

## City of Newton, Massachusetts

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## **ZONING REVIEW MEMORANDUM**

Date: June 27, 2016

To: John Lojek, Commissioner of Inspectional Services

From: Jane Santosuosso, Chief Zoning Code Official

Alexandra Ananth, Chief Planner for Current Planning

Cc: Alan Mayer, architect

Lisa and Andrew Silverman, applicants

Barney S. Heath, Director of Planning and Development

Ouida Young, Associate City Solicitor

RE: Request to further increase a nonconforming rear setback

| Applicant: Lisa and Andrew Silverman |                             |  |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------|--|
| Site: 6 Glastonbury Oval             | <b>SBL:</b> 53015 0014      |  |
| Zoning: SR-2                         | Lot Area: 7,017 square feet |  |
| Current use: Single-family dwelling  | Proposed use: No change     |  |

## **BACKGROUND:**

The property at 6 Glastonbury Oval consists of a 7,017 square foot lot at the corner of Orient Ave and Oakwood Terrace. The site is improved with a single-family residence constructed in 1910. The applicant proposes a two-story rear addition, as well as to add a second story addition to existing one-story living space. The structure has an existing nonconforming rear setback, requiring a special permit

The following review is based on plans and materials submitted to date as noted below.

- Zoning Review Application, prepared by Alan Mayer, submitted 5/2/2016
- FAR Worksheet, submitted 5/2/2016
- Plot Plan Existing Conditions, prepared by Everett M. Brooks, surveyor, dated 8/4/2015
- Proposed Additions, prepared by Alan Mayer, architect, dated 4/26/2016
- Architectural Plans, prepared by Alan Mayer, architect, dated 4/26/2016
  - Existing floor plans
  - Proposed floor plans
  - Elevations

## **ADMINISTRATIVE DETERMINATIONS:**

1. The existing structure has a nonconforming rear setback of 7.9 feet, where 15 feet is required per Section 3.1.4. The applicant is proposing a second-story addition over an existing playroom, as well as a two-story addition of a first floor mudroom with a laundry room above. The proposed two-story addition will further increase the nonconforming rear setback to 7.7 feet, which requires a special permit per Section 7.8.2.C.2.

| SR2 Zone                                | Required           | Existing          | Proposed  |
|---|--------------------|-------------------|-----------|
| Lot Size                                | 10,000 square feet | 7,017 square feet | No change |
| Frontage                                | 80 feet            | 109 feet          | No change |
| Setbacks                                |                    |                   |           |
| <ul> <li>Front (Glastonbury)</li> </ul> | 25 feet            | 26.8 feet         | No change |
| <ul> <li>Front (Beacon St)</li> </ul>   | 25 feet            | 36.3 feet         | 23.8 feet |
| • Side                                  | 7.5 feet           | 16.1 feet         | No change |
| • Rear                                  | 15 feet            | 7.9 feet          | 7.7 feet  |
| Building Height                         | 36                 | 33.3 feet         | No change |
| Max Number of Stories                   | 2.5                | 2.5               | No change |
| FAR                                     | .43                | .38               | .42       |
| Max Lot Coverage                        | 30%                | 16.6%             | 17.2%     |
| Min. Open Space                         | 50%                | 76%               | 74%       |

1. See "Zoning Relief Summary" below:

| Zoning Relief Required |  |                 |  |  |
|------------------------|--|-----------------|--|--|
| Ordinance              |  | Action Required |  |  |
| §3.1.4,<br>§7.8.2.C.2  | Request to further increase nonconforming rear setback | S.P. per §7.3.3 |  |  |