

TOWN OF READING
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
DECISION ON THE PETITION OF ROBERT K. AHERN
FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT
57 VILLAGE STREET, READING, MASSACHUSETTS

July 11, 2013
Case No. 13-15

The Zoning Board of Appeals (the "Board") held a public hearing on Thursday, July 11, 2013, at 7:00 p.m. in the Selectmen's Meeting Room at Town Hall, 16 Lowell Street in Reading, Massachusetts, to hear the petition of Robert K. Ahern (the "Petitioner"). The Petitioner sought a Special Permit under Section 6.3.8 of the Zoning By-Laws in order to remove an existing non-conforming dwelling and to construct a new, single family dwelling on a non-conforming lot, as per plans, on the property located at 57 Village Street in Reading, Massachusetts (the "Property").

The Property, built around 1900 and located in an S-15 Zoning District, is considered a legal, non-conforming lot due to the fact that the lot has less than the required frontage (100 feet) and lot area (15,000 feet) required for the zoning district. The Petitioner proposes to demolish the existing non-conforming, single-family dwelling and construct a new two-story, single-family dwelling that will conform to all required dimensional setbacks. The footprint of the new dwelling is depicted on the Certified Plot Plan ("Plot Plan") entitled "Plot Plan of Land, #57 Village Street". The Plot Plan was prepared and stamped by John D. Sullivan III, P.E., 22 Mount Vernon Road, Boxford, MA 01921, dated 6/19/13. Architectural plans for the proposed single-family dwelling were also submitted with the application and are dated 02/01/12, stamped by Gabor Szava-Kovats, P.E. and numbered A-1 through A-8.

Section 6.3.8.1.b of the Reading Zoning By-Laws allows the Board to grant a Special Permit for such reconstruction after voluntary demolition where the Board determines that the new construction will not be substantially more detrimental to the neighborhood than the former dwelling. Following a presentation by the Petitioner, discussion and comment by Board members and opening the hearing to public discussion, the Board concluded that the proposed dwelling will meet all required setbacks and that the new dwelling will not be substantially more detrimental to the neighborhood than the former dwelling.

Accordingly, a motion was made and seconded, and the Board voted unanimously (5-0-0) to grant the Petitioner's request for a Special Permit under Section 6.3.8 of the Zoning By-Laws to permit the demolition of the existing non-conforming, single family dwelling and to construct a new two story, single family dwelling on the existing non-conforming lot on the property located at 57 Village Street in Reading, Massachusetts, as shown on the above-referenced Plot Plan and in general conformance with the architectural plans submitted with the application for Special Permit.

The Special Permit is conditioned upon the following:

1. The Petitioner shall submit to the Building Inspector a Certified Plot Plan of the proposed construction and proposed foundation plans, prior to the issuance of a foundation permit for the work.
2. The Petitioner's final construction plans for the new structure shall be submitted to the Building Inspector, along with the as-built foundation plans, prior to the issuance of a Building Permit.
3. As-built plans showing the completed construction of the new structure shall be submitted to the Building Inspector immediately after the work is completed and prior to the issuance of an Occupancy Permit.

Any person aggrieved by this decision of the Board may appeal to the appropriate court pursuant to M.G.L. c. 40A, § 17, within twenty (20) days after the date of filing this Decision with the Town Clerk. Notice of appeal with a copy of the complaint must also be filed with the Town Clerk within twenty (20) days as provided in § 17.

This Special Permit shall not take effect until a copy of this Decision, bearing certification of the Town Clerk that twenty (20) days have elapsed after the Decision was filed in the Office of the Town Clerk and no appeal has been filed, or if an appeal has been filed within such time, that it has been dismissed or denied, is recorded in the Middlesex South District Registry of Deeds and indexed in the Grantor's Index under the name of the owner of record, or is recorded and noted on the Owner's Certificate of Title. The fee for recording or registering shall be paid by the Owner or Petitioner. Any person exercising rights under a duly appealed Special Permit does so at the risk that a court may reverse the permit and that any construction performed under the permit may be ordered to be undone.

ON BEHALF OF THE READING ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS



Damase Z. Caouette, Chairman

Zoning Board Members voting on Case # 13-15

Damase Caouette, Robert Redfern, John Jarema, David Traniello, Kathleen Hackett