



**SOMERSET COUNTY**  
**Board of Zoning Appeals MEETING MINUTES**  
November 15, 2019

The following are the minutes of the Somerset County Board of Zoning Appeals meeting held on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of November 2019 at 7:30 PM in the meeting room of the Somerset County Commissioners, Room 111, in the Somerset County Office Complex, 11916 Somerset Avenue, Princess Anne, Maryland.

**Board Members Present:**

Donald Price – Acting Chairman  
Andrew Baines  
William Cottman  
Paul Emely

**Board Members Absent:**

Brian Laird  
Isaac Ballard

**Others Present:**

Robert Spery, Zoning Administrator

Acting Chairman Price opened the Meeting at 7:30 P.M.

**Subject of Appeal:** Variance 2019-1048 Edward & Ginger Somers

**VAR 2019-1048;** Edward E. & Ginger M. Somers of 26398 Mariners Rd., Crisfield, MD 21817, have applied for a Setback Variance on property located at 3418 Marsh Rd. Rhodes Point, MD (Tax Map 69A Grid 4 Parcel 35). They are requesting a 4' front yard setback variance per Section 4.9 Nonconforming Yards and Lot Area and Section 11.3 Variances per Ordinance # 1144 entitled Somerset County Zoning Ordinance.

**Testimony:**

The Case advertisement was read into the record. The Board determined the exact location of the parcel. Mr. Edward & Ginger Somers of Mariners Rd, Crisfield, MD were sworn in. Acting Chairman Price asked them to express to the Board their intention. Mr. Somers explained that they are requesting a four (4') foot front yard variance to add a 12x18 room onto the front of their home.

Acting Chairman Price read Missy Tyler & Marcia Updike's letters of support into the record.

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**Exhibit 1:** Letter of Support from Missy Tyler

**Exhibit 2:** Letter of support from Marcia Updike

There were no persons in attendance in opposition to the request

**Findings:** Variance 2019-1048 Edward & Ginger Somers

The Board voted to grant the four (4') foot front yard Variance located on 3418 Marsh Rd. Rhodes Point MD.

**Board Vote:**

Bill Cottman – Yes

Donald Price – Yes

Andrew Baines – Yes

Paul Emely- Yes

Isaac Ballard- Absent

Brian Laird-Absent

After the Board voted, Mr. William Osbourne of Marion Station, MD came up to advise the Board that he had some concerns. Mr. Osbourne stated that he had some concerns with a newspaper article written about a grant the county received to remove old abandoned homes. Mr. Osbourne also advised the Board about concerns with the amount of Travel Trailers that are located on Holland Crossing Rd. Mr. Sperry stated he would have the Code Officer reach out to him and address his concerns.

**On a motion made by Acting Chairman Price and seconded by Mr. Baines, the Board of Zoning Appeals voted to adjourn the meeting.**

The meeting adjourned at 8:11 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,



Donald Price, Acting Chairman/AW