



**MINUTES  
BOARD OF APPEALS  
September 27, 2011**

Miriam Morgan-Alexander-2013  
Calvin Beaumier-2014  
Janet Tuttle-2014  
Karin Paradis-2012  
Shaun Carr-2013  
Kyle Murcin-2013  
Josh Holmes-2012

1. CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE TO THE FLAG. The Chairperson Miriam Morgan-Alexander called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. ROLL CALL. Members present were Miriam Morgan-Alexander, Chair, Calvin Beaumier Vice Chair, Janet Tuttle, Shaun Carr, Kyle Murcin, and Josh Holmes. Karin Paradis was an excused absence. Also present were Michael Cote, Code Enforcement Officer and three members of the audience.

The Chairman explained the Appeals Board process and proceedings.

3. PUBLIC HEARING

CASE# 11-1

Appellant:	Robert Doucette
Property Location:	49 Pinewoods Rd., Lisbon
Tax Map:	U20-10A
Zone:	General Residential
Description:	Requesting a nine foot (9 ft.) front setback variance from a thirty-five (35 ft.) front setback requirement on Pinewoods Road to construct an enclosed porch and handicap ramp for disabled homeowner.

Richard Lamothe, son of Robert Doucette, presented the case before the Board. He said his father was in the hospital at CMMC and would not be allowed to come home until the house could accommodate a hospital bed, a mechanical ventilator, and other equipment. Mr. Lamothe presented a letter from Mr. Doucette's doctor stating these needs and that Mr. Doucette would be forced to consider moving to a ventilator facility outside of Maine if his house could not meet his needs.

Mr. Lamothe showed photos of the front of the house and a drawing of the floor plan of the house with the addition and ramp.

*Calvin Beaumier arrived at 7:10 PM.*

John Lamothe, Jr., son of Robert Doucette, said they are not sure how much time his father has left, but what little time he does they would like to have him at home. He asked the Board to approve the requested variance. He said they were not asking for a lot.

Ms. Morgan-Alexander asked if anyone was present who wished to speak against the variance. No one spoke against the request.

Ms. Morgan-Alexander said this variance would not normally be allowed, but since this is a handicap request the Board could approve it. She said the Board could place conditions on their approval to make the changes made to the house temporary.

Mrs. Tuttle moved., seconded by Mr. Murcin to grant the appeal as written with the condition that the addition be removed within five years after the qualifying person no longer lives at 49 Pinewoods Rd.

Board members discussed approving the appeal and making a condition that the structure be removed after the qualifying person no longer resides at the house. The Board also discussed making the approval with no conditions, meaning that the changes to the house and the ramp could be considered permanent.

ACTION TAKEN: Mr. Carr moved, seconded by Mrs. Tuttle, to approve a 9 foot front setback variance to construct a permanent 8 x 24 foot addition to the existing home at 49 Pinewoods Road for medical reasons as well as a handicap ramp. Vote: 6-0. Carried.

4. OTHER BUSINESS: None.
5. ITEMS FROM CODE ENFORCEMENT: None.
6. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:  
Minutes of November 15, 2010.

ACTION TAKEN: Mr. Carr moved seconded by Mr. Murcin to dispense with the reading of the minutes of November 15, 2010. The Chair said motion granted.

7. ADJOURNMENT

ACTION TAKEN: Mr. Carr moved to adjourn at 8:07 PM. Vote: 6-0. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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Elizabeth French, Asst. Town Clerk