

TOWN OF STAMFORD
ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT MEETING
June 1, 2026
(UNAPPROVED)

Present: Board Members: Jean E. Kurpiel, Chair, Sheila G. Lawrence, Sheila Pecor, Theodore N. Dobbert, and Angela Trudeau.
David Saldo was not present.

Visitors: Debra Burchard, Kathy Eilers, Rodney Eilers, Kurt Gamari, Peter Greenbush, James Howe, and Jessica Tatro.
Lori Shepard, Clerk.

Jean Kurpiel called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES

MOTION by Sheila Lawrence to accept the meeting minutes of June 25, 2025 as written. SECONDED by Ted Dobbert. All in favor. Motion APPROVED.

The board entertained discussion on ZBA Permit #254 (Building permit application #2027-2) from Peter and Morgan Greenbush of 1107 Main Road in Stamford. All visitors and the appellant were sworn in. Jean Kurpiel read a letter from Eunice Rice, an abutter, who supported the project. Peter Greenbush would like to build a covered front porch. He applied in 2020 for a permit to build the front porch, then COVID hit. He feels it would add value to his home and add a safety buffer against the increased traffic. The porch will be about 41 feet from the centerline of the road; the roofline will be about 40 feet from the centerline. The new stairs will add another 2 feet. He said there is an old sidewalk in front of his house, but neither the state nor the town will accept the responsibility of maintaining or removing it. Kurt Gamari stated that from a historical point of view, almost all of the houses in the center of town had front porches, the original form of social media. He said his house is only 31 feet from the road. Jean Kurpiel felt the town has never had a problem with home improvement, especially as it adds tax value. Jessica Tatro, a neighbor, stated that she has no problem with the front porch. Sheila Lawrence asked since he is on Main Road if Peter Greenbush also needs state approval. Deb Burchard said the state's right-of-way is 50 feet: 25 feet on each side of the line, but the town's By-laws are more restrictive, requiring a setback of 50 feet from the centerline.

MOTION by Ted Dobbert to grant a variance to allow the front porch. SECONDED by Sheila Pecor. All in favor. Motion APPROVED. There is still a 14-day time waiting time before the approval takes effect.

MOTION by Ted Dobbert to adjourn. SECONDED by Angie Trudeau. All in favor. Motion APPROVED. The meeting ended at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by

Lori A. Shepard, Clerk

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