

# Arlington Zoning Board of Appeals 

Date:<br>Tuesday, April 9, 2024<br>Time:<br>7:30 PM<br>Location: Conducted by Remote Participation<br>Additional Details:

## Agenda Items

## Administrative Items

## 1. Conducted by Remote Participation

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Per Board Rules and Regulations, public comments will be accepted during the public comment periods designated on the agenda. Written comments may be provided by email to ZBA@town.arlington.ma.us 48 hours prior to the start of the meeting.

You are invited to a Zoom meeting.
When: Apr 9, 2024 07:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)
Register in advance for this meeting:
https://town-arlington-ma-us.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZckc-
qspzlpH9LCwzmCG_QlivHYGkofJx_
After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

## Hearings

2. Docket \#3779 9 Morton Road (continuance)
3. Docket \#3781 165 Franklin Street (continuance)
4. Docket \#3788 70 Robbins Road

## Meeting Adjourn



## Town of Arlington, Massachusetts

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## Town of Arlington，Massachusetts

## Docket \＃3779 9 Morton Road（continuance）

ATTACHMENTS：

Type
口 Reference Material
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File Name
\＃3779＿9＿Morton＿Road＿Variance．pdf
\＃3779＿9＿Morton＿Road＿Legal＿Notice．pdf
\＃3779＿9＿Morton＿Road＿Special＿Permit．pdf \＃37
PlotPlan－3－Driveway．pdf
Plot＿Plan＿with＿shed＿placement．pdf
9＿Morton＿Road＿Shed＿Rendering．pdf
ZBA＿Continuation＿Request＿－＿Letter＿3－12－\＃
24＿mtg．pdf

Description
\＃3779 9 Morton Road Variance
\＃3779 9 Morton Road Legal Notice
\＃3779 9 Morton Road Special
Permit
Certified Plot Plan－3－Driveway
Plot Plan with shed placement
\＃3779 9 Morton Road Shed
\＃3779 ZBA Continuation Request 3－12－24 mtg

| V-23-4 | Primary Location | Applicant |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Variance Permit | 9 MORTON RD | Kate Gregorio |
| Application (ZBA) | Arlington, MA 02476 | +1315-382-0559 |
| Status: Active | Owner | @ katemgregorio@gmail.com |
| Submitted On: 11/21/2023 | GREGORIO ANTHONY J; | 9 Morton Rd |
|  | GREGORIO KATHARINE M | Arlington, MA 02476 |
|  | 9 MORTON ROAD |  |

ARLINGTON, MA 02476

## Special Permit Criteria

Describe the circumstances relating to the soil conditions, shape, or topography especially affecting such land or structures but not affecting generally the Zoning District in which it is located that would substantiate the granting of a Variance.*

Our property boundary has a unique shape which tapers toward the back, and has a number of mature trees/plantings that result in limited space available for construction. The irregular shape of our lot restricts our ability to meet the standard 6' setbacks required by the Zoning Bylaw.

Describe how a literal enforcement of the provisions of the Zoning Bylaw, specifically relating to the circumstances affecting the land or structure noted above, would involve substantial hardship, financial or otherwise, to the Petitioner or Appellant.*

Strict enforcement of the 6' setbacks would create substantial hardship for our plans. Adhering to these setback requirements would force us to significantly reduce the size of the accessory dwelling unit or even prevent us from constructing it altogether. This reduction in living space could negatively impact the functionality and long-term usability of the ADU.

## Describe how desirable relief may be granted without substantial detriment to the public good. *

Granting this variance would not be detrimental to the public good. The proposed ADU will comply with all other aspects of the Zoning Bylaw, including height, lot coverage, and design standards. Furthermore, it aligns with the town's encouragement of ADU development (Section 5.9.2 A). Our neighbors have expressed support for the project, and we have taken steps to ensure that the ADU's design is in harmony with the surrounding properties.

Describe how desirable relief may be granted without nullifying or substantially derogating from the intent or purpose of the Zoning Bylaw of the Town of Arlington, Massachusetts.*

Granting this variance would not nullify or substantially derogate from the intent of the Zoning Bylaw. The primary purpose of the setback requirements is to ensure adequate spacing between structures for safety and aesthetics. The proposed ADU will maintain a reasonable distance from adjacent properties and will not compromise safety or the aesthetic character of the neighborhood. Additionally, it supports the town's policy to promote accessory dwelling units as a means to address housing needs while respecting the existing neighborhood context.
In more detail:

- We will still have 3.5 '+ setbacks on all sides which is more than some other ADUs in Arlington (which have either been granted Variance Permits or Special Use Permits). - Many of our neighbors have out-buildings within 3' of our property lines.
- This structure would still be more than 100' away from any other dwellings due to the lot sizes of the neighboring properties.
- Most neighbors wouldn't be able to see it at all due to the trees and privacy property fence already in place.

State Law (MGL Chapter 40a, Section 10) requires that the Zoning Board of Appeals must find that all four (4) criteria are met in order to be authorized to grant a Variance. If any one of the standards is not met, the Board must deny the Variance.

## Dimensional and Parking Information

Present Use/Occupancy *

Proposed Use/Occupancy *
Residential
Residential

## TOWN OF ARLINGTON

Dimensional and Parking Information For Applications to the Zoning Board of Appeals

1. Property Location: $\qquad$ Zoning District: $\qquad$
2. Present Use/Occupancy: $\qquad$ SF Residential No. of dwelling units $\qquad$ 1
3. Existing Gross Floor Area (refer to Section 5.3.22 of the Zoning Bylaw and provide supporting documentation [worksheet and drawings] showing dimensions of GFA by floor): 2250 $\qquad$ Sq. Ft.
4. Proposed Use/Occupancy: RESIdential No. of dwelling units 2 (ISAR + IADU)
5. Proposed Gross Floor Area (refer to Section 5.3.22 of the Zoning Bylaw and provide supporting documentation [worksheet and drawings] showing dimensions of GFA by floor):
$\qquad$
$\qquad$ Sq. Ft.
6. Lot size (Sq. Ft.)
7. Frontage (Ft.)
8. Floor area ratio
9. Lot Coverage (\%)
10. Lot Area per Dwelling Unit (Sq. Ft.)
11. Front Yard Depth (Ft.)
12. Left Side Yard Depth (Ft.)
13. Right Side Yard Depth (Ft.)
14. Rear Side Yard Depth (Ft.)
15. Height (Stories)
16. Height ( Ft .)
17. Landscaped Open Space (Sq. Ft.) Refer to Section 2 in the Zoning Bylaw.
17A. Landscaped Open Space ( $\%$ of GFA)
18. Usable Open Space (Sq. Ft.) Refer to Section 2 in the Zoning Bylaw.
18A. Usable Open Space (\% of GFA)
19. Number of Parking Spaces
20. Parking area setbacks (if applicable)
21. Number of Loading Spaces (if applicable)
22. Type of construction
23. Slope of proposed roofs) (in. per ft.)


## TOWN OF ARLINGTON

## Open Space / Gross Floor Area Information

 For Applications to the Zoning Board of AppealsRefer to Section 2: Definitions, and Section 5: District Regulations in the Zoning Bylaw of the Town of Arlington before completing this form.

Address:



OPEN SPACE*
Total lot area
Open Space, Usable
Open Space, Landscaped


PROPOSED


* Refer to the Definitions in Section 2 of the Zoning Bylaw.

GROSS FLOOR AREA (GFA) $\dagger$

| Accessory Building | - | 200 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Basement or Cellar (meeting the definition of Story, excluding mechanical use areas) | 1125 | $1125$ |
| $1{ }^{\text {st }}$ Floor | 1125 | 1125 |
| $2{ }^{\text {nd }}$ Floor |  |  |
| $3{ }^{\text {rd }}$ Floor |  |  |
| $4^{\text {th }}$ Floor |  |  |
| $5{ }^{\text {th }}$ Floor |  |  |
| Attic (greater than $7^{\prime}-0^{\prime \prime}$ in height, excluding elevator machinery; or mechanical equipment) |  |  |
| Parking garages (except as used for accessory parking or off-street loading purposes) |  |  |
| All weather habitable porches and balconies |  |  |
| Total Gross Floor Area (GFA) | 2250 | 2450 |

$\dagger$ Refer to Definition of Gross Floor Area in Section 2 and Section 5 of the Zoning Bylaw.
REOUIRED MINIMUM OPEN SPACE AREA

| Landscaped Open Space (Sq. Ft.) | 5780 | 5580 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Landscaped Open Space (\% of GFA) | $74 \%$ | $72 \%$ |
| Usable Open Space (Sq. Ft.) | 4875 | $\angle 409$ |
| Usable Open Space (\% of GFA) | $63 \%$ | $57 \%$ |
| This worksheet applies to plans dated $n / 2$ | designed by $n / 2$ |  |

Reviewed with Building Inspector: $\qquad$ Date: $\qquad$

Town of Arlington Zoning Board of Appeals

23 Maple Street
Arlington, Massachusetts 02476
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## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is herewith given in accordance with the provisions of Section 3.2.2A of the Zoning Bylaws that there has been an application filed by Kate and Anthony Gregorio of Arlington, MA. On November 21, 2023 a petition seeking permission to alter their property located at 9 Morton Road - Block Plan 135.0-0001-0006.0. Said petition would require a Variance under Section 5.9.2(B)(1)(Paragraph 5) of the Zoning Bylaw for the Town of Arlington.

A hearing in regards to the petition will be conducted remotely via "Zoom" Tuesday evening at 7:30 P.M on January 23, 2024 as soon thereafter as the petitioner may be heard. To join the meeting, please register using the following URL: https://www.arlingtonma.gov/town-governance/boards-and-committees/zoning-board-of-appeals/zba-calendar and choose the date of the meeting you wish to attend.

For documentation relating to this petition, visit the ZBA website 48 hours prior to the hearing at https://www.arlingtonma.gov/town-governance/boards-and-committees/zoning-board-of-appeals/agendas-minutes

DOCKET NO 3779

Zoning Board of Appeals
Christian Klein, RA, Chair
Please direct any questions to: ZBA@town.arlington.ma.us

SP-24-1
Special Use Permit
Application (ZBA)
Status: Active
Submitted On: 1/23/2024

Primary Location
9 MORTON RD
Arlington, MA 02476
Owner
GREGORIO ANTHONY J;
GREGORIO KATHARINE M
9 MORTON ROAD
ARLINGTON, MA 02476

Applicant
Kate Gregorio
+1 315-382-0559
@ katemgregorio@gmail.com
9 Morton Rd
Arlington, MA 02476

## Special Permit Criteria

Indicate where the requested use is listed in the Table of Use Regulations as allowed by Special Permit in the district for which the application is made or is so designated elsewhere in the Zoning Bylaw.*

Sections 5.3.13 and 5.9.2

Explain why the requested use is essential or desirable to the public convenience or welfare.*
The primary use will be as an extended office space for the current occupants of the existing home, reducing traffic and emissions required for commuting to an office elsewhere. Secondary use will be as a living space for one of our parents, should they fall ill or unable to care for themselves, allowing our parents to age in place with us.

Explain why the requested use will not create undue traffic congestion, or unduly impair pedestrian safety.*
Neither the primary or secondary use would include any additional vehicles, and would in fact reduce traffic congestion. As far as pedestrian safety, the access point will be through our primary home's back door -- which should not impact public pedestrian traffic in any way.

Explain why the requested use will not overload any public water, drainage or sewer system, or any other municipal system to such an extent that the requested use or any developed use in the immediate area or any other area of the Town will be unduly subjected to hazards affecting health, safety or the general welfare.*

Our home currently houses 4 occupants in 4 bedrooms. This additional structure would not increase the occupancy unless one of our parents moves in, in which case the occupancy for the entire property would remain capped at 5 people, which is well within the load intended for a single family house in R1 zoning.

Describe how any special regulations for the use, as may be provided in the Zoning Bylaw, including but not limited to the provisions of Section 8 are fulfilled.*

Section 8.1.6 : Reduction or Increase

We are requesting a variance in setback regulations, from 6 feet to 3.5 feet. Our property boundary has a unique shape which tapers toward the back, and has a number of mature trees/plantings that result in limited space available for construction. The irregular shape of our lot restricts our ability to meet the standard 6 ' setbacks required by the Zoning Bylaw.

Strict enforcement of the 6' setbacks would create substantial hardship for our plans. Adhering to these setback requirements would force us to significantly reduce the size of the accessory dwelling unit or even prevent us from constructing it altogether. This reduction in living space could negatively impact the functionality and long-term usability of the ADU.

Granting this variance would not be detrimental to the public good. The proposed ADU will comply with all other aspects of the Zoning Bylaw, including height, lot coverage, and design standards. Furthermore, it aligns with the town's encouragement of ADU development (Section 5.9.2 A). Our neighbors have expressed support for the project, and we have taken steps to ensure that the ADU's design is in harmony with the surrounding properties.

Explain why the requested use will not impair the integrity or character of the district or adjoining districts, nor be detrimental to the health or welfare.*

The main purpose of the setback requirements is to ensure adequate spacing between structures for safety and aesthetics. The proposed "ADU" structure will maintain a reasonable distance from adjacent properties and will not compromise safety or the aesthetic character of the neighborhood. Additionally, it supports the town's policy to promote accessory dwelling units as a means to address housing needs while respecting the existing neighborhood context.
In more detail:

- We will still have 3.5'+ setbacks on all sides which is more than some other ADUs in Arlington (which have either been granted Variance Permits or Special Use Permits). - Many of our neighbors have out-buildings within 3' of our property lines.
- This structure would still be more than 100' away from any other dwellings due to the lot sizes of the neighboring properties.
- Most neighbors wouldn't be able to see it at all due to the trees and privacy property fence already in place.


## Explain why the requested use will not, by its addition to a neighborhood, cause an excess of the use that could be detrimental to the character of said neighborhood.*

The primary use will be as an extended office space for the current occupants of the existing home. Secondary use will be as a living space for one of our parents, should they fall ill or unable to care for themselves. Neither of these use cases will substantially impact the number of occupants of the property as a whole, or change the character of how we use our property in any way.

## Dimensional and Parking Information

Present Use/Occupancy *<br>SF Residential

Proposed Use/Occupancy *
Residential

## Existing Number of Dwelling Units*

1

## Proposed Number of Dwelling Units*

2

| Existing Gross Floor Area (Sq. Ft.)* | Proposed Gross Floor Area (Sq. Ft.)* |
| :--- | :--- |
| 2250 | 2450 |

Existing Lot Size (Sq. Ft.)*
7744

Minimum Lot Size required by Zoning*
6000

Proposed Frontage (ft.)*
80

Existing Floor Area Ratio*
0.29

Max. Floor Area Ratio required by Zoning*
0.35

Proposed Lot Coverage (\%)*
0.158

Existing Lot Area per Dwelling Unit (Sq. Ft.)* 7740

Minimum Lot Area per Dwelling Unit required by Zoning*

0

Existing Lot Coverage (\%)*
0.145

Max. Lot Coverage required by Zoning*
0.35

Proposed Lot Area per Dwelling Unit (Sq. Ft.)* 3872

Existing Front Yard Depth (ft.)*
30

| Proposed Front Yard Depth (ft.)* | Minimum Front Yard Depth required by Zoning* |
| :---: | :---: |
| 30 | 0 |
| Existing Left Side Yard Depth (ft.)* | Proposed Left Side Yard Depth (ft.)* |
| 0 | 3.5 |
| Minimum Left Side Yard Depth required by Zoning* | Existing Right Side Yard Depth (ft.)* |
| 6 | 0 |
| Proposed Right Side Yard Depth (ft.)* | Minimum Right Side Yard Depth required by Zoning* |
| 3.5 | 6 |
| Existing Rear Yard Depth (ft.)* | Proposed Rear Yard Depth (ft.)* |
| 0 | 3.5 |
| Minimum Rear Yard Depth required by Zoning* | Existing Height (stories) |
| 6 | 0 |
| Proposed Height (stories)* | Maximum Height (stories) required by Zoning* |
| 1 | 2.5 |
| Existing Height (ft.)* | Proposed Height (ft.)* |
| 0 | 10 |

For additional information on the Open Space requirements, please refer to Section 2 of the Zoning Bylaw.

| Existing Landscaped Open Space (Sq. Ft.)* | Proposed Landscaped Open Space (Sq. Ft.)* |
| :---: | :---: |
| 5780 | 5580 |
| Existing Landscaped Open Space (\% of GFA)* | Proposed Landscaped Open Space (\% of GFA)* |
| 74 | 72 |
| Minimum Landscaped Open Space (\% of GFA) required by Zoning* <br> 0 | Existing Usable Open Space (Sq. Ft.)* $4875$ |
| Proposed Usable Open Space (Sq. Ft.)* | Existing Usable Open Space (\% of GFA)* |
| 4409 | 63 |
| Proposed Usable Open Space (\% of GFA)* | Minimum Usable Open Space required by Zoning* |
| 57 | 0 |
| Existing Number of Parking Spaces* | Proposed Number of Parking Spaces* |
| 4 | 4 |
| Minimum Number of Parking Spaces required by Zoning* <br> 0 | Existing Parking area setbacks 0 |
| Proposed Parking area setbacks * O | Minimum Parking Area Setbacks required by Zoning* <br> 0 |

Existing Number of Loading Spaces
0

Minimum Number of Loading Spaces required by Zoning*

0

Proposed Slope of proposed roof(s) (in. per ft.)*
0.2

Minimum Slope of Proposed Roof(s) required by Zoning*

0
$\begin{array}{ll} & 0 \\ \text { Existing type of construction* } & \text { Pr } \\ 0 & \mathrm{~V}\end{array}$
$\begin{array}{ll} & 0 \\ \text { Existing type of construction* } & \text { Pr } \\ 0 & \mathrm{~V}\end{array}$
Proposed Number of Loading Spaces*
0

Existing Slope of proposed roof(s) (in. per ft.)* 0

Open Space Information

| Existing Total Lot Area* | Proposed Total Lot Area* |
| :--- | :--- |
| 7740 | 7740 |


| Existing Open Space, Usable* | Proposed Open Space, Usable* |
| :--- | :--- |
| 4875 | 4409 |

Existing Open Space, Landscaped*
5780
Proposed Open Space, Landscaped*
5580

## Gross Floor Area Information

Basement or Cellar, Existing Gross Floor Area (3)
1125

1st Floor, Existing Gross Floor Area
1125

1st Floor, Proposed Gross Floor Area
1125

2nd Floor, Proposed Gross Floor Area
$\qquad$

3rd Floor, Proposed Gross Floor Area -

4th Floor, Proposed Gross Floor Area -

5th Floor, Proposed Gross Floor Area

Attic, Proposed Gross Floor Area

Parking Garages, Proposed Gross Floor Area

Basement or Cellar, Proposed Gross Floor Area 1125

New Field
$\qquad$

2nd Floor, Existing Gross Floor Area -

3rd Floor, Existing Gross Floor Area

4th Floor, Existing Gross Floor Area

5th Floor, Existing Gross Floor Area

Attic, Existing Gross Floor Area (2)

Parking Garages, Existing Gross Floor Area (3)

All weather habitable porches and balconies, Existing Gross Floor Area

All weather habitable porches and balconies， Proposed Gross Floor Area

Total Existing Gross Floor Area

2250盿晶

Total Proposed Gross Floor Area
2450喟


No. 9
SPLIT LEVEL


7,744 $\pm$ SF


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SITE PLAN
9 Morton Rd
Arlington, MA 02476
Parcel ID: ARLI M:135.0 B:0001 L:0006
Lot area: 0.18 Acres
Paper Size: 11"x17"
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Current Size: 10x20x8

From: Kate and Anthony Gregorio, 9 Morton Rd. Arlington MA 02476
To: Zoning Board of Appeals, Arlington MA
On: ZBA Meeting, Tuesday March 12, 2024
Regarding: Continuance Request

Dear Chairman and Board Members,

We are writing to request a continuance to our ZBA Special Use/Variance Permit Application. We do not yet have plans ready to share with the board.

If possible, we'd like to defer until May, as we anticipate a delay and slowdown in the coming months.

Thank you for your time,

Anthony and Kate Gregorio
9 Morton Rd


## Town of Arlington, Massachusetts

| Docket \#3781 165 Franklin Street (continuance) |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| ATTACHMENTS: |  |  |  |
|  | Type | File Name | Description |
| $\square$ | Reference Material | \#3781_165_Franklin_Street_Special_Permit.pdf | \#3781 165 Franklin <br> Street Special <br> Permit |
| $\square$ | Reference Material | \#3781_165_Franklin_Street_Legal_ad.pdf | \#3781 165 Franklin <br> Street Legal ad |
| $\square$ | Reference Material | 23057_-_165_Franklin_St.Arlington_MA_INITIAL_SET.pdf | 165 Franklin St. Initial Drawings |
| $\square$ | Reference Material | 165_Franklin_St._Second_Decision_AHC.pdf | 165 Franklin St. Second Decision AHC 02052024 |
| $\square$ | Reference Material | ARL.182_Inventory_165-167_Franklin_St.__1850.pdf | ARL. 182 Inventory 165-167 Franklin St 1850 AHC 020524 |
| $\square$ | Reference Material | 23057_-_165_Franklin_St.Arlington__MA_AHC_09JAN24_(1).pdf | 23057-165 <br> Franklin St.Arlington, MA AHC 09JAN24 |
| $\square$ | Reference Material | 23057_-_165_Franklin_St.Arlington__MA_-_9JAN24_(11X17).pdf | $\begin{aligned} & 23057-165 \\ & \text { Franklin } \\ & \text { St.Arlington, MA - } \\ & \text { 9JAN24 (11X17) } \end{aligned}$ |
| $\square$ | Reference Material | 23057_-_165_Franklin_St.Arlington__MA_9JAN24.pdf | 23057-165 <br> Franklin St.Arlington, MA 9JAN24 |
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| $\square$ | Reference Material | 23057__165_Franklin_St_Arlington__MA__7MAR24_ZBA11X17.pdf | 165 Franklin St Arlington MA 7MAR24 |
| $\square$ | Reference Material | \#3781_165_Franklin_St._Arlington_MA_GFA_3-12-2024.pdf | \#3781 165 Franklin St. Arlington MA GFA 3-12-2024 |
| $\square$ | Reference Material | \#3781_65_Franklin_St_Arlington_MA_Z0_3-12-2024.pdf | \#3781 65 Franklin St Arlington MA ZO 3-12-2024 |
| $\square$ | Reference Material | 23057__165_Franklin_St_Arlington__MA _ 9APRIL24_ZBA11X17.pd | \#3781 165 Franklin Street 04-04-2024 |

SP-23-8
Special Use Permit
Application (ZBA)
Status: Active
Submitted On: 12/7/2023

Primary Location
165 FRANKLIN ST
Arlington, MA 02474
Owner
Kristen Germano
FRANKLIN ST 165

Applicant

- Gregory Zalanskas
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34 Birch Rd
MA Andover, Ma 01810

ARLINGTON, MA 02474

## Special Permit Criteria

Indicate where the requested use is listed in the Table of Use Regulations as allowed by Special Permit in the district for which the application is made or is so designated elsewhere in the Zoning Bylaw.*

## 5,4,2,B,6 large additions

Explain why the requested use is essential or desirable to the public convenience or welfare.*
Larger Dwellings units and generous lot will be desirable to families, and long term ownership.

Explain why the requested use will not create undue traffic congestion, or unduly impair pedestrian safety.* the intensity of use ,or occupancy does not change from the existing two family residence.

Explain why the requested use will not overload any public water, drainage or sewer system, or any other municipal system to such an extent that the requested use or any developed use in the immediate area or any other area of the Town will be unduly subjected to hazards affecting health, safety or the general welfare.* there is no increase in the number of households and therefore will not result in an increased burden on systems and services.

Describe how any special regulations for the use, as may be provided in the Zoning Bylaw, including but not limited to the provisions of Section 8 are fulfilled.*
the increase in area will conform to the required setbacks, allowed height, and lot coverage.

Explain why the requested use will not impair the integrity or character of the district or adjoining districts, nor be detrimental to the health or welfare.*
the proposed \& renovated structure will be in keeping with adjacent structures, and shall not be detrimental to the health or welfare of the neighborhood.

Explain why the requested use will not, by its addition to a neighborhood, cause an excess of the use that could be detrimental to the character of said neighborhood.*
the use remains a 2 family residence, the massing of 2 attached homes, and character of the structure will be similar to that of detached single family structures in the vicinity.

## Dimensional and Parking Information

| Present Use/Occupancy * | Proposed Use/Occupancy * |
| :--- | :--- |
| two family | two family |
| Existing Number of Dwelling Units* | Proposed Number of Dwelling Units* |
| 2 | 2 |
| Existing Gross Floor Area (Sq. Ft.)* |  |
| 4102 | 7563 |
|  |  |
| Existing Lot Size (Sq. Ft.)* | Proposed Lot Size (Sq. Ft.)* © |


| Minimum Lot Size required by Zoning* | Existing Frontage (ft.)* |
| :---: | :---: |
| 6000 | 56 |
| Proposed Frontage (ft.)* | Minimum Frontage required by Zoning* |
| 56 | 60 |
| Existing Floor Area Ratio* | Proposed Floor Area Ratio* |
| 0.37 | 0.68 |
| Max. Floor Area Ratio required by Zoning* | Existing Lot Coverage (\%)* |
| -1 | 15 |
| Proposed Lot Coverage (\%)* | Max. Lot Coverage required by Zoning* |
| 28.5 | 35 |
| Existing Lot Area per Dwelling Unit (Sq. Ft.)* | Proposed Lot Area per Dwelling Unit (Sq. Ft.)* |
| 5544 | 5544 |
| Minimum Lot Area per Dwelling Unit required by | Existing Front Yard Depth (ft.)* |
| Zoning* | 37 |
| 3000 |  |
| Proposed Front Yard Depth (ft.)* | Minimum Front Yard Depth required by Zoning* |
| 37 | 20 |
| Existing Left Side Yard Depth (ft.)* | Proposed Left Side Yard Depth (ft.)* |
| 8.8 | 9 |


| Minimum Left Side Yard Depth required by Zoning* | Existing Right Side Yard Depth (ft.)* |
| :--- | :--- |
| 10 | 11.8 |
| Proposed Right Side Yard Depth (ft.)* |  |
| 11.2 | Minimum Right Side Yard Depth required by Zoning* |
| Existing Rear Yard Depth (ft.)* | 10 |
| 94.5 | Proposed Rear Yard Depth (ft.)* |
|  | 32.2 |
| Minimum Rear Yard Depth required by Zoning* | Existing Height (stories) |
| 11 | 2.5 |
| Proposed Height (stories)* | Maximum Height (stories) required by Zoning* |
| 2.5 | 2.5 |
| Existing Height (ft.)* | Proposed Height (ft.)* |
| 32.25 | 32.88 |

Maximum Height (ft.) required by Zoning*
35

For additional information on the Open Space requirements, please refer to Section 2 of the Zoning Bylaw.

Existing Landscaped Open Space (Sq. Ft.)*
5948

Proposed Landscaped Open Space (Sq. Ft.)*
6125

| Existing Landscaped Open Space (\% of GFA)* | Proposed Landscaped Open Space (\% of GFA)* |
| :--- | :--- |
| 250 | 81 |

Minimum Landscaped Open Space (\% of GFA) required by Zoning*

## 10

Proposed Usable Open Space (Sq. Ft.)* 3468

Proposed Usable Open Space (\% of GFA)* 46

Existing Number of Parking Spaces*
4

Minimum Number of Parking Spaces required by Zoning*

2

Proposed Parking area setbacks *

## 64

Existing Number of Loading Spaces
0

Minimum Number of Loading Spaces required by Zoning*

Minimum Parking Area Setbacks required by
Zoning*
20
Existing Usable Open Space (\% of GFA)* 201

Minimum Usable Open Space required by Zoning* 30

## Proposed Number of Parking Spaces*

4

Existing Parking area setbacks
$\qquad$

20

Proposed Number of Loading Spaces*
0

Existing Slope of proposed roof(s) (in. per ft.)* 8

0

Proposed Slope of proposed roof(s) (in. per ft.)*

## 8

Minimum Slope of Proposed Roof(s) required by Zoning*

2

Existing type of construction* wood

Proposed type of construction*
wood frame

## Open Space Information

| Existing Total Lot Area* | Proposed Total Lot Area* |
| :--- | :--- |
| 11088 | 11088 |
| Existing Open Space, Usable* | Proposed Open Space, Usable* |
| 5948 | 3468 |
|  |  |
| Existing Open Space, Landscaped* | Proposed Open Space, Landscaped* |
| 250 | 81 |

## Gross Floor Area Information

Accessory Building, Existing Gross Floor Area
0

Basement or Cellar, Existing Gross Floor Area (2)
1159

1st Floor, Existing Gross Floor Area
1661
New Field
0

| 1st Floor，Proposed Gross Floor Area | 2nd Floor，Existing Gross Floor Area |
| :---: | :---: |
| 2474 | 1183 |
| 2nd Floor，Proposed Gross Floor Area | 3rd Floor，Existing Gross Floor Area |
| 2567 | 0 |
| 3rd Floor，Proposed Gross Floor Area | 4th Floor，Existing Gross Floor Area |
| 0 | 0 |
| 4th Floor，Proposed Gross Floor Area | 5th Floor，Existing Gross Floor Area |
| 0 | 0 |
| 5th Floor，Proposed Gross Floor Area | Attic，Existing Gross Floor Area © |
| 0 | 99 |
| Attic，Proposed Gross Floor Area | Parking Garages，Existing Gross Floor Area © |
| 558 | 0 |
| Parking Garages，Proposed Gross Floor Area $606$ | All weather habitable porches and balconies， Existing Gross Floor Area <br> 0 |
| All weather habitable porches and balconies， Proposed Gross Floor Area | Total Existing Gross Floor Area |
| $0$ | 4102 垴 |
| Total Proposed Gross Floor Area |  |
| 8169 㛺搨 |  |

## Attachments

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## 23057-165 Franklin St.Arlington MA INITIAL SET.pdf

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Uploaded by Gregory Zalanskas on Dec 8, 2023 at 2:35 PM

Supporting Documentation [worksheet and drawings]
REQUIRED
plans 165 Franklin St. Arlington MA - 1st set for special permit.pdf
Uploaded by Gregory Zalanskas on Dec 7, 2023 at 3:59 PM

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Activity

Gregory Zalanskas started a draft of Record SP-23-8
Gregory Zalanskas altered Record SP-23-8, changed ownerEmail from "" to "greg.zalanskas@comcast.net" Gregory Zalanskas altered Record SP-23-8, changed ownerName from "CHELARIU CRISTIAN" to "Kristen Germano"

Gregory Zalanskas altered Record SP-23-8, changed ownerPhoneNo from "" to "6175290332"

Gregory Zalanskas altered Record SP-23-8, changed ownerStreetName from "165 FRANKLIN ST" to " FRANKLIN ST" Gregory Zalanskas altered Record SP-23-8, changed ownerStreetNo from "" to "165"

Gregory Zalanskas submitted Record SP-23-8
Gregory Zalanskas submitted Record SP-23-8
approval step Zoning Administrator Reviewwas assigned to Colleen
Ralston on Record SP-23-8
Gregory Zalanskas added attachment 23057-165 Franklin St.Arlington MA INITIAL SET.pdf to Record SP-23-8

Colleen Ralston approved approval step Zoning Administrator Review on Record SP-23-8

| Date | Activity |
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| 12/11/2023,11:40:32 | approval step Building Inspector Reviewwas assigned to Michael |
| AM | Ciampa on Record SP-23-8 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { 12/13/2023, 10:02:56 } \\ & \text { AM } \end{aligned}$ | Kerri O'Brien changed Existing Gross Floor Area (Sq. Ft.) from "4258" to "4102" on Record SP-23-8 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { 12/13/2023, 10:02:56 } \\ & \text { AM } \end{aligned}$ | Kerri O'Brien changed Proposed Gross Floor Area (Sq. Ft.) from "6102" to "7563" on Record SP-23-8 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { 12/13/2023, 10:02:56 } \\ & \text { AM } \end{aligned}$ | Kerri O'Brien changed Existing Floor Area Ratio from " 0.38 " to "0.37" on Record SP-23-8 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { 12/13/2023, 10:02:56 } \\ & \text { AM } \end{aligned}$ | Kerri O'Brien changed Proposed Floor Area Ratio from " 0.55 " to " 0.68 " on Record SP-23-8 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { 12/13/2023, 10:02:56 } \\ & \text { AM } \end{aligned}$ | Kerri O'Brien changed Max. Floor Area Ratio required by Zoning from "0" to "-1" on Record SP-23-8 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { 12/13/2023, 10:02:56 } \\ & \text { AM } \end{aligned}$ | Kerri O'Brien changed Proposed Lot Coverage (\%) from "28" to "28.5" on Record SP-23-8 |
| $\begin{aligned} & 12 / 13 / 2023,10: 02: 56 \\ & \text { AM } \end{aligned}$ | Kerri O'Brien changed Existing Rear Yard Depth (ft.) from "94.63" to "94.5" on Record SP-23-8 |
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| $\begin{aligned} & \text { 12/13/2023, 10:02:56 } \\ & \text { AM } \end{aligned}$ | Kerri O'Brien changed Existing Landscaped Open Space (\% of GFA) from "139" to "250" on Record SP-23-8 |
| $\begin{aligned} & 12 / 13 / 2023,10: 02: 56 \\ & \text { AM } \end{aligned}$ | Kerri O'Brien changed Proposed Landscaped Open Space (\% of GFA) from "57" to "81" on Record SP-23-8 |
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| $\begin{aligned} & \text { 12/13/2023, 10:02:56 } \\ & \text { AM } \end{aligned}$ | Kerri O'Brien changed Proposed Parking area setbacks from "65" to "64" on Record SP-23-8 |
| $\begin{aligned} & 12 / 13 / 2023,10: 04: 41 \\ & \text { AM } \end{aligned}$ | Kerri O'Brien changed Minimum Parking Area Setbacks required by Zoning from "15" to "20" on Record SP-23-8 |
| 12/13/2023, 10:04:41 AM | Kerri O'Brien changed Minimum Slope of Proposed Roof(s) required by Zoning from "0" to "2" on Record SP-23-8 |

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## Activity

Kerri O'Brien changed Existing Open Space, Landscaped from "139" to "250" on Record SP-23-8

Kerri O'Brien changed Proposed Open Space, Landscaped from "57" to "81" on Record SP-23-8

Kerri O'Brien changed Basement or Cellar, Proposed Gross Floor Area from "1936" to "1964" on Record SP-23-8

Kerri O'Brien changed Total Proposed Gross Floor Area from "8644" to "8169" on Record SP-23-8

Kerri O'Brien changed Attic, Existing Gross Floor Area from "255" to "99" on Record SP-23-8

Kerri O'Brien changed Total Existing Gross Floor Area from "4258" to "4102" on Record SP-23-8

Kerri O'Brien changed Attic, Proposed Gross Floor Area from "1061" to "558" on Record SP-23-8

## Timeline

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| $\checkmark$ Zoning Administrator | 12/7/2023, | 12/11/2023, | Colleen | - |
| Review | 4:01:03 PM | 11:40:32 AM | Ralston |  |
| $\checkmark$ Building Inspector | 12/11/2023, |  | Michael | - |
| Review | 11:40:32 AM |  | Ciampa |  |
| $\checkmark$ Create Docket Number | - | - | - | - |
| $\checkmark$ Create Legal Notice | - | - | - | - |
| $\checkmark$ Legal Notice Stamped by Town Clerk | - | - | - | - |
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| $\checkmark$ Send Legal Notice to Newspaper | - | - | - | - |
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| $\checkmark$ Create Docket Folder (Z Drive) | - | - | - | - |


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| Create Item in Novus Agenda (add documents) | - | - | - | - |
| $\checkmark$ Add Item to Meeting Agenda | - | - | - | - |
| $\checkmark$ Building Inspector letter to Novus Agenda | - | - | - | - |
| Create Meeting for Town Calendar | - | - | - | - |
| $\checkmark$ Add Draft decision to the Meeting Agenda | - | - | - | - |
| $\checkmark$ Approved Decisions send to Docusign | - | - | - | - |
| Completed Decisions to the Town Clerk for Date Stamp | - | - | - | - |
| $\checkmark$ Completed Decisions with Date Stamp add to the Docket Folder | - | - | - | - |
| $\checkmark$ Permit Issued 20 days after decision (signed and stamped)* | - | - | - | - |
| (\$ Application Fee | - | - | Gregory Zalanskas | - |

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## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is herewith given in accordance with the provisions of Section 3.2.2 of the Zoning Bylaws that there has been filed, by 165 Franklin Street, LLC of Arlington, MA. on December 7, 2023, a petition seeking to alter their property located at 165 Franklin Street - Block Plan 044.0-0001-0013.0. Said petition would require a Special Permit under Section 5.4.2(B)(6) of the Zoning Bylaw for the Town of Arlington.

A hearing in regards to the petition will be conducted remotely via "Zoom" Tuesday evening at 7:30 P.M on February 13, 2024, as soon thereafter as the petitioner may be heard. To join the meeting, please register using the following URL: https://www.arlingtonma.gov/town-governance/boards-and-committees/zoning-board-of-appeals/zba-calendar and choose the date of the meeting you wish to attend.

For documentation relating to this petition, visit the ZBA website 48 hours prior to the hearing at https://www.arlingtonma.gov/town-governance/boards-and-committees/zoning-board-of-appeals/agendas-minutes

DOCKET NO 3781

Zoning Board of Appeals

Christian Klein, RA, Chair

Please direct any questions to: ZBA@town.arlington.ma.us
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165-167 FRANKLIN STREET ARLINGTON, MA


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## Memorandum

DATE: January 30, 2024
TO: Michael Ciampa, Director, Arlington Inspectional Services
CC: zba@town.arlington.ma.us
FROM: JoAnn Robinson, Chair, Arlington Historical Commission
RE: 165 Franklin Street-Second Phase Decision

This address is included on the Arlington Historical Commission Inventory of Significant Properties. The significant Greek revival building was built about 1850 . Please see the attached inventory which describes the existing status in 1980.
At the meeting on January 9, 2024 the Arlington Historical Commission voted to approve the following.

The Commissioners approved the plans to build the garage and additional residence at the back of the original house. The plan for this addition is attached to this email. Once again, we will monitor the materials for all windows, siding, trim, etc. for the garage and second residence.
A motion was made by Commissioner Stange to move forward on the plans that describe the footprint and the dimensions of the addition behind the original building. Commissioner Schaefer seconded the motion and a roll call vote was taken and all voted in favor of the motion.

Please let me know if you have any questions.
Regards


JoAnn Robinson
Chair, Arlington Historical Commission

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Historic Name:
Common Name:
Address:
City/Town:
Village/Neighborhood:
Local No:
Year Constructed:
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Use(s):
Significance:
Area(s):
Designation(s):
Building Materials:
Demolished

## ARL. 182

Jones, William H. House

165-167 Franklin St

Arlington
Arlington Center;
155;
C 1850
Greek Revival;
Multiple Family Dwelling House; Single Family Dwelling House;
Architecture;

Roof: Asphalt Shingle;
Wall: Wood; Wood Clapboard;
No

The Massachusetts Historical Commission (MHC) has converted this paper record to digital format as part of ongoing projects to scan records of the Inventory of Historic Assets of the Commonwealth and National Register of Historic Places nominations for Massachusetts. Efforts are ongoing and not all inventory or National Register records related to this resource may be available in digital format at this time.

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts<br>Massachusetts Historical Commission 220 Morrissey Boulevard, Boston, Massachusetts 02125<br>www.sec.state.ma.us/mhc

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 Arlington, MA.

565-167 Franklin Street
ic Name William H. Jones House
riginal residential
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hip: [] Private individual
Private organization
ri F. and Patricia M. Racily
Public $\qquad$
riginal owner
William H. Jones

PION:
location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings or geographical features.
Indicate north.

Date C. 1850

Source Arlington maps and directories
Style Greek Revival/ Frame Vernacular hybrid
Architect $\qquad$
Exterior wall fabric clapboard
Outbuildings $\qquad$

Major alterations (with dates) $\qquad$
$\qquad$
$\qquad$
Moved $\qquad$ Date $\qquad$
Approx. acreage less than 1 acre
Setting $\qquad$
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ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE (describe important architectural features and evaluate in terms of other buildings within community)

One of the few houses in Northeast Arlington which possesses characteristics of a specific architectural style, this Greek Revival dwelling dates to Ca. 1850. Most of the houses on Franklin Street date to the early 20th Century. Its main facade is three bays long. Its main entrance is enframed by wide pilasters and a heavy entablature. The length of the windows to the right of the the the entrance has been reduced. Its stylistic affiliation notwithstanding, this residence plainly betrays its vernacular origins in the treatment of simple rear eaves and fenestration.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE (explain the role owners played in local or state history and how the building relates to the development of the community)

This house is the southernmost of a trio of houses on Northern Franklin Street built during the mid 19th Century. From the 1860's until the 1880 's it was the residence of William H. Jones. He is listed in the Arlington Mass. Business Directories as a clerk in 1869-70 and as a poultry dealer in 1883. By 1890 another poultry dealer, James H. Russell, occupied this dwelling.

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1875 Beers \& Co. Atlas
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165 FRANKLIN ST.
ARLINGTON, MA
STRUCTURAL NOTES: ARLINGTON, MA LOADS, PER 780 CMR: LIVE LOADS

30lb.s/SF (BEDROOMS)
GROUND SNOW LOAD 40lb.s/SF (OTHER ROOMS

WIND LOAD 401b.s/SF

ZONING DISTRICT R2- TWO- FAMILY

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## LR Designs

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A3.1 PROPOSED BUILDING DETAILS





BASEMENT PLAN
1/8" = 1'-0"


FIRST FLOOR PLAN
1/8" = 1'-0"




ATTIC PLAN
1/8" = 1'-0"





ATTIC PLAN
1/16" = 1'-0"


SECOND FLOOR PLAN











CORNER BOARD DETAILS
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B Mangrum [benjamin.mangrum@gmail.com](mailto:benjamin.mangrum@gmail.com)
To:ZBA
Mon 2/12/2024 9:33 PM
Hello,
I am writing to express opposition to the petition for a special permit to alter the property located at 165 Franklin Street. My name is Ben Mangrum, and I live at 37 Hamlet Street, which abuts the property in question.

Please forgive the length of this email, but I believe there are several reasons that the Zoning Board of Appeals should not grant the developer's petition. I outline these reasons as follows:

1. I am aware that bylaw 5.4.2.B.6 states that no alteration above 750 square feet or $50 \%$ or more of the building's gross floor area should be permitted unless the alteration is (a) within the existing foundation, or (b) the alteration is in harmony with other structures and uses in the vicinity. The developer's plan obviously does not stay within the existing foundation. Therefore, the only allowable justification for such a large addition would be if the large addition were harmonious with other properties in the area. As a resident in an abutting property, I can attest that the proposed addition would not be harmonious with my property or my neighbors' homes. There is no home in the vicinity that resembles the proposed alteration in size (gross floor area), look, or layout across the property line.
2. The developer's petition claims "the use remains a 2 family residence" and the "character of the structure will be similar to that of detached single family structures in the vicinity." This explanation contradicts the rationale for a large addition while also being misleading in its characterization of the structures in the vicinity.
3. If the existing structure is already divided into a two-family home, why does the neighborhood need a large addition to allow for a second family to live on the property? Two families can already live at 165-167 Franklin Street in the current size and structure of the property. The only reason for the large addition is the developer's profit, and the Town Bylaws do not allow for profit as an adequate justification for a large addition.
4. The developer's justification is also misleading because the large addition would not be continuous with prior use. In the "Dimensional and Parking Information" of the developer's petition (p. 63 of the Agenda Meeting document), the developer implies that there were 2 dwelling units and the large addition would be consistent with this prior use. However, the previous owner only had one structure divided into a two-family dwelling, so the implication that the large addition is consistent with the prior land use is misleading. This is a second structure for dwelling; no other nearby properties include a second structure of this kind. I plead with the Zoning Board to notice the developer's misleading representation of the addition.
5. Perhaps there is a technicality in which the proposed addition stays within the letter of the bylaws in terms of being a single continuous structure. I am not a lawyer, so I cannot speak to the letter of the law. However, the proposed addition obviously breaks with the spirit of the bylaws. Having a second dwelling structure connected by only a garage would be a total rupture from the kinds of structures in the neighborhood. I cannot believe that either the Town as a people or the Bylaws as the expression of our local government envisioned such a proposed alteration as a permissible land use, much less as a justification for a large addition.
6. The proposed addition would also be an aesthetic eye sore. It would mar the historic character of the surrounding homes.
7. I moved to 37 Hamlet Street in July 2022. I moved into my new home with the expectation that my backyard would overlook my neighbor's backyard, as was the case with the previous owner. I have attached pictures that show the current view from my backyard. The developer's plan would ruin this view by erecting a 2 or 2.5 story structure. The negative consequences of this large addition for my property include:
8. My children would be visible from the windows of this second dwelling structure as they play in my yard.
9. I would not be able to see sky and trees as I currently do.
10. Rather than seeing sky and trees, I would look from my window to see a 2 or 2.5 -story dwelling that I had no reason to expect the town would allow to be built when I purchased my home a year and a half ago. Permitting this large addition would fundamentally change the way I experience my new home.
11. I also worry that the large addition would create noise, light, and other nuisances that would change the character of the neighborhood. How will the proposed large addition provide light to its driveway and front yard? The light would by necessity shine into the backyards and windows of the abutting properties, particularly those on Hamlet Street. Having a second family live in the backside of the lot at 165 Franklin St would be completely incongruous with the neighborhood and create new, unnecessary conflicts between neighbors. Again, this conflict would mar the character of the neighborhood, but it would inevitable because of the design of the proposed large addition.
12. Currently, the driveway at 165 Franklin does not extend to my back fence. Allowing the developer to extend the driveway and build a large addition would create noise, carlights, and other disturbances that would betray the land use I had good reason to expect when purchasing the home in 2022. How would the residents of the second home get to their front doors on the backside of the property? They would need to use an extended driveway that would be adjacent to my backyard. If approved, the petition would mean that my backyard would be beset by lights, noise, car traffic, and I would also suffer a substantial loss of privacy.
13. Although the lot is long and narrow, this shape does not mean that square footage of living space should run the length of that property. Property shape is not in itself a license to build. Just as a profit-motive is not listed in the Bylaws as an adequate justification for a large addition, it is also the case that "because there's space" is not an adequate justification. Allowing the large addition would only benefit the corporate developer, who doesn't live in the neighborhood.
14. The large addition does not address the need for more housing in Arlington. Because the current structure at 165 Franklin Street already allows for two families, extending the habitable structure (i.e. square feet of living space) by more than double would not allow for more families to move to Arlington. It would only allow the developer to make more profit off the sale of the property.
15. The large addition would not bring more affordable housing to Arlington. In fact, the large square footage created would be more unaffordable for families of modest income. Preserving the historic character of the current structure on the property is more likely to provide an affordable home for two families.
16. Finally, I would like to reject the implication in the developer's petition that this large addition might benefit the abutting properties. How? It will not increase our property values, because the resale of our homes will be marred by the view of a 2 or 2.5 story second structure from our backyard. Again, the proposed large addition only benefits the developer, who does not have the right (according to Town Bylaws) to make such a large addition unless it is harmonious with the vicinity. And as I have shown in the points above, the large addition is not harmonious with the neighborhood.

Thank you for considering these points. Kind regards,




165 FRANKLIN ST.
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| A2.1 PROPOSED ELEVATIONS | $\bullet$ |
| A3.1 PROPOSED BUILDING DETAILS | $\bullet$ |








FIRST FLOOR PLAN
1/8" = 1'-0"




ATTIC PLAN
1/8" = 1'-0"










PREVIOUS PROPOSED


FRONT ELEVATION
1/16" = 1'-0"


RIGHT SIDE ELEVATION
1/16" = 1'-0"


CURRENT PROPOSED


PREVIOUSLY PROPOSED



1/16" = 1'-0"




CORNER BOARD DETAILS
$1 / 4$ " = 1'-0"

| BUILDING AREA CALCULATIONS (GROSS SQ. FT.) - ZONING |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | EXIST. AREA <br> (ASSESSORS) | APPLICATION <br> (TOTAL AREA) | PREVIOUSLY <br> PROPOSED <br> (TOTALAREA) | CURRENT <br> PROPOSED <br> (TOTAL AREA) | CURRENT <br> PROPOSED <br> TOTAL <br> ADDITION |  |
| BASEMENT (CELLAR) | 1,159 | 1,964 | 2,355 | 1,927 |  |  |
| 1ST FLOOR | 1,661 | 2,474 | 2,490 | 2,603 |  |  |
| 2ND FLOOR | 1,183 | 2,567 | 2,371 | 2,603 |  |  |
| ATTIC (SURVEYED) | 99 | 558 | 452 | 493 |  |  |
| GARAGE (ACCESSORY <br> PARKING) | 0 | 606 | 548 | 549 |  |  |
| TOTAL GROSS FLOOR <br> AREA | 4102 | 7,563 | 7,668 | 7,077 | 2,975 |  |
| TOTAL GROSS AREA | 4102 | 8,169 | 8,216 | 7,626 |  |  |




| LIST OF DRAWINGS |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
|  | SPECIAL <br> PERMIT | SPECIAL <br> PERMIT |
| ISSUED | MAR. 6, <br> 2024 | APRIL9, <br> 2024 |
| COVER | $\bigcirc$ | $\bullet$ |
| Z0.1 ZONING INFORMATION | $\bigcirc$ | $\bullet$ |
| Z0.2 ZONING INFORMATION | $\bigcirc$ | $\bullet$ |
| SURVEY | $\bigcirc$ | $\bullet$ |
| EX1.1 EXISTING CONDITIONS: PLANS | $\bigcirc$ | $\bullet$ |
| EX1.2 EXISTING CONDITIONS: PLANS | $\bigcirc$ | $\bullet$ |
| EX2.1 EXISTING CONDITIONS: ELEVATIONS | $\bigcirc$ | $\bullet$ |
| A1.1 PROPOSED PLANS | $\bigcirc$ | $\bullet$ |
| A1.2 PROPOSED PLANS | $\bigcirc$ | $\bullet$ |
| A1.3 PROPOSED PLANS | $\bigcirc$ | $\bullet$ |
| A1.4 PROPOSED PLANS | $\bigcirc$ | $\bullet$ |
| A1.5 PROPOSED PLANS | $\bigcirc$ | $\bullet$ |
| A1.6 PROPOSED PLANS | $\bigcirc$ | $\bullet$ |
| A2.1 PROPOSED ELEVATIONS | $\bigcirc$ | $\bullet$ |
| A3.1 PROPOSED BUILDING DETAILS | $\bigcirc$ |  |








BASEMENT PLAN
1/8" = 1'-0"


FIRST FLOOR PLAN
1/8" = 1'-0"




ATTIC PLAN
1/8" = 1'-0"










PREVIOUS PROPOSED - March 12, 2024


PREVIOUS PROPOSED - January 2, 2024



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## Town of Arlington, Massachusetts

## Docket \#3788 70 Robbins Road

ATTACHMENTS:

Type
■ Reference Material

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ZBA_Memo_04-09-2024.pdf

Description
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Plan
ZBA Memo 04-09-2024 re 70 Robbins Road

Town of Arlington
Zoning Board of Appeals
51 Grove Street
Arlington, Massachusetts 02476
781-316-3396
www.arlingtonma.gov

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is herewith given in accordance with the provisions of Section 3.2.2 of the Zoning Bylaws that there has been filed, by Andrew and Janet Sparks of Arlington, MA. on February 27, 2024, a petition seeking to alter their property located at 70
Robbins Road - Block Plan 149.0-0003-0011.0. Said petition would require a Variance under Section 5.3.9(D) of the Zoning Bylaw for the Town of Arlington.

A hearing in regards to the petition will be conducted remotely via "Zoom" Tuesday evening at 7:30 P.M on April 9, 2024, as soon thereafter as the petitioner may be heard. To join the meeting, please register using the following URL: https://www.arlingtonma.gov/town-governance/boards-and-committees/zoning-board-of-appeals/zba-calendar and choose the date of the meeting you wish to attend.

For documentation relating to this petition, visit the ZBA website 48 hours prior to the hearing at https://www.arlingtonma.gov/town-governance/boards-and-committees/zoning-board-of-appeals/agendas-minutes

## DOCKET NO 3788

Zoning Board of Appeals

Christian Klein, RA, Chair

Please direct any questions to: ZBA@town.arlington.ma.us

SP-24-6
Special Use Permit
Application (ZBA)
Status: Active
Submitted On: 2/27/2024

Primary Location
70 ROBBINS RD
Arlington, MA 02476
Owner
SPARKS ANDREW W \& JANET
K
70 ROBBINS RD ARLINGTON, MA 02476

Applicant

- Walter Russell

271-799-4275
@ team@hshbuilds.com
24 Woodland Way
Ayer, MA 01432

## Special Permit Criteria

Indicate where the requested use is listed in the Table of Use Regulations as allowed by Special Permit in the district for which the application is made or is so designated elsewhere in the Zoning Bylaw.*

The requested use is permitted in the $\mathrm{R}-1$ zoning district through the granting of a special permit

Explain why the requested use is essential or desirable to the public convenience or welfare.*

The additional living space created from the front porch will allow the growing family to comfortably stay in their home.

Explain why the requested use will not create undue traffic congestion, or unduly impair pedestrian safety.*

There would not be an increase in traffic congestion or any impairment to pedestrians safety.

Explain why the requested use will not overload any public water, drainage or sewer system, or any other municipal system to such an extent that the requested use or any developed use in the immediate area or any other area of the Town will be unduly subjected to hazards affecting health, safety or the general welfare.*

There would be no change to the current usuage of vthe property and would not create additional burden on municipal systems.

Describe how any special regulations for the use, as may be provided in the Zoning Bylaw, including but not limited to the provisions of Section 8 are fulfilled.*

The propsoed project would not result in the need for special regulations.

Explain why the requested use will not impair the integrity or character of the district or adjoining districts, nor be detrimental to the health or welfare.*

70 Robbins Road was built in the mid 1920's along with many other similar houses on Robbins Road and the greater neighborhood. These houses typically included a front porch, and many have been enclosed over the 100 years since they were built. Two others on Robbins Road have successfully incorparated porch areas into their living spaces, at numbers 36 and 42 Robbins. Asethetically, an enclosed porch area is in keeping with the modifications to these 1920s houses, and will be maintaining the current massing. The roofline will be modified from and exisitng hip roof to a single plane shed roof for simplicity of building and insulating as well as an improved aesthetic.

Explain why the requested use will not, by its addition to a neighborhood, cause an excess of the use that could be detrimental to the character of said neighborhood.*

The proposed project will not cause any detrimental excesses.

## Dimensional and Parking Information

Present Use/Occupancy *
R1
Proposed Use/Occupancy *
R1

| Existing Number of Dwelling Units* | Proposed Number of Dwelling Units* |
| :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 1 |
| Existing Gross Floor Area (Sq. Ft.)* | Proposed Gross Floor Area (Sq. Ft.)* |
| 2511 | 2511 |
| Existing Lot Size (Sq. Ft.)* | Proposed Lot Size (Sq. Ft.)* ${ }^{*}$ |
| 5000 | 5000 |
| Minimum Lot Size required by Zoning* | Existing Frontage (ft.)* |
| 6000 | 50 |
| Proposed Frontage (ft.)* | Minimum Frontage required by Zoning* |
| 50 | 60 |
| Existing Floor Area Ratio* | Proposed Floor Area Ratio* |
| 0 | 0 |
| Max. Floor Area Ratio required by Zoning* | Existing Lot Coverage (\%)* |
| 0 | 22 |
| Proposed Lot Coverage (\%)* | Max. Lot Coverage required by Zoning* |
| 22 | 35 |
| Existing Lot Area per Dwelling Unit (Sq. Ft.)* | Proposed Lot Area per Dwelling Unit (Sq. Ft.)* |
| 0 | 0 |


| Minimum Lot Area per Dwelling Unit required by | Existing Front Yard Depth (ft.)* |
| :---: | :---: |
| Zoning* | 17.5 |
| 0 |  |
| Proposed Front Yard Depth (ft.)* | Minimum Front Yard Depth required by Zoning* |
| 17.5 | 25 |
| Existing Left Side Yard Depth (ft.)* | Proposed Left Side Yard Depth (ft.)* |
| 10.2 | 10.2 |
| Minimum Left Side Yard Depth required by Zoning* | Existing Right Side Yard Depth (ft.)* |
| 10 | 16 |
| Proposed Right Side Yard Depth (ft.)* | Minimum Right Side Yard Depth required by Zoning* |
| 16 | 10 |
| Existing Rear Yard Depth (ft.)* | Proposed Rear Yard Depth (ft.)* |
| 29.1 | 29.1 |
| Minimum Rear Yard Depth required by Zoning* | Existing Height (stories) |
| 20 | 2.5 |
| Proposed Height (stories)* | Maximum Height (stories) required by Zoning* |
| 2.5 | 2.5 |
| Existing Height (ft.)* | Proposed Height (ft.)* |
| 30.88 | 30.88 |

Maximum Height (ft.) required by Zoning*
35

For additional information on the Open Space requirements, please refer to Section 2 of the Zoning Bylaw.

| Existing Landscaped Open Space (Sq. Ft.)* | Proposed Landscaped Open Space (Sq. Ft.)* |
| :---: | :---: |
| 0 | 0 |
| Existing Landscaped Open Space (\% of GFA)* | Proposed Landscaped Open Space (\% of GFA)* |
| 0 | 0 |
| Minimum Landscaped Open Space (\% of GFA) required by Zoning* <br> 0 | Existing Usable Open Space (Sq. Ft.)* <br> 0 |
| Proposed Usable Open Space (Sq. Ft.)* | Existing Usable Open Space (\% of GFA)* |
| 0 | 0 |
| Proposed Usable Open Space (\% of GFA)* | Minimum Usable Open Space required by Zoning* |
| 0 | 753 |
| Existing Number of Parking Spaces* | Proposed Number of Parking Spaces* |
| 0 | 0 |
| Minimum Number of Parking Spaces required by Zoning* | Existing Parking area setbacks 0 |

0

| Proposed Parking area setbacks* | Minimum Parking Area Setbacks required by <br> Zoning* |
| :--- | :--- |
| Existing Number of Loading Spaces | 0 |
| 0 | Proposed Number of Loading Spaces* |
| O | 0 |
| Minimum Number of Loading Spaces required by | Existing Slope of proposed roof(s) (in. per ft.)* |
| Zoning* | 4 |
| 0 | Minimum Slope of Proposed Roof(s) required by |
| Proposed Slope of proposed roof(s) (in. per ft.)* | Zoning* |
| 4 | 2 |
| Existing type of construction* | Proposed type of construction* |
| R1 | R1 |

## Open Space Information

Existing Total Lot Area*
5000

Existing Open Space, Usable*

0

Existing Open Space, Landscaped*
0

Proposed Total Lot Area*
5000

Proposed Open Space, Usable*
0

Proposed Open Space, Landscaped*
0

## Gross Floor Area Information

| Accessory Building, Existing Gross Floor Area | Accessory Building, Proposed Gross Floor Area |
| :---: | :---: |
| 0 | 0 |
| Basement or Cellar, Existing Gross Floor Area (2) | Basement or Cellar, Proposed Gross Floor Area |
| 716 | 716 |
| 1st Floor, Existing Gross Floor Area | New Field |
| 883 | 0 |
| 1st Floor, Proposed Gross Floor Area | 2nd Floor, Existing Gross Floor Area |
| 883 | 716 |
| 2nd Floor, Proposed Gross Floor Area | 3rd Floor, Existing Gross Floor Area |
| 716 | - |
| 3rd Floor, Proposed Gross Floor Area | 4th Floor, Existing Gross Floor Area |
| - | - |
| 4th Floor, Proposed Gross Floor Area | 5th Floor, Existing Gross Floor Area |
| - | - |
| 5th Floor, Proposed Gross Floor Area | Attic, Existing Gross Floor Area (3) |
| - | 196 |
| Attic, Proposed Gross Floor Area | Parking Garages, Existing Gross Floor Area © |
| 196 | 0 |

Parking Garages, Proposed Gross Floor Area
0
All weather habitable porches and balconies,
Proposed Gross Floor Area
0
Total Proposed Gross Floor Area

| 2511 |
| :--- |

All weather habitable porches and balconies, Existing Gross Floor Area

## 0

Total Existing Gross Floor Area









TOWN OF ARLINGTON<br>Inspectional Services Department<br>23 Maple Street<br>Arlington, Massachusetts 02476<br>Office (781) 316.3390<br>inspectionalservices@town.arlington.ma.us<br>MEMORANDUM

To: Zoning Board of Appeals
From: Mike Ciampa, Director of Inspectional Services
Date: April 4, 2024
Re: Inspectional Services Memo

## Docket \#3788 70 Robbins Road

This property is a single-family dwelling in an R1 residential zoning district. The applicant is seeking permission to enclose a first-floor front porch which is located within the front yard setback. The applicant is seeking a Special Permit under Section 5.3.9(D), Projections into Minimum Yards, which requires a Special Permit for:
Porches, decks, steps, and landings in the required setback are not considered to be within the foundation wall and may not be enclosed, extended, or built upon except by special permit.

