

**DECISION OF THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
of the
TOWN OF WESTWOOD**

PROPERTY OWNER: Joseph and Suzanne Insler

PETITIONER: Michael Whalen
4 Villa Drive
Foxboro, MA 02035

LAND AFFECTED: 7 Youngs Road
Westwood, Massachusetts 02090
Map 27, Lot 047

HEARING:

The Board of Appeals for the Town of Westwood held a Public Hearing according to the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts on Wednesday September 18, 2023 at 7:00 P.M. via remote participation to consider the Petitioner’s request for special permits pursuant to the Westwood Zoning Bylaw Section §4.5.3.3 [Special Permit required for New or Expansion of Nonconformity]. The Petitioner proposes to construct an addition/expansion to the west side of the house and garage and to add a deck to the rear of the home. The existing non-conforming structure is located 20.4’ from the front lot line at its closest, where 40’ is required. The existing garage portion of the structure is located at 34.4’ from the front lot line. The proposed addition would result in the garage addition to be 26.6’ from the front lot line. The existing home violates the rear setback at 25’ where 30’ is required. The proposed deck would result in a rear setback of 16’. The property is located in the Single Residence C (SRC) zoning district.

BOARD MEMBERS: John Lally, Chairman
Michael McCusker
Linda Walsh

APPLICABLE SECTIONS OF THE WESTWOOD ZONING BYLAW

4.5.3.3 Variance or Special Permit required for New or Expansion of Nonconformity.

In the event that the Building Commissioner determines that a proposed alteration to a nonconforming structure increases the nonconformity or results in a new nonconformity and does not meet the requirements of Section 4.5.3.1 nor of Section 4.5.3.2, the Building Commissioner shall determine whether any proposed additional or increased nonconformities will be substantially more detrimental to the neighborhood than those that currently exist. If in the opinion of the Building Commissioner, the proposal is more detrimental, a variance shall be required in accordance with Section 10.4 of this bylaw. If the Building Commissioner determines that the additional nonconformities are de minimus or are not substantially more detrimental to the neighborhood than a special permit shall be required. In addition, no

nonconforming structure, commercial or residential, shall be altered to accommodate a substantially different use, or to accommodate the same use in a substantially different manner or to a substantially greater extent, unless a variance allowing said alteration is granted by the Board of Appeals.

FINDINGS

In consideration of all of the testimony and exhibits and documents submitted before the Board, the Board makes the following findings of fact:

1. The Subject Property is located at 7 Youngs Road. The existing single-family residence is nonconforming as it violates the front setback at 20.4' with 40' required, and the rear setback at 25' where 30' is required.
2. The Petitioner proposes to construct an addition/expansion to the west side of the house and garage and to add a deck to the rear of the home. The proposed addition/expansion would result in the garage addition to be 26.6' from the front lot line. The proposed new deck would result in a rear setback of 16'.
3. Relief in the form of Special Permits pursuant to Section §4.5.3.3 [Special Permit required for New or Expansion of Nonconformity] was requested.
4. The proposed deck will be screened from the rear neighbor by existing stockade style fencing along the rear property line. Existing landscaping consisting of arborvitae trees offers additional screening in several areas along the rear property line.
5. Any adverse effects of the Petitioner's proposed construction will not outweigh its beneficial impact to the Town, or the neighborhood, in view of the particular characteristics of the site and the proposal in relation to that site.
6. The Petitioner's proposal will not have a material adverse effect on the value of the land and buildings in the neighborhood, or on the amenities thereof, or be detrimental to the normal use of the adjacent property, and it will not be injurious or dangerous to the public health or hazardous because of traffic congestion, or other reason, and any adverse effects of the proposed use do not outweigh its beneficial aspects, all in view of the particular characteristics of the site and of the proposal in relation to that site.
7. The Petitioner has met all the requirements for Special Permits pursuant to the Westwood Zoning Bylaw.

DECISION and CONDITIONS

The Board of Appeals voted unanimously to grant the Petitioner's request for Special Permits pursuant to Section 4.5.3.3 of the Westwood Zoning Bylaw and upon the following conditions:

1. The Project shall be constructed in substantial conformity with the submitted site plan titled "Proposed Construction at 7 Youngs Road , Westwood MA" prepared by Sean's Pont Survey Consultants, 7 First Avenue, Lakeville, MA 02347, dated June 13, 2024 and last revised August

16, 2024 and in substantial conformity with elevations titled “ Proposed Exterior Elevations Insler Residence Addition/Renovation, 7 Youngs Road Westwood, MA” dated August 12, 2024, consisting of one (1) sheet titled: A2

2. Existing stockade fencing along the portion of the rear property line behind the proposed deck to remain in place and continuously maintained by property owner. In addition, existing landscaping along the rear property line shall be continuously maintained by the property owner and any dead or dying plantings shall be replaced in kind. Said plantings are not expected to fully screen the proposed deck. Building Commissioner to confirm existing fencing and existing landscaping are in place and provide adequate screening from rear neighbor upon final deck inspection.
3. The Applicant shall pursue completion of the Project with reasonable diligence and continuity.
4. This Special Permit shall not take effect until a copy of the Decision, bearing the certification of the Town Clerk that twenty (20) days have elapsed after the filing of the decision and either that no appeal has been filed or that an appeal has been filed within such time period, is recorded in the Registry of Deeds and indexed under the name of the property owner of record and the parcel address. A copy of these recordings shall be provided to the Building Commissioner, Town Clerk and the Board of Appeals.
5. **The person exercising rights under a duly appealed special permit does so at risk that a court will reverse the permit and any construction performed under the permit may be ordered to be undone.**
6. This Special Permit shall lapse within a specified period of time, of not more than two (2) years, which shall not include such time required to pursue or await the determination of the appeal referred to in Chapter 40A, Section 17, from the grant thereof, if a substantial use thereof has not sooner commenced except for good cause or, in the case of a permit for construction, if construction has not begun by such date except for good cause. Prior to the expiration of the Special Permit, the Applicant may apply for an extension of the Special Permit for a period not to exceed one (1) year if the substantial construction or use thereof has not commenced for good cause.

RECORD OF VOTE

The following members of the Board of Appeals voted to grant the Special Permits for the above-mentioned project: John Lally, Michael McCusker and Linda Walsh.


The following members of the Board of Appeals voted in opposition to the grant of the Special Permit:
None.



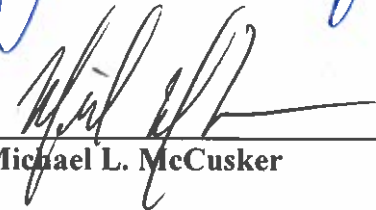
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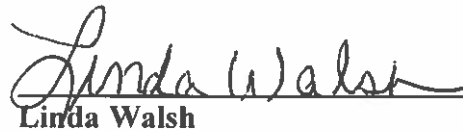
WESTWOOD ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS



John F. Lally, Chair



Michael L. McCusker



Linda Walsh

9/24/24
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7 Youngs Road