

CITY OF NEWTON

IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDERED:

That the City Council, finding that the public convenience and welfare will be substantially served by its action, that the use of the site will be in harmony with the conditions, safeguards and limitations set forth in the Zoning Ordinance, and that said action will be without substantial detriment to the public good, and without substantially derogating from the intent or purpose of the Zoning Ordinance, grants approval of the following SPECIAL PERMIT/SITE PLAN APPROVAL to allow for dormers exceeding 50% of the wall below and projecting above the existing ridge line, as recommended by the Land Use Committee for the reasons given by the Committee, through its Chair, Councilor Andrea Kelley:

1. The site is an appropriate location for the proposed addition of dormers exceeding 50% of the length of the wall below and projecting above the existing ridge line as the additional dormers will allow for sufficient habitable space for the preservation and conversion of a historic carriage house to an accessory dwelling unit. (§7.3.3.C.1)
2. The proposed addition of dormers exceeding 50% of the length of the wall below and projecting above the existing ridge line as developed and operated will not adversely affect the neighborhood as the carriage house is located to the rear of the lot and obscured from the right-of-way. (§7.3.3.C.2)
3. The proposed addition of dormers exceeding 50% of the length of the wall below and projecting above the existing ridge line as there will be no nuisance or serious hazard to vehicles or pedestrians because no changes to parking or circulation are planned or required. (§7.3.3.C.3)
4. Access to the site over streets is appropriate for the types and numbers of vehicles involved in the proposed addition of dormers exceeding 50% of the length of the wall below and projecting above the existing ridge line as no changes to parking or circulation are planned or required. (§7.3.3.C.4)

PETITION NUMBER: #142-24

PETITIONER: Marianne Bechet

LOCATION: 20 Wachusett Rd., Ward 7, Chestnut Hill, on land known as Section 61 Block 15 Lot 04, containing approximately 23,114 sq. ft. of land

OWNER: Paul and Marianne Bechet

ADDRESS OF OWNER: 20 Wachusett Rd.
Chestnut Hill, MA 02467

TO BE USED FOR: Single-family dwelling

RELIEF GRANTED: Special Permit per §1.5.4.G.2.b to allow dormers exceeding 50% of the wall below and projecting above the existing ridgeline.

ZONING: Single Residence 1

Approved, subject to the following conditions:

1. All buildings, parking areas, driveways, walkways, landscaping and other site features associated with this special permit/site plan approval shall be located and constructed consistent with:
 - a. Plot Plan stamped and signed by Bruce Bradford, Registered Land Surveyor dated January 21, 2023
 - b. Architectural plans signed and stamped by Andrew Jonic, Registered Architect, dated February 20, 2024 consisting of the following sheet:
 - i. Proposed elevations (showing front, rear, right, and left), Page 15
2. No building permit (other than a demolition permit) and unless otherwise specified shall be issued by the City pursuant to this Special Permit/Site Plan Approval unless all applicable terms and conditions have been complied with and the Petitioner has:
 - a. Recorded a certified copy of this Special Permit/Site Plan Approval at the Middlesex South Registry of Deeds and filed proof of such recording with the City Clerk and submitted a copy with the building permit application.
 - b. Obtained a written statement/sign off from the Planning Department that confirms the Building Permit plans are consistent with plans approved in Condition #1 including all dimensional requirements.

3. No certificate of occupancy (temporary or final) shall be issued by the City pursuant to this Special Permit/Site Plan Approval unless all applicable terms and conditions have been complied with for the portion of the project for which occupancy is requested and the Petitioner has:
 - a. Filed with the building permit record statements by a registered architect (or professional engineer) and a professional land surveyor (or professional engineer) certifying compliance with Condition #1.
 - b. Submitted final as-built survey plans in digital format, stamped, and signed by a professional land surveyor or professional engineer, as applicable.