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**BOARD OF APPEALS
TOWN OF ST. GERMAIN**

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BOARD OF APPEALS VARIANCE HEARING: LYNN & HARRY FOSTER: JULY 9, 2013
NOTICE TOWN OF ST. GERMAIN

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that the Board of Appeals of the Town of St. Germain will meet on Tuesday, July 9, 2013 at 4:00 P.M. in meeting room #4 in the Community Center pursuant to Sections 1.15(2) & 1.15(5) of the Town of St. Germain Zoning Ordinance, to consider a variance request for Lynn & Harry Foster for their property located in Gov't Lot 3, Sec. 34, T40N, R8E, 8086 Winkle Road, Computer No. 024-2208-08. The property consists of one residential dwelling on a .46-acre parcel. The owners propose to replace an existing porch/patio to be extended 12' adding 5' to existing wood patio in the direction of Winkle Road. Property is in the Downtown Business District.

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned, Thomas E. Martens, certifies as follows: (1) that he is the Clerk of the Town of St. Germain, (2) that this notice was published in the Vilas County News Review on the 25th day of June 2013 and on the 2nd day of July 2013, and (3) was posted at the following locations: St. Germain Community Center, St. Germain Post Office, and Camp's Supervalu, and (4) the following were deposited postage paid by U.S. Mail to the following:

Dated this 25th day of June 2013..

Thomas E. Martens
Town Clerk

Call To Order: Chairman Boyd Best called the Board of Appeals to order at 4:00 P.M. The chairman noted that the hearing had been duly published and that the surrounding property owners had been notified.

Board Members Present: Boyd Best, Tim Nagel, Ray Weber, Sherry Stecker, Mark Hiller, Tom Martens, town clerk. Also present were Lynn & Harry Foster.

Mr. Best explained that there were three requirements for granting a variance: (1) a hardship, (2) property limitations, (3) no harm is done to the public interests.

Ray Weber excused himself since he was the realtor from whom the Fosters had purchased the property.

Mr. Best explained that the Fosters wanted to remove a deck and replace it with a new deck that would be five feet within the 75' setback from Winkle Road. It was unclear from the sketch just

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how far the home was from the town road. Ray Weber explained that in the downtown business zoning district, the setback from a town road is 33' from the centerline for the first 250' from the centerline of a state highway. Beyond that point, the setback is 75' from the centerline of a town road. The Foster's home is approximately 300' from the center of State Highway 70. Mr. Weber also explained that since the lot was in the downtown business district, it was a smaller lot than would be allowed in the other zoning districts.

Ray Weber, Mark Hiller, and Tom Martens went to the Foster's home to measure the distances from the center of Winkle Road. The home is 81' from the centerline, the existing deck 72' and the existing steps 68'. Mr. & Ms. Foster added that the new deck would not extend beyond where the existing steps are located. The new deck would not have the steps facing Winkle Road. Knitt's Hardware has a storage building immediately across Winkle Road from the Foster's home. The storage building is approximately 40' from the center of Winkle Road.

Mr. Weber had two letters from adjacent property owners who were in favor of allowing the new deck. The clerk had not received any complaints from any of the adjacent property owners.

Motion Nagel seconded Hiller that the variance request by Lynn & Harry Foster be granted. By a voice vote, motion carried.

The variance hearing was adjourned 4:37 P.M.

Town Clerk

Chairman

Member

Member

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