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Notice of Decision

Case # ZA-988
Permit # 05-4042

Variance Request: For a variance from the required minimum setback of 40 feet to 15 feet for a new residence at 3295 Lowman Lane, Union Bridge, MD in Election District 02 by E. Lynn Blacksten.

Basis for Variance: § 223-75 and § 223-181 of the Carroll County Code of Public Local Laws and Ordinances.

Decision: Approved.

Basis for Decision:
It is the opinion of the Zoning Administrator that approval of the variance request will not:

- Adversely affect the public health, safety, security, morals, or general welfare.
- Result in dangerous traffic conditions or jeopardize the lives or property of people living in the neighborhood.

In making this determination, the Zoning Administrator cannot answer in the affirmative to the criteria provided in Section 223-191 of the Carroll County Code that:

- There would be a detrimental effect on the people working or residing in the area.
- There would be a negative impact on the orderly growth of the community.
- There would be a detrimental effect on the peaceful enjoyment of people in their homes.
- That the use would have a negative effect on the conservation of property values.
- That there would be any effect from odors, dust, gas, smoke, fumes, vibrations, glare, and noise upon surrounding property values.

The applicant explained that he desired to locate the new residence close to the front of the lot to avoid the slope on the rear side. The lot is one of four created on the Richard Blacksten property. Mr. Ralph Robertson of the Department of Planning stated that the property is under an Agricultural Preservation Easement but that the new residence did not interfere with the Easement.
There were no protestants to the variance present at the hearing, nor were there any protestant communications in the file.

8 February 2006

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Per Section 223-182 or the Carroll County Code of Public Local Laws and Ordinances, appeals of this decision must be made within 30 days of the date of the decision to the Board of Zoning Appeals pursuant to Section 223-188 of the Carroll County Code. Unless timely appealed, parties may not thereafter contest the Zoning Administrator's decision.