- 4/22/05 T/C from Michael Ramsey he will be in court on Tuesday, April 26th and unable to sit on the scheduled hearing. Will contact Brassil, Stahl, and M. Mohler re replacement for Ramsey.
 - -- Voice mail message left for Brassil and M. Mohler; also e-mail to both. Cell phone voice mail left for L. Stahl (first called his office; away until Tuesday; however, nothing showing on calendar).
 - After responses received from three panel members, will contact parties. Both parties to this matter are pro se. (J. Quinn telephone this date possible afternoon conflict but he will be here at 10 a.m.)
- 4/25/05 T/C from M. Mohler has 9:45 a.m. meeting; unable to attend. T/C from M. Brassil has made a commitment for the day; impossible to break; was not scheduled to sit.
 - E-mail to Ms. Bird (unlisted telephone); T/C voice mail message left for Mr. Johnson.
 - T/C from Mr. Johnson strongly objects to any postponement since he has waited so long for this hearing; would be willing to go forward with two people.
 - T/C from Ms. Bird she also would not object to a two-member panel for this hearing. Advised Mr. Johnson that all parties are in agreement for two member panel, should Mr. Stahl be unavailable. Hearing will go forward at 10 a.m.
- 4/26/05 Board convened for hearing (Stahl, Quinn, Crizer); completed case this date; exhibits to be entered by Petitioner: Building Permit and Deed. Deliberation to be assigned and notice sent.
 - -- Notice of Deliberation sent to parties; assigned for Wednesday, May 11, 2005 at 9:30 a.m. FYI copy to 2-6-7.
- 5/11/05 Board convened for deliberation (2-6-7); unanimously granted petitioner's request; written Opinion and Order to be issued; appellate period to run from date of written Order. (7)
- 6/03/05 One of many calls received this date from Mr. Johnson inquiring as to the status of his final written Order. Advised Mr. Johnson that the normal time frame was approximately 4 weeks from deliberation; requested names of panel members on his case, etc. Will call Mr. Johnson at 410-823-6066 when the decision is in final format with approximate date of issuance.



Petition for Special Hearing

to the Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County

Reviewed By 500- Date 0609

for the property located at 1010,1012,1014,1016	TRAJE
which is presently zoned <u>R</u> 2	

This Petition shall be filed with the Department of Permits and Development Management. The undersigned, legal owner(s) of the property situate in Baltimore County and which is described in the description and plat attached hereto and made a part hereof, hereby petition for a Special Hearing under Section 500.7 of the Zoning Regulations of Baltimore County, to determine whether or not the Zoning Commissioner should approve

NETACHED ACCESSORY STRUCTURE (GARAGE)ON N LOT. WITHOUT A PRINCIPAL STRUCTURE.

Property is to be posted and advertised as prescribed by the zoning regulations.

I, or we, agree to pay expenses of above Special Hearing, advertising, posting, etc. and further agree to and are to be bounded by the zoning regulations and restrictions of Baltimore County adopted pursuant to the zoning law for Baltimore County.

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NOTICE OF ZONING

The Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County, by autiliority of the Zoning Act and Regulations of Baltimore County will hold a public hearing in Towsons Maryland on the property identified herein as follows:

Case: #04-576-SPH
1010, 1012, 1014, 1016
Timber Trall Road
N/west side of Timber Trall
Road, 12 feet s/east of
centerline of Middrest Count 9th Election District
3rd Councilmanic District
Legal Owner(s): Charles
William Johnson Special Hearing: to permit the location of a detached accessory structure (garage) on a lot without a principal structure.
Hearing: Wednesday, August 18, 2004 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 106, County Office Building, 111 W. Chesapeake Avenue.

LAWRENCE E. SCHMIDT
Zoning Commissioner for
Baltimore County
NOTES: (1) Hearings are
Handicapped Accessible;
for special accommodations Please Contact the
Zoning Commissioner's Office at (410) 887-4386.

(2) For information concerning the File and/or Hearing, Contact the Zoning Review Office at (410) 887.
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CERTIFICATE OF PUBLICATION

<u>8</u> 5,2004
THIS IS TO CERTIFY, that the annexed advertisement was published
in the following weekly newspaper published in Baltimore County, Md., once in each ofsuccessive weeks, the first publication appearing on
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PLEASE REMOVE THE SIGN FROM IT'S CURRENT LOCATION AT 1010 TIMBER TRAIL ROAD AND RELOCATE TO THE LOT KNOWN AS 1014 TIMBER TRAIL ROAD.

FILE COPY OF ORIGINAL SIGN POSTING REQUEST ATTACHED.

The sign	was RE-LOCATED AS REQUESTED on 31	,2004
By:	Chen	
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APPEAL SIGN POSTING REQUEST

CASE NO.: 04-576-SPH

C WILLIAM JOHNSON - LEGAL OWNER

1010 TIMBER TRAIL ROAD - TOWSON

9TH ELECTION DISTRICT

APPEALED: 9/20/2004

ATTACHMENT - (Plan to accompany Petition - Petitioner's Exhibit No. 1)



RE: CASE NO. 04-576-SPH PETITIONER/DEVELOPER: Charles William Johnson

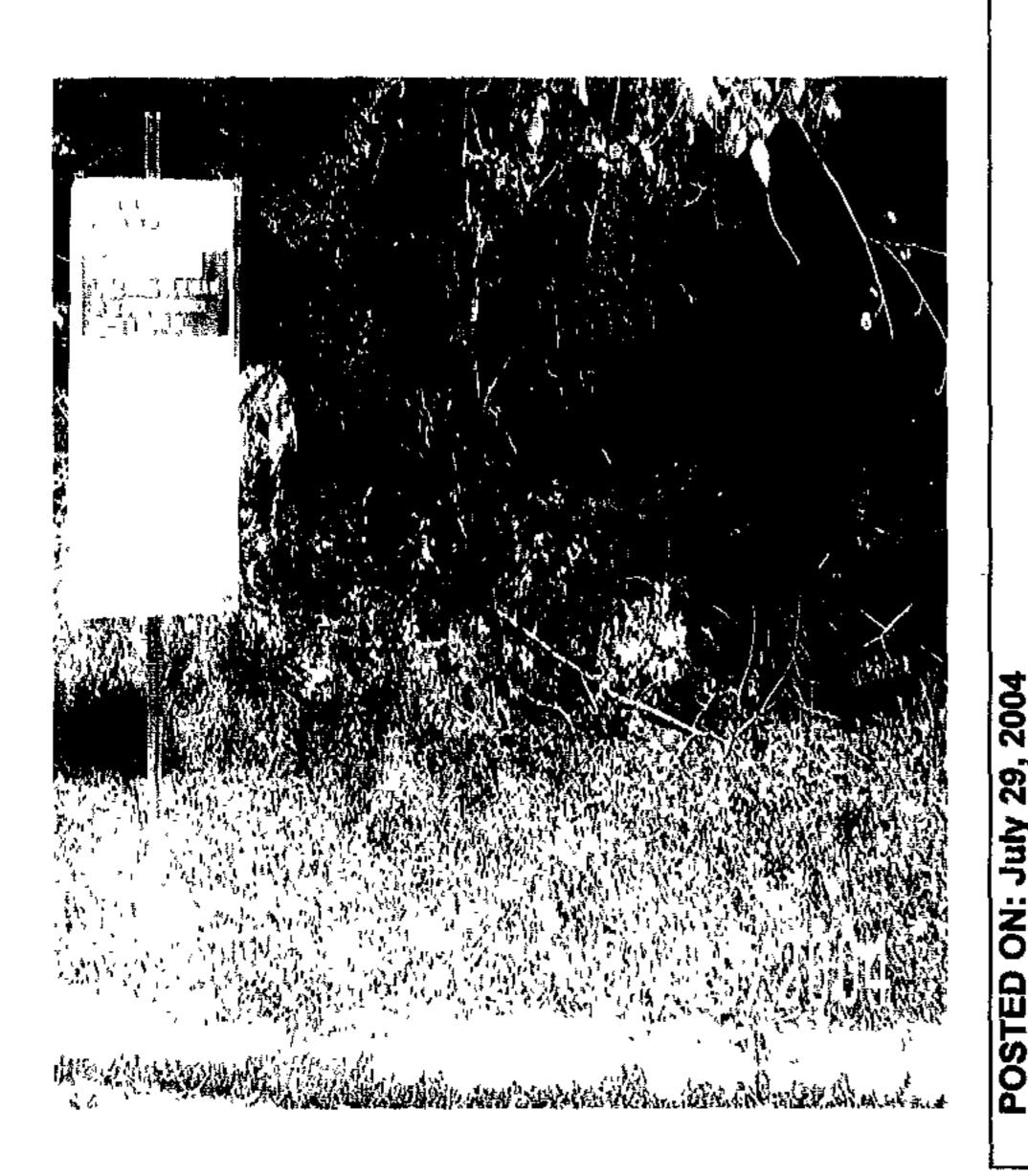
DATE OF HEARING: August 18, 2004

BALTIMORE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PERMITS AND DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING, ROOM 111 111 WEST CHESAPEAKE AVE. TOWSON, MARYLAND 21204

ATTENTION: KRISTEN MATTHEWS

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

THIS LETTER IS TO CERTIFY UNDER THE PENALTIES OF PERJURY THAT THE NECESSARY SIGN(S) REQUIRED BY LAW WERE POSTED CONSPICUOUSLY ON THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT



LOCATION:

1010, 1012, 1014, 1016 Timber Trail Road Towson, MD 21286

DATE:

July 29, 2004

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SUITE 100
320EAST TOWSONTOWN BLVD
TOWSON, MARYLAND 21286
410-823-4470 PHONE
410-823-4473 FAX

Department of Permits and Development Management

Director's Office County Office Building 111 W. Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204 Tel: 410-887-3353 • Fax: 410-887-5708



Baltimore County

James T. Smith, Jr, County Executive Timothy M. Kotroco, Director

June 21, 2004

NOTICE OF ZONING HEARING

The Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County, by authority of the Zoning Act and Regulations of Baltimore County, will hold a public hearing in Towson, Maryland on the property identified herein as follows:

CASE NUMBER: 04-576-SPH

1010, 1012, 1014, 1016 Timber Trail Road
N/west side of Timber Trail Road, 12 feet s/east of centerline of Midcrest Court
9th Election District – 3rd Councilmanic District
Legal Owner: Charles William Johnson

Special Hearing to permit the location of a detached accessory structure (garage) on a lot without a principal structure.

Hearing: Wednesday, August 18, 2004, at 10:00 a.m. in Room 106, County Office Building, 111 W. Chesapeake Avenue

Timothy Kotroco

Director

TK:klm

C: Charles William Johnson, 1010 Timber Trail Road, Towson 21286

NOTES: (1) THE PETITIONER MUST HAVE THE ZONING NOTICE SIGN POSTED BY AN APPROVED POSTER ON THE PROPERTY BY TUESDAY, AUGUST 3, 2004.

- (2) HEARINGS ARE HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE; FOR SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS PLEASE CALL THE ZONING COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE AT 410-887-4386.
- (3) FOR INFORMATION CONCERNING THE FILE AND/OR HEARING, CONTACT THE ZONING REVIEW OFFICE AT 410-887-3391.



County Board of Appeals of Baltimore County

OLD COURTHOUSE, ROOM 49 400 WASHINGTON AVENUE TOWSON, MARYLAND 21204 410-887-3180 FAX: 410-887-3182

Hearing Room – Room 48 Old Courthouse, 400 Washington Avenue

February 10, 2005

NOTICE OF ASSIGNMENT

CASE #: 04-576-SPH

IN THE MATTER OF: C. WILLIAM JOHNSON - Legal Owner /Petitioner 1010 Timber Trail Road 9th Election District; 3rd Councilmanic District

9/02/04 – Z.C.'s Order in which requested zoning relief was DENIED.

ASSIGNED FOR:

TUESDAY, APRIL 26, 2005 at 10:00 a.m.

NOTICE:

This appeal is an evidentiary hearing; therefore, parties should consider the

advisability of retaining an attorney.

Please refer to the Board's Rules of Practice & Procedure, Appendix B, Baltimore County Code.

IMPORTANT: No postponements will be granted without sufficient reasons; said requests must be in writing and in compliance with Rule 2(b) of the Board's Rules. No postponements will be granted within 15 days of scheduled hearing date unless in full compliance with Rule 2(c).

If you have a disability requiring special accommodations, please contact this office at least one week prior to hearing date.

Kathleen C. Bianco Administrator

c:

Appellant /Petitioner

: C. William Johnson

Christine Bird

Office of People's Counsel
William J. Wiseman /Zoning Commissioner
Pat Keller, Planning Director
Timothy M. Kotroco, Director /PDM



County Board of Appeals of Baltimore County

OLD COURTHOUSE, ROOM 49 400 WASHINGTON AVENUE TOWSON, MARYLAND 21204 410-887-3180 FAX: 410-887-3182

April 26, 2005

NOTICE OF DELIBERATION

IN THE MATTER OF:

C. WILLIAM JOHNSON — Petitioner /Legal Owner Case No. 04-576-SPH

Having heard this matter on 4/26/05, public deliberation has been scheduled for the following date /time:

DATE AND TIME

WEDNESDAY, MAY 11, 2005 at 9:30 a.m.

LOCATION

Hearing Room 48, Basement, Old Courthouse

ALL PUBLIC DELIBERATIONS ARE OPEN SESSIONS; HOWEVER, ATTENDANCE IS NOT REQUIRED. A WRITTEN OPINION /ORDER WILL BE ISSUED BY THE BOARD AND A COPY SENT TO ALL PARTIES.

Kathleen C. Bianco Administrator

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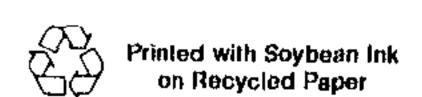
Appellant /Petitioner

: C. William Johnson

Christine Bird

Office of People's Counsel
William J. Wiseman /Zoning Commissioner
Pat Keller, Planning Director
Timothy M. Kotroco, Director /PDM

FYI: 2-6-7



Department of Permits and Development Management

Development Processing County Office Building 111 W. Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204





James T. Smith, Jr., County Executive Timothy M. Kotroco, Director

August 16, 2004

Charles William Johnson 1010 Timber Trail Road Towson, Maryland 21204

Dear Mr. Johnson:

RE: Case Number:04-576-SPH, 1010,1012,1014,1016 Timber Trail Road

The above referenced petition was accepted for processing by the Bureau of Zoning Review, Department of Permits and Development Management (PDM) on June 9, 2004.

The Zoning Advisory Committee (ZAC), which consists of representatives from several approval agencies, has reviewed the plans that were submitted with your petition. All comments submitted thus far from the members of the ZAC are attached. These comments are not intended to indicate the appropriateness of the zoning action requested, but to ensure that all parties (zoning commissioner, attorney, petitioner, etc.) are made aware of plans or problems with regard to the proposed improvements that may have a bearing on this case. All comments will be placed in the permanent case file.

If you need further information or have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the commenting agency.

Very truly yours,

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W. Carl Richards, Jr. Supervisor, Zoning Review

WCR: clb

Enclosures

c: People's Counsel



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BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO:

Timothy M. Kotroco, Director

DATE: July 23, 2004

Department of Permits & Development Management

Robert W. Bowling, Supervisor Bureau of Development Plans Review

SUBJECT:

Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting

For June 28, 2004

Item Nos. 572, 573, 575, 576, 577,

578, and 579

The Bureau of Development Plans Review has reviewed the subject-zoning items, and we have no comments.

RWB:CEN:jrb

cc: File



700 East Joppa Road Towson, Maryland 21286-5500 410-887-4500

County Office Building, Room 111 Mail Stop #1105
111 West Chesapeake Avenue
Towson, Maryland 21204

June 29, 2004

ATTENTION: Kristen Mathews

Distribution Meeting of: June 21, 2004

Item No.:

Dear Ms. Mathews:

Pursuant to your request, the referenced property has been surveyed by this Bureau and the comments below are applicable and required to be corrected or incorporated into the final plans for the property.

6. The Fire Marshal's Office has no comments at this time.

LIEUTENANT JIM MEZICK Fire Marshal's Office PHONE 887-4881 MS-1102F

cc: File



Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr., Governor Michael S. Steele, Lt. Governor

Robert L. Flanagan, Secretary Nell J. Pedersen, Administrator

MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Date: 6.22.04

Ms. Kristen Matthews
Baltimore County Office of
Permits and Development Management
County Office Building, Room 109
Towson, Maryland 21204

RE:

Baltimore County

Item No. 576

) ZA

Dear. Ms.Matthews:

This office has reviewed the referenced item and we have no objection to approval as it does not access a State roadway and is not affected by any State Highway Administration projects.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Larry Gredlein at 410-545-5606 or by E-mail at (lgredlein@sha.state.md.us).

Very truly yours,

Kenneth A. McDonald Jr., Chief Engineering Access Permits Division

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BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION & RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

TO:

Tim Kotroco

FROM:

John D. Oltman, Jr

DATE:

June 28, 2004

SUBJECT:

Zoning Items # See List Below

Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting of June 21, 2004

X The Department of Environmental Protection and Resource Management has no comments on the following zoning items:

04-572

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Reviewers:

Sue Farinetti, Dave Lykens

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BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

DATE:

December 3, 2004 ·

TO:

Kathleen C. Bianco

Board of Appeals

FROM:

James Thompson

Code Enforcement Supervisor

SUBJECT:

Case No. 04-576-SPH 1010 Timber Trail Road

Johnson - Petitioner

Enclosed is correspondence that the Zoning Commissioner's office had sent to our department as to possible enforcement action.

However, after reading Ms. Bird's letter, the issues raised are not violations but her concerns should become part of the case file before the board.

JHT/lrs





RE: PETITION FOR SPECIAL HEARING

1010,1012,1014,1016 Timber Trail Rd; NW/S

Timber Trail Rd, 12' SE c/line Midcrest Ct * 9th Election & 3rd Councilmanic Districts

Legal Owner(s): Charles William Johnson

Petitioner(s)

BEFORE THE

ZONING COMMISSIONER

FOR

BALTIMORE COUNTY

04-576-SPH

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ENTRY OF APPEARANCE

Please enter the appearance of People's Counsel in the above-captioned matter. Notice should be sent of any hearing dates or other proceedings in this matter and the passage of any preliminary or final Order. All parties should copy People's Counsel on all correspondence and documentation filed in the case.

PETER MAX ZIMMERMAN

People's Counsel for Baltimore County

CAROLE S. DEMILIO
Deputy People's Counsel
Old Courthouse, Room 47

400 Washington Avenue Towson, MD 21204

(410) 887-2188

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 1st day of July, 2004, a copy of the foregoing Entry of Appearance was mailed to Charles William Johnson, 1010 Timber Trail Road, Towson, MD 21286, Petitioner(s).

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PETER MAX ZIMMERMAN

People's Counsel for Baltimore County

From:

Kathleen Bianco

To:

Christine Bird

Date:

4/25/2005 9:07:26 AM

Subject:

Board of Appeals Hearing

Ms. Bird:

Please contact this office as soon as possible regarding the hearing assigned for Tuesday, April 26, 2005 at 10:00 a.m. (In the Matter of: C. William Johnson).

A postponement of that hearing is possible, and I am attempting to reach both you and Mr. Johnson prior to tomorrow in the event we cannot go forward as scheduled.

My telephone number is: 410-887-3180.

Thank you.

Kathleen C. Bianco County Board of Appeals Room 49, Old Courthouse Towson, MD 21204 410-887-3180 410-887-3182 (FAX) kbianco@co.ba.md.us The production of governments of governments.

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TO MR. TIMOTHY KOTROCO:

DIRECTOR - PDM

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111W. CHESAPEAKE AVE.

TOWSON MD. 21204

SPIRIT AND INTENT

I HAVE RECIEVED AN ADMINISTRATIVE VARIANCE FOR THE LOCATION AND HEIGHT OF MY PROPOSED DETACHED GARAGE BLDG. (04-197-A), BUT I WANT TO LOCATE IT WHERE IT NO LONGER WILL STRADDLE THE JOINT LOT LINE.-SEE ATTACHED DRAWINGS.

I WOULD LIKE CONFIRMATION THAT THIS CHANGE IN GARAGE LOCATION (NOT STRADDLING LOT LINE) MEETS WITH THE SPIRIT AND INTENT OF VARIANCE CASE NO. 04-197-A.

THANK YOU,

C. WILLIAM JOHNSON

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1010 TIMBER TRAIL ROAD TOWSON, MARYLAND 21286

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REASONS WHY THE GARAGE MUST BE
THREED ON A SEPARATE LOT, INCUMPING
LOCATION OF LARGE TREES, STEEP SLOTES,
AND WET & ON UNSTABLE GROWN ARONS.

Department of Permits and Development Management

Development Processing County Office Building 111 W. Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204



Baltimore County

James T. Smith, Jr., County Executive Timothy M. Kotroco, Director

October 20, 2004

Charles William Johnson 1010 Timber Trail Road Towson, MD 21286

Dear Mr. Johnson:

RE: Case:, Address

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BALTIMORE COUNTY BOARD OF APPEALS

Please be advised that this office received your appeal of the above-referenced case on September 20, 2004. All materials relative to the case have been forwarded to the Baltimore County Board of Appeals (Board).

If you are the person or party taking the appeal, you should notify other similarly interested parties or persons known to you of the appeal. If you are an attorney of record, it is your responsibility to notify your client.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to call the Board at 410-887-3180.

Sincerely.

Timothy Kotroco Director

TK:klm

c: Lawrence E. Schmidt, Zoning Commissioner Timothy Kotroco, Director of PDM People's Counsel Christine Bird, 1021 Timber Trail Road, Towson 21286



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APPEAL

Petition for Special Hearing
1010 Timber Trail Road
NW/side of Timber Trail Rd., approx. 800' e/of Midmeadow Rd.
9th Election District – 3rd Councilmanic District
Legal Owner: C. William Johnson

Case No.: 04-576-SPH

Petition for Special Hearing (June 9, 2004)

Zoning Description of Property

Notice of Zoning Hearing (June 21, 2004)

Hearing Held on August 18, 2004

Certification of Publication (August 3, 2004)

Certificate of Posting (July 29, 2004) by Bruce Doak

Entry of Appearance by People's Counsel (July 1, 2004)

Petitioner(s) Sign-In Sheet None in File

Protestant(s) Sign-In Sheet
None in File

Citizen(s) Sign-in Sheet
One Sheet

Zoning Advisory Committee Comments

Petitioners' Exhibit

- Plat to accompany Petition for Special Hearing
- 2. Site Plan

Protestants' Exhibits:

None

Miscellaneous (Not Marked as Exhibit)

- Topo Map
- 2. Garage Drawing
- 3. 3 Pages of Photos
- 4. Original order Granting Variance request, dated November 20, 2003
- 5. Spirit and Intent Letter dated June 2, 2004

Zoning Commissioner's Order (DENIED - September 2, 2004)

Notice of Appeal received on September 20, 2004 from C. William Johnson, Petitioner

c: People's Counsel of Baltimore County, MS #2010
Zoning Commissioner/Deputy Zoning Commissioner
Timothy Kotroco, Director of PDM
C. William Johnson, 1010 Timber Trail Rd., Towson 21286
Christine Bird, 1021 Timber Trail Road, Towson 21286

date sent October 20, 2004, klm

BOARD OF APPEALS OF BALTIMORE COUNTY

MINUTES OF DELIBERATION

IN THE MATTER OF:

C. William Johnson

04-576-SPH

DATE:

May 11, 2005

BOARD/PANEL

Lawrence Stahl

John P. Quinn

Edward W. Crizer, Jr.

RECORDED BY:

Linda B. Fliegel/Legal Secretary

PURPOSE:

To deliberate Petitioner's request for approval of a detached accessory

structure (garage) on a lot without a principal structure.

PANEL MEMBERS DISCUSSED THE FOLLOWING:

STANDING

· Property was purchased in 1973.

Three lots are placed on same Deed.

Current house straddles lots 8 and 9.

Petitioner would like to build a garage on lot 10.

Lots are very narrow and builder had to sell as one.

Lots needed to be used in conjunction with each other.

There are currently two curb cuts and the new plan calls for three.

The proposed garage does not violate the nature and spirit of the area.

DECISION BY BOARD MEMBERS: The Board reached a unanimous decision to GRANT the request for a variance.

FINAL DECISION: After a deliberation and review of the facts and law, the Board GRANTED the Petitioner's variance with the restriction that a third entrance could not be make and that the Petitioner would have to make a connection to the garage from what already exists on the other two lots.

NOTE: These minutes, which will become part of the case file, are intended to indicate for the record that a public deliberation took place that date regarding this matter. The Board's final decision and the facts and findings thereto will be set out in the written Opinion and Order to be issued by the Board.

Respectfully Submitted

Linda B. Fliegel

County Board of Appeals

ZONING COMMISSIONER

Zoning Commissioner's Office Suite 405 County Courts Building 401 Bosley Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

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Re: Mr. Charles W. Johnson Case No. 04-576-SPH

November 21, 2004

Dear Sirs or Madam,

I refer you to the denial handed down on September 2nd by Mr. Schmidt concerning Mr. Johnson's petition to erect a free standing structure to house his recreational vehicles, etc. on a specific portion of his property. Additionally, Mr. Johnson requested to install a Third driveway on his property for access to this structure requiring him to cut into the existing curb line.

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I attended the hearing concerning Mr. Johnson's request and stated that I felt as though this new structure was not in character with the surrounds based on the proposed building site. Mr. Johnson has ample acreage to erect this structure closer to his existing house without having to deforest as much of his property or having to incur the additional cost of constructing a Third access driveway. As one of the homeowners who lives across the street from Mr. Johnson's proposed structure, I objected to it being erected for the reasons stated above. Based on Mr. Schmidt's decision my concerns seemed valid.

The reason I am framing this letter is to express my utter frustration concerning Mr. Johnson's total disregard of Mr. Schmidt's decision as County Zoning Commissioner. It was only a matter of days after the hearing that Mr. Johnson totally deforested the very area in question. Not to mention Mr. Johnson's use of chain saws during the evening hours to cut up the fallen wood. As Mr. Johnson has continued to work on this site, it appears as though he is going to be constructing this building by doing the work himself. He has dug foundation cores so that concrete can be poured into them as well as other work preparing the site for construction. I would have to wonder if Mr. Johnson is licensed and or qualified to build a structure of this size?

It is quite disconcerting to know that despite a Commissioner's decision, that a resident can ignore a Commissioner's decision and proceed without penalty (the appeal process aside). I moved to the Hampton Garden's Neighborhood in 1991 for its natural beauty, solitude and privacy. Mr. Johnson has single handedly managed to destroy all of these elements by proceeding to deforest virgin woodland in order to build his recreational palace. In addition, this structure will certainly lower my property value making it harder for me to sell my house when the time comes. Now, instead of looking out my front window and seeing trees, I'll be seeing Mr. Johnson's garage. I would not have even minded a residential house built on this property, for it would have been more in keeping with the surrounds. Additionally, I doubt Mr. Johnson will be landscaping or reforesting the area around the structure leaving it exposed.

In conclusion, I can only say that I am saddened that Baltimore County allows for this sort of practice by persons such as Mr. Johnson. I believe Mr. Johnson has additional uses in mind for this structure, such as operating a business. If he wasn't, why does he need such a large structure on this particular lot as well as the need for a Third driveway? And finally, if Mr. Johnson chose to be verbally abusive to Mr. Schmidt, imagine his "good neighbor" skill level.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter. Please respond if possible.

September 18, 2004

Appeal to Case No. 04-576-SPH of Baltimore County - to locate a detached structure

(garage) on a lot without a principal structure.

I certainly do want to make an appeal on the subject case. I am absolutely surprised and

confused about the response from the Zoning Commissioner, Lawrence E. Schmidt - in

this special hearing case!

In November 2003, Mr. Schmidt granted to me a variance, and in his exact words, "to

permit an accessory structure (garage) to be located in the front and side yard in lieu of

the required rear yard and to be 20 feet in height and in lieu of the permitted 15 feet." -

and to be 30 feet wide and 70 feet long!

In Mr. Schmidt's written answer to this special hearing, he wrote - Ms. Bird, (the only

single person who appeared in opposition to the request) said that the proposed garage is

"too large," when in fact it is going to be "much smaller," (600 sq. ft. smaller) and lower

in height, than the original zoning and the exact same distance from the road variance for

which I already have the final approval by Lawrence Schmidt.

He also wrote, "She said that she objects to a curb cut and driveway for this garage." The

fact is Lot #10 is zoned as a separate building lot and I certainly do have the right to have

access to it! Also, David Duvall, at the Zoning counter, told me that a driveway is <u>not</u>

really a zoning matter, at all!

I feel that Mr. Schmidt has completely and totally missed and ignored the primary

purpose of this hearing!

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I believe that the series of documents that I submitted, and the testimony and evidence that I offered at this special hearing was more than adequate to satisfy the two-step requirements necessary as set forth in <u>Cromwell vs. Ward</u> - i.e.

- A. The property whereon the structure is to be placed is unique, unusual and different from the surrounding properties.
- B. I showed and explained with drawings and photos that practical difficulty and unreasonable hardship would result with strict compliance with the B.C.Z.R.
 - 1. (i) I cannot make any reasonable use of this property because of the septic problems and the storm runoff problems.
 - (ii) These difficulties or hardships are peculiar to the subject property.
 - (iii) This hardship was not a result of my own actions.
 - 2. Strict compliance with B.C.Z.R. would unreasonably prevent the use of the property for the permitted purpose.
- C. N/A
- D. N/A
- E. N/A

This special hearing was only to see if I can put the garage just on Lot #10, where it does not straddle Lot #9 and Lot #10!

I believe that Mr. Schmidt's decision to deny this petition - was totally due to the fact that I complained about his <u>very</u> tardy response (more than three weeks) and his inability to give a verbal decision before his written response.

Charles William Johnson

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App. H- 82133

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a body corporate of the State of

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, of the first part, Grantor, and

CHARLES WILLIAM JOHNSON, party of the second part, Grantee.

Mitnesseth: that in consideration of the sum of Five Dollars, and other valuable considerations, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, the said Grantor does hereby grant, convey and assign unto the said Grantee, his heirs and assigns, in fee simple, all those

BEING known and designated as Lots Nos. 8, 9, 10 and 11, Block B, as shown on a Plat entitled "Subdivision Plan Section One, Plats Two and Four, Hampton Gardens", which Plat is recorded among the Land Records of Baltimore County in Plat Book W.J.R. No. 28, folio 100.

BEING part of all that property which by Deed dated July 20, 1962 and recorded among the Land Records of Baltimore County in Liber W.J.R. No. 4020, folio 584, was granted and conveyed by Theresa B. Mueller, et al, unto the within named Grantor.

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Together with the buildings and improvements thereupon; and the rights, alleys, ways, waters, privileges, appurtenances and advantages to the same belonging or in anywise appertaining.

To have and to hold the said described lots(s) of ground and premises, unto and to the use of the said Grantee, his heirs and assigns, in fee simple, forever.

And the said Grantor covenants that it will warrant specially the property hereby granted and conveyed, and that it will execute such further assurances of said land as may be requisite.

Whenever used, the singular number shall include the plural, the plural the singular, and the use of any gender shall be applicable to all genders.

In Testimony Whereof, the said Grantor has caused its corporate seal to be hereto affixed, and its Vice= President to set his hand hereto.

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State of Maryland, Saltemon County, TO WIT:

I HEREBY CERTIFY, that on this

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before me, the subscriber, a Notary Public of the State aforesaid, personally appeared , who acknowledged himself to be the Vice-President of the Grantor Corporation, and that he, as such Vice-President, being authorized so to do, executed the foregoing instrument for the purposes therein contained by signing, in my presence, the name of the said corporation by himself as Vice-President, and certified that this conveyance is not part of a transaction in which there is a sale, lease, exchange or other transfer of all or substantially all of the property and assets

of the Grantor Corporation.

WITNESS: my hand and Notarial Seal

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