

TOWN OF WEYMOUTH, MASSACHUSETTS BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS NOTICE OF DECISION 254 WASHINGTON STREET

(To be mailed forthwith to the owner and applicant, if not the owner.)

Owner:

LeTran Enterprises LLC

Date:

August 22, 2018

Address:

67 Walnut Avenue

Braintree, MA 02184

Applicant:

Tom Le, Letran Enterprises LLC

Case #:

3361

Address:

67 Walnut Avenue

Braintree, MA 02184

Weymouth, MA 02189

Representative:

Raymond D. Jennings, Esq. 775 Pleasant Street, Suite 7

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Zoning District: B-1 / R-1

Board of Zoning Appeals application filed on June 27, 2018.

After a public hearing on <u>July 25, 2018</u>, advertised in the Weymouth News on July 11, and July 18, 2018, the Board of Zoning Appeals at its meeting of <u>July 25, 2018</u>

VOTED TO GRANT THE VARIANCE under Weymouth Zoning Ordinance: Dimensional Requirements (setbacks) and

VOTED TO GRANT THE SPECIAL PERMIT under Weymouth Zoning Ordinance 120-24(c) Detached one-family dwelling in a B-1 district; and 120-25 Grouping of Special Permitted Uses (Commercial and Residential)

Granting relief for the petitioner to raze the existing one-story building on the front lot (recently destroyed by fire) and construct a new two-story building with first floor office space and a two bedroom residential unit on the second floor.

FINDINGS:

SPECIAL PERMIT CRITERIA:

- 1. The specific site is an appropriate location for such a use. The existing use will not change.
- 2. The proposed use of structure will not be detrimental or adversely affect the character or future character of the neighborhood or town. The project will replace a similar structure destroyed by fire and will be better positioned on the lot.
- 3. There is not a potential for nuisance or serious hazard to vehicles or pedestrians. The setback from Vine Street will be increased and create a safer condition for both pedestrians and vehicle traffic.

- 4. There are adequate and appropriate facilities, utilizes and other public services provided for the proper operation of the proposed use. *Existing on site utilities are adequate to serve the rebuilt structure*.
- 5. That the public convenience and welfare will be substantially served with the proposal. The structure destroyed by fire is an eyesore and safety hazard. Several abutters spoke in favor of the project.

VARIANCE CRITERIA:

The Board recognized that the original structure was built on a small lot (+/- 6,100 sf) and predated zoning. The property is particularly challenging as it is bounded by two public roads. The original building was destroyed by fire through no fault of the owner. The new building will be better positioned on the lot and the setback from Vine Street will be increased.

CONDITIONS:

- 1. The side stairwell shown on the submitted plan is an error and will be removed on a subsequent plan. Should a side stairwell be needed, the applicant will have to apply to the Board for a modification.
- 2. The dumpster location will be shown on the plan and the dumpster will be screened.

Under MGL Chapter 40A, Section 11, the approval of the Board of Zoning Appeals will NOT take effect until it has been recorded in the Norfolk Registry of Deeds.

After the twenty (20) day appeal period has passed, the Town Clerk will send to the petitioner: (1) the certificate that no appeal was filed, (2) the certificate of granting of variance and/or special permit. The petitioner shall record these documents with the Norfolk Registry of Deeds, Dedham, MA, with the appropriate filing fee.

When a receipt from the Registry of Deeds is presented to the Building Inspector (to show that the decision has been recorded), the proper permit will be issued.

IMPORTANT: Notice is further given that any person aggrieved by this decision may appeal, according to MGL Chapter 40A, Section 17, and said appeal, if any, must be filed with the Town Clerk within twenty (20) days after the filing of the decision with the Town Clerk.

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MEMORANDUM

Date:

September 14, 2020

To:

Case File, Inspector of Buildings

From:

Eric Schneider, Principal Planner

Subject:

Decision of the Board of Zoning Appeals

Minor Modification - 254 Washington Street

The Board of Zoning Appeals met on August 19, 2020 to clarify the previous approval of BZA Case #3361 on July 25, 2018.

After reviewing the meeting minutes of the original approval, the Board voted unanimously to restate the uses approved in that Decision as follows:

The new building will consist of one (1) residential unit on the top floor, a retail use on the ground floor, and a small office in the basement.

This does not represent a change to the original decision of the Board, only a clarification based on a review of the original proceedings.

A TRUE COPY ATTEST:

TOWN CLERK

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Wednesday, July 25, 2018

Members Present:

Richard McLeod, Chairman

Kemal Denizkurt Jonathan Moriarty

Paul Koch Brandon Diem

Also Present:

Janet Murray, Recording Secretary

Chairman McLeod called the Board of Zoning Appeals meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at the McCulloch Building, 182 Green Street and explained the procedures that would be followed to the people present.

New Business:

Case #3361 - The petitioner, Letran Enterprises LLC, for property located at 254 Washington Street also shown on the Weymouth Town Atlas sheet 20, block 282, lot 1, located in the B-1/R-1 Zoning District. The petitioner is seeking the following relief from the requirements of the Weymouth Zoning Ordinance:

Special Permit: 120-24(c) Detached one-family dwelling in a B-1 District

120-25 Grouping of Special Permitted Uses (Commercial and

Residential)

Variance: Dimensional Requirements (setbacks)

The subject property consists of two contiguous lots totaling ~6,166 SF. The applicant seeks to raze the existing one-story building on the front lot, recently destroyed by fire, and construct a new two- story building with first floor office space and a two- bedroom residential unit on the second floor; additional parking added to the rear lot and the office now located in the existing storage shed will be relocated to the new front building.

Mr. Moriarty made a motion to open the public hearing on Case #3361 and was seconded by Mr. Denizkurt. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Mr. Moriarty made a motion to waive the reading of the public notice and was seconded by Mr. Denizkurt. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Attorney Raymond Jennings appeared before the board with the applicant, Mr. Tom Le of Letran Enterprises LLC. Attorney Jennings stated that the applicant seeks to build a new structure with retail on the first floor and a two-bedroom on the second floor. He noted that the side setback on Vine Street will be increased to seven (7) feet. The building will be more centered on the lot.

He further stated that there will be eight (8) parking spaces; two (2) on the south side of the structure for the residential unit and six (6) to the rear of the structure for the retail/office space.

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Mr. Jennings stated that the applicant could rebuild on the existing foundation but is looking to improve the property.

Mr. McLeod asked if the office space will be used by the applicant's business. Mr. Jennings stated that the first floor will be rented. The lower level will have a small office space that the applicant may use as his office.

Mr. Diem asked about the stairs from the lower level and whether the placement will impede on the southside residential parking area.

Mr. Moriarty asked when the original building was built. Mr. Jennings stated that it was built in 1878. Mr. Moriarty also asked about trash removal. Mr. Jennings stated that there is a dumpster, but it is no indicated on the plan.

Mr. Moriarty asked about snow removal and where the snow is moved to. Mr. Jennings stated that the applicant plows the property himself.

Mr. McLeod noted that staff was not present this evening, but a memo was submitted. The memo indicated that there were no concerns or objections from town departments.

 $\mbox{Mr.}\mbox{ McLeod}$ asked if there was anyone present who would like to speak. There was the following response.

Brianna Graham, 81 Vine Street, asked about the re-centering of the building and if it would improve the site lines for traffic exiting Vine Street. Mr. Jennings showed on the plans that it will improve the site lines.

The resident of 67 Vine Street was in favor of the project and he added that he appreciated the building is being kept smaller.

Anna Marinilli of 247 Washington Street stated that she supports the building being planned. She noted that it will improve the sight line for cars coming out of Vine Street.

Mr. Moriarty made a motion to close the public hearing and was seconded by Mr. Denizkurt. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Mr. Moriarty made a motion to APPROVE the request for a SPECIAL PERMIT for Case #3361.

SPECIAL PERMIT

- 1. The specific site is an appropriate location for such a use.
- 2. The proposed use of structure will not be detrimental or adversely affect the character or future character of the neighborhood or town.

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- 3. There is not a potential for nuisance or serious hazard to vehicles or pedestrians.
- 4. There are adequate and appropriate facilities, utilizes and other public services provided for the proper operation of the proposed use.
- 5. That the public convenience and welfare will be substantially served with the proposal.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Denizkurt. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

VARIANCE

Mr. Moriarty made a motion to approve this application for a variance because the applicant has shown a hardship due to the size and topography of the lot.

- 1) The literal enforcement of the provision of the Town of Weymouth Zoning Ordinance would involve a substantial hardship, financial or otherwise, to the petitioner.
- 2) The hardship is owing to circumstances relating to the soil conditions, shape, and/or topography of the land or structures and the hardship especially affects said land or structures but does not affect generally the zoning district in which it is located.
- 3) The desirable relief may be granted without detriment to the public good and without detriment to the public good and without nullifying or substantially derogating from the intent or purpose of the Town of Weymouth Zoning Ordinance.
- 4) The dimensional variance as it relates to floor space, bulk, number of occupants or other relevant measures, if granted, shall be no greater than the minimum necessary to provide relief from the statutory hardship.

The Board is able to grant the variance without substantial detriment to the public good and without nullifying or substantially derogating from the intent or purpose of the ordinance, with the following conditions:

- 1) The second stairwell on the southside of the building is removed. If the stairwell is required, the applicant must return to the Board.
- 2) The dumpster is to be reflected on the plans.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Denizkurt. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Other Business:

Minutes: 6/27/2018

Mr. Denizkurt made a motion to approve the minutes from June 27, 2018 and was seconded by Mr. Moriarty. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

<u>Upcoming Meetings</u>: August 15, 2018, September 5, 2018, September 26, 2018 Mr. McLeod noted that the August 15, 2018 meeting has been cancelled as there are no cases to be heard. The next meeting will be on September 5, 2018.

ADJOURNMENT

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Mr. Moriarty made a motion to adjourn at 7:45 and was seconded by Denizkurt. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Approved by:

Mr. Doniz Kink Clerk