



CITY OF SARATOGA SPRINGS

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(Application #)

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

	<u>APPLICANT(S)*</u>	<u>OWNER(S) (If not applicant)</u>	<u>ATTORNEY/AGENT</u>
Name	David Guarino & Linda Haner		
Address	[REDACTED]		
Phone	[REDACTED]	/	/
Email	[REDACTED]		

* 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: 21 Park Place Tax Parcel No.: 165 84 1 1
(for example: 165.52 - 4 - 37)

2. Date acquired by current owner: 11/9/98 3. Zoning District when purchased: UR-4

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

6. Has a previous ZBA application/appeal been filed for this property?
 Yes (when? 12/29/14 For what? area variance)
 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: _____
 To construct two (2) additional residential structures on the property so that there are a total of seven (7) units on the parcel.
 The proposal includes one free-standing garage.

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: 12/29/14

2. Type of variance granted? Use Area

3. Date original variance expired: 6/29/16

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

Original application design not approved by Planning Board, application pending.

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:

There have been no changes to the neighborhood or the site since the original variance was granted. Circumstances are the same as well.

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

A use variance is requested to permit the following: _____

For the Zoning Board to grant a request for a use variance, an applicant must prove that the zoning regulations create an unnecessary hardship in relation to that property. In seeking a use variance, New York State law requires an applicant to prove all four of the following "tests".

- I. That the applicant cannot realize a reasonable financial return on initial investment for any currently permitted use on the property. "Dollars & cents" proof must be submitted as evidence. The property in question cannot yield a reasonable return for the following reasons:

A. Submit the following financial evidence relating to this property (attach additional evidence as needed):

1) Date of purchase: _____ Purchase amount: \$ _____

2) Indicate dates and costs of any improvements made to property after purchase:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Improvement</u>	<u>Cost</u>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

3) Annual maintenance expenses: \$ _____ 4) Annual taxes: \$ _____

5) Annual income generated from property: \$ _____

6) City assessed value: \$ _____ Equalization rate: _____ Estimated Market Value: \$ _____

7) Appraised Value: \$ _____ Appraiser: _____ Date: _____

Appraisal Assumptions: _____

B. Has property been listed for sale with the Multiple Listing Service (MLS)? Yes If "yes", for how long? _____ No

1) Original listing date(s): _____ Original listing price: \$ _____

If listing price was reduced, describe when and to what extent: _____

2) Has the property been advertised in the newspapers or other publications? Yes No

If yes, describe frequency and name of publications: _____

3) Has the property had a "For Sale" sign posted on it? Yes No

If yes, list dates when sign was posted: _____

4) How many times has the property been shown and with what results? _____

2. That the financial hardship relating to this property is unique and does not apply to a substantial portion of the neighborhood. Difficulties shared with numerous other properties in the same neighborhood or district would not satisfy this requirement. This previously identified financial hardship is unique for the following reasons:

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

The applicant requests relief from the following Zoning Ordinance article(s) _____

Dimensional Requirements

From

To

_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

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.

- 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:

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

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:

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:

DISCLOSURE

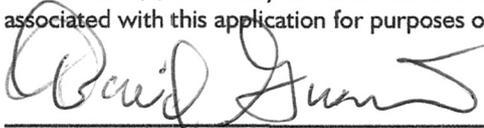
Does any City officer, employee, or family member thereof have a financial interest (as defined by General Municipal Law Section 809) in this application? No Yes If "yes", a statement disclosing the name, residence and nature and extent of this interest must be filed with this application.

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.

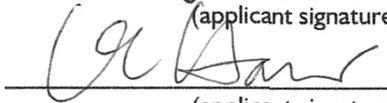
By the signature(s) attached hereto, I/we certify that the information provided within this application and accompanying documentation is, to the best of my/our knowledge, true and accurate. I/we further understand that intentionally providing false or misleading information is grounds for immediate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



(applicant signature)

Date: 6-23-16



(applicant signature)

Date: 6-23-2016

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

Owner Signature: _____

Date: _____

Owner Signature: _____

Date: _____



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Appeal #2776
IN THE MATTER OF THE APPEAL OF
David Guarino and Linda Haner
21 Park Place
Saratoga Springs, NY 12866

from the Zoning and Building Inspector's Denial (most recently revised Dec. 8, 2014) for the premises at 21 Park Place, Saratoga Springs, New York, identified as Tax Parcel No.: 165.84-1-1 in the inside district of the City.

The appellant having applied for an area variance under the Zoning Ordinance of the City to construct (2) detached two-family residences (per emailed Dec. 11, 2014 schematic) and (1) detached garage on a lot occupied by an existing three-family residence; seeking relief from the minimum front yard setback for both two-family residences and maximum principal building coverage requirements for the combined three principal structures in the Urban Residential – 4 District and public notice having been duly given of a hearing on said application held on July 14, September 22, November 17 and 24 and December 15, 2014.

In consideration of the balance between the benefit to the applicant with the detriment to the health, safety and welfare of the community, the Board makes the following resolution that the requested area variance for the following relief or such lesser amount, as described in the submitted application and plans revised Nov. 24, 2014 (updated Dec. 11, 2014), BE APPROVED

Type of Requirement	Required/ Permitted	Proposed	Total Relief Requested
Maximum Principal Building Coverage: Three principal buildings combined	25%	27.8%	2.8% (11.2%)
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1. The Applicant has demonstrated that this benefit cannot be achieved by other means feasible. The buildings could be moved back on the lot to conform to the minimum front yard setback; however, as the applicants indicate, "It would also make the location of the front of the building inconsistent with the setback of the buildings on the north and south side of Park Pl." In addition, the two new

two-family residences were placed on the site in a way that would avoid additional tree removal. Similarly, the applicants provided an analysis of comparable principal building coverages in the neighborhood showing that, out of 32 nearby properties, 9 currently have principal building coverages equal to or greater than the subject requested variance. In addition, while smaller footprints could provide the same desired interior square footage, the buildings would need to be higher (third story) which would not be consistent with the neighborhood. In light of that, the subject request does not appear to adversely impact the surrounding neighborhood.

2. The Applicant has demonstrated that granting of these variances will not create an undesirable change in neighborhood character or a detriment to nearby properties. The applicants provided an analysis of where many of the existing, neighboring buildings are located in relation to their respective front property lines, showing that 15 residential properties reasonably near to the subject property have front yard setbacks less than the district requirement. It is this Board's determination that the proposed front yard setbacks for the new structures do not substantially conflict with the historic layout and existing streetscape of the neighborhood. The DRC provided a favorable advisory opinion on November 5, 2014 stating, "The proposed overall mass and scale of the project, the architectural styling, and the proposed materials would not be inconsistent, nor incongruous, with the surrounding neighborhood".
3. The requested relief from the front yard setback may be considered substantial at 36%; however, the requested relief is consistent with the location of other structures in the neighborhood as evidenced by the submitted street survey identifying neighboring homes' relationship to their respective front property lines. The Board notes the responses received from the County Planning Board, City Planning Board, the Design Review Commission and the Saratoga Springs Preservation Foundation, none of which find the requested dimensions unacceptable.
4. The applicants have demonstrated that the variances will not have a significant adverse physical or environmental effect on the neighborhood. The plans identify 42% of the site would remain permeable, which exceeds the minimum 15% required in the district. The Board is sympathetic to the concerns expressed by neighbors as to a possible increase in traffic on these local streets, concerns with the two additional curb cuts and the backing out of cars from the site on to both Regent and Park Pl. These site layout concerns, together with any remaining concerns about trees on site, can be appropriately considered by the Planning Board during site plan review.
5. The alleged difficulty may be considered self-created, however, this is not necessarily fatal to the application.

Note:

County referral response, "No Significant Countywide or Intercommunity Impact" with comment, dated July 28, 2014.

While DRC Historic Review is not required in this case, the applicant's Nov. 13, 2014 response to the consideration identified in the DRC's advisory opinion shall be incorporated into the final design of the project.

Other approvals:

Planning Board site plan review is required

Adopted by the following vote:

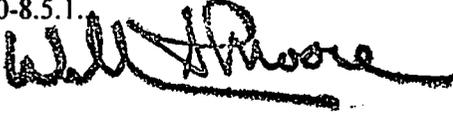
AYES: 7 (B. Moore, A. McNeill, K. Kaplan, G. Hasbrouck S. Carlson, O. Ludd and J. Helicke)

NAYES: 0

Dated: December 15, 2014

This variance shall expire 18 months following the filing date of such decision unless the necessary building permit has been issued and actual construction begun as per 240-8.5.1.

12/23/14
Date


Chair

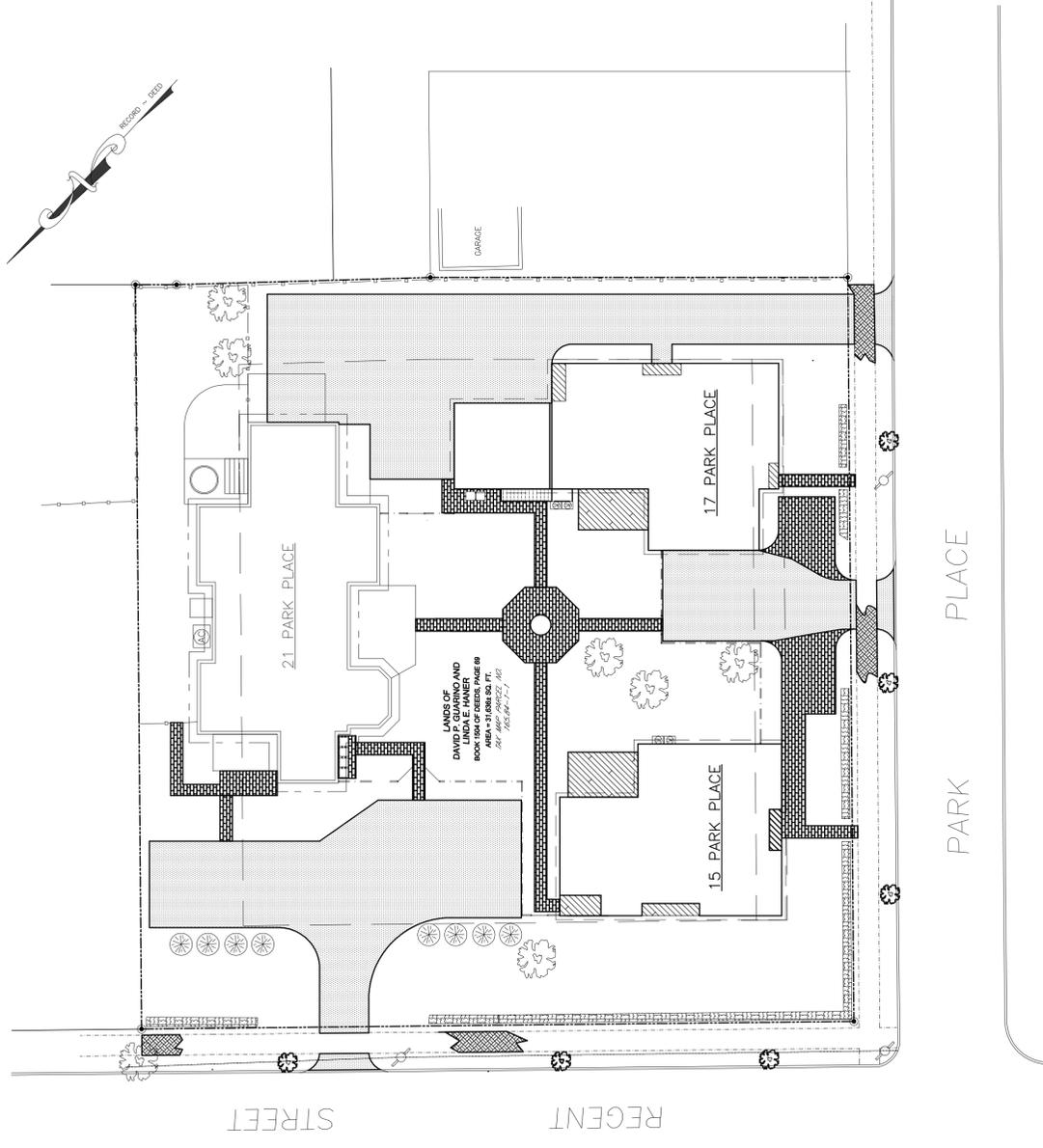
I hereby certify the above to be a full, true and correct copy of a resolution duly adopted by the Zoning Board of Appeals of the City of Saratoga Springs on the date above mentioned, seven members of the Board being present.

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ACCOUNTS DEPARTMENT

PARK & REGENT CONDOMINIUMS

SHEET LISTING - SITE PLAN APPLICATION CONTENTS

1. MAP NO. 2005-19-02 - SURVEY OF LANDS OF DAVID P. GUARINO AND LINDA E. HANER, SURVEY ASSOCIATES
2. S1 SITE PLAN
3. S2 SEDIMENT & EROSION CONTROL PLAN & DETAILS
4. S3 STORMWATER MITIGATION & GRADING PLAN
5. S4 LANDSCAPING & LIGHTING PLAN & DETAILS
6. S5 PARKING, TURNING, SNOW STORAGE PLAN & DETAILS
7. D1 SITE INFRASTRUCTURE DETAILS
8. D2 SITE UTILITY DETAILS
9. D3 SITE STORMWATER MITIGATION DETAILS & NOTES



MAP REFERENCE:
 SURVEY OF LANDS OF DAVID P. GUARINO AND LINDA E. HANER, SURVEY ASSOCIATES, LLC
 MAP NO. 2005-19-02, REVISION 1, 11/20/2014, BY SURVEY ASSOCIATES, LLC

NO.	DATE	BY	CHK.	DESCRIPTION
1	7/8/2015	JK	JK	REWORKED (ORIGINAL) SHEETS
-	6/7/2015	JK	JK	ORIGINAL SUBMITTAL

OWNER: DAVID P. GUARINO & LINDA E. HANER
 SHEET LISTING

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