

**Hopedale
Zoning Board of Appeals
Meeting
Draper Room, Town Hall
November 20, 2019**

Chairman Steve Gallagher called the meeting to order on November 20, 2019 at 7:00 pm.

ZBA Members present: Chair Steve Gallagher, Sandra Biagetti, Nick Alexander, Chris Hodgens and Lou Costanza

ZBA Secretary: Mary Arcudi

Continuation Hearing: Case 5-2019 7:10 PM

The applicant, John Shannahan of 48 Mendon St. Hopedale, MA is seeking a special permit for an in-law apartment, above existing garage on property, also the addition of a deck at the rear of garage. The property is zoned RB and owned by the applicant.

This hearing was mutually agreed upon to be continued from the October 16, 2019 ZBA meeting due to the lack of detailed plans.

Mr. Shannahan, along with his builder, Mr. Adam Orn, presented the board with a full overview and detailed plans for the proposed in-law apartment and deck. This request is for Mr. Shannahan's mother-in-law who visits on occasional weekends, assisting with caring for the children and in the next few years would be moving in when she retires.

There will be a new entrance through the garage and an entrance with the new deck on the second story. There will be a full cement pad below the deck. The addition is proposed for 550 square feet, 24 x 24 and is being built where the attic space is now. There is currently a large driveway for any additional cars.

After a review of the plans, Sandra Biagetti made a motion to approve the request for the applicant, John Shannahan of 48 Mendon Street, Hopedale Ma for a special permit for an in-law apartment above the existing garage and the addition of a deck no more than 550 square feet. Nick Alexander seconded the motion and the vote went as follows:

Sandra Biagetti	yes
Nick Alexander	yes
Chris Hodgens	yes
Lou Costanza	no, as the need for full time in-law residency would not be for a few years when the parent retires and moves from Connecticut
Steve Gallagher	yes

Motion passes 4 to 1 in favor.

Motion to adjourn at 7:12 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Arcudi, ZBA Secretary