

**VILLAGE OF GOSHEN
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
October 20, 2016**

The regular meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Village of Goshen was called to order at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 20, 2016 in the Village Hall by Chair Wayne Stahlmann.

Members present: Kerri Stroka
 John Strobl
 Chair Wayne Stahlmann
 Nick Pistone

Members absent: Susan Cookingham

Also present: David Donovan, Esq., ZBA Attorney

Mr. Stahlmann opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance

Application of Thomas Whittemore, 30 Oakcrest Drive #110-4-3.412, R-1 Zone

Relief Requested: Area variance to permit a 7-foot fence in front, side and rear yards where 4 feet is allowed in front and 6 feet in side and rear yards.

**Representing
Applicant:** Thomas and Gabriele Whittemore

Mr. Whittemore stated that he and his wife have retired to Goshen and the majority of his parcel is forested. The deer in the area have decimated everything in his yard. He has unsuccessfully tried sprays. Both he and his wife like to garden and would like to improve the property further but are finding it impossible with the deer destroying everything. He stated his home is the last house on a dead-end street surrounded by woods.

Mr. Whittemore stated in the front he is proposing a black, aluminum picket fence. The driveway would have a 12-foot gate large enough to accommodate an emergency vehicle. In the side and rear yards he is proposing a hexagrid-style fence. Photographs were provided to the board.

Mr. Donovan stated the usual reason for denying such a request would be obstructing sight lines or traffic.

Chairman Stahlmann stated the front yard is actually the lowest elevation of the property.

Chairman Stahlmann asked the board members for comment.

Mr. Pistone stated the home was off the road of a dead-end street with a low elevation.

Mr. Strobl stated he had no problem with the request and the property is absolutely beautiful.

Ms. Stroka had no concerns.

Chairman Stahlmann noted there was no one else present at the meeting from the public.

VOTE BY PROPER MOTION made by Ms. Stroka, seconded by Mr. Strobl to close the public hearing. The motion was approved unanimously.

VOTE BY PROPER MOTION made by Ms. Stroka, seconded by Mr. Strobl to grant the area variance to permit a 7-foot fence in the front, side and rear yards. The motion was approved unanimously.

The meeting concluded at 7:57 p.m.

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Wayne Stahlmann, Chair

Notes prepared by Tanya McPhee