

TOWN OF FARMINGTON

PLANNING COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES
 SPECIAL MEETING
 MONDAY APRIL 3, 2017
 PREPARED BY: CRYSTAL SBRAGGIA

N8309 STATE ROAD 108 | MINDORO, WISCONSIN 54644 | WWW.CO.LA-CROSSE.WI.US/TOWNOFFARMINGTON

ATTENDEES:

CHAIRMAN: Mike Raabe | **COMMITTEE MEMBERS:** Paul Lash, Mike Raabe

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<p>Call to Order</p>	<p>The meeting was called to order by Mike Raabe at 6:05 PM in the Farmington Town Hall</p>
<p>Holley Road (Sweden Coulee) (TAX PARCELS 5-1232-0)</p> <p>Variance Request</p> <p>Billy Hayman (Namyah Enterprises, LLC)</p>	<p>Mr. and Mrs Hayman were present to refresh the board on the original variance request presented at the January 2017 Plan Commission Meeting. They explained that despite Plan Commission and Town Board approval that their request was denied at the county level.</p> <p>The couple shared an audio recording of the decision made at the March 13 LaCrosse County Board of Adjustment Meeting. The committee took time to consider the feedback gained from the minutes. Further discussion took place regarding the three step items that are often used to determine the necessity of a variance: Unnecessary hardship (unique land limitations not self-imposed), variance justification and public good. The committee agreed that the variance request should be considered separate from any other parcels owned by the Haymans. It was also determined by the group that a non-compliant residential building on this currently zoned residential parcel would be favored over disturbing land set aside for agricultural purposes. Signed affidavits from neighboring land owners were also shared.</p> <p>Mmsp: (White / Paul)</p> <p>Motion to recommend approval for variance 2017-16 for a zero foot (North) rear and east side setback on township of Farmington residential parcel 5-1232-0 to construct a single-story residence of similar but larger footprint then the existing 100+ year old two story residential structure.</p> <p>This recommendation for variance approval is based on full consideration of: the written support provided by the two adjoining parcel owners; the unnecessary hardship created by the imposition of building setback distances resulting in a residential parcel not capable of residential construction compliant with the setback</p>

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	<p>distances (not self imposed); the unique characteristics of this specific residential parcel (size, shape, topography, surface water runoff from adjacent parcels, and the stream running through the parcel); and, in consideration of the public good of preserving agricultural lands for agricultural purposes.</p> <p>Action: Mr. Hayman will need to seek further approval at the April Town of Farmington Board Meeting.</p>
Public Input	No public input was noted.
Adjourn	Mmsp: (Paul / White Motion to adjourn at 7:00pm