



CITY OF GARDINER BOARD OF APPEALS

Meeting Minutes
Wednesday May 17, 2022
6:00 PM
City Council Room Chambers

- 1. Call Meeting to Order:** Chair Young called the meeting to order at 6pm.
- 2. Roll Call:** Guy Ferris, Kristin Poremby, Ted Potter, Kevin Sullivan, Chair Lester Young, Doug Baston participated via conference calling. Others present included Benjamin Murray- A. E Hodsdon Engineering, Kris McNeill- Code Enforcement Officer, and Angelia Christopher- Planning and Development Assistant.
- 3. Revisit the application for the Dimensional Requirements Variance-Public Hearing-**
Johnson Hall is requesting a variance to the floodplain ordinance requirements as part of a major interior renovation to the building. Due to being on the national historic register, flood proofing Johnson Hall would be damaging to the historic fabric of the building. Johnson Hall will be taking steps to reduce their exposure to flood damage including removing mechanical equipment in the basement, raising electrical panels above the 100 year flood elevations, installing flood resistant materials and installing sewer shut off valve at 280 Water St. .City Tax Map 034 Lot 110

This application needed to come back to this Board due to lack of public notice. The applicant has submitted copies of both certified abutter notification receipts, and public notice publication. All Board members present agree that they can hear this application without bias. All board members agree that this variance is needed in order to protect the historical integrity of the building. If the building were lifted per the floodplain requirements, most of the historical characteristics would be damaged, destroyed, or lost completely.

Chair Young opened the Public hearing open. There is no one present to speak for or against the variance application. There was no interest expressed at City hall. Chair Young closed the public hearing.

Guy Ferriss moves to accept all of the decisions that were approved at the April 19, 2022 meeting. Kristen Poremby seconds the motion. Roll call vote, all members in favor.

Board members agree to vote for the record

Kristin Poremby moves to approve the variance for the floodplain. Guy Ferriss seconds the motion. Roll call vote all members in favor.

Variance approved.

4. **Other:** nothing at this time.
5. **Adjourn:** Kristen Poremby moves to adjourn at 6:20pm. Kevin Sullivan seconds the motion. All members in favor.