CITY OF SARATOGA SPRINGS

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_____ (Application #)

_____ (Date received)

APPLICATION FOR:
APPEAL TO THE ZONING BOARD FOR AN INTERPRETATION, USE VARIANCE, AREA VARIANCE AND/OR VARIANCE EXTENSION

	APPLICANT(S)*	OWNER(S) *(If not applicant)*	ATTORNEY/AGENT
Name	Michael Rosebrook	Harold R. Albertson	Eleanor Mullaney
Address	[redacted]	[redacted]	494 Broadway, #212 Saratoga Springs, NY 12866
Phone			[redacted]
Email			

* An applicant must be the property owner, lessee, or one with an option to lease or purchase the property in question.

Applicant's interest in the premises: ☐ Owner ☐ Lessee ☑ Under option to lease or purchase

PROPERTY INFORMATION

1. Property Address/Location: 16 E Harrison St Tax Parcel No.: 166 . 45 - 4 - 17
(*for example: 165.52 – 4 – 37*)

2. Date acquired by current owner: 1999 3. Zoning District when purchased: UR-3

4. Present use of property: Residential 5. Current Zoning District: UR-3

6. Has a previous ZBA application/appeal been filed for this property?
☐ Yes (when? _____ For what? _____)
☑ No

7. Is property located within (check all that apply)?: ☐ Historic District ☐ Architectural Review District
☐ 500' of a State Park, city boundary, or county/state highway?

8. Brief description of proposed action:
Obtain two-family variance with non-conforming lot

9. Is there a written violation for this parcel that is not the subject of this application? ☐ Yes ☑ No

10. Has the work, use or occupancy to which this appeal relates already begun? ☑ Yes ☐ No

11. Identify the type of appeal you are requesting *(check all that apply)*:

☐ INTERPRETATION (p. 2) ☐ VARIANCE EXTENSION (p. 2) ☐ USE VARIANCE (pp. 3-6) ☑ AREA VARIANCE (pp. 6-7)

FEES: Make checks payable to the "Commissioner of Finance". Fees are cumulative and required for each request below.

☐ Interpretation	$ 400
☐ Use variance	$1,000
☑ Area variance	
-Residential use/property:	$ 150
-Non-residential use/property:	$ 500
☐ Extensions:	$ 150

INTERPRETATION – PLEASE ANSWER THE FOLLOWING (add additional information as necessary):

1. Identify the section(s) of the Zoning Ordinance for which you are seeking an interpretation:

Section(s) _____

2. How do you request that this section be interpreted? _____

_____

_____

_____

3. If interpretation is denied, do you wish to request alternative zoning relief? ☐Yes ☐No

4. If the answer to #3 is "yes," what alternative relief do you request? ☐ Use Variance ☐ Area Variance

EXTENSION OF A VARIANCE – PLEASE ANSWER THE FOLLOWING (add additional information as necessary):

1. Date original variance was granted: _____ 2. Type of variance granted? ☐ Use ☐ Area

3. Date original variance expired: _____

5. Explain why the extension is necessary. Why wasn't the original timeframe sufficient?

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_____

When requesting an extension of time for an existing variance, the applicant must prove that the circumstances upon which the original variance was granted have not changed. Specifically demonstrate that there have been no significant changes on the site, in the neighborhood, or within the circumstances upon which the original variance was granted:

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_____

_____

AREA VARIANCE – PLEASE ANSWER THE FOLLOWING (add additional information as necessary):

The applicant requests relief from the following Zoning Ordinance article(s) Article 2.3, Table 3

Dimensional Requirements	From	To
MINIMUM LOT SIZE	8,000 SF	5,188 SF
MINIMUM AVERAGE LOT WIDTH	80 FT	49.5 FT
MINIMUM SIDE SETBACK (DECK)	4 FT	1.0 FT
MINIMUM REAR SEATBACK (DECK)	25 FT	8.2 FT
ACCESSORY BLDG. SIDE SETBACK	5 FT	4.1 FT

Other:

To grant an area variance, the ZBA must balance the benefits to the applicant and the health, safety, and welfare of the neighborhood and community, taking into consideration the following:

1. Whether the benefit sought by the applicant can be achieved by other feasible means. Identify what alternatives to the variance have been explored (alternative designs, attempts to purchase land, etc.) and why they are not feasible.

   Land is not available for purchase on any side of the property. The footprint of the house has been the same since prior to current zoning board regulations (pre-existing non-conformity). No additional development is being sought.

2. Whether granting the variance will produce an undesirable change in the character of the neighborhood or a detriment to nearby properties. Granting the variance will not create a detriment to nearby properties or an undesirable change in the neighborhood character for the following reasons:

   The home has been set up as a two-family for at least 25 years, likely longer. There is adequate parking in the driveway for four cars. The owner intends to occupy the residence and improve the aesthetic of the home to keep it within the character of the neighborhood. There are other pre-existing, non-conforming, two-family homes located in the same neighborhood and zoning district. As such, the variance would not produce an undesirable change in the character of the neighborhood, or a detriment to nearby properties.

3. Whether the variance is substantial. The requested variance is not substantial for the following reasons:

The percentages of the variances are not substantial, and mostly relate to pre-existing non-conformities. The minimum side setback (deck), for instance, is the same side setback as the house itself, which is a pre-existing non-conformity. We believe the majority of the variances to pre-date the current zoning regulations.

4. Whether the variance will have adverse physical or environmental effects on neighborhood or district. The requested variance will not have an adverse physical or environmental effect on the neighborhood or district for the following reasons:

There will be no adverse physical or environmental effects on the neighborhood or district. The home has been set up as a two family for at least 25 years and we are seeking no additional changes.

5. Whether the alleged difficulty was self-created (although this does not necessarily preclude the granting of an area variance). Explain whether the alleged difficulty was or was not self-created:

The alleged difficulty was not self-created. The difficulty was created prior to ownership by Harold R. Albertson and prior to the applicant assuming ownership.

DISCLOSURE

Does any City officer, employee, or family member thereof have a financial interest (as defined by General Municipal Law Section 809) in this application? ☑ No ☐ Yes If "yes", a statement disclosing the name, residence and nature and extent of this interest must be filed with this application.

APPLICANT CERTIFICATION

I/we, the property owner(s), or purchaser(s)/lessee(s) under contract, of the land in question, hereby request an appearance before the Zoning Board of Appeals.

By the signature(s) attached hereto, I/we certify that the information provided within this application and accompanying documentation is, to the best of my/our knowledge, true and accurate. I/we further understand that intentionally providing false or misleading information is grounds for immediate denial of this application.

Furthermore, I/we hereby authorize the members of the Zoning Board of Appeals and designated City staff to enter the property associated with this application for purposes of conducting any necessary site inspections relating to this appeal.

Michael Rosebrook Date: 09/06/2016
(applicant signature)

_____ Date: _____
(applicant signature)

If applicant is not the currently the owner of the property, the current owner must also sign.

Owner Signature: Harold M Albert Date: 09/06/2016

Owner Signature: _____ Date: _____

Short Environmental Assessment Form
Part 1 - Project Information

Instructions for Completing

Part 1 - Project Information. The applicant or project sponsor is responsible for the completion of Part 1. Responses become part of the application for approval or funding, are subject to public review, and may be subject to further verification. Complete Part 1 based on information currently available. If additional research or investigation would be needed to fully respond to any item, please answer as thoroughly as possible based on current information.

Complete all items in Part 1. You may also provide any additional information which you believe will be needed by or useful to the lead agency; attach additional pages as necessary to supplement any item.

Part 1 - Project and Sponsor Information

Name of Action or Project:
Area Variance at 16 E Harrison St

Project Location (describe, and attach a location map):
16 East Harrison Street, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866

Brief Description of Proposed Action:
Obtain two-family variance for non-conforming lot

Name of Applicant or Sponsor:	Telephone: [redacted]
Michael Rosebrook	E-Mail: [redacted]

Address:
[redacted]

City/PO:	State:	Zip Code:
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]

	NO	YES
1. Does the proposed action only involve the legislative adoption of a plan, local law, ordinance, administrative rule, or regulation? If Yes, attach a narrative description of the intent of the proposed action and the environmental resources that may be affected in the municipality and proceed to Part 2. If no, continue to question 2.	☑	☐
2. Does the proposed action require a permit, approval or funding from any other governmental Agency? If Yes, list agency(s) name and permit or approval:	☑	☐

3.a. Total acreage of the site of the proposed action? 0.12 acres
b. Total acreage to be physically disturbed? 0 acres
c. Total acreage (project site and any contiguous properties) owned or controlled by the applicant or project sponsor? 0 acres

4. Check all land uses that occur on, adjoining and near the proposed action.
☑ Urban ☐ Rural (non-agriculture) ☐ Industrial ☐ Commercial ☐ Residential (suburban)
☐ Forest ☐ Agriculture ☐ Aquatic ☐ Other (specify): _____
☐ Parkland

	NO	YES	N/A
5. Is the proposed action,			
a. A permitted use under the zoning regulations?	☐	✓	☐
b. Consistent with the adopted comprehensive plan?	☐	☐	✓

	NO	YES
6. Is the proposed action consistent with the predominant character of the existing built or natural landscape?	☐	✓
7. Is the site of the proposed action located in, or does it adjoin, a state listed Critical Environmental Area? If Yes, identify: _____	✓	☐
8. a. Will the proposed action result in a substantial increase in traffic above present levels?	✓	☐
b. Are public transportation service(s) available at or near the site of the proposed action?	☐	✓
c. Are any pedestrian accommodations or bicycle routes available on or near site of the proposed action?	☐	✓
9. Does the proposed action meet or exceed the state energy code requirements? If the proposed action will exceed requirements, describe design features and technologies: _____	☐	✓
10. Will the proposed action connect to an existing public/private water supply? If No, describe method for providing potable water: _____	☐	✓
11. Will the proposed action connect to existing wastewater utilities? If No, describe method for providing wastewater treatment: _____	☐	✓
12. a. Does the site contain a structure that is listed on either the State or National Register of Historic Places?	✓	☐
b. Is the proposed action located in an archeological sensitive area?	✓	☐
13. a. Does any portion of the site of the proposed action, or lands adjoining the proposed action, contain wetlands or other waterbodies regulated by a federal, state or local agency?	✓	☐
b. Would the proposed action physically alter, or encroach into, any existing wetland or waterbody? If Yes, identify the wetland or waterbody and extent of alterations in square feet or acres: _____	✓	☐

14. Identify the typical habitat types that occur on, or are likely to be found on the project site. Check all that apply:
☐ Shoreline ☐ Forest ☐ Agricultural/grasslands ☐ Early mid-successional
☐ Wetland ☑ Urban ☐ Suburban

	NO	YES
15. Does the site of the proposed action contain any species of animal, or associated habitats, listed by the State or Federal government as threatened or endangered?	✓	☐
16. Is the project site located in the 100 year flood plain?	✓	☐
17. Will the proposed action create storm water discharge, either from point or non-point sources? If Yes, a. Will storm water discharges flow to adjacent properties? ☑ NO ☐ YES	✓	☐
b. Will storm water discharges be directed to established conveyance systems (runoff and storm drains)? If Yes, briefly describe: ☑ NO ☐ YES _____		

	NO	YES
18. Does the proposed action include construction or other activities that result in the impoundment of water or other liquids (e.g. retention pond, waste lagoon, dam)? If Yes, explain purpose and size:	✓	
19. Has the site of the proposed action or an adjoining property been the location of an active or closed solid waste management facility? If Yes, describe:	✓	
20. Has the site of the proposed action or an adjoining property been the subject of remediation (ongoing or completed) for hazardous waste? If Yes, describe:	✓	

I AFFIRM THAT THE INFORMATION PROVIDED ABOVE IS TRUE AND ACCURATE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE

Applicant/sponsor name: Michael Rosebrook Date: September 2, 2016

Signature: Michael Rosebrook

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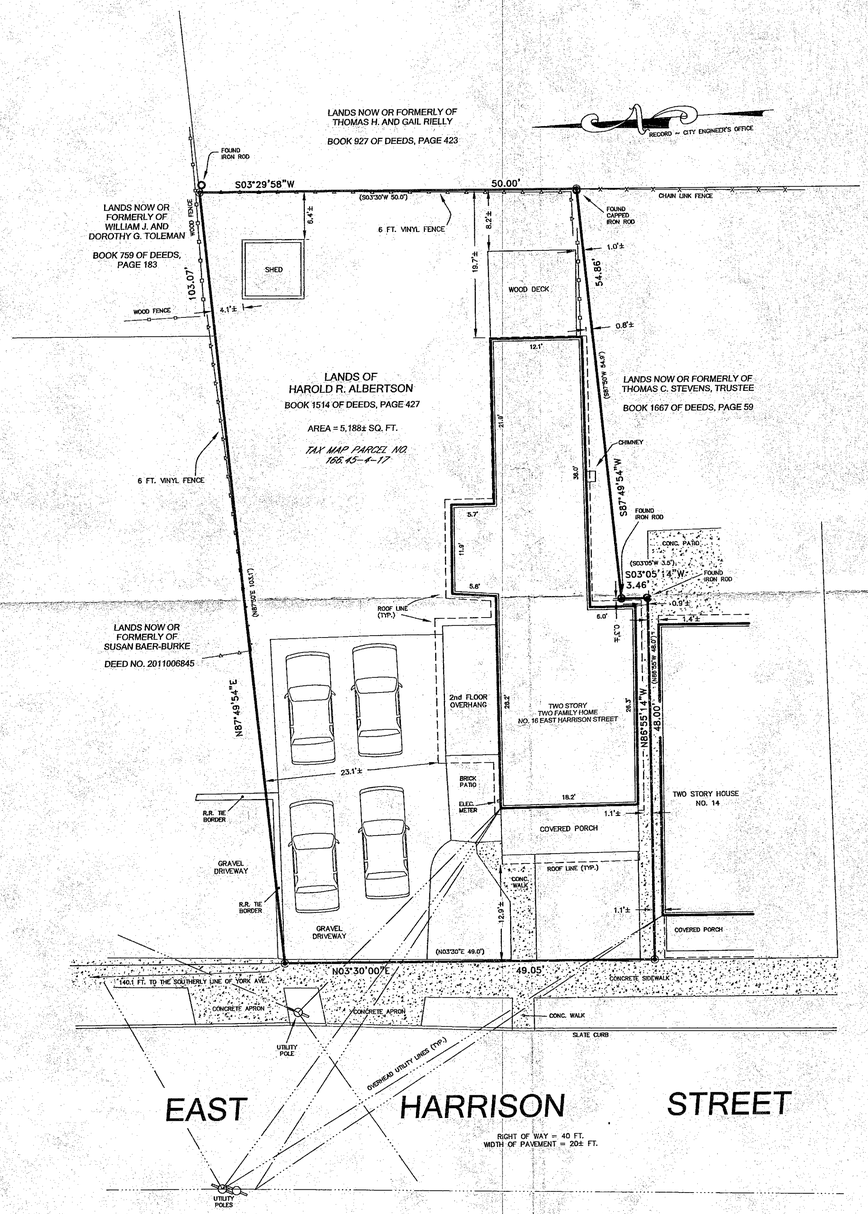

VARIANCES REQUESTED

DIMENSIONAL REQUIREMENTS	FROM	TO	RELIEF REQUESTED
MINIMUM LOT SIZE:	8,000 SQ. FT.	5,188 SQ. FT.	2812 SQ. FT. (35%)
MINIMUM AVERAGE WIDTH	80 FT.	49.5 FT.	30.5 FT. (38%)
MIN. SIDE SETBACK (DECK)	4 FT.	1.0 FT.	3 FT. (75%)
MINIMUM REAR SETBACK (DECK)	25 FT.	8.2 FT.	16.8 FT. (67%)
ACCESSORY BLDG. SIDE SETBACK	5 FT.	4.1 FT.	0.9 FT. (18%)

EXISTING LOT COVERAGE:

EXISTING BUILDING MEASURED TO ROOF LINE), INCLUDING DECK = 1,500± SQ. FT. OR 29% OF LOT

ZONING INFORMATION:

ZONING DISTRICT: UR–3

MINIMUM LOT SIZE:
- 6,600 SQ. FT. – 1 UNIT
- 8,000 SQ. FT. – 2 UNITS

MINIMUM MEAN LOT WIDTH:
- 60 FT. – 1 UNIT
- 80 FT. – 2 UNITS

MAXIMUM PERCENT OF LOT TO BE OCCUPIED BY:
- PRINCIPAL BUILDING: 30 %
- ACCESSORY BUILDING: 10%

MINIMUM YARD DIMENSIONS:
- FRONT: 10 FT.
- REAR: 25 FT.
- ONE SIDE: 4 FT.
- TOTAL SIDE: 12 FT.

PRINCIPAL BUILDING:
- MINIMUM FIRST FLOOR AREA:
  - 1 STORY: 1,200 SQ. FT.
  - 2 STORY: 800 SQ. FT.
- MAXIMUM BUILDING HEIGHT: 60 FT.
- MINIMUM DISTANCE FROM ACCESSORY BUILDING TO:
  - PRINCIPAL BUILDING: 5 FT.
  - FRONT LOT LINE: 10 FT.
  - SIDE LOT LINE: 5 FT.
  - REAR LOT LINE: 5 FT.

MINIMUM PERCENT OF LOT TO BE PERMEABLE: 25%

DEED REFERENCE:

1.) DEED DATED MARCH 17, 1999 FROM ANDREW CUOMO, SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT TO HAROLD R. ALBERTSON AND RECORDED IN THE SARATOGA COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE IN BOOK 1514 OF DEEDS AT PAGE 427.

NOTES:

1.) THIS SURVEY WAS DONE WITHOUT THE BENEFIT OF AN ABSTRACT OF TITLE OR A TITLE REPORT.

2.) OFFSET DIMENSIONS ARE MEASURED TO ROOF LINES.

3.) BEARINGS AND DISTANCES IN PARENTHESIS ARE PER DEED.

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TITLE:

SURVEY OF LANDS OF HAROLD R. ALBERTSON

LOCATION:
CITY OF SARATOGA SPRINGS
(INSIDE DISTRICT)
SARATOGA COUNTY, NEW YORK

DATE:
AUGUST 30, 2016

SCALE:
1 INCH = 10 FEET

MAP NO. 2015-02-04