

# TOWN OF GEORGETOWN - BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

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## Meeting Minutes March 4, 2020

### ATTENDANCE

#### Board Members

Jane Hovington  
Eric Evans  
Ron Howard  
Tom Baker  
Tom Sherman

#### Staff

Jamie Craddock  
Glenn Mandalas, BOA Solicitor

#### 1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chairperson Hovington called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m.

#### 2. APPROVAL OF AUGUST 7, 2019 MEETING MINUTES

Member Evans moved, seconded by Member Howard, to approve the August 7, 2019 regular meeting minutes as presented. **APPROVED (3-0) (Members Baker and Sherman abstained)**

#### 3. Public Hearing BOA CASE #2020-02

*An application by Impact Graphix & Signs, on behalf of Avery Properties, LLC., requesting a variance from §230-170 D of the Code of the Town of Georgetown for the reduction of the required 25' sign setback to the proposed 8' sign setback. The property is located at 673 North Bedford Street, identified as Sussex County Tax Map ID 135-14.00-63.00, zoned HC (Highway Commercial).*

Zeke Wing, with Impact Graphix, presented the application. A variance is being requested to allow the placement of a code compliant sized sign 8' from the front property line versus the required 25'. Mr. Wing stated the County code only requires a 5' setback and that there are several signs along the Route 113 corridor that are within that 5' setback (photos provided in the packets). Allowing the owners to move their sign out to the highway will provide greater visibility. Photos provided in the packets show the visibility and location of the sign meeting the required 25' setback and the proposed 8' setback.

Ms. Craddock confirmed to the Board that the agenda was properly posted and advertised.

Discussion was held that if the sign were to be moved to the north, closer to the building, would such a large variance still be needed. Mr. Wing believes the visibility would be impeded due to being too close to the building.

Chairperson Hovington asked if there was anyone in attendance with comments.

Kelly Jansen, 104 East Pine Street, is involved with Impact Graphix and as a local business owner would like to speak in support of the variance request.

Mr. Mandalas confirmed with the Board that this is an area variance and the exceptional practical difficulty standard will be applied.

Chairperson Hovington closed the public hearing.

Ms. Craddock confirmed there was no correspondence received for or against the application.

**Member Howard moved, seconded by Member Baker, to approve a variance of 17' from §230-170 D. of the Code of the Town of Georgetown to allow an 8' sign setback. APPROVED (4 - 1)**

**Roll Call Vote:**

**Member Howard – Yea, it will not impede traffic and the road already has signs closer than 25'**

**Member Sherman – Yea, it matches the general characteristic of the surrounding area and use**

**Member Baker – Yea, for the same reasons stated previously**

**Member Evans – Nay, it is not the minimum variance needed due to other options that exist on the lot, believes the Town changed the Code to move the signs back from Route 113 and all existing signs are nonconforming**

**Chairperson Hovington – Yea, not a detriment to the other facilities along the highway**

**4. ADJOURNMENT**

Member Evans moved, seconded by Member Sherman, to close the meeting at 5:26 p.m.  
**APPROVED (UNANIMOUS)**

APPROVED:

  
Jane Hovington, Chairperson

ATTEST:

  
Jamie Craddock, Planning Department