

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

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Decision of the Scituate Zoning Board of Appeals on the application of Paul Knight and Stacie Pallotta Knight of 9 Bridge Avenue, Scituate, MA 02066 ("Applicant") for a Special Permit/Finding under MGL c. 40A § 6 and the Town of Scituate Zoning Bylaws 810.2, to allow an addition/reconstruction to a single-family home upon a pre-existing non-conforming lot to increase the square footage of the premises by greater than twenty percent (20%).

The application was received, advertised and a public hearing was duly held on April 15, 2021 with the following members of the Zoning Board of Appeals hearing the application:

Anthony J. Bucchere, Chairman Edward C. Tibbets George Xixis Susan Harrison

The applicants were represented at the hearing by Walter B. Sullivan of Sullivan & Comerford, P.C., 80 Washington Street, Unit B7, Norwell, MA 02061, Gregory Morse, P.E. of Morse Engineering, 10 New Driftway, Suite 303, Scituate, MA 02066 and James Duffey of Cold Brook Architecture.

The property is owned by the applicants, as evidenced by a deed dated September 14, 2007 and recorded at the Plymouth County Registry District of the Land Court in Certificate of Title No. 111070. The property is known as 9 Bridge Avenue as depicted on the "Zoning Board Petition Plan" prepared by Morse Engineering Co., Inc. dated March 8, 2021. According to the Town of Scituate Assessor's Card, submitted by the applicant, the existing single-family dwelling located upon the property was constructed in 1958 and contains 2,723 square feet. The property contains 12,965 square feet.

The property is located in the R-3 Zoning District and is non-conforming as to lot width (containing 90.53 feet where 100 feet is required) and lot frontage (containing 85.15 feet where

100 feet is required). The existing structure is conforming as to all dimensional setbacks. All other characteristics of the property comply with the current zoning by-law.

The applicants seek to construct an addition to the single-family dwelling by adding two (2) floors to the same as is indicated on the Site Plan and the Architectural Drawings submitted with the application. The proposed addition to the dwelling according to the Site Plan and Architectural Drawings will increase the square footage of the home to 5,098 square feet, an increase of 87.22%. The proposed addition conforms with all dimensional setbacks and will not alter any of the other existing non-conforming characteristics of the lot nor will it create any new non-conformities.

Upon review of the application and hearing testimony from the applicants and the applicants' representatives, and there being no comment from the public regarding the application, the Board made the following finding:

- A. That the proposed addition and razing pursuant to the plan did not create any new non-conformities.
- B. That to the extent the proposed addition and razing of the dwelling, if constructed per the plan intensifies any of the existing non-conformities, such intensification will not be substantially more detrimental to the surrounding neighborhood.

Based on the foregoing, the Board unanimously voted to GRANT the applicants' request for a Special Permit/Finding pursuant to MGL c. 40A § 6 and § 810.2 of the Town of Scituate Zoning By-Laws, to construct the proposed addition to the existing structure all as shown on the plans.

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Appeal of this special permit may be made pursuant to MGL Chapter 40A, Section 17, and shall be filed in a court of competent jurisdiction. Proof of that filing shall be provided to the Town Clerk within twenty (20) days of the date of filing of the decision with the Town Clerk.

This special permit will not become effective until such time as an attested copy of this decision has been filed with the Plymouth County Registry of Deeds, after the expiration of the appeal period of twenty (20) days.

The Zoning Board of Appeals certifies that it has complied with all statutory requirements of MGL c. 40A, Section 9 and 11, and will file copies of this decision with the Town Clerk. The Zoning Board of Appeals further certifies that it has taken into consideration all testimony rendered at the Public Hearing, the comments and suggestions of other boards which have reviewed and made comments on the plans.