

**BUILDING BOARD OF REVIEW MEETING**

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2006**

**7:30 P.M. COUNCIL CHAMBERS- TOWN HALL**

**Present: Tom Billups – Chairman, Fred Watson, and Chet Orciuch**

**Also Present: Robert Speaker, Building Official and Valerie Carroll,  
Secretary**

**The Chairman, Mr. Billups, called the meeting to order at 7:30.**

**Upon a motion by Mr. Orciuch and a second by Mr. Watson, the minutes from the February 28, 2006 were accepted with no changes.**

**Appeal of a Requirement of the Building Official from Robert and Kathryn Eden, owners, for property at 197 Rumstick Road, Barrington, RI; Assessor's Plat 10, Lot 006**

**Present: Robert and Kathryn Eden, Owners**

**Fred Love, Architect**

**There was no one in the audience to speak for or against the**

**application.**

**Mr. Eden stated that they were seeking relief for a narrow stairway. He explained that only five out of the thirteen stairs were too narrow, due to the unique characteristics of their home. They have already begun to finish the attic room, installing drywall, etc. in order to create more storage space, as the basement tends to be damp, and there is also potential to use the space as an additional play area for their children. It was not until this process had begun when Mr. Speaker noted the staircase violation. Mr. Eden explained that if they removed the handrail they would come close to the 27-inch stair width requirement. He went on to explain that it would be extremely difficult and costly to correct the width problem completely.**

**There were some concerns expressed regarding the use of space. The Board felt that due to the fact that the stairs were not a safe form of egress, and the windows could not be utilized for egress either, this space should not be used as a bedroom. The applicant noted that he would be amenable to that condition.**

**Motion: Mr. Orciuch moved to approve the application with the condition that the room must not be used as a bedroom. Mr. Watson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously (3-0).**

**At 7:45 Mr. Orciuch moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Watson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Valerie Carroll**

**Secretary**