



HERNDON BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS
Regular Meeting Minutes
Thursday, June 25, 2026

1. Call to Order

Pursuant to the Town Code and the Board of Zoning Appeals by-laws, as the most senior member of the Board, Mr. Frank Donadio served as Chair Pro Tem for this meeting. Chair Pro Tem Donadio called the Board of Zoning Appeals Regular Meeting to order on Thursday, June 25, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. in the Herndon Council Chambers Building, 765 Lynn Street, Herndon. In attendance were: Board Members Barry Clendenin, Nicholas Hohman, and Chair Pro Tem Frank Donadio.

Vice Chair Stevan Porter and Chair Cari Lyn Pierce were absent.

Staff present during the meeting: Lauri Sigler, Deputy Town Attorney; David Stromberg, Zoning Administrator; and Becky Skillin, Deputy Town Clerk.

Chair Pro Tem Donadio stated that three Board of Zoning Appeals Members were present, which constituted a quorum.

2. Approval of Minutes

a. January 22, 2026, Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting Minutes

Board Member Clendenin moved to approve the January 22, 2026, Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting Minutes. Motion seconded by Board Member Hohman.

Chair Pro Tem Donadio moved to the Board level for discussion and action. The question was called on the motion, which was carried by a 3-0 roll call vote. The vote was: Board Members Clendenin, Donadio, and Hohman voting "Aye." Vice Chair Porter and Chair Pierce were absent.

3. Comments

a. Comments from the Staff Members

Chair Pro Tem Donadio recognized staff members for comments.

David Stromberg, Zoning Administrator, welcomed Board Member Nicolas Hohman to his first meeting as a member of the Board of Zoning Appeals.

b. Comments from the Board Members

No comments were provided.

c. Comments from the Public

No members of the public provided comments.

4. Public Hearings

a. BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS, BZA #26-001, 1018 Grant Street, to seek a variance from Section 78-30.1(g), R-15-Dimensional Standards, to allow an addition to encroach into the required 45-foot setback along 2nd Street

Certificates of Publication from the Editor of the *Fairfax County Times* newspaper were filed, showing that notice of said public hearing item had been duly advertised in the June 5 and June 12, 2026, issues.

Chair Pro Tem Donadio opened the public hearing and called on the Deputy Town Clerk to administer the oath for David Stromberg, Zoning Administrator. Becky Skillin, Deputy Town Clerk, administered the oath to Mr. Stromberg.

Chair Pro Tem Donadio recognized David Stromberg, Zoning Administrator, for the staff report. Mr. Stromberg delivered the staff report and presentation of BZA #26-001, dated June 25, 2026, and stated that the request is for approval of a variance at 1018 Grant Street. He outlined the location of the house and stated the proposal includes a request to renovate and expand the existing dwelling, along with a rear addition extending approximately six-and-a-half feet, and a covered porch extending an additional seven feet. He stated that a previous variance was granted for the property in 1997 and that 2nd Street, along one side of the property, is an unimproved road. He stated that staff recommends approval of the variance in lieu of an amendment to the zoning district, as the expansion into a setback is not a common issue across the R-15 zoning district. He further explained that if BZA #26-001 is approved, this variance would continue to allow the footprint of the house to be located within the 45-foot setback, similar to another house along the same road. Mr. Stromberg clarified that the wording of condition number one is to maintain compliance with the parameters within the Historic District Overlay.

There was discussion among the Board and staff on the application, including:

1. Board Member Clendenin asked if the Historic District Review Board (HDRB) would require a separate hearing following this hearing. Mr.

Stromberg confirmed the next step in the process is to seek approval from the HDRB.

2. Board Member Hohman asked if the case would need to return to the BZA following the HDRB hearing. Mr. Stromberg stated condition number one is worded to preclude the necessity of another BZA hearing.

Chair Pro Tem Donadio invited a representative of the applicant, Michael Wijdoogen, 761C Monroe Street, Suite 100, Herndon, Virginia, Wijdoogen.

Mr. Wijdoogen provided comments, stating that he appreciated the package that staff had prepared and looked forward to seeing the project move forward.

There was discussion among the Board Members, staff, and the applicant, including:

1. Board Member Clendenin stated that work seems to be underway at the address. Mr. Wijdoogen commented that exterior landscaping had commenced, but he has not been informed that any work on the house has begun.
2. Board Member Hohman asked if other design options had been considered. Mr. Wijdoogen answered that other options were evaluated, but, to keep the kitchen and mud room in their original location and maintain the maximum yard space and walking path around the house, the proposed design seemed most appropriate.
3. Board Member Donadio asked if original construction occurred in the 1920s, and Mr. Wijdoogen agreed.

Chair Pro Tem Donadio called for comments from the audience. Seeing no comments from the audience, Chair Pro Tem Donadio closed the public hearing and moved to board-level discussion and possible action.

Board Member Hohman moved to approve BZA #26-001, as proposed, finding that granting the variance will alleviate an undue hardship due to a physical condition relating to the property or improvements thereon and in accordance with the proposed resolution for approval provided with the June 25, 2026, staff report. Motion seconded by Board Member Clendenin.

Chair Pro Tem Donadio called for any discussion on the motion. Board Member Hohman noted that given the choice of options, approving BZA #26-001, as proposed, was the better choice based on the findings presented.

The question was called on the motion, which was carried by a 3-0 roll call vote. Board Members Clendenin, Hohman, and Chair Pro Tem Donadio voted "Aye." Vice Chair Porter and Chair Pierce were absent.

5. Adjournment

There being no further business, and without objection, Chair Pro Tem Donadio adjourned the June 25, 2026, Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting at 7:25 p.m.



Becky Skillin
Deputy Town Clerk



Minutes approved by the Board of Zoning Appeals: **July 23, 2026**

[Note: Approved resolutions are on file in the Department of Community Development.]