

Town of Wilton, NH
Zoning Board of Adjustment
Minutes
August 27, 2026

Board Members Present	Joanna Eckstrom (Vice-Chairperson), Neil Faiman (Chairperson), Linda Jennings, Judith Klinghoffer, Jeff Stone
Board Members Absent	Peg Duggan (Alternate)
Other Attendees	None

N. Faiman called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m., and explained that:

- The purpose of the meeting was to consider a request by Abutter Thomas Ryan that the Zoning Board hold a rehearing with regard to its July 14 decision to grant a variance to Michaelann Murphy in ZBA Case #6/9/26-1.
- Although the meeting was a public meeting, it was not a hearing, and no public input would be taken.
- The decision would be made on the basis of the case history, the July 14 decision notice, and the written Request for Rehearing.

Motion: N. Faiman moved to enter non-public session for the purpose of considering advice provided by legal counsel. Seconded by L. Jennings. No discussion. All members voted in favor on a roll-call vote.

The Board entered non-public session at 5:37 p.m..

The Board returned to public session at 5:42 p.m..

N. Faiman observed that nothing in the rehearing request hinged on matters covered by the July 14 minutes, and that the Board was operating on a short timetable, with an amateur secretary, and therefore suggested that the Board could defer reviewing the July 14 minutes until the September 8 meeting.

There was no disagreement.

N. Faiman stated that the Board would proceed to a discussion of the Request for Rehearing. He inquired whether all the Board members were familiar with the decision and with the request for rehearing.

L. Jennings was not, and spent a few minutes reviewing them. All other Board members were.

N. Faiman read from the request for rehearing. "Around 10:00 am only two members left and the guy from down the street. This left four members of the ZBA ... I stayed till

11:45 am then I had things to do so I left. That's almost two hour private meeting with ZBA members and Murphy..." N.Faiman inquired whether the ZBA members who remained after the site visit would explain what was discussed during the time following the site visit, and specifically, whether anything concerning the variance application or Mr Ryan was discussed.

L. Jennings and J. Eckstrom stated that L. Jennings, J. Eckstrom, and P. Duggan drove together to the site visit. At the conclusion of the site visit, J. Eckstrom used Ms. Murphy's toilet while the other two remained outside, and then the three left together, probably no more than five minutes after the conclusion of the site visit.

J. Klinghoffer stated that she picked strawberries, and had a brief discussion with Wendell Parnham-Brown, Ms. Murphy's friend and contractor, about a house painting project. (She took his card and later got an estimate, but has not hired anyone for the project yet.) She had no conversation with Ms. Murphy.

The Board did not find any other content in the Request for Rehearing that pertained to the variance decision in any way.

Motion: J. Eckstrom moved to deny the Request for Rehearing on the grounds that it does not allege any error in the decision. Seconded by L. Jennings. All in favor.

Motion: J. Eckstrom moved to adjourn. Seconded by J. Stone. All in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Neil Faiman, acting secretary