

Shrewsbury Development Review Board

Minutes

1/27/21

7pm

Present (virtual meeting on Zoom): Mark Youngstrom- Chair DRB, Greg McGown- member DRB, Bruce Bullock- member DRB, Adrienne Raymond- clerk DRB, Paul and Karen Stewart- representing BJ and Joan Stewart- applicants. Tim Vile- abutting owner.

Paul described the reasoning for the subdivision. He and Karen are planning to buy the remainder of the property in the future, but have the opportunity to own the 10 acres now. He then described their desired siting of the proposed structures. Karen stated their desire to continue to hay the fields and that was a reason for their siting their house in the upper corner and the barn near the road and the power poll. Their plan would be to have power at the barn directly from the poll and then run the line underground to the house. Mark asked whether they would consider siting the barn in the corner farthest up Shunpike Rd, near the road- just over the stone wall. Paul said that may work, but it would require having another power poll on his side of the road since the next poll is across the road feeding Sarah Greenspan's house. For cost and practical reasons they prefer the locations they've suggested. The Stewarts also stated that the desired siting of the barn had a historical basis- the farm that had been operating in that location had either the house or the barn in that general location with the other structure across the road. Paul noted that there are trees on the roadside that will be growing up that will help shield the barn from the road view.

Mark noted that the subdivision appeared to meet the subdivision requirements and the meeting moved to the structure siting conversation.

Mark noted that the proposed housesit was very close to the site that was proposed in a previous DRB hearing.

Tim Vile spoke about the barn location noting the historic placement of a structure in that general area. Mark spoke about the importance of keeping the field open for hay production since the Meadowlands Overlay values the continued agricultural use of existing open land.

Mark asked whether any business signs were intended for the barn. Paul said no.

Board closed testimony (8pm) and Mark suggested that the DRB deliberate by email since the Zoom platform leaves a lot to be desired in terms of the board's ability to converse. Paul and Karen noted that they are trying to have a closing as soon as possible. Adrienne will send around the minutes and the board will try to act as quickly as possible.

Submitted by Adrienne Raymond