

## **Zoning Board of Appeals**

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## **MEMORANDUM**

TO: Members, Zoning Board of Appeals

FROM: Michelle Perillie, Planning and Zoning Director

DATE: October 16, 2024

Fig. 1. 4 Compo Parkway. Source: Zoning Official Inspection, Feb 29, 2024



**ADDRESS:** 4 Compo Parkway **ZBA** #: ZBA-24-00509

**ZONE:** Residence AA District

**PID** #: D05144000

**OWNER:** Andrew R. Jones.

APPLICANT: Attorney Chris Russo representing property owner Andrew R. Jones

**Proposal**: Appealing the decision of the Deputy Planning and Zoning Director, to issue a Zoning Certificate of Compliance (ZCC) for 4 Compo Parkway as requested by Attorney Chris Russo

due to the construction of a putting/chipping green within the side and rear Setback and without approvals.

Response From The Zoning Official to Appeal to Overturn the Zoning Official's Decision: It is my opinion that my <u>decision to withhold the Zoning Certificate of Compliance (ZCC) for property at 4 Compo Parkway</u> was correct due to the following:

- Section 12-4 (Setbacks in Res AA district) states, "No <u>principal building</u>, <u>structure</u> or use or accessory <u>building</u> or structure shall extend closer than thirty (30) feet from any <u>street</u> line or twenty-five (25) feet from any side or <u>rear lot line</u>."
- A memo written by Laurie Montagna on 5/4/22 states,
  - "At a meeting today with Staff it was discussed whether artificial grass is to be considered an improvement or not, and whether it can be installed in the setbacks without a variance. It was determined that installation of artificial grass can be considered the same as real grass and not considered an improvement and therefore can be located in the setback area without a variance. This does not mean that recreational uses, such as a putting green can be installed in the setbacks, as the setbacks are meant to be free of obstructions and recreational uses. The setback area is intended to provide a buffer between properties free of structures and activities."
- A <u>Notice of Violation (NOV)</u> was issued by Michael Tartaglia on 2/29/24 indicating the
  putting/chipping green requires approvals and may violate Setback requirements.

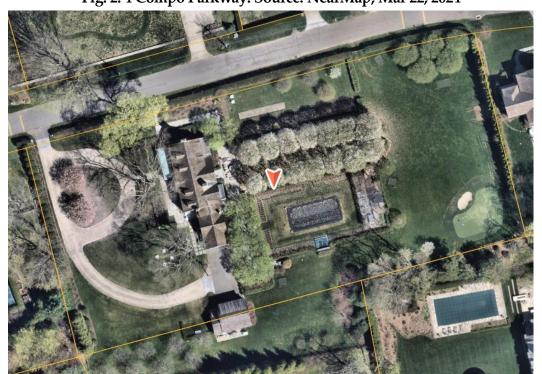


Fig. 2. 4 Compo Parkway. Source: NearMap, Mar 22, 2024

I will be at the public hearing to respond to questions.