

**NORTHFIELD BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT  
MINUTES  
June 27, 2016**

Present: Brian Brown, Jacqueline Roy, Bob Southworth, Keith Murray, Paula Benski, Kent Finemore and Dave Curdie.

**Minutes:** Keith Murray moved, seconded by Brian Brown to approve the minutes of April 25, 2016 as read. Motion passed.

**Whitman-Davidson American Legion Post #49: Application for a variance from Article 12 Section D of the Northfield Zoning Ordinance to allow two signs at 4 Park Street (Tax Map U07 Lot 18) on .3 acre in the R2 zone.** After review of the application, Keith Murray moved, seconded by Brian Brown to accept the application as complete. Motion passed. Commander Joe Newton explained that the existing two sided illuminated sign hung from a pole on the front of the building over the side walk. Recently the phone company strung its cable line so that it touched the sign cable and there was concern that the sign cable could be compromised and allow the sign to fall. The request is to allow the old sign to be split and have one on each side of the building. The sign is 63” by 37” and illuminated from the inside. The plan is to wire the signs and build a frame flush on the side of the building. Bob Southworth pointed out that the sign will be the same size as before but split to allow one on each side which is safer than having the sign over the sidewalk. Public hearing was opened and closed with no comment. Kent Finemore commented that the existing sign was hanging long before zoning was in place and having it on the building will be less intrusive and safer. Jackie Roy moved, seconded by Paula Benski to grant the variance from Article 12.3d to allow two signs at 4 Park St. (Tax Map U07 Lot 18) on .3 acre in the R2 zone. Motion passed.

**2. Kim Edwards dba Edward & Assoc. CPA: Application for a variance from Article 12 Section 12.3C of the Northfield Zoning Ordinance to allow a sign at 51 Park Street (Tax Map U07 Lot 7) on .28 acres in the R2 Zone.** Withdrawn by applicant.

**3. Richard Robarge: Application for a variance from Article 7 Table 2 of the Northfield Zoning Ordinance to allow installation of an above ground pool within the setbacks at 490 Concord Road (Tax Map R9 Lot 22) on .59 acre in the Conservation Zone.** Kent Finemore and Brian Brown stepped down from the board for this application as they are abutters. Acting Chair Keith Murray appointed Bob Southworth and Dave Curdie as voting members for this application. There was no one in attendance to represent the applicant. Paula Benski pointed out that the application is not complete as the lot information was not included and there is no indication of what article of the Zoning Ordinance is referenced to seek a variance. After discussion of how to move forward without requiring the applicant to submit a new application with fees, Paula Benski moved, seconded by Bob Southworth to continue the application until July 25, 2016. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.  
Respectfully submitted,  
Eliza Conde, Secretary

*Minutes approved 08-22-2016*