



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS  
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS  
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**Case #: ZBA 2008-23**

**Site: 25 Kingston Street**

**Date of Decision: June 18, 2008**

**Decision: *Petition Approved with Conditions***

**Date Filed with City Clerk: June 27, 2008**

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**ZBA DECISION**

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<b>Applicant Name:</b>	Carrie Normand
<b>Applicant Address:</b>	25 Kingston Street, Somerville, MA 02144
<b>Property Owner Name:</b>	Carrie Normand
<b>Property Owner Address:</b>	25 Kingston Street, Somerville, MA 02144
<b>Agent Name:</b>	N/A

**Legal Notice:** Applicant & Owner Carrie Normand seeks a special permit §4.4.1 to extend a portion of the rear structure. RB zone. Ward 7.

<u>Zoning District/Ward:</u>	RB zone/Ward 7
<u>Zoning Approval Sought:</u>	§4.4.1
<u>Date of Application:</u>	May 15, 2008
<u>Date(s) of Public Hearing:</u>	June 18, 2008
<u>Date of Decision:</u>	June 18, 2008
<u>Vote:</u>	5-0

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Appeal #ZBA 2008-23 was opened before the Zoning Board of Appeals at Somerville City Hall on June 18, 2008. Notice of the Public Hearing was given to persons affected and was published and posted, all as required by M.G.L. c. 40A, sec. 11 and the Somerville Zoning Ordinance. After one (1) hearing(s) of deliberation, the Zoning Board of Appeals took a vote.

**DESCRIPTION:**

The proposal is to construct two additions in the rear of the structure. One would be a one-story, 2 feet 4 inch by 12 feet 3 inch, extension of a mud room and the other would be a two-story, 6 feet by 11 feet 11 inch, extension of a dining room.

### **FINDINGS FOR SPECIAL PERMIT (SZO §4.4.1)**

In order to grant a special permit, the SPGA must make certain findings and determinations as outlined in §5.1.4 of the SZO. This section of the report goes through §5.1.4 in detail.

1. Information Supplied: The Staff finds that the information provided by the Applicant conforms to the requirements of §5.1.2 of the SZO and allows for a comprehensive analysis of the project with respect to the required Special Permits.

The Applicant has provided the required information.

2. Compliance with Standards: The Applicant must comply "with such criteria or standards as may be set forth in this Ordinance which refer to the granting of the requested special permit."

The Applicant requires a special permit under §4.4.1 of the SZO. Under §4.4.1, "The SPGA, as a condition of granting a special permit under this Section must find that such extension, enlargement, renovation or alteration is not substantially more detrimental to the neighborhood than the existing nonconforming structure."

The Board finds that the proposal would not be substantially more detrimental to the surrounding neighborhood than the existing structure. The alterations would not be expected to impact abutters.

3. Consistency with Purposes: The Applicant has to ensure that the project "is consistent with (1) the general purposes of this Ordinance as set forth in Article 1, and (2) the purposes, provisions, and specific objectives applicable to the requested special permit which may be set forth elsewhere in this Ordinance, such as, but not limited to, those purposes at the beginning of the various Articles."

The Board finds that the proposal is consistent with the purposes set forth in Article 1 of the Zoning Ordinance, and with, to the extent possible for a lawful pre-existing nonconforming structure, those purposes established for the RB district in which the property is located, namely, "[t]o establish and preserve medium density neighborhoods of one-, two- and three-family homes, free from other uses except those which are both compatible with and convenient to the residents of the district."

4. Site and Area Compatibility: The Applicant has to ensure that the project "(i)s designed in a manner that is compatible with the characteristics of the built and unbuilt surrounding area, including land uses."

The Board finds that the design of the proposed additions is compatible with the site and area.

### **DECISION:**

Present and sitting were Members Herbert Foster, Orsola Susan Fontano, Richard Rossetti, Danielle Fillis and Scott Darling. Upon making the above findings, Susan Fontano made a motion to approve the request for a special permit. Richard Rossetti seconded the motion. Wherefore the Zoning Board of Appeals voted **5-0** to **APPROVE** the request. In addition the following conditions were attached:

#	Condition	Timeframe for Compliance	Verified (initial)	Notes				
1	Approval is for the construction of two additions in the rear of the structure (one-story 2 feet 4 inch by 12 feet 3 inch and two-story 6 feet by 11 feet 11 inch). This approval is based upon the following application materials and the plans submitted by the Applicant and/or its contractor:	Building Permit/ CO	Plng.					
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	Any changes to the approved site plan or elevations must receive ZBA approval.							
2	The Applicant shall use uniform clapboard siding on the addition.	Final sign off	Plng.					
3	The Applicant shall contact Planning Staff at least five working days in advance of a request for a final sign-off on the building permit to ensure the proposal was constructed in accordance with the plans and information submitted and the conditions attached to this approval.	Final sign off	Plng.					

Attest, by the Zoning Board of Appeals:

Herbert Foster, *Chairman*  
Orsola Susan Fontano, *Clerk*  
Richard Rossetti  
T.F. Scott Darling, III, Esq.  
Danielle Fillis  
Elaine Severino, (Alt.)

Attest, by the Zoning Board of Appeals Administrative Assistant:

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Dawn M. Pereira

Copies of this decision are filed in the Somerville City Clerk's office.  
Copies of all plans referred to in this decision and a detailed record of the  
SPGA proceedings are filed in the Somerville Planning Dept.

### **CLERK'S CERTIFICATE**

Any appeal of this decision must be filed within twenty days after the date this notice is filed in the Office of the City Clerk, and must be filed in accordance with M.G.L. c. 40A, sec. 17 and SZO sec. 3.2.10.

In accordance with M.G.L. c. 40 A, sec. 11, no variance shall take effect until a copy of the decision bearing the certification of the City Clerk that twenty days have elapsed after the decision has been filed in the Office of the City Clerk and no appeal has been filed, or that if such appeal has been filed, that it has been dismissed or denied, is recorded in the Middlesex County Registry of Deeds and indexed in the grantor index under the name of the owner of record or is recorded and noted on the owner's certificate of title.

Also in accordance with M.G.L. c. 40 A, sec. 11, a special permit shall not take effect until a copy of the decision bearing the certification of the City Clerk that twenty days have elapsed after the decision has been filed in the Office of the City Clerk and either that no appeal has been filed or the appeal has been filed within such time, is recorded in the Middlesex County Registry of Deeds and indexed in the grantor index under the name of the owner of record or is recorded and noted on the owner's certificate of title. The person exercising rights under a duly appealed Special Permit does so at risk that a court will reverse the permit and that any construction performed under the permit may be ordered undone.

The owner or applicant shall pay the fee for recording or registering. Furthermore, a permit from the Division of Inspectional Services shall be required in order to proceed with any project favorably decided upon by this decision, and upon request, the Applicant shall present evidence to the Building Official that this decision is properly recorded.

This is a true and correct copy of the decision filed on \_\_\_\_\_ in the Office of the City Clerk, and twenty days have elapsed, and

FOR VARIANCE(S) WITHIN

\_\_\_\_\_ there have been no appeals filed in the Office of the City Clerk, or  
\_\_\_\_\_ any appeals that were filed have been finally dismissed or denied.

FOR SPECIAL PERMIT(S) WITHIN

\_\_\_\_\_ there have been no appeals filed in the Office of the City Clerk, or  
\_\_\_\_\_ there has been an appeal filed.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ City Clerk Date \_\_\_\_\_