



**MINUTES  
BOARD OF APPEALS  
September 21, 2009**

Robert Ireton-Hewitt- 2010  
Don Fellows-2012  
Laura Henton-2010  
Miriam Morgan-Alexander-2010  
Calvin Beaumier-2011  
Janet Tuttle-2011  
Karin Paradis-2012

1. CALL TO ORDER. The Chairperson, Robert Ireton-Hewitt, called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.
2. ROLL CALL. Members present were Robert Ireton-Hewitt, Miriam Morgan-Alexander, Calvin Beaumier, Karin Paradis, and Don Fellows. Janet Tuttle and Laura Henton were absent. Also present was Michael Cote, Code Enforcement Officer, Roger Cote, Town Councilor and 1 member of the audience.

The Chairman explained the Appeals Board process and proceedings.

3. Miriam Morgan-Alexander, seconded by Don Fellows, nominated Robert Ireton-Hewitt for Chair. Passed 4-0. Karin Paradis, seconded by Robert Ireton-Hewitt, nominated Don Fellow for Co-Chair. Vote 4-0 carried.
4. PUBLIC HEARING

**CASE# 09-1      Appellant:** Allie Lawrence  
**Property Location:** 681 Lisbon St., Lisbon Falls  
**Tax Map:** U5-199  
**Zone:** Zone  
**Description:** Setback Variance for Handicap Ramp.

Mr. Cote said that Mr. Lawrence wanted to build a ramp from an existing 6' foot deck. Mr. Lawrence stated that he wants to add another 6 feet onto his deck and then build the ramp. Mr. Cote said the ramp would be allowed under the ADA requirements, however, the additional 6' foot deck may not be allowed since it does not meet the 10' foot setback requirement.

Roger Cote said in the past when he served on this Board that when a similar variance was allowed, they typically placed a condition upon the variance that the ramp be removed after the property changed hands if the new owner did not need it.

The Board determined it was unclear from the sketch presented whether there was enough room to build a ramp from the existing deck. The Board requested that Mr. Lawrence bring in a detailed drawing from his contractor at the next meeting on Oct. 19. Mr. Cote offered to inspect the property and report to the Board at the next meeting.

**ACTION TAKEN:** Ms. Morgan-Alexander, seconded by Mr. Beaumier moved to table action on the variance request until the October 19 meeting until Mr. Lawrence provides more information including a sketch.

5. OTHER BUSINESS: None
6. ITEMS FROM CODE ENFORCEMENT: None
7. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS: Minutes of October 20, 2008  
ACTION TAKEN: Ms. Morgan-Alexander, seconded by Mr. Ireton-Hewitt moved to approve the minutes of October 20, 2008. Vote 5-0 carried.
  
8. ADJOURNMENT  
ACTION TAKEN: Mr. Ireton-Hewitt, seconded by Mr. Fellows, moved to adjourn at 7:49 PM. Vote 5-0 carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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Elizabeth J. French, Asst. Clerk