

#### **Arlington Zoning Board of Appeals**

Date: Tuesday, May 25, 2021

**Time:** 7:30 PM

**Location:** Conducted by remote participation

**Additional Details:** 

#### **Agenda Items**

#### Administrative Items

#### 1. Remote Participation Details

In accordance with the Governor's Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G. L. c. 30A, § 20 relating to the COVID-19 emergency, the Arlington Zoning Board of Appeals meetings shall be physically closed to the public to avoid group congregation until further notice. The meeting shall instead be held virtually using Zoom.

Please read Governor Baker's Executive Order Suspending Certain Provision of Open Meeting Law for more information regarding virtual public hearings and meetings: https://www.mass.gov/doc/open-meeting-law-order-march-12-2020/download

You are invited to a Zoom meeting.

When: May 25, 2021 07:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Register in advance for this meeting:

https://town-arlington-ma-

us.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJArcuGoqj0tGdOAzh3RophsZAhpup5bDJzj After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

Meeting ID: 946 5804 6737

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Dial by Location: 1-646-876-9923 US (New York)

2. Members Vote: Approval of Decision for 12 Christine Road

3. Members Vote: Approval of Decision for 53 Pine Ridge Road

4. Discussion: Post-Covid Meeting Protocols

Gov. Bakers upcoming revocation of the state of emergency declaration

- 1. June 1 is the first date that boards and committees **can** hold in-person meetings.
- 2. June 15 is the first date that boards and committees **must** hold in-person meetings.
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- 4. A board or committee is not required to accommodate remote participation by the general public.
- There is proposed legislation being filed that encourages a longer transition period, but given Gov. Baker's push to reopen quickly, it is not known if he would sign the bill.

#### **Hearings**

#### 5. Docket # 3658: 83 Palmer Street

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#### 6. Docket # 3655: 34 Marathon Sreet (continuance of May 11, 2021 hearing)

In accordance with the provisions of Section 3.2.3A of the Zoning Bylaws that there has been filed by Francis and Rita McGovern of Arlington, Massachusetts on March, 23, 2021, a petition seeking permission to alter their property located at 34 Marathon Street – Block Plan 025.0-0002-0004.0 Said petition would require a Special Permit under Section 8.1.3 (B) (Nonconforming Single-Family or Two-Family Dwellings) of the Zoning Bylaw for the Town of Arlington.

#### **Meeting Adjourn**



#### **Town of Arlington, Massachusetts**

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#### ATTACHMENTS:

	Туре	File Name	Description
D	Reference Material	Baker_Files_Legislation.pd	f Baker Files Legislation
ם	Reference Material	HD2918 _Remote_Participation.pdf	HD2918 - Remote Participation
ם			SD1842 - Remote Participation

# Press Release Governor Baker Files Legislation to Extend Certain COVID-19 Emergency Measures

For immediate release: 5/25/2021

BOSTON — Today, Governor Charlie Baker will file legislation to extend certain emergency measures currently in place via executive orders that are set to expire on June 15 when the State of Emergency will be rescinded. Most restrictions, including limitations placed on businesses, will be rescinded effective May 29 as Massachusetts nears the goal of vaccinating four million residents.

This legislation proposes to extend measures providing for a temporary suspension of certain open meeting law requirements, special permits for expanded outside dining at restaurants, and billing protections for COVID-19 patients. When the State of Emergency ends, these orders will expire, and temporarily extending these measures will allow for time to transition. Extending these measures, which were instituted by executive order, requires legislation.

To allow public bodies to safely meet during the pandemic and ensure public access to meetings, Governor Baker issued an Executive Order in March 2020 allowing these bodies to meet quorum requirements even if meetings were held remotely through electronic means as long as measures were taken to ensure the public with electronic access to the proceedings. The bill filed by Governor Baker today will extend these provisions related to the Commonwealth's Open Meeting Law until September 1, 2021, which will allow additional time to consider possible permanent changes to the open meeting law to provide for greater flexibility in conducting open meetings through reliance on electronic streaming and similar measures.

The bill will also grant municipalities authority to extend special permits for restaurants offering outdoor dining issued under the State of Emergency through November 29, 2021. Under an Executive Order issued in 2020, municipalities were permitted to use an expedited process to approve temporary permits for new or expanded outdoor dining and alcohol service. Without a legislative extension, special permits granted under the Governor's Order will expire 60 days after the end of the State of Emergency.

The legislation will also extend a protection adopted in an executive order that prohibits medical providers from billing patients who have received COVID-related emergency and inpatient services for charges in excess of costs paid by their insurers. As filed, the protection would extend until January 1, 2022, at which time recently passed federal legislation that included protections for both emergency and non-emergency cases will become effective. Earlier this

year, Governor Baker signed legislation establishing surprise billing protections for patients for non-emergency services.

"Massachusetts is leading the nation in the vaccination effort and that progress is enabling the Commonwealth to return to normal," **said Governor Charlie Baker.** "These temporary measures will help businesses and residents in this transition period, and I look forward to working on these and other issues in the week ahead with our partners in the Legislature."

Last week, Governor Baker announced that on May 29, all industries will be permitted to open.

With the exception of remaining face-covering requirements for masks in public and private transportation systems, hospitals and other facilities housing vulnerable populations, all industry restrictions will be lifted at that time, and capacity will increase to 100% for all industries. The gathering limit will be rescinded.

Before June 15, the administration plans to take additional steps that will permit the continuation of targeted public health measures beyond the end of the State of Emergency, including the mask requirements announced last week.

HOUSE DOCKET, NO. 2918

FILED ON: 2/18/2021

# HOUSE . . . . . . . . . . . . . . No. 3213

#### The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

James J. O'Day

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act updating the Open Meeting Law to support remote participation.

#### PETITION OF:

Name:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
James J. O'Day	14th Worcester	2/18/2021
Rebecca L. Rausch	Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex	2/23/2021
Natalie M. Blais	1st Franklin	5/20/2021
Brian M. Ashe	2nd Hampden	5/20/2021

HOUSE DOCKET, NO. 2918 FILED ON: 2/18/2021

# **HOUSE . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . No. 3213**

By Mr. O'Day of West Boylston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3213) of James J. O'Day and Rebecca L. Rausch for legislation to further regulate the Open Meeting Law to support remote participation. State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

#### The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court (2021-2022)

An Act updating the Open Meeting Law to support remote participation.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter 30A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2018 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out paragraph (d) of section 20.

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Section 20A. (a) A public body may allow remote participation by any member for any meeting of the public body. For the purposes of this section, the term remote participation means participation by a member of a public body during a meeting of that public body where the member is not physically present at the meeting location.

- (b) Members remotely participating in a meeting may vote, shall be considered present and in attendance for all purposes, including for purposes of determining a quorum and for the purposes of section 23D of chapter 39.
- (c) All members of the public body participating either remotely or at a meeting location shall be clearly audible to one another.
- (d) For any meeting conducted through remote participation, the public body shall make provisions to ensure public access to the deliberations of the public body for interested members of the public through adequate, alternative means. Adequate, alternative means of public access shall mean measures that provide 8 of 96

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transparency and permit timely and effective public access to the virtual meeting. Such means may include, without limitation, providing public access through telephone, Internet or satellite enabled audio or video conferencing or any other technology that enables the public to clearly follow the proceedings of the virtual meeting while those proceedings are occurring. Documents used for any such meeting should be made available to the public before or at the time of the meeting of the public body. Where allowance for active, real-time participation by members of the public is a specific requirement of a general or special law or regulation, or a charter, local ordinance or by-law, pursuant to which the proceeding is conducted, any alternative means of public access shall provide for such participation. A public body shall offer its selected alternative means of public access to virtual meetings without subscription, toll, or similar charge to the public.

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SENATE DOCKET, NO. 1842

FILED ON: 2/18/2021

#### **SENATE** No. 2104

#### The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

#### Rebecca L. Rausch

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Rebecca L. Rausch	Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex	
James J. O'Day	14th Worcester	2/23/2021
Joanne M. Comerford	Hampshire, Franklin and Worcester	2/24/2021

SENATE DOCKET, NO. 1842

FILED ON: 2/18/2021

# **SENATE . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . No. 2104**

By Ms. Rausch, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2104) of Rebecca L. Rausch, James J. O'Day and Joanne M. Comerford for legislation to update the Open Meeting Law to support remote participation. State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

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#### **Town of Arlington, Massachusetts**

#### Docket # 3658: 83 Palmer Street

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#### ATTACHMENTS:

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D	Reference Material	ZBA_PACKAGE_83_PALMER_STREET_PART_1.pdf	ZBA PACKAGE 83 PALMER STREET PART 1
D	Reference Material	ZBA_PACKAGE_83_PALMER_STREET_PART_2.pdf	ZBA PACKAGE 83 PALMER STREET PART 2
D	Reference Material	Revised_request_for_Special_PermitDocket_#365883_Palmer_Street.pdf	Revised request for Special Permit, Docket #3658, 83 Palmer Street
ם	Reference Material	1955_Decision_from_ZBA.pdf	1955 Decision from ZBA
D	Reference Material	Memorandum_of_Fact_and_Law_by_Robert_J_AnneseEsqpdf	Memorandum of Fact and Law by Robert J Annese, Esq.
D	Reference Material	Block_Plan_No_42.pdf	Block Plan No 42



Town of Arlington
Zoning Board of Appeals
51 Grove Street
Arlington, Massachusetts 02476
781-316-3396
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#### LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is herewith given in accordance with the provisions of Section 3.2.3A of the Zoning Bylaws that there has been filed by Carney General Contracting of Arlington, Massachusetts on April 10, 2021, a petition seeking permission to alter their property located at 83 Palmer Street - Block Plan 042.0-0003-0009.A Said petition would require an "Appeal from the Building Inspector" of the Zoning Bylaw. The appeal addresses the issue of whether the existing structure could be razed and re-built.

A hearing in regards to the petition will be conducted remotely via "Zoom" Tuesday evening May 25, 2021 at 7:30 P.M or as soon thereafter as the petitioner may be heard. To join the meeting, please register using the following URL:

https://town-arlington-ma-

us.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJArcuGoqj0tGdOAzh3RophsZAhpup5bDJzj

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting. For documentation relating to this petition, visit the ZBA website at: <a href="https://www.arlington.gov/zba">www.arlington.gov/zba</a>.

DOCKET NO 3658

Zoning Board of Appeals
Christian Klein, RA, Chair

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

#### **INFORMATION FOR BOARD OF APPEALS RECORD**

To be completed by OWNER, signed, and returned to Secretary of the Board of Appeals:

#### Matthew Ghofrani and Deborah A Ghofrani

(Owner or Petitioner)

Address: 83 P	almer Street			
City or Town:	Arlington			
Premises: 83 P	almer Street,	Arlington, MA		
		(Identify Land Aff	ected)	(City)
		33 - 34 - 34 - 34 - 34 - 34 - 34 - 34 -		nd Deborah A Ghofrani
whose address is:	83 Palmer	Street, Arlington,	MA	
(	Street)	(City or Town)	(State)	
by deed duly record	ed in the <b>Mic</b>	ldlesex Registry of	Deeds, B	ook 24538, Page 152

By Their Attorney:

Robert J. Annese, Esquire 1171 Massachusetts Avenue

Arlington, Massachusetts 02476

(781) 646-4911

(781) 646-4910 – facsimile

<u>law@robertannese.com</u>

#### REQUEST FOR SPECIAL PERMIT AND/OR VARIANCE TOWN OF ARLINGTON

In the matter of the Application of <u>Matthew Ghofrani</u> and <u>Deborah A Ghofrani</u> to the Zoning Board of Appeals for the Town of Arlington: concerning real estate located at 83 Palmer Street, Arlington, Massachusetts

Application for a Special Permit is herewith made, in accordance with Section 3.3 of the Zoning Bylaw for the Town of Arlington, Massachusetts, seeking relief from the following specific provisions of the Zoning Bylaw, and as described fully in the attached form, *Special Permit Criteria*:

The Applicant seeks a determination from the Zoning Board of Appeals as to whether Lot 9, also shown as Lot B containing 5,507 square feet on the attached plan of Jay Sullivan is a two-family lot as determined by the Zoning Board of Appeals at the time of their Zoning Decision dated March 11, 1955, allowing a subdivision.

The Applicant states he/she/they is/are the owner -occupant of the land in Arlington located at <u>83</u> Palmer Street, Arlington, Massachusetts with respect to such relief is sought; that no unfavorable action has been taken by the Zoning Board of Appeals upon a similar petition regarding this property within the two (2) years next immediately prior to the filing hereof. The Applicant expressly agrees to full compliance with any and all conditions and qualifications imposed upon this permission, whether by the Zoning Bylaw or by the Zoning Board of Appeals, should the same be granted. The Applicant represents that the grounds for the relief sought are as follows:

Applicant seeks a determination from the Zoning Board of Appeals as to whether a Zoning Board of Appeals' Decision dated March 11, 1955, a copy of which is affixed this Request for Special Permit and incorporated into its terms by reference, which allowed a subdivision with respect to two lots, i.e. Lot B and Lot 9 as shown on a certain subdivision plan affixed to the Zoning Decision with Lot 9 originally containing 7,821 square feet to be combined with Lot B containing 2,269 square feet resulting in two separate lots, one containing 5,507 square feet and the other containing 4,583 square feet all as shown on the subject subdivision plan resulted in the lot containing 5,507 square feet being deemed a two-family residential lot, i.e.

Lot B.

The real estate is and was at the time of the Zoning Decision located in an R2 Zone as defined

within the Zoning Bylaw and the question presented for interpretation by the Members of

the Zoning Board is whether it was the intent on the part of the Members of the Zoning

Board at the time of the Zoning Decision in 1955, when granting the zoning relief, determined

that the lot containing 5,507 square feet resulted in a two-family lot designation for Lot B as

the property was located in a R2 Zone and vacant.

The lot containing 4,583 square feet contained a single-family home at the time of the

Decision as did Lot B.

Most of the other properties located in the neighborhood of the subject property are two-

family homes and not single-family homes.

The assessing records for the Town currently show the lot containing 5,507 square feet being

classified as a two-family lot and the lot containing 4,582 square feet is classified as a single-

family lot. See assessing records affixed to this Petition and incorporated into its terms by

reference.

The Applicant proposes to modify the existing building into a two-family residential

structure on the lot as shown on the plan identified as "Proposed Duplex Palmer Street"

affixed to this Application and incorporated into its terms by reference.

Since the Decision of the Zoning Board on March 11, 1995 does not designate the relief being

granted as to whether Variance or Special Permit relief, the Applicant is filing a Special

Permit Application rather than a Variance Application in connection with this request and

asking that the Members of the Zoning Board determine the intent of the Zoning Board

Members in granting the zoning relief in the 1955 Decision.

E-Mail: law@robertannese.com

Telephone: 781-646-4911

Address: 1171 Massachusetts Avenue, Arlington, MA 02476

**Special Permit Criteria**: Per Section 3.3.3 of the Zoning Bylaw, a Special Permit shall only be granted upon the Board's determination that the benefits of the proposed project will outweigh its adverse effects. The responses provided below will inform the Board as to whether the standards for approval have been met.

A.) Indicate where the use requested 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 Arlington Zoning Bylaw.

See Zoning Decision of March 11, 1955, affixed to this Special Permit Criteria incorporated into its terms by reference.

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

If Applicant is allowed to modify the existing building into a two-family residential duplex at the property it will add an additional needed residential unit to the Town residential base and will of course be located in a R2 Zone as defined in the Zoning Bylaw.

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

There would be no significant increase in traffic congestion, or any undue impairment of pedestrian safety if the requested zoning relief is granted.

D.) 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 will be no overload of any public water, drainage or sewer system, or any other municipal system because the relief requested consists of permission to construct only a two-family residential building on the subdivision lot.

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

#### There are no special regulations pertaining to this lot.

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

The modification of the building and Lot B into a two-family duplex residential building will be in keeping with other two-family homes constructed over the years in the neighborhood, many of which have less lot square feet than does the Applicant's lot. Consequently,

construction of the two-family duplex residential dwelling on the lot will be in keeping with the integrity and character of the neighborhood and will not be detrimental to the health or welfare of inhabitants of the Town or inhabitants of the neighborhood of the property.

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

The proposed two-family duplex residential dwelling will be in keeping other two-family homes located in the neighborhood of the property and there will not be an excess of the use which could be detrimental to the character of the neighborhood.

#### TOWN OF ARLINGTON

Dimensional and Parking Information For application to The Zoning Board of Appeals

1.	Property Location: 83 Palmer Street, Arlington, Massachusetts 02	<u> 174</u>
	Zoning District: R2	

- 2. Present Use/Occupancy: One No. of dwelling units (if residential)
- 3. Existing Gross Floor Area (see definition of Gross Floor Area (GFA) in Article 2 of the Town of Arlington Zoning Bylaw and provide supporting documentation (worksheet) showing dimensions of GFA by floor:
- 4. Proposed Use/Occupancy: two residential dwellings No. of dwelling units (if residential) 2
- 5. Proposed Gross Floor Area (see definition of Gross Floor Area in Article 2 of the Town of Arlington Zoning Bylaw and provide supporting documentation (worksheet) showing dimensions of GFA by floor):

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- 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 (% of GFA)

Sq. ft. \_\_\_\_\_

18. Usable Open Space (% of GFA)

Sq. ft.

19. Parking Spaces (number)

- 20. Parking area setbacks
- 21. Loading Spaces (if applicable)
- 22. Type of construction

Present	Proposed	Min. or max
Conditions	Conditions	Required by
		Zoning
5,512 sq ft	5,512 sq ft	min. 6,000 sq ft
60.14	60.14	min. 60 ft
N/A	N/A	max.
21.4%	29.2%	max 35%
N/A	N/A	min.
16.5 ft	25.0 ft	min. 20 ft
7.5 ft	10.5 ft	min. 10 ft
7.6 ft	10.6 ft	min. 10 ft
37.3 ft	25.7 ft	min. 18.34 ft
2.5	2.5	max. 2.5
26.1 ft	34.5 ft	max. 35.0 ft.
3549/2150	American Commission of the Com	min. 10%
= 165%	= 79.1%	
2238/2150		min. 30%
= 104%	= 39.7%	
2	4	min. 2 (ex) 4 (prop)
N/A	N/A	min.
N/A	N/A	min. n/a
Wood	Wood	Wood

#### OPEN SPACE/GROSS FLOOR AREA

Refer to Zoning Bylaw Article 2, Definitions and Article 6, Dimensional Regulations

Address: 83 Palmer Street, Arlington, MA

Zoning District: R2

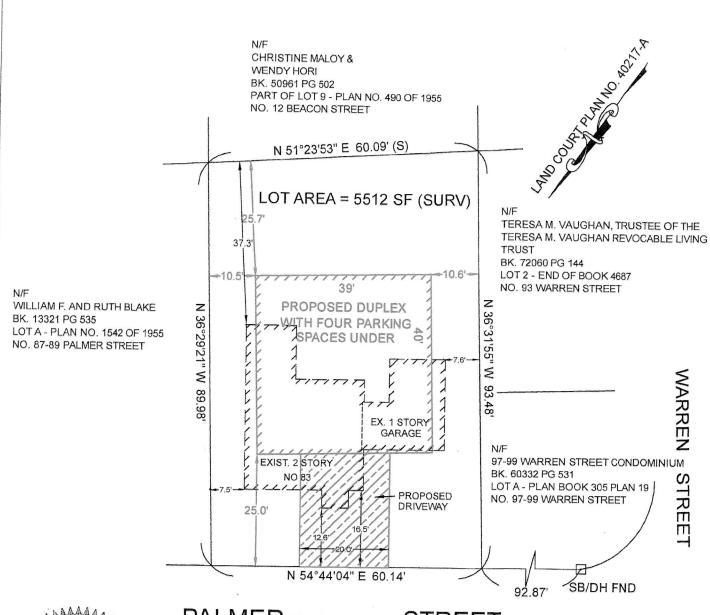
OPEN SPACE	EXISTING	PROPOSED
Total lot area	5,512 sq ft	5,512 sq ft
Open Space (Usable)*	2238 sq ft	1542 sq ft
Open Space (Landscaped)	3549 sq ft	3073 sq ft

<sup>\*</sup>Usable Open Space must be at least 75% open to the sky, free of automotive, traffic and parking, and readily accessible. Open space shall be deemed usable only if: 1) at least 75% of the area has a grade of less than 8% and no horizontal dimension less than 25 feet.

GROSS FLOOR AREA (GFA)		
Accessory building	N/A	N/A
Basement or cellar (>5' excluding mechanical area)	592 sq ft	0
1st Floor	870 sq ft	1,560 sq ft
2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor	662 sq ft	1,560 sq ft
3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor	N/A	764
4 <sup>th</sup> Floor	N/A	N/A
5 <sup>th</sup> Floor	N/A	N/A
Attic (>7'3" in height, excluding elevator, mechanical)	0	0
Parking garages (except as used for accessory Parking garages or off street loading purposes)	0	0
All weather habitable porches and balconies	26 sq ft	0
Total Gross Floor Area (GFA)	2,150 sq ft	3,884 sq ft

#### REQUIRED MINIMUM OPEN SPACE AREA

Proposed Usable Open Space Percent of	GFA 39.79	ń
Proposed Landscaped Open Space Perce		
This worksheet applies to plans dated	3/29/21	_designed by Plot Plan by D & A Survey Associates, Inc
Reviewed by Inspectional Services		Date:



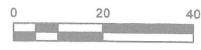


# PALMER (PUBLIC - 40.00' WIDE) STREET

#### NOTES:

- 1.) This plan was prepared from an instrument survey
- 2.) Record owners: Masoud & Deborah A. Ghofrani
- 3.) Deed Reference: Book 24538 Page 152
- 4.) Plan Reference: Plan No. 490 of 1955
- 4.) Zoning District: R2

# PLOT PLAN IN ARLINGTON, MA 83 PALMER STREET

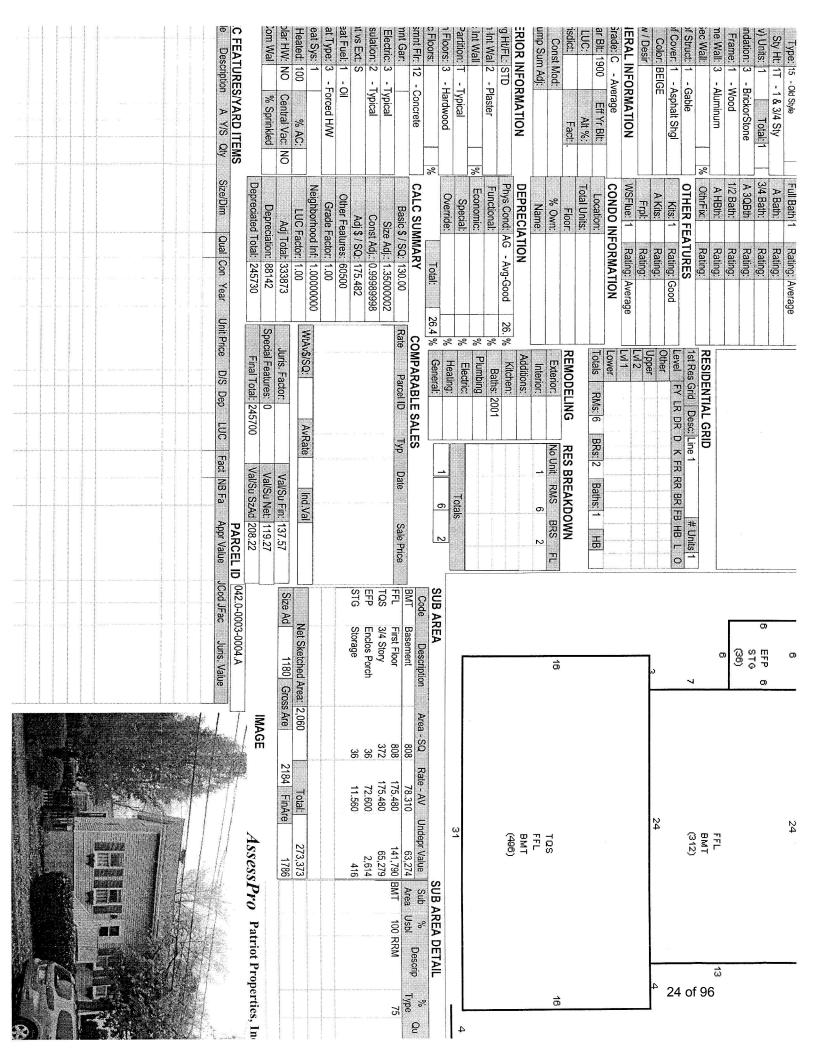


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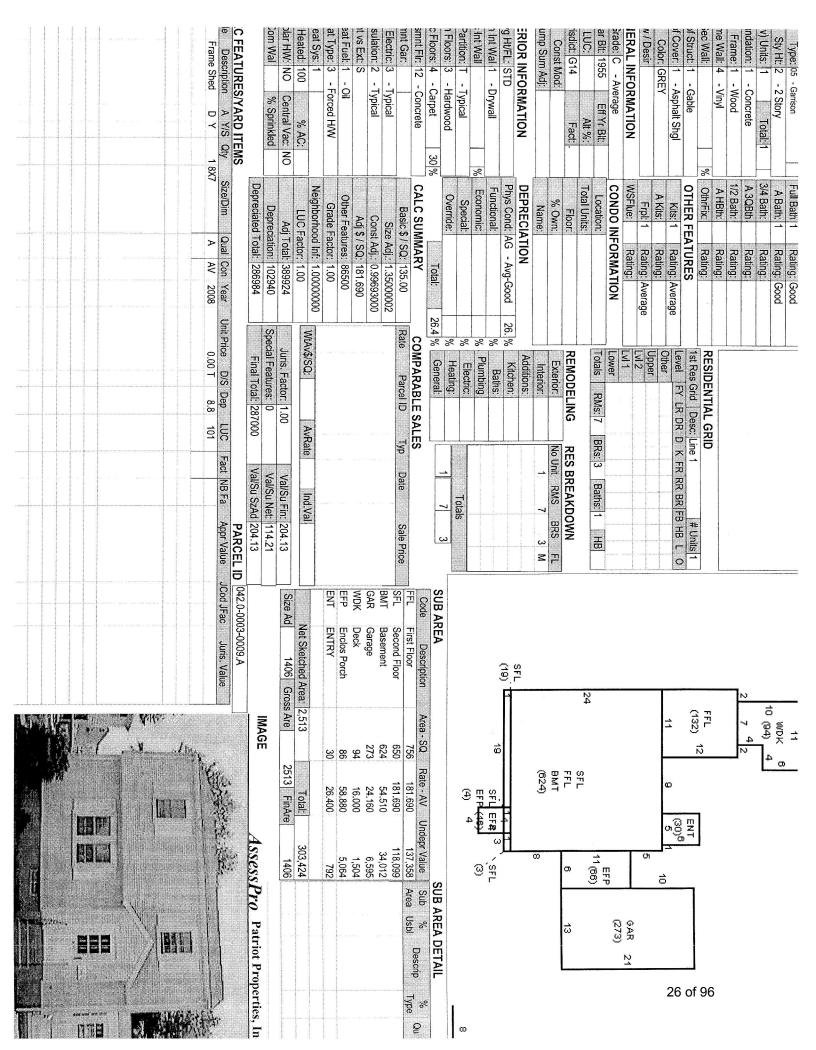
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Mary A. Hennessy, 71 Warren St.
Adrienne H. Cunha, 75 Warren St.
Adrienne B. Murphy, 77 Warren St.
Salvatore Caterino, 65 Palmer St. Owns 81 Palmer & 3 Beacon St.

#### TOWN OF ARLINGTON

In the Matter		
of the )	No.	411
Petition of		~
Carmine A. Lionetti and)		
Anna A. Lionetti )		

To the Zoning Board of Appeal's for the Town of Arl-Respectfully represents Carmine A. Lionetti and Anna A. Lionetti they are \*\* the owner of certain land in that of Arlington Arlington, located Palmer St. & Beacon Street; that made application of the Inspector of Buildings for a permit or license with respect thereto, to wit: to divide and sell a portion of that lot on Beacon Street, known as number 12, to the prospective purchasers of lot directly in the rear of said Beacon Street and facing Palmer Street. Said subdivision would create two lots with less than the square foot area required by Section 14-B of the Zoning By\*Law. that they kees been aggrieved by the refusal of the Inspector of Buildings to issue the permit or license on the grounds of noncompliance with the Zoning By-Law; that no unfavorable action has been taken by the Zoning Board of Appeals or its predecessors upon a similar appeal regarding this property within the two (2) years next immediately prior to the filing hereof.

Wherefore appeal is claimed from the decision of the Inspector of Buildings in accordance with the provisions of Section 4, Paragraph 3 of the Zoning By-Law for the Town of Arlington and as grounds therefor, your appellant states as

follows: It is respectfully called to your attention the fact that on said Palmer Street there are at least three lots upon which buildings have been recently erected with a square foot area of the same or less area than the present lot on Palmer Street. The owners will sell a portion of the rear of their lot so as to increase the area of the Palmer Street lot.

Signed	
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TOWN OF ARLINGTON

ZONING

BOARD OF APPEALS

PETITION NO. 411

# of Carmine A. & Anna A. Lionetti

Statement of Facts.

The Zoning Board of Appeals, hereinafter called the "Board" conducted a public hearing on the Petition of Carmine A. & Anna A. Lionetti for permission to subdivide a parcel of land at 12 Beacon Street.

The Petition was filed in the office of the Inspector of Buildings on January 26, 1955. The hearing was held at the Town Hall on Monday evening, February 21, 1955 after due notice had been given by publication in the Arlington News on February 10, 1955 and by mail, postage prepaid, to owners of real estate opposite to and abutting on the property in question, and to other parties in interest, whose names and addresses are recorded on a separate list which forms a part of the official record of these proceedings, and by posting the property.

The members of the Board present were:

Philibert Pelligrini, Chairman Clifford E. Lansil, Secretary Robert W. Blaisdell

The Petitioner was represented by Michael A. Fredo, Attorney.

The property involved in this appeal is shown on Plot plan #42 as Lots 9 & B extending from Beacon Street to Palmer Street. The series of lots lettered A, B, C. etc. are formed from a triangular strip end near Warren Street, are of considerable size, lot B having an area of 2,269 sq. ft. However, it is too small to build upon. Lot 9 has an area of 7,821 sq. ft., and is larger than necessary for a house. It is will comprise 5,507 sq. ft., while the residual of lot 9 will be 4,583 sq. ft. Thus, another lot will be created which will be large enough for practical utilization.

The proposal is quite in keeping with several others already submitted to the Board which pertain to lots in the blocks between Palmer Street and Beacon Street. The resulting lots would be as large as or larger than the average lots in the vicinity.

The Board believes that, in this case as in the others, the interests of all parties and the neighborhood will be best served by allowing the subdivision. Both lots will be conforming in width.

It is the unanimous decision of the Board to permit the subdivision as specified on the plan submitted with the Petition.

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Chairman (

# TOWN OF ARLINGTON ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

# Notice of Decision

March 11, 1955

In accordance with the provisions of Section 4 of the Zoning By-Law, you are here-with notified that, after the hearing held February 21, 1955 in the matter of the Petition of Carmine A. & Anna A. Lionetti, the Zoning Board of Appeals has reached its decision.

It is the unanimous decision of the Board to allow the Petition.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS Clifford E. Lansil Secretary

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#### QUITCLAIM DEED

I, JEFFREY MARSHALL, of Arlington, Middlesex County, Massachusetts,

for consideration paid and in full consideration of One Hundred Ninety Thousand and 00/100 (\$190,000.00) Dollars

grant to MASOUD GHOFRANI and DEBORAH A. GHOFRANI, husband and wife, as tenants by the entirety, both of 83 Palmer Street, Arlington, Middlesex County, Massachusetts,

## WITH QUITCLAIM COVENANTS

A certain parcel of land with the buildings thereon situated in Arlington, being now numbered 83 Palmer Street and being shown as Lot B & Pt. 9 on a plan entitled "Sub-Division of Land in Arlington -Mass.", dated March 1955, by Joseph J. Sullivan, Civil Engineer, recorded with Middlesex South District Deeds, Record Book 8435, Page 466, being bounded and described as follows:

by said Palmer Street, sixty and 14/100 (60.14) NORTHWESTERLY

feet;

by Lots C and ll on said plan, eighty-nine and NORTHEASTERLY

99/100 (89.99) | feet;

by another lot shown as Lot Pt. 9 on said plan, SOUTHEASTERLY

sixty and 04/100 (60.04) feet;

by Lots A and 2 on said plan, ninety-three and SOUTHWESTERLY

48/100 (93.48) feet.

Containing 5504 square feet of land.

A portion of said premises is also shown as Lot B on a plan entitled "Plan of House Lots - in - Arlington, Mass. owned by Estate of W.H. Allen", dated March 15, 1920, by C.H. Gannet, Civil Engineer, recorded with said Deeds, Plan Book 305, Plan 19, and a portion of said premises is also shown as a portion of Lot No. 9 on a plan entitled "Plan of 100 House Lots in West Cambridge & Arlington belonging to Nahum Packard". dated May 1854. by W.A. Mason. belonging to Nahum Packard", dated May 1854, by W.A. Mason, Surveyor, recorded with said Deeds, Plan Book 6, Plan 9.

For my title see deed of John A. Casassa, et al, dated June 30, 1983 and recorded with Middlesex South District Registry of Deeds in Book 15092, Page 394.

WITNESS my hand and seal this leth day of May, 1994.

Marshall

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## COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Middlesex, ss.

May 16, 1994

Then personally appeared the above-named Jeffrey Marshall and acknowledged the foregoing instrument to be his free act and deed, before me,

My Commission Expires: 7/22/99

# REQUEST FOR SPECIAL PERMIT AND/OR VARIANCE TOWN OF ARLINGTON

In the matter of the Application of <u>Matthew Ghofrani</u> and <u>Deborah A Ghofrani</u> to the Zoning Board of Appeals for the Town of Arlington: concerning real estate located at 83 Palmer Street, Arlington, Massachusetts

Application for a Special Permit is herewith made, in accordance with Section 3.3 of the Zoning Bylaw for the Town of Arlington, Massachusetts, seeking relief from the following specific provisions of the Zoning Bylaw, and as described fully in the attached form, *Special Permit Criteria*:

The Applicants seek a determination from the Zoning Board of Appeals as to whether Lot 9, also shown as Lot B containing 5,507 square feet on the attached plan of Jay Sullivan is a two-family lot as determined by the Zoning Board of Appeals at the time of the Zoning Decision dated March 11, 1955, allowing a subdivision.

The Applicants state they are the owners of the land in Arlington located at <u>83 Palmer Street</u>, <u>Arlington</u>, <u>Massachusetts</u> with respect to such relief is sought; that no unfavorable action has been taken by the Zoning Board of Appeals upon a similar petition regarding this property within the two (2) years next immediately prior to the filing hereof. The Applicants expressly agree to full compliance with any and all conditions and qualifications imposed upon this permission, whether by the Zoning Bylaw or by the Zoning Board of Appeals, should the same be granted. The Applicants represent that the grounds for the relief sought are as follows:

Applicants seek a determination from the Zoning Board of Appeals as to whether a Zoning Board of Appeals' Decision dated March 11, 1955, a copy of which is affixed this Request for Special Permit and incorporated into its terms by reference, which allowed a subdivision with respect to two lots, i.e. Lot B and Lot 9 as shown on a certain subdivision plan affixed to the Zoning Decision with Lot 9 originally containing 7,821 square feet to be combined with Lot B containing 2,269 square feet resulting in two separate lots, one containing 5,507 square

feet and the other containing 4,583 square feet all as shown on the subject subdivision plan

with the lot containing 5,507 square feet being deemed a two-family residential lot, i.e. Lot

B.

The real estate is and was at the time of the Zoning Decision located in an R2 Zone as defined

within the Zoning Bylaw and the question presented for interpretation by the members of

the Zoning Board is whether it was the intent on the part of the members of the Zoning Board

at the time of the Zoning Decision in 1955, when granting the zoning relief, that the lot

containing 5,507 square feet resulted in a two-family lot designation for Lot B as the property

was located in a R2 Zone and vacant.

The lot containing 4,583 square feet contained a single-family home lot at the time of the

Decision.

Most of the other properties located in the neighborhood of the subject property are two-

family homes and not single-family homes and that was the case in 1955.

The Applicants propose to construct a two-family residential structure on the lot as shown

on the plan identified as "Proposed Duplex Palmer Street" affixed to this Application and

incorporated into its terms by reference.

Since the Decision of the Zoning Board on March 11, 1995 does not designate the relief being

granted as to whether Variance or Special Permit relief, the Applicants are filing a Special

Permit Application rather than a Variance Application in connection with this request and

asking that the members of the Zoning Board determine the intent of the Zoning Board

members in granting the zoning relief in the 1955 Decision.

E-Mail: law@robertannese.com

Signed:

Telephone: 781-646-4911

Address: 1171 Massachusetts Avenue.

**Special Permit Criteria**: Per Section 3.3.3 of the Zoning Bylaw, a Special Permit shall only be granted upon the Board's determination that the benefits of the proposed project will outweigh its adverse effects. The responses provided below will inform the Board as to whether the standards for approval have been met.

A.) Indicate where the use requested 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 Arlington Zoning Bylaw.

See Zoning Decision of March 11, 1955, affixed to this Special Permit Criteria incorporated into its terms by reference.

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

If Applicants are allowed to construct a two-family residential duplex at the property it will add an additional needed residential unit to the Town residential base and will of course be located in a R2 Zone as defined in the Zoning Bylaw.

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

There would be no significant increase in traffic congestion, or any undue impairment of pedestrian safety if the requested zoning relief is granted.

D.) 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 will be no overload of any public water, drainage or sewer system, or any other municipal system because the relief requested consists of permission to construct only a two-family residential building on the subdivision lot.

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

There are no special regulations pertaining to this lot.

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

The construction on Lot B of a two-family duplex residential building will be in keeping with other two-family homes constructed over the years in the neighborhood, many of which have less lot square feet than does the Applicants' lot. Consequently, construction of the two-family duplex residential dwelling on the lot will be in keeping with the integrity and character of the neighborhood and will not be detrimental to the health or welfare of inhabitants of the Town or inhabitants of the neighborhood of the property.

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

The proposed two-family duplex residential dwelling will be in keeping other two-family homes located in the neighborhood of the property and there will not be an excess of the use which could be detrimental to the character of the neighborhood.

#### TOWN OF ARLINGTON

#### Dimensional and Parking Information For application to The Zoning Board of Appeals

- 1. Property Location: <u>83 Palmer Street, Arlington, Massachusetts 02474</u>
  Zoning District: <u>R2</u>
- 2. Present Use/Occupancy: One No. of dwelling units (if residential)
- 3. Existing Gross Floor Area (see definition of Gross Floor Area (GFA) in Article 2 of the Town of Arlington Zoning Bylaw and provide supporting documentation (worksheet) showing dimensions of GFA by floor:\_\_\_\_\_\_
- 4. Proposed Use/Occupancy: two residential dwellings No. of dwelling units (if residential) 2
- 5. Proposed Gross Floor Area (see definition of Gross Floor Area in Article 2 of the Town of Arlington Zoning Bylaw and provide supporting documentation (worksheet) showing dimensions of GFA by floor):\_\_\_\_\_\_

6.

- 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 (% of GFA)

Sq. ft.

18. Usable Open Space (% of GFA)

Sq. ft. \_\_\_\_\_

- 19. Parking Spaces (number)
- 20. Parking area setbacks
- 21. Loading Spaces (if applicable)
- 22. Type of construction

Present	Proposed	Min. or max
Conditions	Conditions	Required by
		Zoning
5,512 sq ft	5,512 sq ft	min. 6,000 sq ft
60.14	60.14	min. 60 ft
N/A	N/A	max.
21.4%	29.2%	max 35%
N/A	N/A	min.
16.5 ft	25.0 ft	min. 20 ft
7.5 ft	10.5 ft	min. 10 ft
7.6 ft	10.6 ft	min. 10 ft
37.3 ft	25.7 ft	min. 18.34 ft
2.5	2.5	max. 2.5
26.1 ft	34.5 ft	max. 35.0 ft.
3549/2150	3073/3884	min. 10%
= 165%	= 79.1%	
2238/2150	1542/3884	min. 30%
= 104%	= 39.7%	
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N/A	N/A	min.
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#### OPEN SPACE/GROSS FLOOR AREA

Refer to Zoning Bylaw Article 2, Definitions and Article 6, Dimensional Regulations

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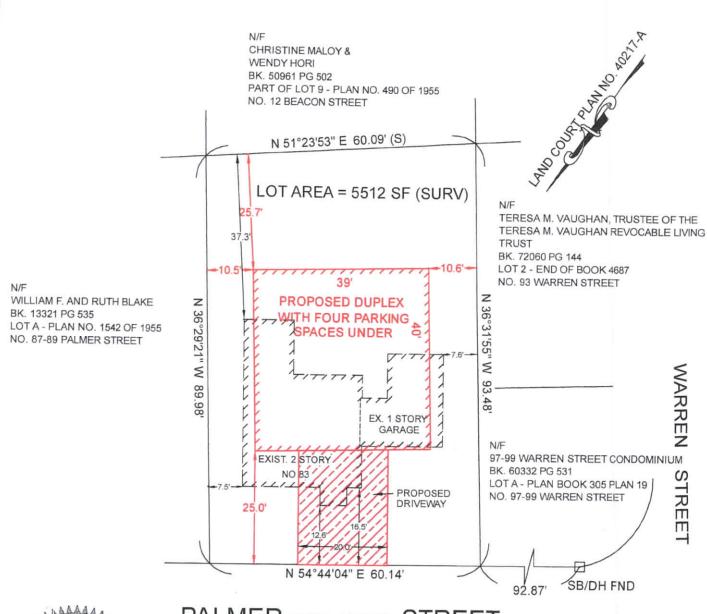
OPEN SPACE	EXISTING	PROPOSED
Total lot area	5,512 sq ft	5,512 sq ft
Open Space (Usable)*	2238 sq ft	1542 sq ft
Open Space (Landscaped)	3549 sq ft	3073 sq ft

<sup>\*</sup>Usable Open Space must be at least 75% open to the sky, free of automotive, traffic and parking, and readily accessible. Open space shall be deemed usable only if: 1) at least 75% of the area has a grade of less than 8% and no horizontal dimension less than 25 feet.

GROSS FLOOR AREA (GFA)		
Accessory building	N/A	N/A
Basement or cellar (>5' excluding mechanical area)	592 sq ft	0
1 <sup>st</sup> Floor	870 sq ft	1,560 sq ft
2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor	662 sq ft	1,560 sq ft
3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor	N/A	764
4 <sup>th</sup> Floor	N/A	N/A
5th Floor	N/A	N/A
Attic (>7'3" in height, excluding elevator, mechanical)	0	0
Parking garages (except as used for accessory Parking garages or off street loading purposes)	0	0
All weather habitable porches and balconies	26 sq ft	0
Total Gross Floor Area (GFA)	2,150 sq ft	3,884 sq ft

#### REQUIRED MINIMUM OPEN SPACE AREA

Proposed Usable Open Space Percent of	GFA 39.7%
Proposed Landscaped Open Space Percer	nt of GFA 79.1%
This worksheet applies to plans dated	3/29/21 designed by Plot Plan by D & A Survey Associates, Inc
Reviewed by Inspectional Services	Date:





#### PALMER (PUBLIC - 40.00' WIDE) STREET

#### NOTES:

- 1.) This plan was prepared from an instrument survey
- 2.) Record owners: Masoud & Deborah A. Ghofrani
- 3.) Deed Reference: Book 24538 Page 152
- 4.) Plan Reference: Plan No. 490 of 1955
- 4.) Zoning District: R2

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Margaret B. Murphy, 77 Warren St.
Salvatore Caterino, 65 Palmer St. Owns 81 Palmer & 3 Beacon St.

#### TOWN OF ARLINGTON

In the Matter )		
of the	No.	411
Petition of (		7
Carmine A. Lionetti and		
Anna A. Lioretti		

To the Zoning Board of Appeals for the Town of Arlington: Respectfully represents Carmine A. Lionetti and Anna A. Lionetti they are that ix the owner of certain land in of Arlington Arlington, located Palmer St. & Beacon Street; that made application of the Inspector of Buildings for a permit or license with respect thereto, to wit: to divide and sell a portion of that lot on Beacon Street, known as number 12, to the prospective purchasers of lot directly in the rear of said Beacon Street and facing Palmer Street. Said subdivision would create two lots with less than the square foot area required by Section 14-B of the Zoning By Law. that they keep been aggrieved by the refusal of the Inspector of Buildings to issue the permit or license on the grounds of noncompliance with the Zoning Sy-Law; that no unfavorable action has been taken by the Coning Board of Appeals or its predecessors upon a similar appeal regarding this property within the two (2) years next immediately prior to the filing hereof.

Wherefore appeal is claimed from the decision of the Inspector of Buildings in accordance with the provisions of Section 4, Paragraph 3 of the Zoning By-Law for the Town of Arlington and as grounds therefor, your appellant states as

follows: It is respectfully called to your attention the fact that on said Palmer Street there are at least three lots upon which buildings have been recently erected with a square foot area of the same or less area than the present lot on Palmer Street. The owners will sell a portion of the rear of their lot so as to increase the area of the Palmer Street lot.

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TOWN OF ARLINGTON

ZONING

BOARD OF APPEALS
PETITION NO. 411

#### of Carmine A. & Anna A. Lionetti

Statement of Facts.

The Zoning Board of Appeals, hereinafter called the "Board" conducted a public hearing on the Petition of Carmine A. & Anna A. Lionetti for permission to subdivide a parcel of land at 12 Beacon Street.

The Petition was filed in the office of the Inspector of Buildings on January 26, 1955. The hearing was held at the Town Hall on Monday evening, February 21, 1955 after due notice had been given by publication in the Arlington News on February 10, 1955 and by mail, postage prepaid, to owners of real estate opposite to and abutting on the property in question, and to other parties in interest, whose names and addresses are recorded on a separate list which forms a part of the official record of these proceedings, and by posting the property.

The members of the Board present were:

Philibert Pelligrini, Chairman Clifford E. Lansil, Secretary Robert W. Blaisdell

The Petitioner was represented by Michael A. Fredo, Attorney.

The property involved in this appeal is shown on Plot plan #42 as Lots 9 & B extending from Beacon Street to Palmer Street. The series of lots lettered A, B, C. etc. are formed from a triangular strip which resulted from a relocation of Palmer Street. These lots, at the end near warren Street, are of considerable size, lot B having an area of 2,269 sq. ft. However, it is too small to build upon. Lot 9 has an area of 7,821 sq. ft., and is larger than necessary for a house. It is proposed to subdivide lot 9 so that the back part, together with lot B, will comprise 5,507 sq. ft., while the residual of lot 9 will be 4,583 sq. ft. Thus, another lot will be created which will be large enough for practical utilization.

The proposal is quite in keeping with several others already submitted to the Board which pertain to lots in the blocks between Palmer Street and Beacon Street. The resulting lots would be as large as or larger than the average lots in the vicinity.

The Board believes that, in this case as in the others, the interests of all parties and the neighborhood will be best served by allowing the subdivision. Both lots will be conforming in width.

It is the unanimous decision of the Board to permit the subdivision as specified on the plan submitted with the Petition.

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Clifford & Lansistot 9

## TOWN OF ARLINGTON ZONING BOARD OF APPLALS

#### Notice of Decision

March 11, 1955

In accordance with the provisions of
Section 4 of the Zoning By-Law, you are herewith notified that, after the hearing held
February 21, 1955 in the matter of the Petition
of Carmine A. & Anna A. Lionetti, the Zoning
Board of Appeals has reached its decision.

It is the unanimous decision of the Board to allow the Petition.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS Clifford E. Lansil Secretary

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#### COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

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#### **ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**

#### ARLINGTON, MASSACHUSETTS

In the matter of	)	
	)	
83 Palmer Street	)	
Arlington, Massachusetts	)	Docket Number:
	)	
Matthew Ghofrani and Deborah A.	)	
Ghofrani, Applicants	)	

#### ZONING MEMORANDUM OF FACT AND LAW IN SUPPORT OF REQUEST FOR SPECIAL PERMIT

Robert J. Annese, Esquire 1171 Massachusetts Avenue Arlington, MA 02476 (781) 646-4911 law@robertannese.com

#### STATEMENT OF FACTS

Applicants seek a determination from the Zoning Board of Appeals as to whether a Zoning Board of Appeals' Decision dated March 11, 1955, which allowed a subdivision combining a lot containing 7,821 square feet with a lot containing 2,269 square feet resulting in two separate lots, one containing 5,507 square feet and the other containing 4,583 square feet resulted in the lot containing 5,507 square feet being deemed a two-family residential lot.

The real estate is and was at the time of the Zoning Decision located in an R2 Zone as defined within the Zoning Bylaw and the question presented for interpretation by the members of the Zoning Board is whether it was the intent on the part of the members of the Zoning Board at the time of the Zoning Decision in 1955, when granting the zoning relief, that the lot containing 5,507 square feet resulted in a two-family lot designation for Lot B as the property was located in a R2 Zone and vacant.

To quote from the Zoning Decision from March 11, 1955: "The property involved in this appeal is shown on Plot plan #42 as Lots 9 & B extending from Beacon Street to Palmer Street. The series of lots lettered A, B C. etc. are formed from a triangular strip which resulted from a relocation of Palmer Street. These lots, at the end near Warren Street, are of considerable size, lot B having an area of 2,269 sq. ft. However, it is too small to build upon. Lot 9 has an area of 7,821 sq. ft. and is larger than necessary for a house. It is proposed to subdivide lot 9 so that the back part, together with lot B, will comprise 5,507 sq. ft., while the residual of lot 9 will be 4,583 sq. ft. Thus, another lot will be created which will be large enough for practical utilization."

"The proposal is quite in keeping with several others already submitted to the Board which pertain to lots in the block between Palmer Street and Beacon Street. The resulting lots would be as large or larger than the average lots in the vicinity."

At the time of Zoning Decision, the newly created lot containing 4,582 square feet had an existing building on it while the newly created lot B containing 5,507 square feet did not.

It is clear that at the time of the Zoning Decision the zone in which the two lots were located was an R2 zone.

At the time of the Zoning Decision the Decision simply granted relief with respect to the subdivision without indicating whether lot B, the vacant lot, could have a two-family or single-family house built on it, once again, in a neighborhood even then containing mostly two-family homes.

A single-family home presently exists on lot B and it was constructed sometime after the 1955 Zoning Decision.

#### ARGUMENT OF FACT AND LAW

It is clear from a reading of the Zoning Decision that each of the lots created at the time of the approval of the subdivision plan by the Zoning Board of Appeals did not contain sufficient square feet to comply with the then requirements of the Zoning Bylaw.

Notwithstanding that fact, when the Zoning Board issued its Decision, it did not indicate that the grant of relief was limited to construction of a single-family home.

Indeed, a reading of the last page of the Zoning Decision "to wit: to subdivide two lots. Said subdivision would create two lots with less than the square foot area required by the Section 14-B of the Zoning Bylaw" indicates that the members of the Zoning Board were well aware that each of the newly created lots would not comply with the zoning requirements for either a single-family or a two-family home.

It is the Applicants' position that if it was the collective intent on the part of the members of the Zoning Board to limit construction of the new building to be built on lot B to a single-family home, the Decision would have stated that as a condition of the grant of zoning relief which of course it did not.

It is also the position of the Applicants that it can reasonably be inferred that the collective intent of the members of the Zoning Board was that the grant of relief did not limit the newly created lot B to a single-family home, but rather allowed construction of a two-family home even though ultimately a two-family home was not constructed on the lot subsequent to the 1955 Zoning Decision.

The Zoning Decision did not state the statutory reasons for the grant of relief for either a Special Permit or a Variance, but it is also clear that the time for an appeal being filed in connection with the Zoning Decision has long passed as the time for raising any defects

in a Notice of a Decision is limited to the 20-day appeal period set forth within the provisions of Chapter 40A. <u>Cappuccio v. Zoning Board of Appeals of Spencer</u>, 398 Mass. 304, 311, (1986).

For all of the above reasons the Applicants request that the Zoning Board issue a Special Permit interpreting the Decision of the Zoning Board dated March 11, 1955 that lot B is a two-family lot, and that the Applicants can proceed to construct a two-family house on lot B.

Applicant

Matthew Ghofrani and Deborah A. Ghofrani,

By their attorney,

Robert J. Annese, Esquire

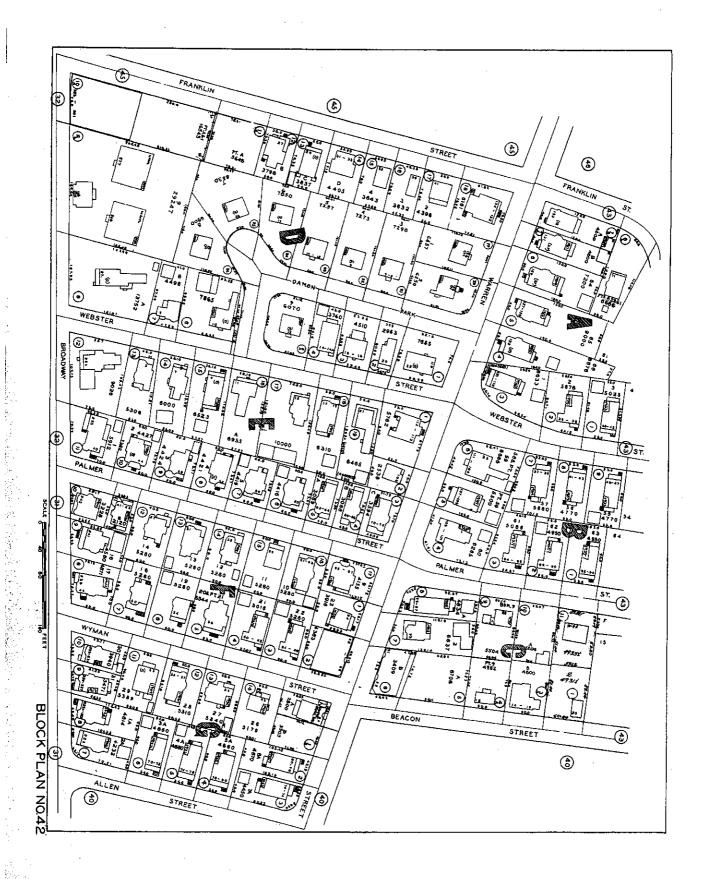
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#### **Town of Arlington, Massachusetts**

#### Docket # 3655: 34 Marathon Sreet (continuance of May 11, 2021 hearing)

#### Summary:

In accordance with the provisions of Section 3.2.3A of the Zoning Bylaws that there has been filed by Francis and Rita McGovern of Arlington, Massachusetts on March, 23, 2021, a petition seeking permission to alter their property located at 34 Marathon Street – Block Plan 025.0-0002-0004.0 Said petition would require a Special Permit under Section 8.1.3 (B) (Nonconforming Single-Family or Two-Family Dwellings) of the Zoning Bylaw for the Town of Arlington.

#### ATTACHMENTS:

	Туре	File Name	Description
D	Reference Material	ZBA_Package34_Marathon_Street.pdf	ZBA Package, 34 Marathon Street
D	Reference Material	34_Marathon_St_floor_plans.pdf	34 Marathon St floor plans
D	Reference Material	gordons_floor_plans.pdf	gordons floor plans
D	Memorandum	3655_34_Marathon_St.pdf	DPCD Memo re: 34 Marathon St
D	Reference Material	34_Marathon_Revised_Attic_Calculation.pdf	34 Marathon Revised Attic Calculation
D	Reference Material	34_MarathonRevised_Application.pdf	34 Marathon, Revised Application



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LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is herewith given in accordance with the provisions of Section 3.2.3A of the Zoning Bylaws that there has been filed by **Francis and Rita McGovern** of Arlington, Massachusetts on March 23, 2021, a petition seeking permission to alter their property located at **34 Marathon Street - Block Plan 025.0-0002-0004.0** Said petition would require a Special Permit under <u>Section 8.1.3 (B) (Nonconforming Single-Family or Two-Family Dwellings</u> of the Zoning Bylaw for the Town of Arlington.

A hearing in regards to the petition will be conducted remotely via "Zoom" Tuesday evening May 11, 2021 at 7:30 P.M or as soon thereafter as the petitioner may be heard. To join the meeting, please register using the following URL:

<a href="https://town-arlington-ma-us.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJloc-upqDlrH9BzpU\_mQMF2y5Ys20gtlBP9">https://town-arlington-ma-us.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJloc-upqDlrH9BzpU\_mQMF2y5Ys20gtlBP9</a> for documentation relating to this petition, visit the ZBA website at <a href="https://www.arlington.gov/zba">www.arlington.gov/zba</a>.

DOCKET NO 3655

Zoning Board of Appeals
Christian Klein, RA, Chair

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

#### REQUEST FOR SPECIAL PERMIT

#### TOWN OF ARLINGTON

In the matter of the Application of Francis J. & RHa E. Mc Govern
to the Zoning Board of Appeals for the Town of Arlington:
Application for a Special Permit is herewith made, in accordance
with Section 10.11 of the Zoning Bylaw for the Town of Arlington,
seeking relief from the following specific provisions of the Zoning
Bylaw, and as described fully in the attached form, Special Permit
Criteria:
Permission to build out 2 dormers on the
left fide of the 2rd Clare of 1
usable space.
The Petitioner/Applicant states he/she/they is/are the owner -
occupant of the land in Arlington located at 34 Marathm Street
with respect to such relief is sought; that no unfavorable action Arlugan,
has been taken by the Zoning Board of Appeals or its predecessors
upon a similar petition regarding this property within the two (2)
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expressly agrees to full compliance with any and all conditions and
qualifications imposed upon this porminates and
qualifications imposed upon this permission, whether by the Zoning
Bylaw or by the Zoning Board of Appeals, should the same be
granted. The Applicant represents that the grounds for the relief sought are as follows:
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This Request has been granted to many.
other homes in this neighbor hovel and is compatible with the architectual features in scale and materials
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with neighboring structures.
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#### **TOWN OF ARLINGTON**

#### Dimensional and Parking Information For application to The Zoning Board of Appeals

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1.	Property Location: 34 Ma	rathon St	reet z	oning District:	R2
2.	Present Use/Occupancy: Residen	ntal No	. of dwelling un	its (if residential)	2
3.	Existing Gross Floor Area (see definit Arlington Zoning Bylaw and provide of GFA by floor:	tion of Gross Floo supporting docu	or Area (GEA) in	Article 2 afet . T	•
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•		Present	Proposed	Min. or max	
•		Conditions	Conditions	Required by Zoning	
6.	Lot size (sq. ft.)	5000 sgst	Same	min.	
7.	Frontage (ft.)	50 F	Same	min.	
8.	Floor area ratio	. 55	.66	max.	
9.	Lot Coverage (%)	.20	.20	max	
10.	Lot Area per Dwelling Unit (sq. ft.)		<u> </u>	min.	
11.	Front Yard Depth (ft.)	23'2"	23'2"	min.	
12.	Left Side Yard Depth (ft.)	13.5	13.5	min.	
13.	Right Side Yard Depth (ft.)	6'	6'	min.	
14.	Rear Side Yard Depth (ft.)	30.2	30.2	min.	
15.	Height (stories)	21/2	JU: Z	max.	
16.	Height (ft.)	32'	32'	max.	
17.	Landscaped Open Space (% of GFA)  Sq. ft	3265	3 2 65	min.	
18.	Usable Open Space (% of GFA) Sq. ft	3265	3265	min,	
19.	Parking Spaces (number)	Nla		min.	
20.	Parking area setbacks	Nla		min.	
21.	Loading Spaces (if applicable)	na		min.	
22.	Type of construction	winon	Mood		

#### OPEN SPACE/GROSS FLOOR AREA

Refer to Zoning Bylaw Article 2, Definitions and Article 6, Dimensional Regulations

Address 34 Marathon Street	Zoning District	R2
OPEN SPACE	EXISTING	PROPOSED
Total lot area	5000 sqf	5000 sq 8+
Open Space (Usable)*	814.4 sast	Same
Open Space (Landscaped)	60 sq Seet	Same
*Usable Open Space must be at least 75% open to the readily accessible. Open space shall be deemed usable less than 8% and no horizontal dimension less than 25	e only if : 1) at least 75% a	traffic and parking, and of the area has a grade of
GROSS FLOOR AREA (GFA)		
Accessory building		
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2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor	1017 squft	Same
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Attic (>7'3" in height, excluding elevator, mechanical)	( See 3rd flow)	
Parking garages (except as used for accessory Parking garages or off street loading purposes)	16'x20' 320gs1	same
All weather habitable porches and balconies	448 sg ft	448 sq.ft
Total Gross Floor Area (GFA)	27695984	3288 sq A
REQUIRED MINIMUM OPEN SPACE AREA	. 55	.65
Proposed Usable Open Space Percent of GFA	3 265 sq. St	
Proposed Landscaped Open Space Percent of GFA	3265 sq. ft	
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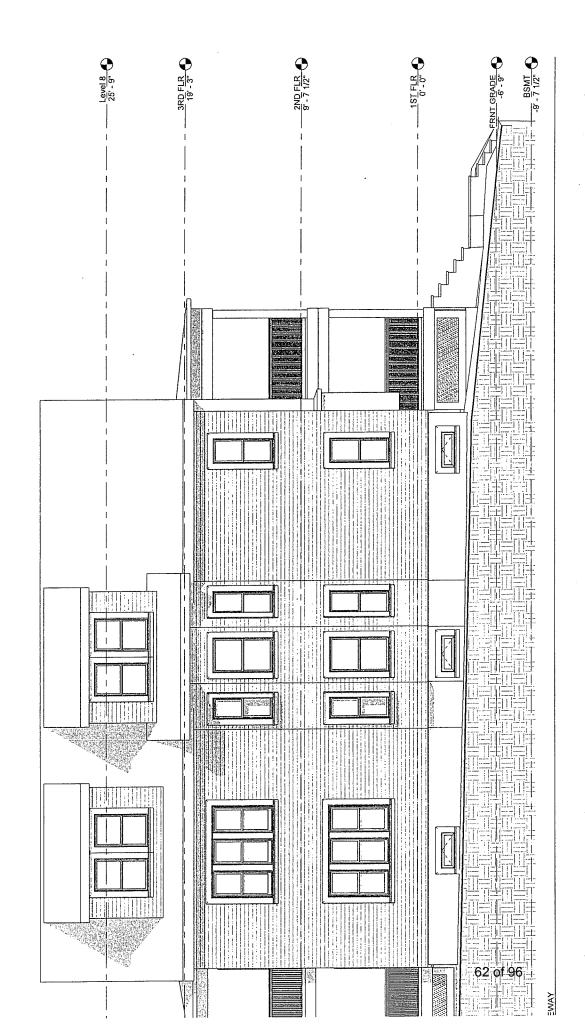
Special Permit: .	
1). Indicate where the use requested is listed in the Table of Use Regulations as a Special Permit in the district for which the application is made or is so designated elsewhere in the Arlington Zoning Bylaw.  Lise regulation of Residential purpose as a Continued 2 family dwelling in an R2.  Zoned district.	
2). Describe how the requested use is essential or desirable to the public convenience or welfare.  The request to durmer the 3rd flurr in the left side of dwelling will allow for more usable space for residential use and a 2rd bathroom for the upper unit which is currently 3 bedrooms.	
3). Describe how the requested use will not create undue traffic congestion, or unduly impair pedestrian safety.  This use will not after the traffic Longestion and will not impair pedestrian safety.	
4). Describe how 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.  This dwelling will remain a 2-family. The existing driwcway will offer make for necessary parking will street. The same number of Badrowns will not change the use of the sewersy. It will make for greater convience for the 2 mount dwelvers.  5). Describe how any special regulations for the use, set forth in Article 11, are fulfilled.  This Remains a 2-family in an area designated R2	r.
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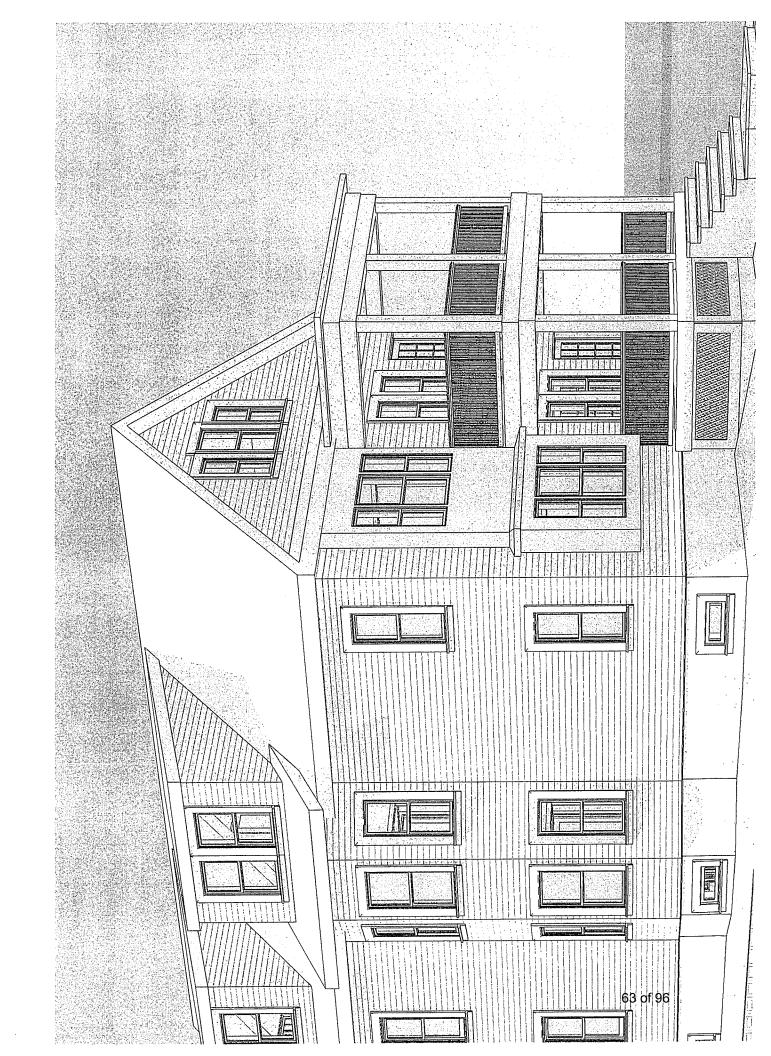
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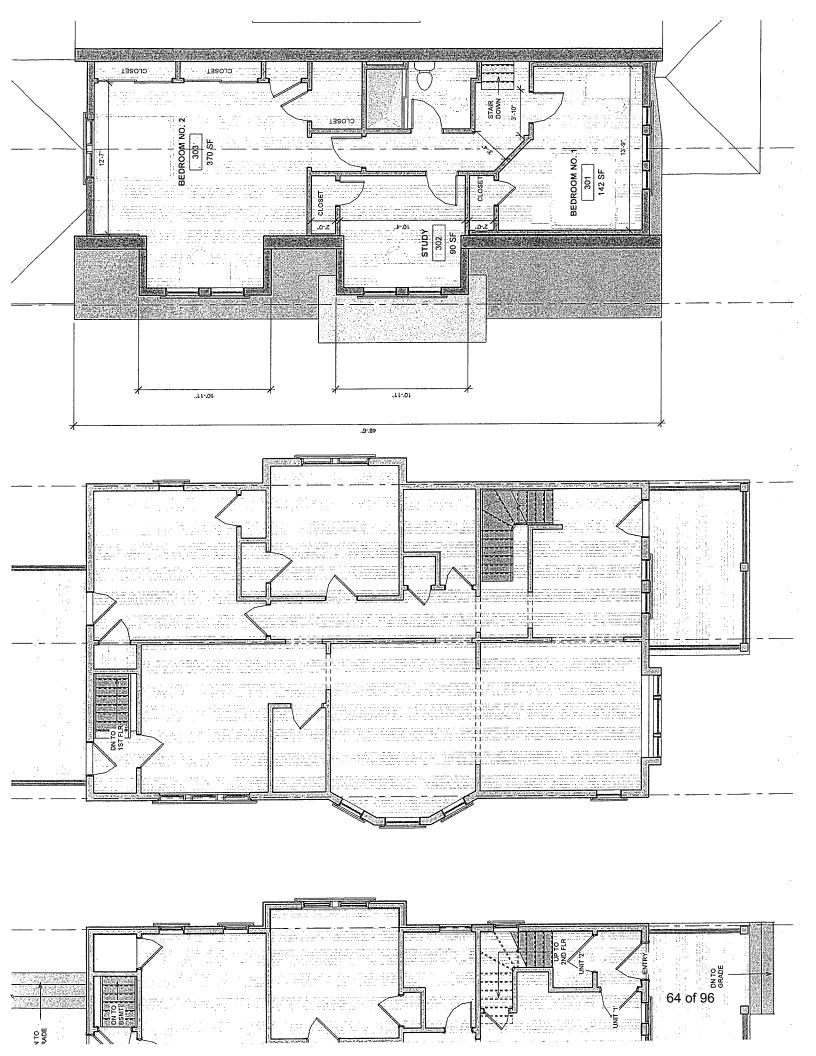
7). Describe how the requested use will not, by its addition to a neighborhood, cause an excess of that particular use that could be detrimental to the character of said neighborhood.

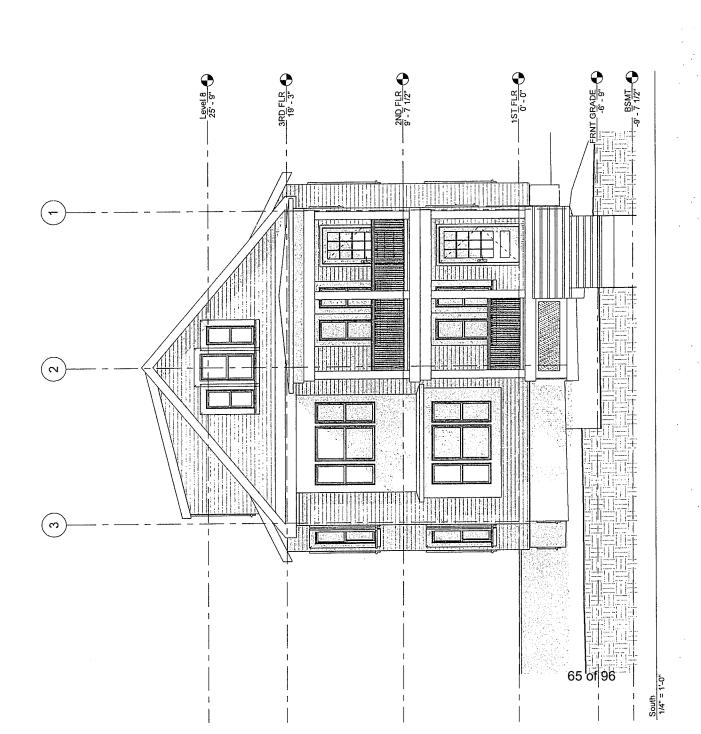
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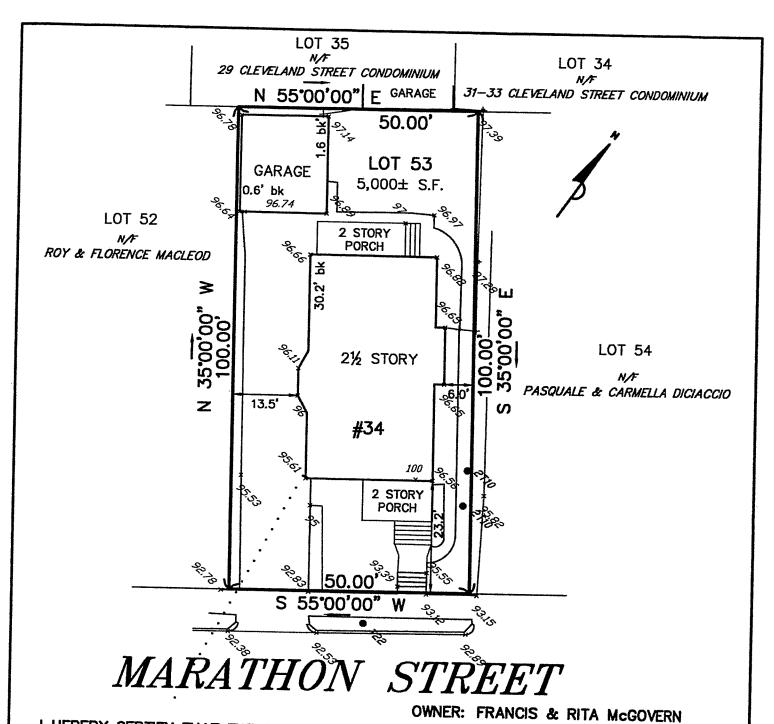
Will will improve the exterior appearance of the house will Residung and repairs to trim and to insulate the house which will lower the carbon footprint of this dwelling.











I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE BUILDING IS LOCATED AS SHOWN.

PROPOSED PLOT PLAN
#34 MARATHON STREET
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(MIDDLESEX COUNTY)

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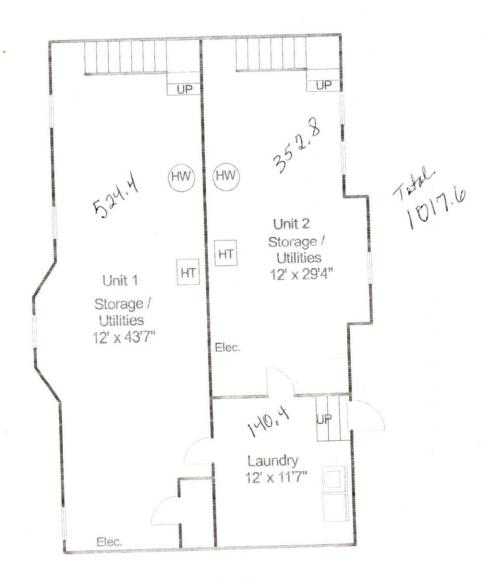
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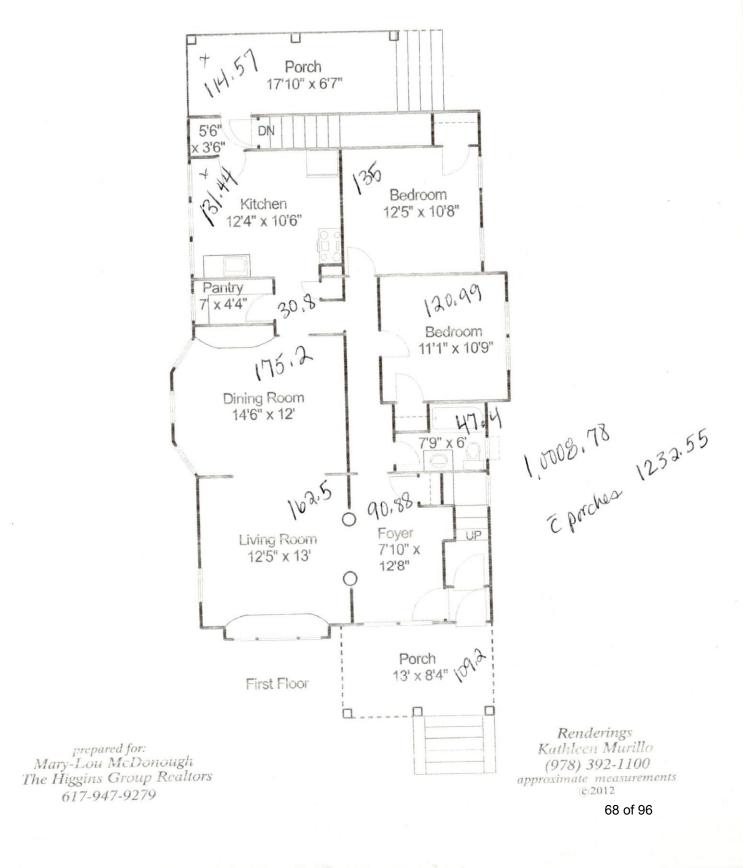
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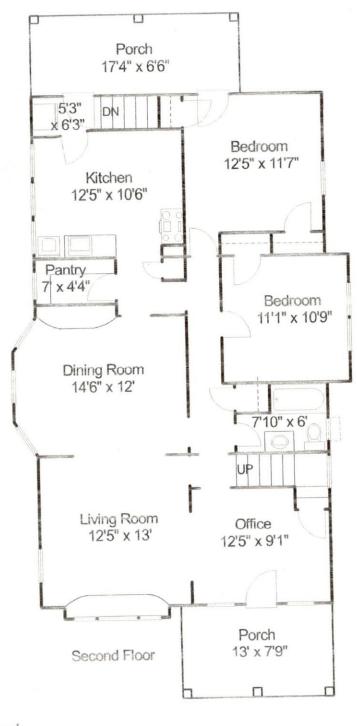
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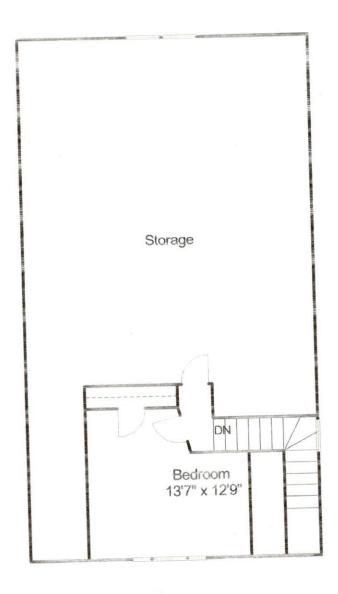


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#### 34 MARATHON ST FRONT ELEVATION AT STREET

Project Number 2021-04-20 Project number Drawn by Author Checked by Checker

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### TOWN OF ARLINGTON

# DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING and COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

TOWN HALL, 730 MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE ARLINGTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02476 TELEPHONE 781-316-3090

#### **MEMORANDUM**

To: Zoning Board of Appeals

From: Jennifer Raitt, Director, Dept. of Planning and Community Development/kl

Date: 5/7/2021

RE: Docket 3655 – 34 Marathon Street; Special Permit under Section 8.1.3 (B)

(Nonconforming Single-Family or Two-Family Dwellings)

The applicants, Francis and Rita McGovern, seek a Special Permit in accordance with Section 8.1.3 (B) (Nonconforming Single-Family or Two-Family Dwellings) of the Zoning Bylaw. The applicants seeks to construct an addition of a two dormers on the third level of a two-family structure. The addition would increase the total square footage of the structure from 2,769 to 3,288 square feet (+519 square feet). It is unclear whether the proposed addition meets the definition of a half story, as the applicant has not provided dimensional details showing the total area of the finished floor below the roof framing and slope of the roof that will be at a height of seven feet or more.

The property is in the R2 Zoning District, and is nonconforming with the Zoning Bylaw's lot area, frontage, and right side yard dimensional requirements. The proposed addition would not increase any of these nonconformities of the existing structure, however if the dimensions of the proposed half story exceed the dimensional requirements needed to meet the definition of a half story, the addition could create a new nonconformity in the maximum height in stories. In addition, the applicant has not correctly calculated landscaped open space and usable open space, so it is unclear if the property is in conformance with those requirements or if the addition would increase any potential existing nonconformities.

The following is an application of the Special Permit criteria (Zoning Bylaw Section 3.3.3):

#### Criterion #1: Requested Use

The requested use is permitted in the R2 Zoning District through the granting of a Special Permit if less than one half the floor area measured from the underside of the roof framing to the finished floor below has a clear height of 7 feet 0 inches or more. The applicant has not provided the necessary dimensions to calculate whether the proposal complies with this definition.

#### Criterion #2: Public Convenience/Welfare

This proposal would provide additional living space for occupants of the upper unit in the two-family structure.

#### Criterion #3: Undue Traffic Congestion/Impairment of Public Safety

There would not be an increase in traffic congestion or an impairment of public safety.

#### Criterion #4: Undue Burden on Municipal Systems

There would not be an undue burden on municipal systems.

### <u>Criterion #5: Special regulations</u>

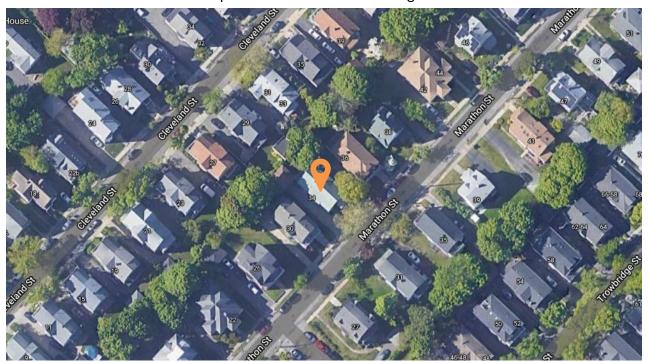
This proposal would not result in the need for special regulations.

<u>Criterion #6: Integrity/Character of District; Detrimental to Health, Morals, Welfare</u>
This type of addition is common in the surrounding neighborhood. The proposed dormers are well-proportioned and align with other features on the existing structure. They are sufficiently set back from the front façade so as to avoid adding significant appearance of height beyond two stories<sup>1</sup>. The proposal would not detrimentally impact the neighborhood character of the district or adjoining districts, nor will it be detrimental to the health, morals, or welfare of the neighbors of the property.

#### Criterion #7: Detrimental Excess in Particular Use

This proposal would not cause any detrimental excesses.

Below are aerial and street-view photos of the current building:



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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Residential Design Guidelines, Principle C-1, pg 36. https://www.arlingtonma.gov/home/showpublisheddocument?id=54518





#### Recommendation:

The Department of Planning and Community Development recommends that the Zoning Board of Appeals requests details regarding the dimensions of the third story of the structure, usable, and landscaped open space to ensure that the addition meets the Zoning Bylaw's definition of a half story and that no existing nonconformities are increased prior to approving this application.

#### Related dockets:

- #3652: 41-43 Fairmont St Applicant sought a special permit to create an addition via a shed dormer on a two-family structure on a nonconforming lot in the R2 Zoning District. Residential Design Guidelines were considered in the evaluation of the proposal. Approved with conditions on 4/13/2021.
- #3630: 49 Magnolia Applicant sought a special permit to create an addition via two dormers on a two-family structure on a nonconforming lot in the R2 Zoning District. Approved with conditions on 9/8/20.
- #3601: 210-212 Broadway Applicant sought a special permit to create an addition via two dormers on a two-family structure on a nonconforming lot in the R2 Zoning District. Approved on 9/24/19.

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### BOARD OF APPEALS

## Town of Arlington

Arlington, Massachusetts 02476

51 Grove Street Telephone (781) 316-3396

May 22, 2021

Members of the Zoning Board of Appeals

23 Maple Street

Arlington, MA 02474

**RE: 34 MARATHON STREET** 

Dear Members,

I review the application for a Special Permit with respect to 34 Marathon Street. This is a typical request to add some livable space in the attic without the sufficiet Usable Open Space. I recalculated the original data and hopefully it will be easier to understand. Again, the Board has to approve or disapprove the request. Inspectional Services will make sure that the project meets all Dimensional and Density requirements as well as all Building Code Requirements. Based on information that I received from the project Architect, this appears to meet the definition of a "half story". I can answer any questions during the hearing. This information will be posted on Novus as well.

Thank you.

Rick Vallarelli

Zoning Board Administrator

**Building Inspector** 



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#### **LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice is herewith given in accordance with the provisions of Section 3.2.3A of the Zoning Bylaws that there has been filed by **Francis and Rita McGovern** of Arlington, Massachusetts on March 23, 2021, a petition seeking permission to alter their property located at **34 Marathon Street** - **Block Plan 025.0-0002-0004.0** Said petition would require a Special Permit under **Section 8.1.3** (B) (Nonconforming Single-Family or **Two-Family Dwellings** of the Zoning Bylaw for the Town of Arlington.

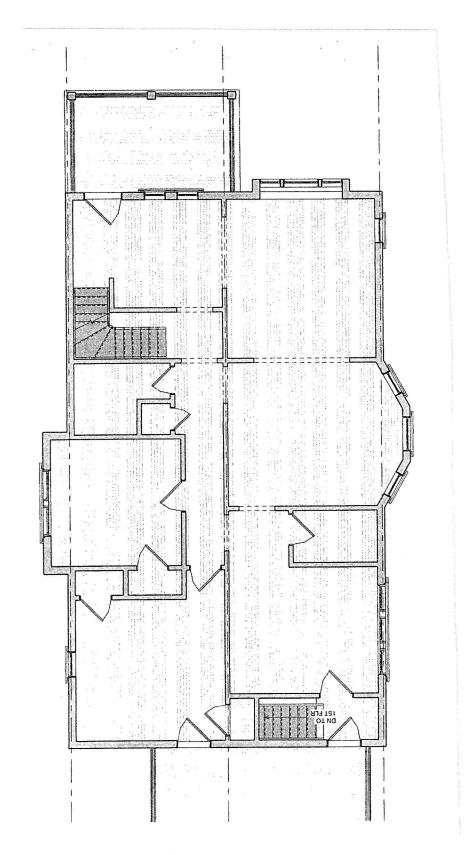
A hearing in regards to the petition will be conducted remotely via "Zoom" Tuesday evening May 11, 2021 at 7:30 P.M or as soon thereafter as the petitioner may be heard. To join the meeting, please register using the following URL:

https://town-arlington-ma-us.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJloc-upqDlrH9BzpU mQMF2y5Ys20gtlBP9 for documentation relating to this petition, visit the ZBA website at www.arlington.gov/zba.

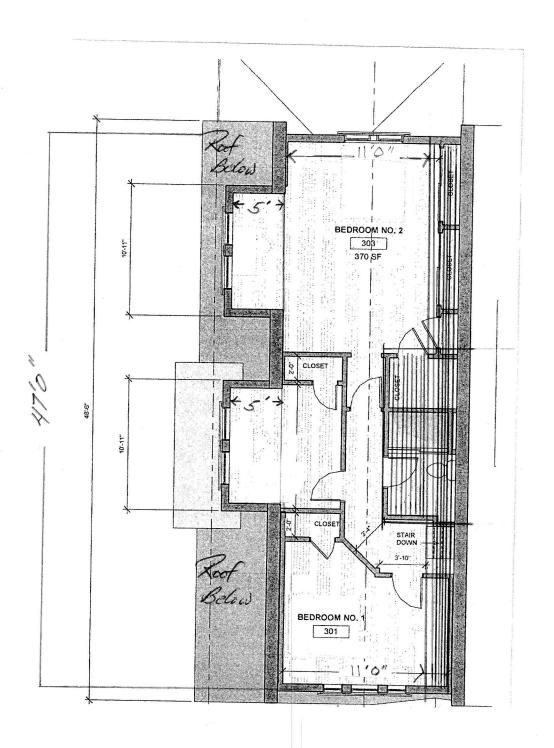
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Zoning Board of Appeals
Christian Klein, RA, Chair

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



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## **34 MARATHON STREET**

EXISTING AREA OF SECOND FLOOR: 47' X 27' = 1269 SQ FT

PROPOSED AREA OF ATTIC SPACE WITH A HEIGHT OF 7'0" FROM UNDERSIDE OF ROOF FRAME (RAFTERS) TO FF BELOW:

11' X 47' = 517 SQ FT

 $11' \times 5' = 55 \text{ SQ FT}$ 

 $11' \times 5' = 55 \text{ SQ FT}$ 

TOTAL AREA @ 7'0" OR GREATER: 627 SQ FT

50% OF SECOND FLOOR AREA: 634.5 SQ FT

PROPOSED AREA OF ATTIC SPACE @ 7'0" OR GREATER: 627 SQ FT
% OF ATTIC AREA @ 7'0" OR GREATER: 49%

## REQUEST FOR SPECIAL PERMIT

### TOWN OF ARLINGTON

In the matter of the Application of Francis J. & RHa E. Mc Govern
to the Zoning Board of Appeals for the Town of Arlington:
Application for a Special Permit is herewith made, in accordance
with Section 10.11 of the Zoning Bylaw for the Town of Arlington,
seeking relief from the following specific provisions of the Zoning
Bylaw, and as described fully in the attached form, Special Permit
Criteria:
Permission to build out 2 dormers on the
left city of the 2rd Class of the
usable space.
The Petitioner/Applicant states he/she/they is/are the owner -
occupant of the land in Arlington located at 34 Marathm Street,
with respect to such relief is sought; that no unfavorable action Ar with.
has been taken by the Zoning Board of Appeals or its predecessors
upon a similar petition regarding this property within the two (2)
years next immediately prior to the filing hereof. The applicant
expressly agrees to full compliance with any and all conditions and
qualifications imposed upon this permission, whether by the Zoning
Bylaw or by the Zoning Board of Appeals, should the same be
granted. The Applicant represents that the grounds for the relief
sought are as follows:
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with neighboring structures.
fmcgovern@mgh.harvard.edu, betsy bradymcgwern@gmail
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Special Permit Criteria- The following standards must be addressed and met for the grant of a Special Permit:
1). Indicate where the use requested is listed in the Table of Use Regulations as a Special Permit in the district for which the application is made or is so designated elsewhere in the Arlington Zoning Bylaw.  Lise regulation of Residential purpose as a Continued 2 family dwelling in an R2.  Zoned district.
2). Describe how the requested use is essential or desirable to the public convenience or welfare.  The request to durmer the 3rd floor on the left side of dwelling will allow for more usable space for residential use and a 2rd pathroom. For the upper unit which is currently 3 bedrooms.
3). Describe how the requested use will not create undue traffic congestion, or unduly impair pedestrian safety.  This use will not after the truffic Longeston and will not impair pedestrian safety.
4). Describe how 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.  This dwelling will remain a 2-family. The existing driwcway will allow for necessary parking of street. The same number of Bedrooms will not change the use of the sewersy ten.  It will make for greater Convience for the 2 dunit dwelvers.  5). Describe how any special regulations for the use, set forth in Article 11, are fulfilled.  This Remains a 2-family in an area designated R2
6). Describe how the requested use will not impair the integrity or character of the district or adjoining districts, nor be detrimental to the health, morals, or welfare.  The requested addition of during will keep the structure Compatable with existing neighbor hood.  Characleristics

7). Describe how the requested use will not, by its addition to a neighborhood, cause an excess of that particular use that could be detrimental to the character of said neighborhood.

he no detriment to the character of the neighbor hood.

Will will improve the exterior appearance of the house will residing and repairs to trim and to insulate the house which will lower the carbon footprint of this dwelling.

### TOWN OF ARLINGTON

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

1. Pr	operty Location: 34 Mara Then	La	Zoning Distri	ct: <u> </u>	
2. Present Use/Occupancy: Two trailing No. of dwelling units					
3. Ex	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):  Sq. Ft.				
4. Pro	oposed Use/Occupancy: 2-2	No. of dwell	ing units		
5. Pro	oposed Gross Floor Area (refer to Section 5.3 documentation [worksheet and drawings]  Sq. Ft.				
		Present Conditions	Proposed Conditions	Min. or max Required by Zoning	
6.	Lot size (Sq. Ft.)	5000 K	5000 M	min. 6000 /	
7.	Frontage (Ft.)	50'	50	min. 60 '	
8.	Floor area ratio	NA	N/A	max. M/A	
9.	Lot Coverage (%)	37.5%	37.5%	max 35 %	
10.	Lot Area per Dwelling Unit (Sq. Ft.)	NA	N/A	min. N/A	
11.	Front Yard Depth (Ft.)	23.2	23.2	min. 20'	
12.	Left Side Yard Depth (Ft.)	13.5	13.5	min. 10 °	
13.	Right Side Yard Depth (Ft.)	6.0"	60	min. 10	
14.	Rear Yard Depth (Ft.)	23'	23'	min. 20 °	
15.	Height (Stories)	2	2.5	max. 2.5	
16.	Height (Ft.)	235'	L 35°	max. 35	
17.	Landscaped Open Space (Sq. Ft.) Refer to Section 2 in the Zoning Bylaw.	> 10%	> 10%	10 %	
17A.	Landscaped Open Space (% of GFA)	0	0	min. 36 %	
18.	Usable Open Space (Sq. Ft.) Refer to Section 2 in the Zoning Bylaw.				
18A.	Usable Open Space (% of GFA)	0%	0%	min. 949,5 P	
19.	Number of Parking Spaces	Ý	4	min. 2	
20.	Parking area setbacks (if applicable)	NA	NA	min. NA	
21.	Number of Loading Spaces (if applicable)	NA	NA	min. NA	
22.	Type of construction	5	5	N/A	
23.	Slope of proposed roof(s) (in. per ft.)	> 2/12	>2/12	min. > 2/12	

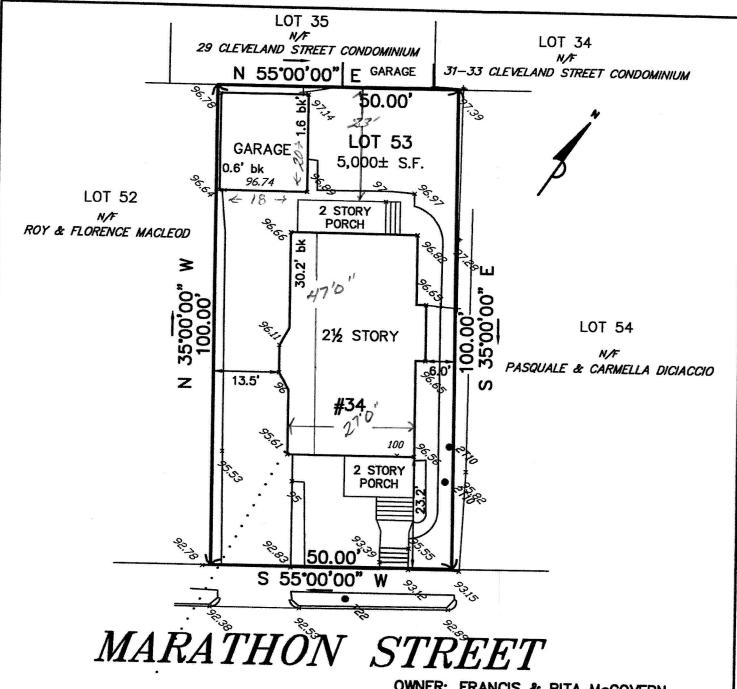
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### TOWN OF ARLINGTON

Open Space / Gross Floor Area Information For Applications to the Zoning Board of Appeals

Refer to Section 2: *Definitions*, and Section 5: *District Regulations* in the Zoning Bylaw of the Town of Arlington before completing this form.

Address: 34 Mars Joseph Zon	ning District:	
OPEN SPACE*	EXISTING	PROPOSED
Total lot area	5000 X	5000 K
Open Space, Usable	0	0
Open Space, Landscaped	> 10%	> 10%
* Refer to the Definitions in Section 2 of the Zoning	Bylaw.	
GROSS FLOOR AREA (GFA) †		
Accessory Building Basement or Cellar (meeting the definition of Story, excluding mechanical use areas)	0 < 70" HERHT	NA 70" Heigi
1 <sup>st</sup> Floor	1269 "	1269 ×
2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor	1269 1	1269 1
3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor	0	627 M
4 <sup>th</sup> Floor		
5 <sup>th</sup> Floor		
Attic (greater than 7'-0" in height, excluding elevator machinery, or mechanical equipment) Parking garages (except as used for accessory parking or off-street loading purposes)	(517)	(627)
All weather habitable porches and balconies		
Total Gross Floor Area (GFA)	3055 ×	3165 ×
† Refer to Definition of Gross Floor Area in Section	2 and Section 5 of the Zoning E	Bylaw.
REQUIRED MINIMUM OPEN SPACE AREA		
Landscaped Open Space (Sq. Ft.)		
Landscaped Open Space (% of GFA)	9	
Usable Open Space (Sq. Ft.)		
Usable Open Space (% of GFA)		
This worksheet applies to plans dated	designed by KWH	Design
Reviewed with Building Inspector: X Vallacell	Date: <u>5-22-20</u> 2	? j
* Note: Existing ATTI	c Space Not Areas	Being uses 89 of 96

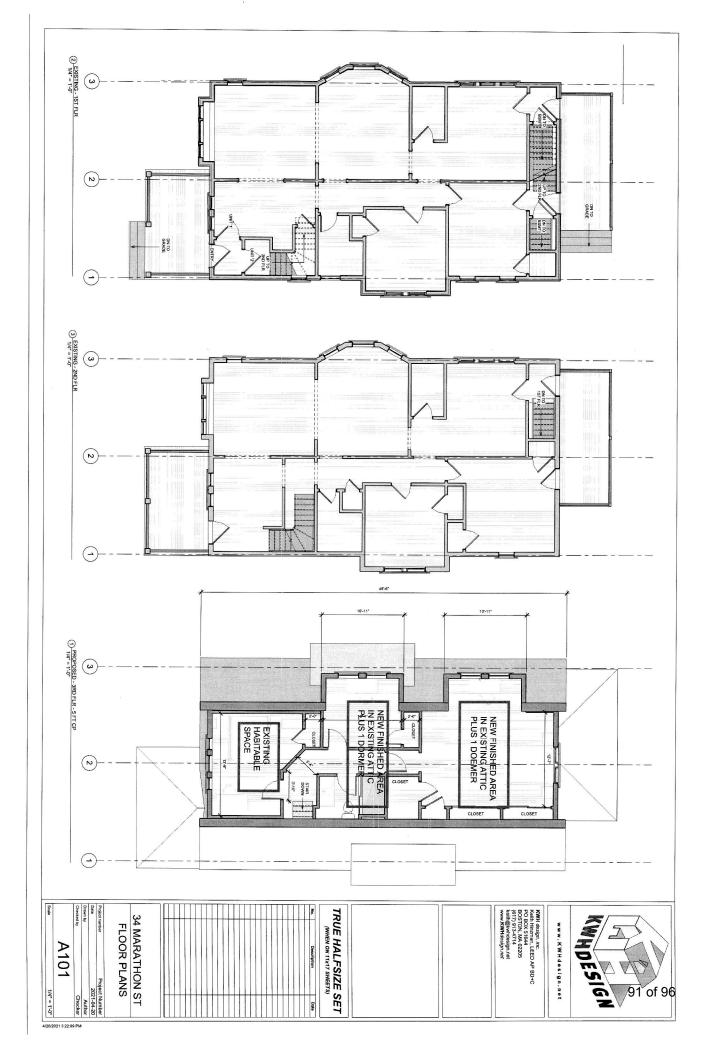


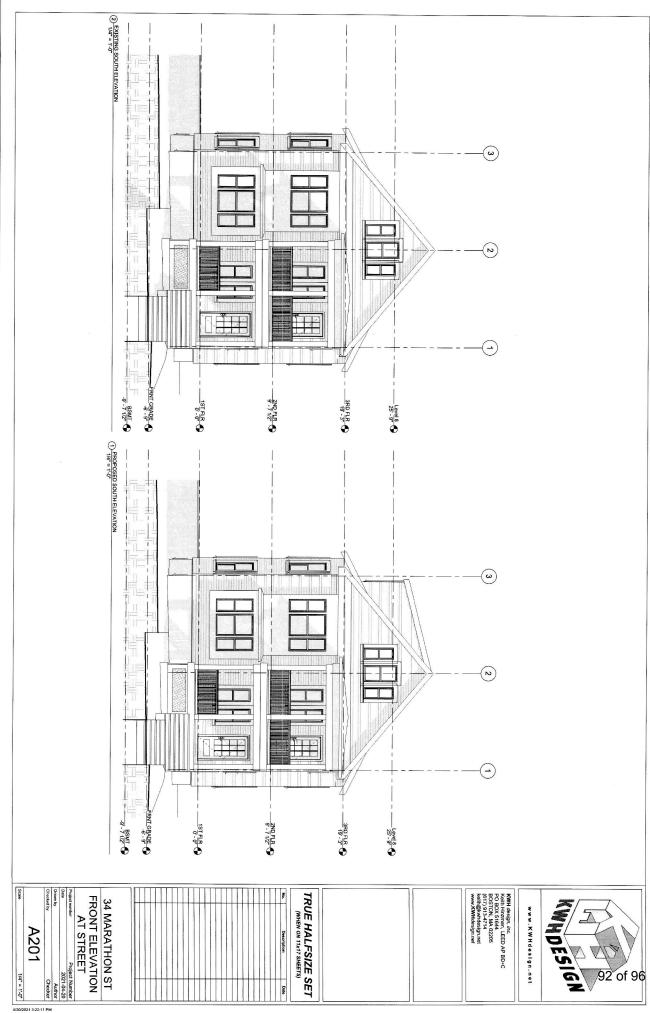
I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE BUILDING IS LOCATED AS SHOWN.

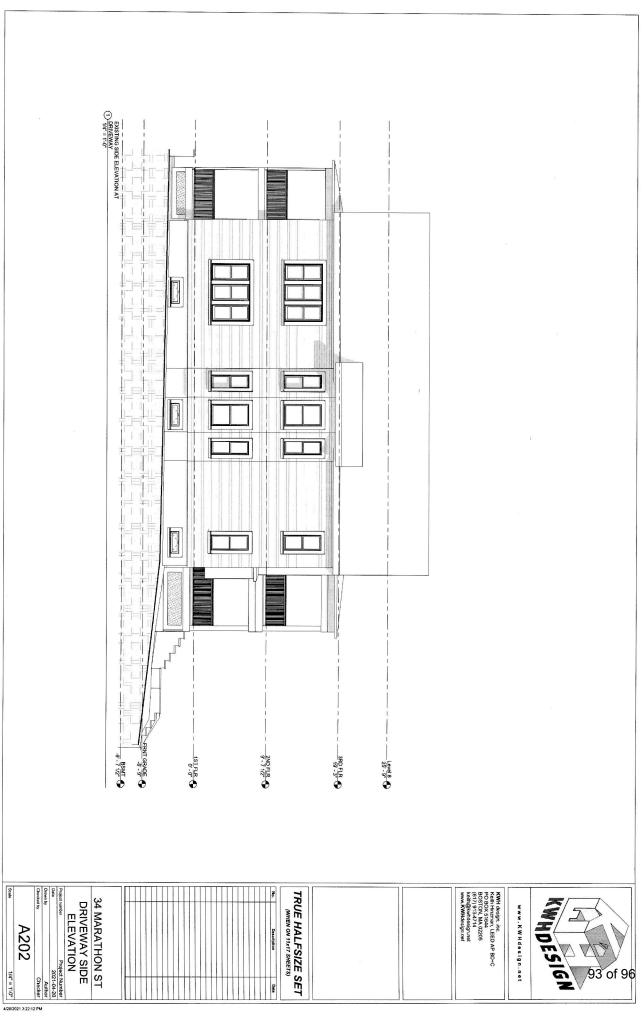
OWNER: FRANCIS & RITA McGOVERN

PROPOSED PLOT PLAN **#34 MARATHON STREET** ARLINGTON, MA (MIDDLESEX COUNTY) SCALE: 1"= 20' DATE: 1/15/2019 0 20 40 60 ft ROBER SURVEY 1072A MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE ARLINGTON, MA 02476 (781) 648-5533 5711PP1.DWG 90 of 96

CLIFFORD E. ROBER, PLS DATE THIS PLAN MAY HAVE BEEN ALTERED IF THE SIGNATURE IS NOT SIGNED IN BLUE.







PROPOSED SIDE ELEVATION AT

1) DRIVEWAY

1/4" = 1'-0" FRNT GRADE -9'-71/2" 2ND FLR 9 - 7 1/2" 1ST FLR 0'-0" 3RD FLR 19'-3" Level 8 25 - 9" KWH design, inc.
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