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Zoning Board of Appeals DECISION

ZBA Case #: FY21-15
Zone: Residential A Zone
Applicant: Michael Martin
Property Address: 75 High Street
Assessor's Reference Map: 24B Parcel: 3128
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VARIANCE GRANTED

Decision Date: August 4, 2021

VOTING MEMBERS: Rob Knapik, John Gniadek, & Thomas McNulty

SUBMITTALS:

- Complete Zoning Board of Appeals Application and Fee
- Certified Abutters List
- Certified Plot Plan for 75 High Street prepared by Christopher C Charlton, PLS, dated March 29, 2021

REQUEST:

The applicant, Michael Martin, is seeking a VARIANCE of two-feet (2') to the rear setback requirement of five feet (5') for the placement of a detached garage at 75 High Street.

PRESENTATION / FINDINGS OF FACT / DELIBERATIONS:

A public hearing for the application was opened and closed on August 4, 2021. The property owner, Michael Martin represented himself during the hearing. He explained the existing detached garage has been demolished and he would like to relocate it in the proposed location to gain more driveway and yard space on his property. He noted that the size and shape of lot limited options for placement of the garage.

Larry Lench, Uxbridge Building Inspector attended the hearing. He explained the property is a pre-existing, non-conforming lot in area and various setbacks and that Mr. Martin would be allowed to re-build a detached garage on the existing garage footprint. He recommended that Mr. Martin push the location back to move it further from the front setback.

No members of the public commented during the public hearing.

Board members reviewed the standard for the grant of a variance as outlined in M.G.L. Chapter 40A §10. There was consensus among members that the constraints brought on by the shape of the lot represented a circumstance in which literal enforcement bylaw would cause a hardship. They also found granting the relief would not be detrimental to the public or derogate from the intent of the Uxbridge Zoning Bylaw.



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Board members also applied Section 400-12 D. *Nonconforming Structures: Variance/Special Permit Required* of the Uxbridge Zoning Bylaw to address the front setback requirement relief.

MOTIONS / VOTES:

Mr. McNulty made a **MOTION** to close the Public Hearing for FY21-15 75 High Street. **MOTION SECONDED** by Mr. Gniadek passed unanimously by **VOTE** of 3-0-0.

Mr. McNulty made a **MOTION** that the Zoning Board of Appeals **GRANT** the **VARIANCE** for ZBA application FY21-15 75 High Street upon the finding that there are circumstances owing to the shape of the lot and relief can be granted without detriment to the town. **MOTION SECONDED** by Mr. Gniadek passed unanimously by **VOTE** of 3-0-0.

Mr. McNulty made a MOTION that the Zoning Board of Appeals find that the increased setback of the garage from High Street is not substantially more detrimental than the existing setback to the neighborhood. MOTION SECONDED by Mr. Gniadek passed unanimously by VOTE of 3-0-0.



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SIGNATURE PAGE	
Rob Knapik, Chairman	John Gniadek, Vice Chairman
Mark Kaferlein, Clerk	Thomas McNúlty, Associate Member
Jim Blackburn, Associate Member	
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Appeals, if any, from this decision shall be made pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 40 A, Section 17 and filed within 20 days after the date of the filing in the Office of the Town Clerk.

I hereby certify that twenty (20) days has elapsed from the file date and no appeal has been filed in this office	
A true copy: ATTEST	
Town Clerk, Kelly Dumas or Assistant Town Clerk	Date
Town Seal	

**THE APPLICANT IS REMINDED OF THEIR RESPONSIBILITY TO RECORD THIS DECISION AT THE REGISTRY OF DEEDS PER THE CERTIFICATE OF GRANTING. NO PERMITS SHALL ISSUE UNTIL THE PERMIT IS RECORDED. **