



**TOWN OF REDINGTON BEACH, FLORIDA
BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**Thursday, May 18th, 2023
6:30PM**

The Board of Adjustment meeting was called to order at 6:30pm by Chairman Bellemore.

The Pledge of Allegiance was followed by a moment of silence.

Roll call was taken: Mr. Mike Morgan, Vice-Chairman Ken Sulewski, Mr. James Sommer, Chairman Darcy Bellemore, Alternate member Mr. John Laratta. Absent was Mr. Robert Rockell. Attending via phone was Building Official Mr. Bruce Cooper. Also in attendance was Attorney, Jeremy Simon and Deputy Clerk Dee Runyon.

Approval of agenda: Agenda of May 18, 2023 was approved with all ayes.

Approval of minutes: Minutes of February 16, 2023 was approved with all ayes.

Oath of Office:

- a) John Laratta – Attorney, Jeremy Simon administered oath
- b) Mike Morgan – Attorney, Jeremy Simon administered oath

New Business:

- a) Property located at 15807 Redington Dr. requested the Board of Adjustment approve a variance to replace an existing dock with a new 50' dock.

Chairman Bellemore called for the swearing in of any audience members wishing to testify.

Attorney, Jeremy Simon performed the swearing in of the applicants Wendy and Mitchell Covington.

Ms. Covington of 10071 Gulf Blvd. Treasure Island, stated that her property had an existing dock longer than 50'. Initially they were only going to replace the decking. Pursuant to Chapter 5 Section 5-57 (a)(3)(e) she decided to now build a new one. Applicant requests replacing existing dock with new dock.

Chairman Bellemore asked if anyone request to speak against it. No one opposes. Also, there were no letters submitted either approving or opposing the request.

Chairman Bellemore addressed Bruce Cooper asking his opinion of his findings in the case, and he is in favor of granting the request since she is replacing an existing dock.

Vice-Chairman, Ken Sulewski made a motion to approve the request and Mike Morgan seconded the motion.

Roll call – Request to approve with all ayes.

	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Absent
Darcy Bellemore			X		
Ken Sulewski	X		X		
James Sommer			X		
John Laratta			X		
Mike Morgan		X	X		

Chairman, Darcy Bellemore - Moving on to new business (b)

b) Property located at 16100 5th St. E. requested the Board of Adjustment approve a variance to permit a new dock with boat lift to be located six inches from the waterward projection of the side lot lines.

Chairman Bellemore called for the swearing in of any audience members wishing to testify. Attorney Simon swore-in anyone who wished to give testimony.

Attorney for the applicant, Mr. Craig Taraszki of 490 1st Ave. South, St. Petersburg, requested approval for a variance to encroach onto the 7.5" sideline setback to build a dock with boat lift to be located six inches from the waterward projection of the side lot lines. Attorney Tareszki stated special conditions due to the pie shape of the lot being 120' at street view, narrowing to 25' waterfront. Attorney Taraszki also noted similar cases of past approved variance request from years 2009 and 2005.

Attorney Simon reminded applicant that past cases are irrelevant to this case.

Chairman Bellemore asked if anyone in the audience would like to testify. The applicant Keith Koehler of 401 N Howard Ave. Tampa, Fl. approached the Board and requested the Board approve the variance.

5-persons in the audience spoke against approving the variance request.

5-letters were submitted as well – opposing variance request.

Attorney Tareszki made closing statement to approve the request for the dock and watercraft lift.

Building official Bruce Cooper recommended approval due to special circumstance.

Attorney Simon asked for any closing statements.

Chairman Bellemore called for a motion.

Vice-Chairman Ken Sulewski made a motion to deny the variance request. Mr. Morgan seconded the motion.

Attorney Simon clarified to the Board that voting "yes" will deny the variance request.

Motion to deny request with a roll call vote.

	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Absent
Darcy Bellemore			X		
Ken Sulewski	X		X		
James Sommer			X		
John Laratta			X		
Mike Morgan		X	X		

With no further business, Chairman Bellemore adjourned the meeting at 7:34pm.



Dee Runyon
Deputy Town Clerk