

**BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT MEETING
PORTSMOUTH, NEW HAMPSHIRE
EILEEN DONDERO FOLEY COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

7:00 P.M.

May 17, 2022

ACTION SHEET

MEMBERS PRESENT: Arthur Parrott, Chairman, Jim Lee, Vice Chair; David MacDonald, Beth Margeson, Paul Mannle, Phyllis Eldridge

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Thomas Rossi

ALSO PRESENT: Peter Stith, Planning Department

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A) Approval of the minutes of the meetings of April 19, 2022.

*The meeting minutes of April 19, 2022 were **approved** as presented.*

II. OLD BUSINESS

A. **189 Gates Street** – Request for Rehearing (LU-22-30)

*The Board voted to **deny** the request for the rehearing.*

B. **George and Donna Pantelakos - 138 Maplewood Avenue** request a 1-Year extension to the BOA approval of the garage renovation and expansion granted on June 16, 2020. (LU-20-71)

*The Board voted to **grant** the 1-year extension.*

C. **REQUEST TO POSTPONE** The request of **Francis X. Bruton, (Attorney for Appellants)**, for Appeal of Administrative decision that the merged lot at **1 Congress** is not subject to the height allowances (2 stories, 4th short, 45 feet in height) pursuant to Map 10.5A21B and as permitted pursuant to Section 10.5A21.22(a) & (c) of the Zoning Ordinance. Said property is shown on Assessor Map 117 Lot 14 and lies within Character District 4 (CD-4), Character District 5 (CD-5) and the Historic District. **REQUEST TO POSTPONE** (LU-22-12)

*The Board voted to **postpone** the July meeting.*

D. REQUEST TO POSTPONE The request of **One Market Square LLC (Owner)**, for the property located at **1 Congress Street** whereas relief is needed to construct a 3 story addition with a short 4th story and building height of 44'-11" which requires the following: 1) A Variance from Section 10.5A.43.31 and Map 10.5A21B to allow a 3-story addition with a short 4th and building height of 44'-11" where 2 stories (short 3rd) and 40' is the maximum allowed. Said property is shown on Assessor Map 117 Lot 14 and lies within Character District 4 (CD-4), Character District 5 (CD-5) and the Historic District. **REQUEST TO POSTPONE (LU-22-12)**

*The Board voted to **postpone** the July meeting.*

E. REQUEST TO POSTPONE The request of **635 Sagamore Development LLC (Owner)**, for property located at **635 Sagamore Avenue** whereas relief is needed to remove existing commercial structure and construct 5 new single-family dwellings which requires the following: 1) A Variance from Section 10.513 to allow 5 principal structures on a lot where only 1 is permitted. 2) A Variance from Section 10.521 to allow a lot area per dwelling unit of 22,389 square feet where 1 acre per dwelling is required. Said property is shown on Assessor Map 222 Lot 19 and lies within the Single Residence A (SRA) District. **REQUEST TO POSTPONE (LU-22-57)**

*The Board voted to **postpone** to the June meeting.*

F. WITHDRAWN The request of **Randi and Jeff Collins (Owners)**, for property located at **77 Meredith Way** whereas relief is needed to construct a second free-standing dwelling which requires the following: 1) A Variance from Section 10.513 to allow a second principal structure on a lot. 2) A Variance from Section 10.1114.31 to allow 2 driveways on a lot where only 1 is allowed. Said property is shown on Assessor Map 162 Lot 16 and lies within the General Residence A (GRA) District. **WITHDRAWN (LU-22-61)**

*No action was taken, the application was **withdrawn**.*

G. The request of **64 Vaughan Mall LLC (Owner)**, for property located at **64 Vaughan Street** whereas relief is needed for the addition of a rooftop penthouse which requires the following: 1) A Variance from Section 10.5A43.30 and Map 10.5A21B to allow a building height of 51'6" where 42' is the maximum allowed for a penthouse. 2) A Variance from Section 10.1530 to allow a penthouse with a 9.5' setback from the edge of the roof where 15 feet is required. Said property is shown on Assessor Map 126 Lot 1 and lies within the Character District 5 (CD-5) and Downtown Overlay and Historic Districts. (LU-22-65)

*The Board voted to **deny** the request because the spirit of the ordinance was not observed, as the applicable provision of the zoning ordinance only allows for three stories or forty feet and an extra two feet for the penthouse.*

NEW BUSINESS

- A. The request of **Adam Fitzpatrick and Emily Smith (Owners)**, for property located at **96 Sparhawk Street** whereas relief is needed to add an addition on the existing dwelling and an addition to a shed which requires the following: 1) Variances from Section 10.521 to allow a) a 4 foot right side yard where 10' is required; and b) an 8 foot front yard where 15 feet is required. 2) Variances from Section 10.573.20 to allow a) a 4 foot right side yard where 9.5 feet is required; and b) a 7 foot rear yard where 9.5 feet is required. 3) A Variance from Section 10.321 to allow a nonconforming building or structure to be extended, reconstructed or enlarged without conforming to the requirements of the Ordinance. Said property is shown on Assessor Map 159 Lot 16 and lies within the General Residence A (GRA) District. (LU-22-42)

*The Board voted to **grant** the request and advertised.*

- B. The request of **The Lonzoni Family Revocable Trust (Owner)**, for property located at **411 South Street** whereas relief is needed to demolish existing garage and construct new attached garage which requires the following: 1) Variance from Section 10.521 to allow a 6 foot rear yard where 20 feet is required. 2) Variance from Section 10.321 to allow a nonconforming building or structure to be extended, reconstructed or enlarged without conforming to the Ordinance. Said property is shown on Assessor Map 112 Lot 55 and lies within the General Residence A (GRA) District. (LU-22-67)

*The Board voted to **grant** the request and advertised.*

- C. The request of **Andrea Hurwitz (Owner)**, for property located at **129 Aldrich Road** whereas relief is needed for a second floor addition with rear addition and deck which requires the following: 1) Variance from Section 10.521 to allow a 5.5 foot left side yard where 10 feet is required. 2) Variance from Section 10.321 to allow a nonconforming building or structure to be extended, reconstructed or enlarged without conforming to the requirements of the Ordinance. Said property is shown on Assessor Map 153 Lot 35 and is located within the Single Residence B (SRB) District. (LU-22-71)

*The Board voted to **grant** the request and advertised.*

- D. The request of **Donald Lowell Stickney III (Owner)**, for property located at **213 Jones Avenue** whereas relief is needed for the addition of a second driveway which requires the following: 1) Variance from Section 10.1114.31 to allow a second driveway on a lot where only one driveway is allowed. Said property is located on Assessor Map 222 Lot 69 and lies within the Single Residence B (SRB) District. (LU-22-34)

*The Board voted to **grant** the request and advertised.*

- E. The request of **Ann Genevieve Becksted Trust of 2004 (Owner)**, for property located at **9 Schurman Avenue** whereas relief is needed to add a 6' x 25' two story addition and side porch which requires the following. 1) A Variance from Section 10.521 to allow a 22 foot front yard

where 30 feet is required. 2) A Variance from Section 10.321 to allow a nonconforming building or structure to be extended, reconstructed or enlarged without conforming to the requirements of the Ordinance. Said property is located on Assessor Map 260 Lot 158 and lies within the Single Residence B (SRB) District. (LU-22-84)

*The Board voted to **grant** the request with the following **stipulation**:*

1) The rear yard shall be 7 feet.

F. The request of **Andrew DiPasquale (Owner)**, for property located at **80 Fields Road** whereas relief is needed to Construct rear addition and enclose existing carport to create sunroom with front porch which requires the following: 1) Variances from Section 10.521 to allow a) a 26 foot rear yard where 30 feet is required; b) a 9 foot right side yard where 10 feet is required; c) a 9 foot left side yard where 10 feet is required; d) a 23 foot front yard where 30 feet is required; and e) 29% building coverage where 20% is the maximum allowed. 2) Variance from Section 10.321 to allow a nonconforming building or structure to be extended, reconstructed or enlarged without conforming to the requirements of the Ordinance. Said property is located on Assessor Map 171 Lot 8 and lies within the Single Residence B (SRB) District. (LU-22-76)

*The Board voted to **grant** the request as presented and advertised.*

G. The request of **Pamela J. Katz Revocable Trust (Owner)**, for property located at **462 Lincoln Ave, Unit 4** whereas relief is needed to install a generator which requires the following: 1) A Variance from Section 10.515.14 to allow a 6 foot setback where 10 feet is required and to allow the generator to be closer to the street than the principal structure. Said property is located on Assessor Map 133 Lot 20-4 and lies within the General Residence A (GRA) District. (LU-22-77)

*The Board voted to **move request to the May 24, 2022 meeting**.*

II. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

III. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:07 PM.