



Minutes for Meeting

Zoning Board of Appeals, via Zoom

February 3 2021 at 7:00 PM

Members present: Jane Fisher Carlson, Alan D. Rose, Jr., Natalie B. Sawyer

**63 Sudbury Road:** a continuation on a request by David Morgan on behalf of Cynthia and William Abbott requesting a special permit for the installation of a generator.

The Board held a public hearing on February 3, 2021, at 7:00 P.M., via Zoom video. The following members were present:

- Jane Fisher Carlson, Chair
- Alan D. Rose, Jr.
- Natalie B. Sawyer, Acting Secretary

Additional documents in the record:

- Memo from Weston Conservation Commission's M. Grzenda to D. Morgan dated February 1, 2021
- Generac Generator Data Sheet and Installation Guide for Generators
- Memo from DRM Design Build showing distances from generator to neighbors' homes dated February 3, 2021
- Email from J. Field to the Board regarding generator dB levels dated February 3, 2021

The Board noted that they had received the requested memo from the Conservation Commission stating that a Notice of Intent filing was not necessary for this project.

Mr. Morgan informed the Board that he has changed the manufacturer of the proposed generator to Generac due to supply issues with the original proposed generator. Mr. Morgan

submitted data sheets for the generator with dB levels during normal operations of 65 dB and during exercise operations 55 dB.

Mr. Morgan represented that, per the generator manufacturer installation guidelines, sound attenuating materials could not be closer than 3 feet to the generator. Mr. Morgan requested that, because the nearest neighbor's home is 297 feet away from the proposed generator location, the Board consider approval of the generator without a requirement for sound attenuating materials.

The Board noted that the proposed generator is non-conforming in regards to its distance to the street line and the street center line. It does, however, meet the required setbacks from the side lot. Based upon this fact, as well as the decibel level information received and the distance of 297 feet to the nearest neighboring house, the Board determined that the requested special permit was appropriate.

Following due and open deliberation, the Board unanimously agreed that the proposed new generator as presented in the Petitioner's plans would not be substantially more detrimental to the neighborhood than the existing nonconforming dwelling. The special permit was granted.