

Support argument and documents for Zoning Board Appeal: My husband and I will be attending a Zoning Board meeting on June 22, 2023 to support our appeal to build a deck around our pool in our yard. The pool currently lies within the fence required for safety and is surrounded by dirt, grass and rocks. We would like to build a deck around the pool level with the top of the pool to cover this area. Currently, the pool is semi sunken in the ground and building a deck will bring everything to one level. We have a young son and another on the way, and a deck will make the pool much safer for our two children in the future, allowing them to walk around and get in and out of the pool easily- the photos will show this. It will also improve the aesthetic and value of our home. We live on a very old parcel of land that happens to have a home and barn built in 1777 on the property. The 250-year-old barn is the reason we are over the limit of built space in our land. We love this barn and don't want to tear down such a beautiful, historical building that is in such great shape, but we would also like the opportunity to make this home our own and improve it for the better- this is why we need this zoning approval. We live on a hill away from all of our neighbors, and the pool, yard, or proposed deck are nowhere near any neighbors. The deck and pool are up against a hill covered by trees and do not come remotely close to any other neighbors' homes or yards. The space around the pool can be used for no other purpose as it is narrow and inside of the pool safety fence and decorative walls. I have attached images to show the area we would like to cover with a deck. You can see that it is very unattractive and too narrow to be used for anything else. A patio or pavers would ultimately be unable to be used for this purpose because we cannot backfill around the pool and put any pressure on the decorative wall the fence is built on, so the deck is our only option and there is no other method we can use to make this space usable. Building this deck will cause no adverse impacts on the physical or environmental condition of the land or neighborhood. This is the last part of our home pool that needs to be done to make it this outdoor space functional so that it may be used by our family for years to come. Please review attached photo which show the pools, walls, fence and lounge area we are asking permission to build on, and please consider this appeal.