# TOWN OF WEYMOUTH BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS APPLICATION

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Case Number: 3269 Town Clerk Stamp
Submittal Accepted: Date
Determined to be complete and may now be filed with Town Clerk:  Signature of Principal Planner or Director  Signature of Principal Planner or Director
PROPERTY INFORMATION - TO BE COMPLETED BY APPLICANT
PROJECT / PROPERTY STREET ADDRESS: 55 Fogg Road
Assessor's Map Sheet, Block, & Lot: Sheet 45 (Block & lot- see attachment)
Zoning District: MSD & Watershed Protection Overlay District:
OWNER OF RECORD (S) (print & sign): South Shore Hospital
(The owner of record is the person or entity who owns title to the property as of today's date)
Address of owner of record: 55 Fogg Rd. Weymouth, MA 02190
Norfolk County Registry of Deeds Book and Page No. Bk 6056 Pg 427 Bk 8824 Pg 340
Or registered in Land Registration Office under Certificate No.
NAME OF APPLICANT (S) (print & sign): Robert Rodak
Applicant's Address: South Shore Hospital 55 Fogg Rd. Weymouth, MA
Contact Information: Email robert_rodak@sshosp.org / Phone 781-624-8708
Check if you are an: owner(s) lessee(s) optionee (s)
NAME & AFFILIATION OF REPRESENTATIVE: David A. Kelly, Esq
Address: 45 Braintree Hill Office Park #302 Braintree MA 02184
Contact Information: Email davidkellyesq@comcast.net Phone 781-848-6800 office
NAME OF ENGINEER AND / OR ARCHITECT: TRO/ JB
Prior to submitting your application you must review this entire package and the Board Rules and Regulations outlining the Board's policies and procedures. Your signature signifies that you have read the required material and you will be expected to adhere to them.
I (we) hereby certify that I (we) have read the Board of Zoning Appeals Rules and Regulations and that the statements within my (our) application are true and accurate to the best of my (our) knowledge.  Applicantal Petitioner - Date (sign & print)
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The existing South Shore Hospital main campus is located at 55 Fogg Rd. It consists of multiple buildings, all used for acute hospital care and is approximately 700,000 sf.	,
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<ol> <li>Are you aware if this property has been previously granted approvals from any Town Board Commission? If so, please list (provide dates of previous approvals, book and page numbers any recorded decisions and copies of past decisions).</li> </ol>	or or
Yes. Therre have been numerous approvals from Town Boards and Commissions over the years.  See Attached	
Any other additional information as relevant to the Variance or Special Permit:	
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# South Shore Hospital Proposed Patient Bed Expansion to Meet Urgent Community Needs

### **Executive Summary**

South Shore Hospital is pleased to submit the following application for consideration by the Weymouth Board of Zoning Appeals. Our proposed project will profoundly improve the patient experience and further enhance quality of care by replacing our existing 24 ICU beds with 24 new, state-of-the-art ICU patient rooms and adding 24 new, private medical/ surgical patient beds.

The existing 24 ICU beds are located in our Pratt Building on Level 6, and because of the growth of physical plant over the past 20 years, are now farthest away from the Operating Room and Emergency Department from which patients arrive. The Pratt 6 space was contemporary when it was initially constructed in 1978, but is now showing signs of the heavy usage and relentless technology changes that have occurred over the 37 years of its existence.

The 24 new ICU beds would be located in our Messina Building at 55 Fogg Rd. The Messina Building was originally constructed in 2001 and was designed at that time to accommodate two additional floors. We are proposing to now add these two additional floors, for a total of 42,287 square feet of new construction. Although below the Town's threshold on height of 80 feet, it would still be above the 70 foot building code regulation for high rise classification at 77.5 feet.

The proposed addition and subsequent enhancements to the Messina Building will not significantly change the visual or physical impact of the building, nor will it change the character of the surrounding neighborhood. The exterior design of the addition will be as such as to blend in seamlessly with the existing campus architecture. The project will need only minimal relief from municipal zoning regulations both in terms of height and total square foot area.

Another element of this proposed project is the addition of a pair of 800 KW emergency generators to be located immediately adjacent to our 62 Columbian St building. These generators are being added to serve the additional emergency electric load requirements of the Messina addition. They will be screened from view to the Columbian St side. These generators will be exercised twice a month on Thursdays from 5:00 am to 6:00 am, which is consistent with the generator run schedule for our existing generators.

Once the new Messina Addition has been completed and the 24 new ICU beds moved over from Pratt, the renovation of Pratt 6 will occur. This 18,000 sf project will create 24 new Medical

Surgical beds. The exterior of the Pratt Building will require no modifications- all of the work occurs in the interior of the building.

The construction of 24 new ICU beds in Messina and subsequent move from Pratt 6 will not increase the number of patients requiring this service. These patients are already coming to us for care. The 24 new medical surgical beds will also not increase the number of patients seeking care at South Shore Hospital. Despite South Shore's best efforts to manage patient flow and create capacity, current inpatient resources are strained in light of increasing demand. Occupancy rates have remained well above the levels considered optimal for the efficient delivery of care. In addition, space constraints have limited South Shore's ability to add medical/surgical capacity to address this increased demand. The replacement of the current ICU on Pratt 6 with a new unit located in the proposed new Messina Building provides South Shore with a practical, cost effective opportunity to addressing its need for additional medical/ surgical bed capacity. The addition of these beds will enable South Shore Hospital to provide the best possible care to the residents of the region. Therefore the increase in bed count will not adversely affect the traffic and parking at the 55 Fogg Road hospital site.

In terms of how parking at the hospital will be affected by the project, there will only be a permanent reduction of 2 ambulance parking spaces in the vicinity of the new twin emergency generators. These spaces are essentially for South Shore Hospital's own ambulance fleet to wait for calls and can be accommodated by allocating space on the west side of the 62 Columbian Street building for these ambulances.

During the project, The Construction Manager will be utilizing the future Fogg Parking lot site for trailers and laydown area with a minimal effect on our South Lot (adjacent to the Messina Building) as shown on the Site Logistics Plan (included in this application). The valet lot will be reconfigured to allow for stack parking, thus accommodating up to 62 vehicles. In addition, a portion of the 65 Columbian St parking lot will be designated as valet overflow parking, to be used when the main valet lot fills up during the day. This lot can accommodate up to 22 additional vehicles in the lined spaces and more if stacked. This arrangement will be similar to the plan we implemented successfully during our recent Emerson project.

As indicated on the included Site Logistics Plan, we also plan to close off the "cut-through" driveway from Fogg Rd. to the ED walk-in entrance. This area will be dedicated to construction deliveries. Public vehicular traffic will be directed by signage to take the turn at Fogg and Columbian to access the ED entrance from the Fogg Rd driveway. This will essentially separate public and construction vehicular traffic on the site, maintaining safety for the public during the construction project.

The area of the old Cottage Shop (and future parking lot) will be primarily for the contractor's temporary office trailers, selected contractor parking and laydown of materials that cannot be immediately loaded into the building. The majority of the "traffic" across Fogg Rd from this area

to the site will be pedestrian...primarily the workers traversing from the trailers to the jobsite. The existing crosswalk will be relocated to accommodate this pedestrian traffic.

South Shore Hospital's ICU and Patient Bed expansion will benefit our community in a number of ways:

Support patients who depend on us. Over the past decade South Shore Hospital has invested significantly to develop programs and services that deliver high quality care to address our community's most pressing health care needs, such as cardiovascular, maternal/newborn, trauma and cancer care. As a result, an increased number of patients now depend on us for care that is unavailable elsewhere in our region.

South Shore Hospital currently has a total of 378 licensed beds for all types of care. Of these beds only 265 are licensed specifically for the inpatient care of adults who are admitted for medical or surgical conditions, while the average midnight census- a common measurement for a hospital's capacity- is 240 adult medical/surgical patients. This represents an average utilization rate of over 90% of capacity. There have been many instances in the past year where the census has exceeded 400 patients in need of care. When this occurs, patients spend extended time in our emergency department and/or receive care in alternative care environments.

o Enhance the patient care experience. Our proposed Messina addition and the development of 24 new ICU patient rooms will be a tremendous improvement over the 38 year old present rooms. The patient and family experience will be greatly enhanced in these modern, up to date facilities.

Our proposed patient bed expansion will help to reduce delays that patients experience in our emergency department when inpatient beds are temporarily unavailable. We recognize our obligation to appropriately care for the people in our communities who make over 85,000 visits to our emergency department each year- and view the addition of inpatient beds as a vital and necessary action to achieve this goal.

Stimulate economic growth. Our proposed ICU and patient bed expansion project also will have an economic benefit to the community and the people of the region. The clinical space created will support at least 94 new jobs. In addition, the \$42 million estimated construction cost the project also will provide more than 90 construction jobs for workers in the region.

We also expect that this project will continue the dramatic growth trend in the Hospital's financial contribution to support municipal services in Weymouth. The growth on our campus in recent years has increased our Payment In Lieu Of Taxes(PILOT) to the Town. The PILOT payment has grown since 2008 from, \$49,000 to more than \$700,000 this past year – 1,300%

growth over 7 years. Based on the proposed increase in square footage, this project would increase the PILOT by approximately \$200,000 per year once completed.

### **Meeting Criteria for Approval**

South Shore Hospital respectfully requests that the Weymouth Board of Zoning Appeals approve our ICU and Patient Bed Expansion Project application as the project meets each of the following conditions as set forth in the Weymouth Zoning Code:

- o The specific site is an appropriate location for such use: The location is permitted for medical use and has been operating as an acute care hospital for 93 years.
- The use will not be detrimental to the established or future character of the neighborhood or town: The project will maintain the aesthetic nature of the existing building, simply raising the top of the building by two floors, bringing the total building height to five floors- within current municipal height regulations.
- O There will be no nuisance or serious hazard to vehicles or pedestrians: The Messina Building expansion project will be designed and implemented with the highest safety standards and all possible measures will be taken to mitigate the impact of construction on the surrounding area.
- Adequate and appropriate facilities will be provided for proper operation of the proposed use: Details are in the construction plans.
- Public convenience and welfare will be substantially served: Improved access to care and reductions in holding time in Emergency departments across the state is a priority of the Department of Public Health and has clear benefits for people of the community.

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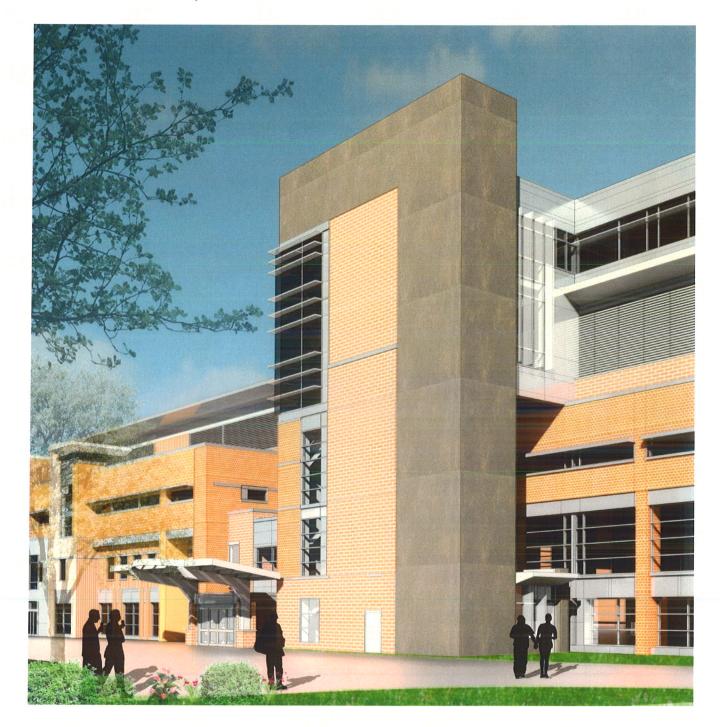






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**METAL PANEL** 

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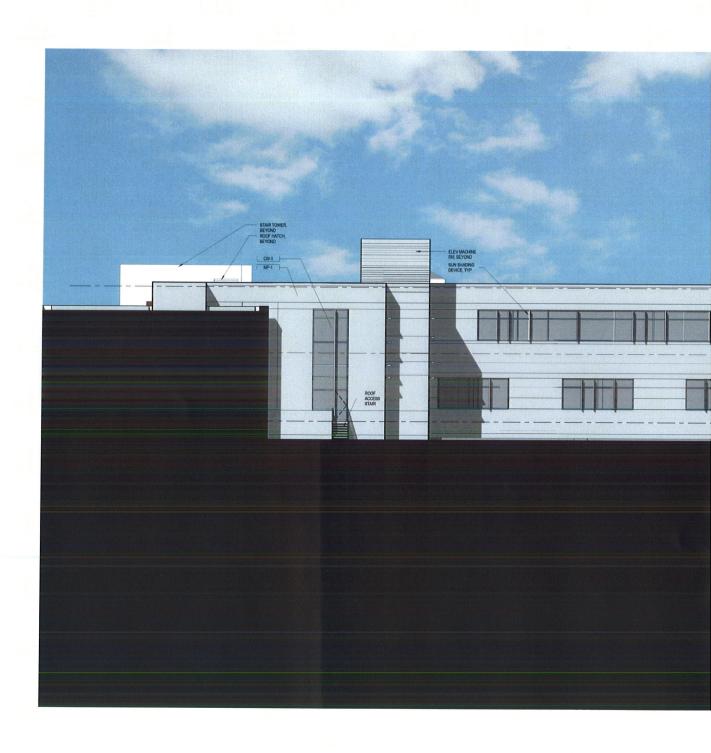




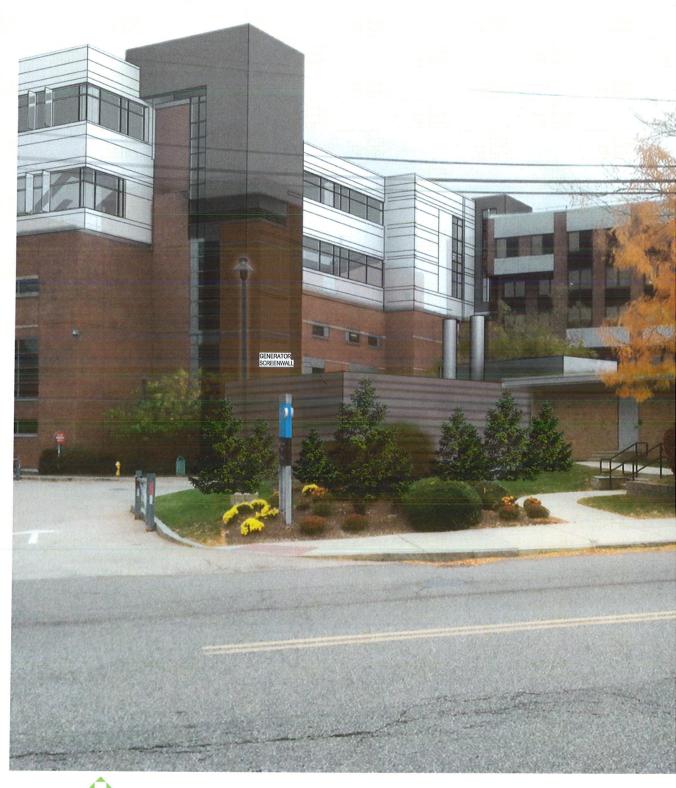
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