



TOWN OF HARWICH
732 Main Street, Harwich, Massachusetts 02645

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Notice of Appeal/Application and Petition for Public Hearing, ("APPLICATION")

ZBA 2023-24

Case #

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To the Zoning Board of Appeals, Harwich, MA:

(We, I) hereby petition your Board for a public hearing on the request for action checked below:

- (X) Appeal from decision of or refusal of permit application by the Building Inspector, Selectmen or Planning Board or other administrative officer or officers.
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34 Edgewood Road, Harwich Port, MA 02646. Said property is further described on

Assessor's Map #6 and Parcel # E2-2-0 located in the R-H-1 Zoning District as shown on the attached plan.

Describe Petition/Appeal: See attached

Relief requested - Cite specific Bylaw Section(s): See attached correspondence from Building Commissioner.

Signature of Owner (or Agent) [Signature] Date 6/19/23
(Written authorization by the owner must accompany an Application signed by agent.)

Owner Name Gerardene M. Griffiths and William J. Griffiths Phone No. 508-432-1643

Mailing Address: 34 Edgewood Road, Harwich Port, MA 02646

Agent Name: William D. Crowell, Esq. Phone No. 508-432-1643

Mailing Address: 466 Main Street, Harwich Port, MA 02646

Has a petition previously been submitted for this property (Y/N) (N)

If yes, the date of original hearing _____ Petition No. _____ Decision _____

For Appeal Only:

Reason for Denial: _____

Denial From: _____ Date of Denial: _____

Within 14 days following any Board decision, the Board will file its decision with the Town Clerk. A building permit will not be issued during the appeals period, until 21 days after the Board of Appeals decision has been filed with the Town Clerk or if an appeal to that decision has been filed during that time. It is the applicant's responsibility to have the decision recorded at the Barnstable County Registry of Deeds or Land Court, whichever may be applicable, and to present copies of that recording to the Town Clerk and to the Building Department with all Building Permit application requirements.

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Please be advised that an incomplete Application may result in a delay in processing your Application and **may result in a denial by the Board** without consideration of the merits of the Application. **IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO REVIEW THE RULES THAT APPLY TO YOUR APPEAL/APPLICATION AND TO MAKE SURE BEFORE FILING THAT YOUR APPLICATION/APPEAL COMPLIES WITH THOSE RULES.** The burden of proof is on the petitioner, not on the Town. If you do not understand the criteria, legal counsel should be sought. Either the petitioner or his/her agent is required to appear at the hearing to present the Application.

All applicants for hearing before the Board of Appeals must complete the Application and submit along with it the supporting documentation listed herein to the Building Department for review and subsequent filing with the Town Clerk. The Building Department accepts Applications during posted hours. You are strongly encouraged to submit your Application to the Building Department well in advance of the filing deadline to allow adequate time for staff review for completeness. **All information, including the applicable fee made payable to the Town of Harwich, must be submitted with the Application.**

Please submit the following, sorted and grouped into **twelve (12) packets along with one (1) Certified Abutters List** (Available from the Assessors Department. A separate application and fee is required):

- X** **The original Application (additional stamped copies can be provided at a nominal fee):**
 - Signed by the owner or agent.
 - If signed by an agent, a letter of authorization signed by the owner must also be included.

- X** **A typewritten narrative to explain the project , the purpose for this Application and the relief requested, with citations to the applicable provisions of the MGL and the Harwich Zoning Bylaw.**

- X** **The original and eleven (11) copies of a Certified Plot Plan with topographical information plan (not septic plans) not more than five (5) years old (total of 12 copies):**
 - 8½" x 11" or larger. *Larger plans must be folded.*
 - Scale no greater than 1" = 50'
 - Original stamped and signed by a Professional Engineer (as allowed by law), or a Professional Land Surveyor.
 - Certified Plot Plan **must** indicate:
 - the locus;
 - the parcel or parcels of land involved;
 - the existing building or buildings;
 - the proposed building or buildings and/or additions to, or alterations of existing buildings with all dimensions set forth;
 - the location of the septic;
 - the Town of Harwich zoning requirements applicable to the property, as well as existing and proposed dimensions for: frontage, front, sides, and rear setback distances, building height(s), building stories, building and site coverage and parking requirements (if any);
 - all perimeter dimensions (existing and proposed);
 - location and width of abutting and on-site street and drives, parking, existing topography;
 - a grading plan, areas of proposed and retained vegetation, distinction between upland and wetland.
 - Building Plans drawn to scale:
 - Floor layout (for existing structure and proposed additions and/or alterations)
 - Proposed front, side, and rear elevations

- X** **Certified Abutters List**

- X** **Check made payable to "Town of Harwich" for \$315.00.**

Name of Applicant: Gerardene M. Griffiths and William J. Griffiths

Address of Property: 34 Edgewood Road, Harwich Port, MA 02646

Zoning District: R-H-1

Is the property Located in any Special District(s)/Overlay District(s) established by the Town of Harwich or the State of Massachusetts: Yes _____ No X

If Yes, specify District(s): _____

Year Structure(s) Built: 1935

Name/Address of Engineer/Architect: unknown

Name/Address of Attorney: William D. Crowell, Esq., 466 Main Street, Harwich Port, MA 02646

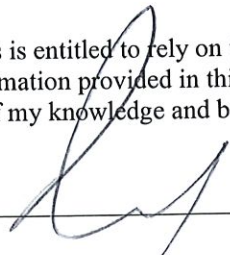
	Required by Bylaw	Existing	Proposed
Lot Area	40,000	9,580	9,580
Frontage	150'	89.0	89.0
Front Yard Setback	25'	30.0'	30.0'
Side yard Setback	20'	27.5'	27.5'
2 nd Side Yard Setback	20'	12.9'	12.2'
Rear Yard Setback	20'	23.4'	22.6'
Building Coverage	30%	20.3%	21.3%
Site Coverage	35%	38.0%	39.0%
Building Height	<30'	<30'	<30'
If this is an Application for an Accessory Apartment, in addition to the above:			
A. Net Floor Area of the Principal Dwelling			
B. Net Floor Area of the proposed Accessory Apartment			

Form of Relief Requested: Special Permit

If the Applicant is requesting a Variance, state the hardship which the Applicant believes justifies this form of relief in accordance with MGL Chapter 40 and the Harwich Zoning Bylaw:

By signing and submitting this Application, you hereby authorize the members of the Board of Appeals, or its agent, to conduct a site visit of the exterior of your property for an inspection of the property involved in this petition, should they deem it appropriate.

The Board of Appeals is entitled to rely on the information contained in this Application. Therefore, the undersigned certifies that the information provided in this Application, and all submitted plans and other documentation, is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Agent's Signature:  _____ Date: 6/19/23

Owner's Signature: _____ Date: _____

wcrowell.office1@comcast.net

From: Bill Griffiths <bill@fenwaysearchgroup.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 15, 2023 3:55 PM
To: wcrowell.office1@comcast.net
Cc: gera5655@yahoo.com

We, Gerardene M. Griffiths and William J. Griffiths, owners of 34 Edgewood Road, Harwich Port, hereby authorize William D. Crowell Esq. to represent us before the Town of Harwich Zoning Board of Appeals regarding the same.

Thank you,

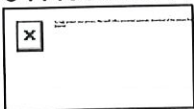
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Building Department

732 Main Street

Harwich, MA 02645



Telephone: (508) 430-7506

Fax: (508) 430-4703

By First Class Mail

May 25, 2023

Gerardene M. Griffiths
34 Edgewood Road
Harwich Port, MA 02646

Re: Zoning Relief Required
Building Permit Application BP-23-556
34 Edgewood Road Harwich Port, MA 02646 (Assessors ID: 6-E2-2)
Zoning District R-H-1

Dear Gerardene M. Griffiths,

Please be advised that as a condition to issuance of the above-referenced building permit as submitted, shown on a plan prepared by Moran Engineering Assoc., dated 4/21/23, the following zoning relief is first required:

Harwich Zoning Bylaw §325-54 "Nonconforming structures and uses."

Should you desire to proceed with the project, you must first apply for the foregoing relief; this letter shall serve as a referral to the Board for the same. Copies of the necessary zoning forms and applications are available in the offices of the Town's Building and Planning Departments.

In the meantime, your building permit application shall be deemed 'incomplete' and the period to review and issue such permit suspended until such time as you apply for and obtain the special permit; the special permit decision issues and is filed with the Town Clerk; the applicable appeal period elapses; and you provide the Building Department a copy of the special permit decision as recorded with the Barnstable Registry of Deeds or, as applicable, the Barnstable Registry District.


I also reserve the right, should you not expeditiously and continuously proceed with obtaining the required zoning relief or otherwise withdraw the building permit application, to deny the building permit application for incompleteness, or inconsistency with zoning, or both.

Further, be advised that, subject to obtaining the required permits and after construction, you will be required to submit a final as-built plan to the Building Department certifying that the project complies with the approved plans and all applicable dimensional requirements under town zoning.

This correspondence also serves as a zoning determination under Section 7 of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40A, which may be appealed by a 'person aggrieved' under Sections 8 & 15 of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40A.

Please feel free to contact the Building Department to discuss this further, as necessary.

Respectfully,



Jack Mee
Harwich Building Commissioner

Cc: File

Griffiths – 34 Edgewood Road

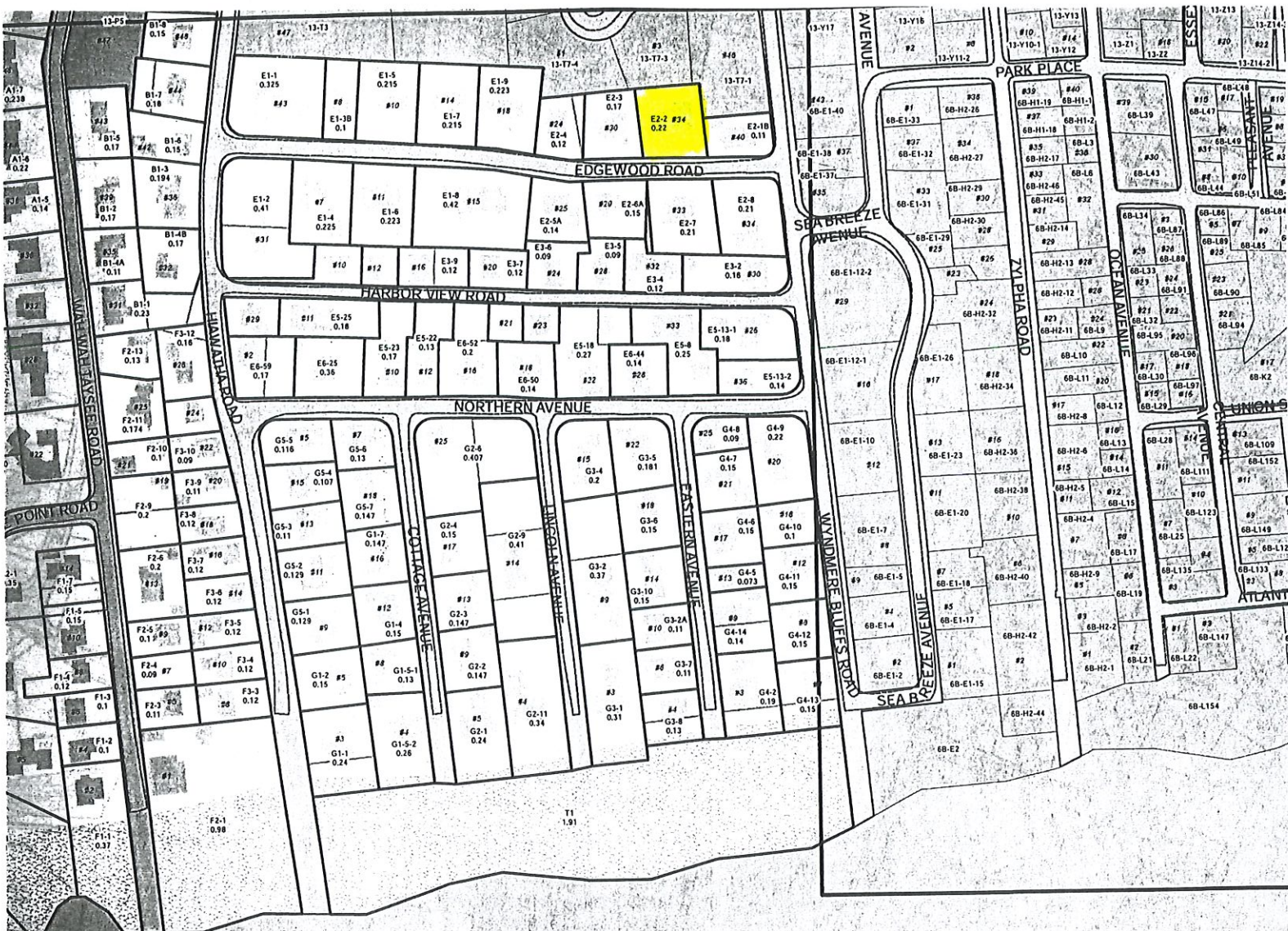
The Petitioners seek a Special Permit to renovate and construct an addition to the pre-existing, non-conforming single-family residence as per the Existing Conditions Plans and Proposed Conditions Plans both dated April 21, 2023 by Moran Engineering Assoc., LLC. and the Building and Elevation Plans by Thomas A. Moore Design Co. dated February 7, 2023, EX 1-2 and dated March 31, 2023, A1-A2.

The existing dwelling is compliant with applicable setbacks on the southerly and westerly sides at 30.0 feet and 27.5 feet, respectively, both of which will remain unchanged. The northerly setback is compliant at 23.4 feet, which will decrease slightly to 22.6 feet with the proposed addition on the northerly side of the existing dwelling. The easterly setback is presently non-conforming at 12.9 feet and will decrease slightly to 12.2 feet due to said addition, which will constitute an intensification of the non-conformity within the required 20 foot side setback.

Existing building coverage is conforming at 20.3% (30% max.) and will increase slightly to 21.3% but will still be conforming. The existing site coverage is non-conforming at 38% (35% max.) and will increase by 1% to 39%.

However, as per the findings of the Gale Case, existing non-conformities may be intensified by Special Permit from this Board upon a finding that the same will not constitute a substantial detriment to the entire neighborhood.

In the alternative, the Petitioners request a Variance for the aforementioned relief.



TOWN OF HARWICH ASSESSORS MAP

January 2022

100 Feet