



Village of South Russell  
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**ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD  
MINUTES  
January 21, 2025 at 5:30 pm**

**Members Present:** Gary Neola, Chairman, Ryan Parsons, Denis Marino

**Other Officials:** Mayor Bill Koons; Ruth Griswold, Board Secretary

**Visitors:** Rob Myers, 9 Deerfield Drive

Gary Neola called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

Board Secretary Ruth Griswold conducted roll call.

**Mr. Neola asked if there were any comments on the meeting minutes from January 7, 2024. There were none. Mr. Parsons motioned to approve the minutes. Mr. Marino seconded. With unanimous vote, the motion carried and the meeting minutes were approved.**

**Agenda Item 1: ARB Case # 25-03:** 120 Ashleigh Drive-Pool House. Approved at BZA on 1-15-2025 for Height Variance. Presented by Robert H. Myers of RHM Homes Corp., Applicant on Behalf of Property Owners Scott and Kelly Noble.

Mr. Neola asked the applicant to begin his presentation. Mr. Myers said the new pool house will have a small kitchenette, changing area and bathroom, as well as storage areas at either end. One of the storage rooms will be for the pool equipment, and the other one will be used for storing seasonal furniture. He said one side opens up fairly wide with a folding door, to allow the pool house to be fully open relative to the pool during the summer.

Mr. Myers said the exterior shake will be in keeping with the main house, and the roof shingles will also match the existing house. He said the color of the pool house will be a contrasting shade

of green, and the windows will be bronze. Mr. Neola asked if the existing house windows were also bronze. Mr. Myers said no, the windows on the existing house are off-white. The pool house will be a bit of a contrast.

Mr. Parsons referred to the gables on the rear elevation with windows in the center of them. He said it looks like there's one in the bathroom, but it is not shown on the rear elevation. Mr. Myers said yes, there is a window in that bathroom. Mr. Myers said the pool house will back onto multiple wooded acres, so there is nothing behind the pool house. The owner didn't want any windows there and that may be why it didn't make it to the drawings. Mr. Marino asked for clarification: will there be a window or not in the bathroom. Myers said they will install a window.

Mr. Neola said on the main house, there are gables on the ends, and asked why there are hip roofs on the pool house. Mr. Myers said his client didn't want the structure to get too overpowering as far as the height and length of the roof, so they clipped the ends to sort of shorten that element, and added the cupola. Mr. Neola noted the roof pitch on the main house is 7:12, then there's a 4:12 by the cupola. Mr. Myers said again that was done to try and keep the height less imposing. Mr. Neola said he is not seeing it as a problem, he was just noticing that they were different. Mr. Neola asked board members if they had any comments on the roof pitches. Mr. Parsons said he doesn't know if it would even be noticeable, and the main house does have some hips on it. He appreciates them trying to keep them low, although the 4:12 on the cupola does make it seem a little squat. He understands they had to request a variance for the height and tried to keep it low.

Discussion followed regarding the variance, and height restrictions in South Russell.

**Mr. Neola said overall, the proportions work. He asked board members for any further comments. Hearing none, he made a motion to approve the plans as submitted. Mr. Parsons seconded. With unanimous vote, the motion carried.**

Mr. Myers thanked the board for their time.

**Old Business: None**

**New Business:** Mayor Koons noted that Gary Neola and Denis Marino would both be unavailable for the regularly scheduled meeting on March 4, 2025. He asked if the meeting should be moved to March 11. Mr. Neola said he might be back by then, but they could discuss it further in February, noting that the change would have to be Sunshined.

There being no further business, Mr. Neola adjourned the meeting at 5:47p.m.

  
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Gary Nepla, Chairman

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