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Chairman Legg,

The planning board, at its regularly scheduled meeting of February 21, 2019, granted my Conditional Use Permit application for 65 Fields Road to construct an attached accessory dwelling unit (AADU) in our existing residential structure. The permit was granted with the stipulation that I obtain a certificate of use from the Planning Department verifying compliance with all standards of Sec. 10.814. Also, the Conditional Use Permit will expire unless the certificate of use is obtained within one year of the date granted.

The letter I received from the planning board also states that "The Board may, for good cause shown, extend such period by as much as one year if such extension is requested and acted upon prior to the expiration date."

I am writing to respectfully request a one year extension in order to have more time to complete the work required to comply with all the standards of Sec. 10.814. I have been working with the building inspectors on several projects in order to ensure compliance with the building code (electrical, smoke/CO2, fire-proofing). However, the process has taken longer than I originally anticipated. Also, although unrelated to the alterations necessary for the AADU, our home has also suffered a collapsed sewer line, a blown furnace, and a failed hot water heater since I began the AADU project. In addition to these issues I also sustained an injury this past year which required surgery and I was immobilized for several months. Quite simply, with all of the setbacks we've encountered, everything is taking longer than I had planned for.

Thank you in advance for considering my request for a one year extension in order to complete the work necessary to ensure that the AADU meets all standards required by Sec. 10.814.

Respectfully,

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