

**GEORGETOWN BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
MEETING MINUTES
June 12, 2020**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Georgetown Board of Adjustment on June 12, 2020 was called to order at 10:04 a.m. and was a virtual meeting due to COVID-19 regulations. This meeting was continued from the original May 27, 2020 meeting that did not have a quorum.

ROLL CALL

Answering the roll were Members Tom Elliott, Chairman, Mary Riddle Clark, and Coralue Anderson. Sharon Rossino joined the meeting at 10:20 a.m. Town Administrator, Kent Brown was present. Town Clerk Jennifer Yobski was present as recording secretary.

AUDIENCE

Brett Butson, Derek Holscher, Kelly Flenniken, and Kathy Grant

NEW BUSINESS

Brett Butson – 1776 & 1778 Main St. - Variance request to expand the existing rear decks

Tom Elliott stated that he did an onsite visit to the property with Mary Riddle Clark and Coralue Anderson on 6-10-20. The variance request is for the deck on 1778 Main St., which already encroaches by three feet into the rear setback and will be replaced. The deck on 1776 Main St. to be expanded and encroach by three feet into the rear setback.

The Design Review Commission (DRC) made a recommendation for approval of the variance request with no conditions, at its June 11, 2020 meeting. Also, Mr. Butson talked with his neighbors and stated there were no objections to the request.

Coralue Anderson made a motion to approve the variance request from Brett Butson, property owner of 1776 & 1778 Main St., to expand the rear existing decks by three feet into the setback.

Public Service Company of Colorado – Four Variance requests for Early Warning Sirens

Derek Holscher, representative from Public Service Company of Colorado, submitted four variance requests for Early Warning Sirens at the following locations: Georgetown Substation, 600 Griffith St., Georgetown Lake, Meadows Park Basketball/Tennis Courts,

and Werlin Park.

The variance requests were presented to the DRC at its May 14, 2020, February 13, 2020, and November 14, 2019 meetings. Mr. Holscher addressed the concerns of the DRC from these meetings which were mostly the cultural impact on the Historic District. The height of the warning sirens is higher than what is allowed in the districts of the proposed sirens and that is why the variance requests are needed. Mr. Holscher explained that more warning sirens will be needed in town if they height of the proposed ones cannot be approved. Three of the locations for the warning sirens are on town property, while the last siren location is on Public Service Company of Colorado's property.

Mr. Holscher stated that the manufacturer of the sirens has done tests with OSHA standards to determine how far the sound will travel. Sharon Rossino asked if the sirens have been tested in Georgetown because of its unique mountain location where sounds travels differently. Mr. Holscher stated no, the sirens have not been tested in Georgetown.

Mr. Holscher explained that the warning sirens are being installed due to a requirement for all the dam facilities on Guanella Pass and their specific use is to warn citizens of a dam failure. He added that it is part of the Public Service Company of Colorado's emergency action plan to provide warning sirens in Georgetown, and they are keeping this plan up to date which is why the warning sirens need to be installed. There were warning sirens at Werlin Park and Meadows Park, but these have not work for many years.

Mr. Holscher mentioned that the Early Warning Sirens will have a back finish with a non-reflective pole, with the box painted to match the pole. He added that the visual impacts have been considered and the warning siren at the Georgetown Substation, 600 11th St., will be placed in the rear of the building and will blend in with all the other equipment. At Werlin Park and Meadows Park, the poles will be camouflaged within the trees.

Coralie Anderson asked Mr. Holscher how the public will be informed when the warning sirens are being tested? Mr. Holscher responded that notice will be provided the day of the testing to all local businesses, schools, government buildings, etc. Sharon Rossino suggested the test be done early Spring or end of Fall on Tuesdays when it is the slow visitor season for Georgetown.

The warning siren will be 35' at Werlin Park and 45' at the other three locations.

The Board of Adjustment members went through the Findings for Variance (GMC Section 17.32.020(c)(2)) and determined the four variance requests complied with the findings.

Written public comments were received by Town Staff and forwarded to Derek Holscher and he provided responses to these comments. The comments were from Michael Hocesvar and Kent Sterett. Please find these comments and responses attached to these minutes.

Georgetown Substation – 600 Griffith St.

Tom Elliott made a motion to approve the variance request at the Georgetown Substation located at 600 Griffith St., for the Public Service Company of Colorado to install an early warning siren at the height of 45 feet from the following provision to the Georgetown Municipal code: 17.16.043 (d) (8) – Historic Mixed-Use District, maximum height for structures and/or principal buildings: thirty feet, Sharon Rossino seconded the motion and it passed with unanimous vote.

Georgetown Lake

Coralie Anderson made a motion to approve the variance request at the Georgetown Lake, near the warming hut, for the Public Service Company of Colorado to install an early warning siren at the height of 45 feet from the following provision to the Georgetown Municipal code: 17.16.050 (d) (3) – Parks & Open Space District, maximum height for structures and/or principal buildings: thirty feet, Mary Riddle Clark seconded the motion and it passed with unanimous vote.

Meadows Park Basketball/Tennis Courts

Sharon Rossino made a motion to approve the variance request at the Meadows Park Basketball/Tennis Courts, for the Public Service Company of Colorado to install an early warning siren at the height of 45 feet from the following provision to the Georgetown Municipal code: 17.16.045 (d) (9) – Meadows Residential District, maximum height for structures and/or principal buildings: thirty feet, Coralie Anderson seconded the motion and it passed with unanimous vote.

Werlin Park

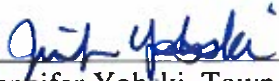
Mary Riddle Clark made a motion to approve the variance request at Werlin Park, for the Public Service Company of Colorado to install an early warning siren at the height of 45 feet from the following provision to the Georgetown Municipal code: 17.16.050 (d) (7) – Historic Residential District, maximum height for structures and/or principal buildings: thirty feet, Coralie Anderson seconded the motion and it passed with unanimous vote.

MINUTES APPROVAL – August 28, 2019

Mary Riddle Clark made a motion to approve the August 28, 2019 minutes as presented, Coralue Anderson seconded the motion and it passed with unanimous vote.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting at 11:40 a.m.



Jennifer Yobski, Town Clerk



Tom Elliott, Chairman

