



**Board of Adjustment**  
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Board of Adjustment, Sept 16, 2019

Approved October 21, 2019

Meeting called to order by Chair at 7:30 pm

Roll Call: Bill Fritz, Chair, Bob Young, Vice Chair, Guy Daniello, Bob Bergeron, Phil Garside, Connie Lacasse, Clerk

**Old Business:**

Minutes from last meeting of August 19, 2019 reviewed. Motion made to accept as corrected made by Guy, seconded by Bob Y, voted and approved by all members.

7:40 – Board Members are all voting members. Review. 19-08 Application for Completeness. Brief discussion on costs involved in Notices going to Monadnock Ledger. This will be reviewed and increased at a later date.

7:45 pm – . Noted visitors were abutters Lisa Senus and Amy Glowacki. Ashley Saari, Peterboro Ledger. 19-08 Darrell Scott presented his reason for Special Exception Application for a Climbing Tower on his property in GRAF area. Guy questioned and explained that a Special Exception would not be for Mr Scott, but the land that was being used for the Tower. Guy wanted to clarify what the Special Exception entailed and what would or could happen to the site when it was no longer a Climbing Tower. Mr Scott presented his business plan and his years of being an instructor in “Climbing and repelling” and that he wanted to use this Tower to bring the community children together in a manner of unity. His liability insurance was discussed and he presented this coverage thru the Climbing organization that has inspected and approved this Tower. All supervisors and climbers are instructed ahead of climbing and must sign a waiver before attempting to climb. Darrell will be the sole instructor and present at all times when Tower is being used. He felt it wouldn’t be more than two or three groups a week – groups of 20 including supervisors and climbers would be max. All climbing done will have reservations. This will be a non-profit enterprise and have minimal fees to sustain the equipment. The Tower was constructed in 2006 by Mr Scott. He would be the person to maintain the integrity of the Tower. Mason Building Inspector would inspect the “building” part of the Tower and has visited the site already.

Mr Fritz asked if the abutters wanted to have a say – Lisa spoke in favor and had no problems with noise or cars. Amy spoke in favor with the same concerns of noise or what if someone got injured what the procedure would be. Mr Scott outlined his medical concerns should an ambulance or fire dept need to be called. He has already spoken with Mason Police Dept and Fire Chief and explained what this Tower will be.

According to the By-laws provided and subject to the following conditions

- 1) No climbing will take place unless a certified A.M.G.A. or equivalent climbing wall instructor is on site at all times.
- 2) Operation is subject to Mason Planning Board site plan review.
- 3) Maximum group size – 20 climber
- 4) Maximum parking of 6 vehicles subject to Mason Planning Board site plan review.

- 5) Structure must be inspected by the Mason Building Inspector for structural integrity annually.
- 6) No activity from Dusk to Dawn.
- 7) There will be no alcohol present during climbing activities.

Hearing no further discussion or concerns, the Board reviewed the 17 elements for Special Exception. Each element was reviewed and voted unanimously to approve with the additional 7 conditions included. Mr Scott was instructed to next apply to the Planning Board for a site plan review

Hearing ended at 9:50 pm.

New Business : 9 Old Ashby Road application for ADU has been received and will be on the agenda for October.

Letter received from Selectmen concerning Bates Boutique on Townsend Road having a business in her home directing her to contact Zoning Board of Adjustment for an application. Mr Fritz did speak with Mrs Bates but so far she has not submitted an application.

Next meeting will be October 21, 2019

Meeting adjourned at 9:55pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Constance Lacasse 09/18/19  
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