# NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TOWN OF NEENAH PLAN COMMISSION October 17, 2022

#### TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

The applicant(s) listed below has requested a variance which is regulated by one or more of the following ordinances, the <a href="Town/County Zoning Code Chapter 23">Town/County Zoning Code Chapter 26</a>, Flood Plain Zoning Code Chapter 26, and <a href="Shoreland Zoning Code Chapter 27">Shoreland Zoning Code Chapter 27</a>. You are receiving this notice because the application or petition for action: 1. affects the area in the immediate vicinity of the property which you own; 2. requires your agency to be notified; or 3. Requires you, as the applicant, to be notified.

Notice is hereby given that the Town of Neenah Plan Commission will hold a Public Hearing on **Monday, October 17, 2022 at 7:00 PM** at the Town of Neenah Municipal Building, 1600 Breezewood Lane.

All interested persons wishing to be heard at the public hearing may appear in person or via Zoom using the meeting information below. A direct link to the Zoom Meeting is available on the Town of Neenah website on the Public Hearing agenda and the Calendar of Events on the above indicated date.

Committee members and the public can access the meeting virtually:

Meeting ID: 882 8061 7055 / Passcode: 508967 Phone (312)626-6799

<a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88280617055?pwd=Sno0QUJoM1ZhbUINdTJ0aVRVZnJCZz09">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88280617055?pwd=Sno0QUJoM1ZhbUINdTJ0aVRVZnJCZz09</a>

For additional information you may contact the Clerk's office or Winnebago County Zoning Office where the application is available for viewing.

## **INFORMATION ON VARIANCE REQUEST**

Applicant:

Rathsack, Gary

Agent:

None

**Location of Premises Affected:** 

164 Rickers Bay Rd, Neenah, WI 54956

Tax Parcel No:

010-0716

**Legal Description:** 

Being part of the Plat of Ricker's Bay, Lot 16, located in Government

Lot 4 of Section 9, Township 19 North, Range 17 East, Town of

Neenah, Winnebago County, Wisconsin.

**Explanation:** 

Applicant is requesting a variance for a sub-standard floodplain fill

requirement

Please note that, upon reasonable notice, efforts will be made to accommodate the needs of disabled individuals through appropriate aids and services. For additional information or to request this service, contact the Town Clerk at 920-725-0916

A quorum of Town of Neenah Board, Committees, and Sanitary Commissions may attend, but no official action will be taken by them.

September 29, 2022 mailed to 19 addresses, posted to website and at the Town Hall Posting Board

# RESOLUTION 2022-14

# TOWN ACTION FOR VARIANCE TOWN OF NEENAH WINNEBAGO COUNTY, WISCONSIN

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Owner(s): RATHSACK, GARY			
Agent: NONE			
Parcel No.: 010-0716			
Location of Premises Affected: 164 RICKERS B.	AY RD		
<b>Legal Description:</b> Being part of the Plat of Ricke Section 9, Township 19 North, Range 17 East, Township 19 North, Range 19 East, Township 19 North, Range 17 East, Township 19 North, Range 19 East, Range 19 Ea	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •		
Current Zoning: R-2 Suburban Low Density Re	esidential		
<b>Description of proposed use:</b> Applicant is requerequirement.	sting a variance for	a sub-standard	l floodplain fill
DESCRIPTION:	CODE REFERENCE:	REQUIRED:	PROPOSED:
The elevation of the lowest floor shall be at or above the flood protection elevation on fill unless the requirement in subsection (b)(2) can be met. The fill shall be one foot or more above the regional flood elevation extending at least 15 ft beyond the limits of the structure.	26.5-23(b)(1)	Floodplain Fill: 15ft	Floodplain Fill: 7 ft
The town may recommend approval, denial, approva	•		i not as requestea.
DATED THIS DAY OF SIGNED:		, 20	_

#### INITIAL STAFF REPORT

Sanitation: Existing; Municipal

Overlays: Shoreland, floodplain

Current Zoning: R-2 Suburban Low Density Residential

Surrounding Zoning: North: R-2; South: R-2; East: Lake Winnebago; West: R-1;

**Code Reference:** 26.5-23(b)(1)

Description of Proposed Use: Applicant is requesting a variance for a sub-standard floodplain fill requirement.

#### THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION HAS BEEN PROVIDED BY THE OWNER/APPLICANT

**Describe your project, include the proposed dimensions and setbacks:** Replacing existing residence on properpty with new structure. New structure to maintain the current footprint and placement of existing. In order to place structure above the FEMA base flood elevation, grading up to the lot line will be necessary.

Describe how compliance with the requirement in question unreasonably prevents or restricts development of a permitted use on the property: New structure to be built approximately 1.5 higher than existing to remove from flood plain. Grading necessary to shed water away from foundation and protect structure from flood waters.

Describe the unique physical characteristics or limitations that prevent the property from being developed in compliance with the requirement in question: Exisitng structure already sits within the grading limitations. Any improvements could not be possibly be made without a variance.

Describe how the granting of the requested variance will not harm the public interest or have adverse affects on surrounding properties: Surrounding properties are already graded to lot line and are situated at the same elevation as proposed.

## SECTION REFERENCE AND BASIS OF DECISION

Basis of Decision: Town/County Zoning Code: 23.7-234

When making its decision, the Board of Adjustment shall consider each of the following standards:

- (1) The requirement in question would unreasonably prevent the property owner from using the property for a permitted purpose or would render conformity with such requirement unnecessarily burdensome and such circumstances were not self-created.
- (2) The subject property has unique physical characteristics or limitations that prevent the property from being developed in compliance with the requirement in question.
- (3) The granting of the variance will not be contrary to or harm the public interest given the general purposes of the zoning regulations and the specific purposes of the requirement in question.

The board shall grant a variance only if the board can make an affirmative finding for all of the criteria listed in this section.

### Floodplain Zoning Code

#### 26.6-7 Variances

(a) **Review criteria**. The Board of Adjustment may, upon appeal, grant a variance from the standards of this chapter if an applicant convincingly demonstrates that (1) literal enforcement of this chapter will cause unnecessary hardship; (2) the hardship is due to adoption of the floodplain chapter and unique property conditions, not common to adjacent lots or premises—in such case the chapter or map must be amended—; (3) the variance is not contrary to the public interest; and (4) the variance is consistent with the purpose of this chapter in s. 26.1-5.

- (b) Additional criteria. In addition to the criteria in subsection (a), to qualify for a variance under FEMA regulations, the following criteria must be met: (1) The variance shall not cause any increase in the regional flood elevation; (2) Variances can only be granted for lots that are less than 0.5 acres and are contiguous to existing structures constructed below the regional flood elevation; (3) Variances shall only be granted upon a showing of good and sufficient cause, shall be the minimum relief necessary, shall not cause increased risks to public safety or nuisances, shall not increase costs for rescue and relief efforts, and shall not be contrary to the purpose of the chapter.
- (c) Limitations. A variance shall not (1) grant, extend, or increase any use prohibited in the zoning district; (2) be granted for a hardship based solely on an economic gain or loss; (3) be granted for a hardship which is self-created; (4) damage the rights or property values of other persons in the area; (5) allow actions without the amendments to this chapter or map(s) required in s. 26.6-4; or (6) allow any alteration of an historic structure, including its use, which would preclude its continued designation as an historic structure.

#### **Shoreland Zoning Code**

#### 27.14.8 Variances

(a) **Generally**. The Board of Adjustment may, upon appeal, grant a variance from the standards of this chapter if an applicant convincingly demonstrates that (1) literal enforcement of this chapter will cause unnecessary hardship; (2) the hardship is due to unique property conditions, not common to adjacent lots or premises; (3) the variance is not contrary to the public interest; and (4) the variance is consistent with the purpose of this chapter.





