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## **Zoning Board of Appeals DECISION**

ZBA Case #: FY21-17
Zone: Agricultural
Applicant: Scott F. Grehoski and Cheryl Ann Grehoski
Property Address: 119 Aldrich Street
Assessor's Reference Map: 45 Parcel: 1721
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# VARIANCE GRANTED

Decision Date: July 7, 2021

VOTING MEMBERS: Rob Knapik, John Gniadek, Thomas McNulty

### SUBMITTALS:

- Complete Zoning Board of Appeals Application and Fee
- Certified Abutters List
- Plan of Land Survey registered with the Worcester Registry of Deeds Book 00637 Page 49

### REQUEST:

Applicants Scott F. Grehoski and Cheyl Ann Grehoski are seeking a frontage VARIANCE of one hundred thirty-eight feet (138') from current frontage requirements for the property at 119 Aldrich Street.

### PRESENTATION / FINDINGS OF FACT / DELIBERATIONS:

A duly noted public hearing was opened and closed on July 7, 2021. The applicants were represented by Henry Lane of Lane and Hammer, P.C.

Mr. Lane explained this parcel of land was part of the Southern New England Railroad right-of-way that was never completed and left strips of land throughout Uxbridge. The property was acquired by the Grehoski family in 1952 before zoning was adopted. Once Zoning was adopted, the property became a pre-existing non-conforming lot because it did not meet the 200' frontage requirement of the agricultural district. When the property was acquired it was owned in common with another landlocked parcel that was sold to a neighbor in 1997. Although the lot still has conforming area, the sale of the adjoining landlocked parcel may technically have ended its "grandfather" status despite the fact that there was no increase in non-conformity. The applicants are requesting a variance of 138 feet from current frontage requirements in order to eliminate any ambiguity in its "grandfather" status.

There were no comments from members of the public or the Uxbridge Zoning Enforcement Officer.



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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 parcel, identified through the testimony of the applicant, represented a circumstance in which literal enforcement bylaw would cause a financial hardship. They also found granting the relief would not be detrimental to the public or derogate from the intent of the Uxbridge Zoning Bylaw. Members also reviewed M.G.L. Chapter 40A §6 Existing structures, uses or permits, for further understanding of the grandfathering status and how it applies to the petition.

#### MOTIONS / VOTES:

Mr. McNulty made a **MOTION** to close the Public Hearing for FY21-17 119 Aldrich Street. **MOTION SECONDED** by Mr. Gniadek passed unanimously by roll call **VOTE** of 3-0-0 (Gniadek – aye, Knapik – aye, McNulty - aye).

Mr. Gniadek made a MOTION that the Zoning Board of Appeals GRANT a VARIANCE to allow the frontage requirement to be reduced by 138' as requested in ZBA application package FY21-17. MOTION SECONDED by Mr. McNulty passed unanimously by roll call VOTE of 3-0-0 (Gniadek – aye, Knapik -aye, McNulty – aye).



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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. \*\*