

**FAIR HAVEN ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT**

APPLICANT: Dennis and Kathleen Sullivan PROPERTY ADDRESS: 47 Lake Avenue  
BLOCK: 20 LOT: 15 ZONE: R-5 PHONE #: 732-643-5284  
APPLICANT ADDRESS (IF DIFFERENT): \_\_\_\_\_  
ZONING BOARD ACCOUNT #: ZB # 20-10

**APPLICATION GUIDELINES**

In accordance with Borough requirements, the following items must be submitted with the application before it can be deemed complete.

- Letter from Zoning Office N/A
- Compliance with Chapter 30.12 of the Fair Haven Land Development Code - Checklist Needed
- Original signed survey with raised seal, plus 15 copies
- Architectural plans containing the following information:
  - Complete floor plans showing **existing** and proposed conditions with **string dimensions**
  - Elevations of all sides of structure(s) **with string dimensions**
  - Zoning Schedule: must include total habitable floor area and floor area ratio
  - Detail as to calculation of habitable floor area. All measurements must be from exterior perimeter of structure.
  - Detail as to lot coverage calculation
  - Location and type of proposed attic access
  - Site plan showing existing and proposed conditions and setbacks
  - Key Map showing all properties within 200'
- Photographs of the property and adjacent properties
- Statement of legal basis for granting variances sought
- List of property owners within 200' and all others required to be served - Will get from Assessor
- Proof of payment of taxes for the current quarter
- Proposed** Notice to Property Owners with copy of Zoning Officer's letter attached.
- Proposed** Notice to be published in newspaper.
- Payment of application and escrow fees

**THE FOLLOWING ARE TO BE SUBMITTED AFTER NOTIFICATION THAT APPLICATION HAS BEEN DEEMED COMPLETE**

- Affidavit of Publication from Newspaper
- Affidavit of Service: Copy of Notice sent to property owners with copy of Zoning Officer's letter attached, must be attached to affidavit.

**IF A WAIVER OF ANY OF THE ABOVE REQUIREMENTS IS REQUESTED, SUCH REQUEST MUST BE IN WRITING AND SUBMITTED WITH THE APPLICATION**

\* For applications involving variances only, 15 copies of the plans are required. Of those, 11 may be reduced size. For applications involving a site plan, 20 copies are required and 15 may be reduced size.

APPLICATION TO ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT  
OF THE BOROUGH OF FAIR HAVEN

PART III

TO BE FILLED IN ONLY IF APPLICATION IS MADE DIRECTLY TO THE BOARD  
OF ADJUSTMENT OR IF ALTERNATIVE RELIEF IS SOUGHT PURSUANT TO  
N.J.S. 40:55D-70c or d. AND ARTICLE 4 OF THE LAND USE ORDINANCE AND  
DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS OF THE BOROUGH OF FAIR HAVEN

Phone# (732) 643-5284

Applicant's Name Dennis and Kathleen Sullivan

Applicant's Address c/o Jennifer S. Krimko, Esq., 1500 Lawrence Avenue, Ocean NJ 07712

Owner's Name Dennis and Kathleen Sullivan

Owner's Address c/o Jennifer S. Krimko, Esq., 1500 Lawrence Avenue, Ocean NJ 07712

Relationship of applicant of owner (i.e. tenant, purchaser under contract, etc.) N/A

Location of Premises 47 Lake Avenue Block 20 Lot 15

(Street)

(Tax Map Reference)

The premises are located in the following Zone R-5

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Request is hereby made for permission to erect alter, convert, use, a second story  
addition to the existing, single-family house contrary to the  
requirements of Article 30, Exhibit 5 of the Zoning Ordinance, or  
for other relief as follows:  
Habitable Floor Area of 2,328 square feet proposed, whereas a maximum of 2,200 feet is  
permitted.

1. Said property is 7,500 square feet  
(give dimensions and area)  
and has the following structures single-family house; covered porch; garage  
(dwelling, garage, shed, pool, etc.)

2. Size of proposed building:  
a) Total square footage of all stories (exclusive of attached garage & cellar), half stories  
or any attic served by a fixed stairway 2,328 square feet  
b) Number of stories 2  
c) Height of principal building 29 feet

3. Setbacks of building: Front 33.5 ft. (Lake Ave) Rear 72.4 ft. Side 7.1 ft. (Glen Pl) Side



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4. Has there been any previous appeal, request, or application to this or any other Borough Board or the Construction Official involving these premises? Yes X No     

If YES, state the nature, date and the disposition of said matter: \_\_\_\_\_  
See attached Resolution of Approval.

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

5. Attach a statement to this application stating what exceptional conditions exist preventing the Applicant from complying with the Zoning Ordinance. Also include a statement of facts showing why the relief requested can be granted without substantial detriment to the public good and will not substantially impair the intent and purpose of the Zoning plan and Zoning ordinance. To be provided through testimony at hearing.

6. All applicants must attach to this application a schedule showing the following information (if applicable): See attached

Type of construction (frame, stone, brick, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_  
Present use of existing building(s) & premises \_\_\_\_\_

Describe any deed restrictions affecting the property. \_\_\_\_\_

Total proposed dwelling units \_\_\_\_\_

Total proposed professional offices \_\_\_\_\_

Total proposed parking spaces \_\_\_\_\_

A photograph or photographs of land & buildings involved in the application.

Name & addresses of all expert witnesses proposed to be used.

Proof of payment of all property taxes due & owing on the premises.

7. A SEALED SURVEY made by a licensed Land Surveyor to scale (not less than 1" = 100' of the property). Scale drawings (of not less than .25" = 1' of the proposed building(s) of the existing structure(s) indicating the changes, alterations or additions contemplated, if relevant.

8. A copy of any conditional contract or agreement related to this application must be filed with the application or presented to the Board at the times of the hearing.

9. A signed copy of the attached checklist indicating the documents to be submitted with the application to conform to the requirements of the Fair Haven Land Use Ordinance with respect to applications for variances and as set forth in Article 12 of the Fair Haven Land Use Ordinance.

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10. If the applicant is a corporation or partnership, the names and addresses of all stockholders or partners owning a 10% or greater interest in said corporation or partnership shall be set forth in accordance with P.L. 977 Ch. 336.

N/A

State of New Jersey, County of Monmouth ss

Dennis Sullivan and Kathleen Sullivan being duly sworn according to law hereby certify that the information presented in this application to be true and accurate. If applicant is not the owner of the property, have the owner sign below, consent, or file with the application a letter signed by the owner consenting to the application.

The foregoing application is hereby consented to this 8<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2020.

Dennis Sullivan Kathleen Sullivan

(Owner(s) of property referred to)  
Dennis Sullivan Kathleen Sullivan

(Applicant(s) other than owners)

47 Lake Avenue

(Address of property referred to)

Sworn and subscribed to before me this 8<sup>th</sup> day of September 2020

Laura McCue  
Signature of person authorized to take oaths

## APPLICATION ATTACHMENT

6. All applicants must attach to this application a schedule showing the following information (if applicable):

Type of construction (frame, stone, brick, etc.): **Frame**

Present use of existing building(s) & premises: **Single-family residential**

Describe any deed restrictions affecting the property: **N/A**

Total proposed dwelling units: **1**

Total proposed professional offices: **None**

Total proposed parking spaces: **4**

A photograph or photographs of land & buildings involved in the application: **Attached.**

Name and addresses of all expert witnesses to be used:

**Anthony Condouris, Architect**

**20 Bingham Avenue**

**Rumson, New Jersey 07760**

**(732) 842-3800**

Proof of payment of all property taxes due & owing on the premises: **To be provided.**



**Fair Haven Zoning Board of Adjustment**

**Escrow Agreement**

I understand that the sum of \$ 300.00 has been deposited in an escrow account (Builder's Trust Account). In accordance with the Ordinances of the Borough of Fair Haven, I further understand that the escrow account is established to cover the cost of professional services including engineering, planning, legal and other expenses associated with the review of submitted materials and the publication of the decision by the Board. Sums not utilized in the review process shall be returned. If additional sums are deemed necessary, I understand that I will be notified of the required additional amount and add that sum to the escrow account within fifteen (15) days.

9/2/2020  
Date

Dennis Sullivan Kathleen Sullivan  
Signature of Owner

Dennis Sullivan

Kathleen Sullivan

**TAX CERTIFICATION**

Planning Board     Zoning Board of Adjustment

**Property Owner:** Dennis and Kathleen Sullivan      **Telephone:** (732) 643-5284

c/o Jennifer S. Krimko, Esq.

1500 Lawrence Avenue, Ocean, NJ 07712

**Location:** 47 Lake Avenue

Fair Haven, NJ 07704

**Block:** 20      **Lot(s):** 15      **CN:** \_\_\_\_\_

**FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY**

**THIS WILL CERTIFY THAT TAXES ON THE ABOVE PROPERTY:**

Are Paid     Are not Paid

3rd Quarter    2020 Year

**THIS PROPERTY MAY BE SUBJECT TO ROLLBACK TAXES NOT YET ESTABLISHED.**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Title:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

BLQ: 20. 15.  
Owner Name: ANDERSON, K.M. & D. SULLIVAN

Tax Year: 2020 to 2020  
Property Location: 47 LAKE AVE

Tax Year: 2020	Qtr 1	Qtr 2	Qtr 3	Qtr 4	Total
Original Billed:	3,105.70	3,105.69	3,311.03	3,262.47	12,784.89
Payments:	3,105.70	3,105.69	3,311.03	0.00	9,522.42
Balance:	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,262.47	3,262.47

Date	Qtr	Type	Code	Check No	Mthd	Reference	Batch Id	Principal	Interest	2020 Prin Balance
		Original Billed						12,784.89		12,784.89
01/31/20	1	Payment	001		CK	6805 196	DEBBIE1	3,105.70	0.00	9,679.19
		CORELOGIC 1Q								
05/07/20	2	Payment	001		CK	6988 197	DEBBIE	3,105.69	0.00	6,573.50
		CORELOGIC 2Q								
08/04/20	3	Payment	001		CK	7172 201	DEBBIE	3,311.03	0.00	3,262.47
		CORELOGIC 3Q								

Total Principal Balance for Tax Years in Range: 3,262.47



Google Maps 48 Lake Ave



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Fair Haven, New Jersey



Street View



# Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification

**Give Form to the  
 requester. Do not  
 send to the IRS.**

▶ Go to [www.irs.gov/FormW9](http://www.irs.gov/FormW9) for instructions and the latest information.

Print or type.  
 See Specific Instructions on page 3.

<b>1 Name (as shown on your income tax return). Name is required on this line; do not leave this line blank.</b> Dennis and Kathleen Sullivan	
<b>2 Business name/disregarded entity name, if different from above</b> _____	
<b>3 Check appropriate box for federal tax classification of the person whose name is entered on line 1. Check only one of the following seven boxes.</b>  <input type="checkbox"/> Individual/sole proprietor or single-member LLC <input type="checkbox"/> C Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> S Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Partnership <input type="checkbox"/> Trust/estate  <input type="checkbox"/> Limited liability company. Enter the tax classification (C=C corporation, S=S corporation, P=Partnership) ▶ _____ <small>Note: Check the appropriate box in the line above for the tax classification of the single-member owner. Do not check LLC if the LLC is classified as a single-member LLC that is disregarded from the owner unless the owner of the LLC is another LLC that is not disregarded from the owner for U.S. federal tax purposes. Otherwise, a single-member LLC that is disregarded from the owner should check the appropriate box for the tax classification of its owner.</small>  <input type="checkbox"/> Other (see instructions) ▶ _____	<b>4 Exemptions (codes apply only to certain entities, not individuals; see instructions on page 3):</b>  Exempt payee code (if any) _____  Exemption from FATCA reporting code (if any) _____  <small>(Applies to accounts maintained outside the U.S.)</small>
<b>5 Address (number, street, and apt. or suite no.) See instructions.</b> 47 Lake Avenue	<b>Requester's name and address (optional)</b> _____
<b>6 City, state, and ZIP code</b> Fair Haven, New Jersey 07704	
<b>7 List account number(s) here (optional)</b> _____	

**Part I Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)**

Enter your TIN in the appropriate box. The TIN provided must match the name given on line 1 to avoid backup withholding. For individuals, this is generally your social security number (SSN). However, for a resident alien, sole proprietor, or disregarded entity, see the instructions for Part I, later. For other entities, it is your employer identification number (EIN). If you do not have a number, see *How to get a TIN*, later.

**Note:** If the account is in more than one name, see the instructions for line 1. Also see *What Name and Number To Give the Requester* for guidelines on whose number to enter.

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**Part II Certification**

Under penalties of perjury, I certify that:

1. The number shown on this form is my correct taxpayer identification number (or I am waiting for a number to be issued to me); and
2. I am not subject to backup withholding because: (a) I am exempt from backup withholding, or (b) I have not been notified by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that I am subject to backup withholding as a result of a failure to report all interest or dividends, or (c) the IRS has notified me that I am no longer subject to backup withholding; and
3. I am a U.S. citizen or other U.S. person (defined below); and
4. The FATCA code(s) entered on this form (if any) indicating that I am exempt from FATCA reporting is correct.

**Certification instructions.** You must cross out Item 2 above if you have been notified by the IRS that you are currently subject to backup withholding because you have failed to report all interest and dividends on your tax return. For real estate transactions, item 2 does not apply. For mortgage interest paid, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, contributions to an individual retirement arrangement (IRA), and generally, payments other than interest and dividends, you are not required to sign the certification, but you must provide your correct TIN. See the instructions for Part II, later.

<b>Sign Here</b>	Signature of U.S. person ▶	Date ▶ 9-8-20
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**General Instructions**

Section references are to the Internal Revenue Code unless otherwise noted.

**Future developments.** For the latest information about developments related to Form W-9 and its instructions, such as legislation enacted after they were published, go to [www.irs.gov/FormW9](http://www.irs.gov/FormW9).

**Purpose of Form**

An individual or entity (Form W-9 requester) who is required to file an information return with the IRS must obtain your correct taxpayer identification number (TIN) which may be your social security number (SSN), individual taxpayer identification number (ITIN), adoption taxpayer identification number (ATIN), or employer identification number (EIN), to report on an information return the amount paid to you, or other amount reportable on an information return. Examples of information returns include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Form 1099-INT (interest earned or paid)

- Form 1099-DIV (dividends, including those from stocks or mutual funds)
  - Form 1099-MISC (various types of income, prizes, awards, or gross proceeds)
  - Form 1099-B (stock or mutual fund sales and certain other transactions by brokers)
  - Form 1099-S (proceeds from real estate transactions)
  - Form 1099-K (merchant card and third party network transactions)
  - Form 1098 (home mortgage interest), 1098-E (student loan interest), 1098-T (tuition)
  - Form 1099-C (canceled debt)
  - Form 1099-A (acquisition or abandonment of secured property)
- Use Form W-9 only if you are a U.S. person (including a resident alien), to provide your correct TIN.
- If you do not return Form W-9 to the requester with a TIN, you might be subject to backup withholding. See What is backup withholding, later.*





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September 9, 2020

**Via Federal Express and Email [jjohnson@fhboro.net](mailto:jjohnson@fhboro.net)**

Fair Haven Planning/Zoning Board  
Attn: Jennifer Johnson, Board Secretary  
748 River Road  
Fair Haven, New Jersey 07704

RE: Sullivan/Variance Application  
PQ: 47 Lake Avenue  
Block 20, Lot 15  
Our File No. 92592-0

Dear Ms. Johnson:

With regard to the above-referenced matter, enclosed herein please find the following:

1. Original and fourteen (14) copies of the Application to Zoning Board of Adjustment with attachment;
2. Fifteen (15) sets of the Resolution of Approval adopted by the Fair Haven Zoning Board of Adjustment on April 3, 2008 granting bulk variance relief to the Applicants;
3. Fifteen (15) sets of Survey prepared by Charles V. Bell Associates, Inc. dated January 28, 2020 consisting of one (1) sheet;
4. Fifteen (15) sets of Architectural Plans prepared by Anthony M. Condouris, Architect dated June 4, 2020 consisting of three (3) sheets;
5. Fifteen (15) sets of a photograph of the existing property;
6. My clients' check made payable to "Borough of Fair Haven" in the amount of \$250.00 representing the required application fee;
7. My clients' check made payable to "Borough of Fair Haven" in the amount of \$300.00 representing the required escrow fee;

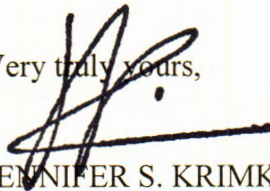


8. Escrow Agreement;
9. Tax Certification; and
10. Completed W-9 Tax form on behalf of the Applicants.

Once the enclosed has been reviewed, please advise if any further information and/or documentation is required in order to have this matter deemed complete and scheduled for a hearing.

My best.

Very truly yours,



JENNIFER S. KRIMKO  
Member of the Firm

JSK:lm  
Enclosures

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APPLICANT: Dennis Sullivan & Kathleen Sullivan  
APPLICANT'S ATTORNEY: Pro Se  
APPLICATION NO.:  
BLOCK(S) 20, LOT(S) 15

**RESOLUTION OF THE  
ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT  
OF THE BOROUGH OF FAIR HAVEN**

**APPROVAL OF BULK VARIANCE RELIEF**

WHEREAS, Dennis Sullivan and Kathleen Sullivan, hereinafter referred to as the "Applicant", filed an application with the Zoning Board of Adjustment of the Borough of Fair Haven (hereinafter referred to as the "Board") seeking the following:

variance relief to permit expansion of the existing single-family dwelling at the premises.

WHEREAS, the application pertains to the premises designated as Block 20, Lot 15 on the Tax Map of the Borough of Fair Haven, which said premises are commonly known as 47 Lake Avenue, Fair Haven, New Jersey (hereinafter referred to as the "Premises");

WHEREAS, all notice requirements were satisfied by the Applicant, and the Board had jurisdiction to hear, consider and determine the application at issue;

WHEREAS, the Board held public hearings with regard to the referenced application on February 7, 2008 and March 6, 2008; and

WHEREAS, the Board, having given due consideration to the exhibits moved into evidence and the testimony presented at said hearings, does hereby make the following findings of fact:

1. The premises are located in the R-5 zone; the existing single-family dwelling at

the site is a permitted use in said zone.

2. The applicant submitted the following exhibits into evidence: Survey prepared by Charles V. Bell, Jr., PLS, dated 11/13/07, last revised 11/19/07 (A-1); Plans prepared by James J. Monteforte, AIA, consisting of 3 sheets, last revised 9/24/07 (A-2); Photoboard with 5 photographs (3 photographs of the subject house, plus 2 of neighboring dwellings) (A-3); Letter from James J. Monteforte, AIA dated 2/20/08, setting forth lot coverage calculations (A-4); and Zoning Requirements schedule dated 2/20/08, prepared by James J. Monteforte, AIA (A-5). Mr. Scott Magnuson, an interested party, submitted the following exhibits into evidence: Photograph of the applicants' air conditioning unit (OSM-1); Photograph of the rear yard of the premises showing the flood light (OSM-2); Photograph showing the trees along the common property line between the premises and Mr. Magnuson's property (OSM-3); and Mr. Magnuson's calculation of habitable floor area for the site (OSM-4).

3. Mr. Dennis Sullivan and Mrs. Kathleen Sullivan, the applicants, testified in support of the application. They indicated that they purchased the property in question in 2004. The site contains a single-family residence of modest size (1,473 square feet of habitable floor area). The applicants stated that they wish to expand the dwelling to provide additional living space for their family. The expansion includes a two-story addition to the rear of the structure, as well as a covered front porch to the front of same. The applicants noted that the property is a corner lot, with frontage on both Lake Avenue and Glen Place. The dwelling is currently deficient in terms of the front yard setback off the Glen Place frontage, insofar as same exists at 7.6 feet whereas 25 feet is required. The proposed rear addition will extend this existing deviation approximately 15 feet further to the rear. In addition, the proposal will create habitable floor area of 2,376 square feet



whereas 2,200 square feet is the maximum permitted in this zone. A number of other deviations, not being altered or exacerbated as a result of this application, also exist at the premises; these include: deficient lot frontage, with 50 feet existing along the Lake Avenue frontage whereas 70 feet is required (the frontage along Glen Place is 150 feet); side yard setback deficiency of 4.1 feet from the southern property sideline and total of 11.9 feet from both sidelines, whereas 5 feet and 12.5 feet total are required; and garage setbacks of 2.9 feet and 4 feet, whereas 5 feet is required for each side.

4. The applicants stated that it would be difficult to satisfy the required 25 foot front yard setback off of the Glen Place frontage, insofar as the lot is only 50 feet deep, and meeting this frontage along with the required setback from the southern property line would yield a structure that is very narrow. In addition, they pointed out that the existing structure is a Dutch Colonial dwelling, and that the stairs are centered within the house and essentially "cut the house in half". As a result of these circumstances, the applicants testified that it was difficult from an architectural standpoint to plan the expansion around the features of the existing structure. The applicants stated that after reviewing several plan variations, this was the best plan proposed by the architect, and that alternative plans led to an even greater floor area deviation. The applicants testified that they also chose this plan, which extended the existing front yard setback deficiency along Glen Place further to the rear, so as to allow the rear addition to be located as far as possible from the neighboring property owner on Lot 14. The applicants asserted that the lot can well accommodate the proposed 176 square feet of excess habitable floor area, insofar as they are well under lot coverage requirements, with 43.5% proposed lot coverage whereas 50% coverage is otherwise permitted in this zone.

5. Mr. Scott Magnuson, the neighboring property owner residing at 51 Lake

Avenue (Lot 14), appeared and objected to the application. Mr. Magnuson questioned whether the attic space would be usable as habitable floor area. In response to same, the applicants indicated that there would be no habitable space in the attic, that no stairs are being provided to the attic, that access to same would be gained only by way of a "push up" door, and that the height of the attic would also preclude use of the attic as habitable space. Mr. Magnuson also raised an issue with regard to the flood light located at the rear of the applicants' property, and also stated that the trees running along the common property line are approximately 21 feet high. Mr. Magnuson further indicated that he calculates the habitable floor area for the proposed expanded dwelling at 2,479.4 square feet. It was noted, however, that the applicants submitted a letter from their architect, James J. Monteforte, AIA, confirming that the habitable floor area for the dwelling was 2,376 square feet (exhibit A-4). When Mr. Magnuson was questioned as to his qualifications regarding the calculations that he performed, he first stated that he was an engineer, but he then qualified this by indicating that he is not a licensed professional engineer of the State of New Jersey; he added that he has a background in electrical engineering.

6. Mr. Michael Sena, residing at 39 Lake Avenue, across the street from the premises in question, indicated that he has no objection to the application. Mr. Sena stated that he will have a direct view of the proposed addition, that he believes that it is attractive and well designed, and he stated that in his opinion, the excess habitable floor area is a miniscule deviation. Mrs. Beatrice Sena also appeared and stated that she has lived across the street from the premises, at the corner of Glen Place and Lake Avenue, for more than 16 years. She indicated that she is in favor of the application, and believes that the proposed addition would be a beautiful enhancement of the property. Ms. Elaine



Jurskis, residing at 15 Glen Place, stated that she lives across the street from the site, and that she is completely in favor of the application.

7. At the outset, the Board notes that Mrs. Sullivan, one of the applicants, was appointed as a member of the Zoning Board in January of 2008. As a result, at the time that the hearing in this matter commenced before the Board on February 7, 2008, Mrs. Sullivan had been a member of the Board for one month (i.e., one meeting). At the commencement of the proceedings, the issue of "conflict of interest" was raised by the Board itself. Counsel for the Board advised the Board that it was his opinion that, pursuant to current case law, a Board Member is not prohibited from presenting an application (or appearing as an objector/interested party) before the Board with regard to a matter pertaining to or affecting the Board Member's property (the Board Member, however, would be prohibited from appearing as an expert witness or in a representative capacity with regard to such a matter). Counsel advised the Board that it would nevertheless be preferable for the Board Member-Applicant to be represented by counsel, thereby providing some degree of a "buffer" between the Board Member-Applicant and the Board itself, but counsel advised that in his opinion the Board Member-Applicant could not be required to obtain counsel. Counsel inquired as to whether Mr. and Mrs. Sullivan would be inclined to retain an attorney to present the application, but they indicated that they did not wish to do so. Counsel for the Board then indicated that it would be appropriate to inquire of the Board Members themselves as to whether they could consider the application impartially, and if any Board Member could not do so or otherwise felt that he/she should step down, then any such Board Member(s) at issue should recuse themselves. No Board Members indicated that they were unable to be impartial with regard to the application. Again, it is noted that Mrs. Sullivan had just been



appointed to the Board one month earlier. Counsel for the Board also outlined his understanding of the case law that applied in circumstances such as that here at issue. Mr. Magnuson, the objector referenced above, also raised the issue of "conflict of interest" during the proceedings. Counsel for the Board briefly responded, reiterating the analysis that had been placed on the record on this issue. Mr. Magnuson was nevertheless invited to provide to counsel for the Board any authority that Mr. Magnuson wished to have counsel review on the issue of conflicts of interest under circumstances such as those here at issue, and counsel for the Board indicated that he would review same in advance of the continued hearing in this matter on March 6, 2008.

8. At the time of the continued hearing on March 6, 2008, counsel for the Board advised that he received no materials from Mr. Magnuson, and he inquired as to whether Mr. Magnuson had submitted anything on this issue; Mr. Magnuson responded that he had not done so. Counsel for the Board again outlined his understanding of applicable case law on this issue, and again summarized his opinion that a Board Member is not prohibited from presenting an application pertaining to his or her property to the Board (although a Board Member would be prohibited from appearing as an expert witness or otherwise appearing in a representative capacity), and although it is preferable to have a Board Member-Applicant be represented by counsel, the Board cannot force a Board Member to retain an attorney. Counsel for the Board again indicated that it would be appropriate to inquire as to whether any Board Members felt that they could not be impartial in the consideration of this application. As was done at the commencement of the first hearing, the Board Members were again asked whether they could be impartial in the consideration of this application, and they were advised that if they could not be impartial, or if they otherwise felt that they should step down, that they should recuse

themselves. None of the Board Members indicated that they could not be impartial in the consideration of this application.

9. The Board finds that the applicants propose to expand their existing single-family dwelling at the site to provide additional living space for their family. The Board finds that the house at the property is quite modest in size, consisting of only 1,473 square feet of habitable floor area. The Board finds that a number of deviations exist at the site; these include: deficient front yard setback (off the Glen Place frontage), with 7.6 feet existing whereas 25 feet is required; deficient lot frontage, with 50 feet existing along the Lake Avenue frontage whereas 70 feet is required (the frontage along Glen Place is 150 feet); side yard setback deficiency of 4.1 feet from the southern property line and total of 11.9 feet from both sidelines, whereas 5 feet and 12.5 feet total are required; and garage setbacks of 2.9 feet and 4 feet, whereas 5 feet is required for each side. Except for the extension of the Glen Place front yard setback referenced below, the Board finds that these existing conditions are not being altered or exacerbated as a result of this application. The Board finds that the proposed expansion of the house includes a two-story addition to the rear of the structure, as well as a covered front porch to the front of same. The Board finds that the proposal requires variance relief for the extension further to the rear of the existing deficient front yard setback from the Glen Place frontage, along with variance relief for excess habitable floor area of 2,376 square feet whereas 2,200 square feet is the maximum permitted in this zone.

10. The Board finds that the applicant has demonstrated both the C(1) ("hardship") criteria and the C(2) ("flexible C") criteria to support granting the relief here at issue; this is so for the following reasons. First, the Board notes that the property is a corner lot, having two "fronts". The dwelling is oriented to face the Lake Avenue frontage, and meets the



required front yard setback from Lake Avenue. One side of the dwelling "fronts" on the Glen Place frontage, and is currently setback only 7.6 feet whereas a 25 foot front yard setback is otherwise required. The applicant proposes to extend this line of the house, parallel to the street, approximately 15 feet further to the rear as more particularly depicted on the plans. Not only does the issue of two "frontages" impact the project, but also the existing lot depth of 50 feet on the Lake Avenue side limits the manner in which the house can be expanded. The Board notes that the lot is long and narrow, having only 50 feet of depth along Lake Avenue, whereas frontage of 70 feet is required, but nevertheless having 150 feet along the Glen Place frontage. The Board agrees with the point made by the applicants that it would be very difficult to conform to the front yard setback from Glen Place, along with the required setback from the southern property line, without creating a very narrow structure. The Board also finds that the proposed excess habitable floor area of 176 square feet is a *de minimis* deviation, and the Board accepts the testimony of the applicants that, because the dwelling is a Dutch Colonial, with a center stairway the essentially divides the structure "in half", it was difficult to design the proposed expansion around the existing features of the house, and the Board further accepts the testimony that, of several plans proposed by the applicants' architect, this plan generated the smallest habitable floor area deviation. The Board finds that all of these factors clearly demonstrate "hardship" sufficient to support granting this application.

11. Further, and equally as important, the Board finds that the applicants have placed the proposed rear addition at the location on the site furthest from the neighboring property owner to the south (Mr. Magnuson on adjacent lot 14). Although part of the applicants' house is currently set back only 4.6 feet from the common property line with lot 14, the proposed two-story rear addition to the structure is located to the northern side



of this property, in line with the Glen Place frontage of the dwelling, and set back approximately 15 feet from the common property line with lot 14 (and well beyond the part of the house now set back only 4.6 feet from that property line). The Board therefore finds that, although the proposed addition will extend the deficient front yard setback along the Glen Place frontage further to the rear, this is preferable to providing a greater setback from Glen Place for the addition, which would in turn decrease the setback of the addition from neighboring lot 14. The Board finds that the proposed location of the addition serves to provide for more light, air and open space between this lot and lot 14 than would otherwise result if the addition were moved further to the south; the Board finds that this advances the purposes of zoning, and that the benefits of same substantially outweigh any detriment that might otherwise result (indeed, for the reasons set forth below, the Board finds that no significant detriment will result from granting this application).

12. The Board finds that no significant adverse impact will result to surrounding property owners as a result of the approval of this application, and the Board further finds that this application can be granted without causing substantial detriment to the public good and without causing substantial impairment of the intent and purpose of the zone plan and zoning ordinance. This is so for the following reasons. As noted above, the Board finds that the proposed excess habitable floor area of 176 square feet is a *de minimis* deviation. The Board finds that same results in large measure due to the design difficulties encountered by the applicants as referenced above, as they seek to increase the size of this rather small house. The Board further finds that such a minor deviation will have no negative impact upon surrounding property owners, and that from a visual standpoint, it is doubtful that one viewing the dwelling from the street would perceive that

there was a slight deviation in habitable floor area. In addition, the Board notes that the site can well accommodate this slight deviation, in that total proposed lot coverage is well within the maximum coverage permitted by ordinance. Further, regarding the extension of the front yard setback deficiency along Glen Place, the Board notes that the side of the dwelling is presently setback only 7.6 feet from this northern property frontage, and that the proposal is to extend the line of the house approximately 15 feet to the rear (as more particularly set forth on the plans submitted into evidence). In addition to this being related to an existing condition at the site, the Board notes as referenced above, that this location for the addition serves to move same away from the nearest neighboring dwelling, which is located on lot 14 to the south. Again, because of the narrow depth of the lot and the layout of the existing house thereon, the applicant is limited in possible locations for the addition, but the Board finds that the proposed location is the preferred location at the site. The Board further notes that the lot frontage along Glen Place is more than twice that required by ordinance (150 feet existing, whereas 70 feet is required), and that this expansive frontage serves to mitigate any adverse impact that might otherwise result from the limited extension of this front yard setback deficiency, allowing for significant open area at both the front and particularly the rear of the dwelling. In this regard, the Board also cites the proposed rear yard setback of 63.67 feet, which is more than twice the required rear yard setback of 30 feet. The Board finds that the limited extension of the Glen Place setback deficiency here at issue will create no significant adverse impact, and that it certainly will have no negative impact upon neighboring lot 14 to the south.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it hereby resolved by the Board that it adopts the aforesaid findings of fact, and specifically makes the following conclusions:



1. Based upon the aforesaid findings of fact, the Board concludes that:

(a) the Applicant has established and demonstrated that the premises are of such exceptional size or shape, and/or are so uniquely affected by exceptional topographic or physical features, and/or are so uniquely affected by other extraordinary and exceptional circumstances that the strict application of the zoning regulations would result in exceptional practical difficulties or exceptional and undue hardship; and

(b) the Applicant has demonstrated that the purposes of the Municipal Land Use Law and the Land Use Ordinances of the Borough of Fair Haven, would be advanced by a deviation from the zoning ordinance requirements at issue, and further that the benefits of any such deviation would substantially outweigh any detriment resulting from a grant of the application.

2. Based upon the aforesaid findings of fact, the Board further concludes that granting the approvals set forth herein will not cause substantial detriment to the public good and will not substantially impair the intent and purpose of the zoning ordinance and zoning plan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board that the following bulk variance relief be and is hereby granted:

1. Variance relief to permit habitable floor area of 2,376 square feet, whereas 2,200 square feet is the maximum otherwise permitted in this zone.

2. Variance relief to permit the extension of the existing front yard setback of 7.6 feet from the Glen Place frontage further to the rear as depicted on the plans submitted into evidence, whereas a setback of 25 feet is otherwise required.

[The Board finds that the following deviations also exist at the site: lot frontage of 50 feet along the Lake Avenue frontage whereas 70 feet is required (the Glen Place frontage is 150 feet); side yard setback of 4.1 feet from the southern property line and 11.9 feet total both sides, whereas 5 feet and 12.5 feet total are otherwise required by ordinance; setbacks of the garage of 2.9 feet and 4 feet, whereas 5 feet is required for each side. The Board finds that these existing deviations are not being altered or exacerbated as a result of this application, and therefore no relief is required, nor is any relief granted with regard to same].



BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board that any relief not expressly granted by the Board herein, be and is hereby denied.

ALL APPROVALS GRANTED HEREIN ARE SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS:

**General Conditions**

1. Subject to the development here at issue being undertaken in accordance with the testimony presented to the Board and the plans submitted to/approved by the Board.

2. Subject to the testimony of all witnesses called on behalf of the Applicant being true and accurate.

3. Subject to the Application, all attachments thereto, and all exhibits offered by the Applicant being accurate depictions of that which they purport to represent.

4. The Applicant shall furnish proof that taxes have been paid through the current quarter and through the quarter in which he receives his initial construction permits.

5. Subject to the Applicant paying in full all application fees, review fees, engineering and consulting fees, and escrows.

6. Subject to the Applicant obtaining and complying with the approval of any other reviewing agency having jurisdiction over the Property and/or the Project, including but not limited to the Board of Health, the municipal Engineer, the municipal Fire Official, and any County, State, or Federal agency; provided, however, that in the event that any other agency or authority shall require any changes in the plans herein approved, then any such changes must be submitted to this Board for review and approval. Further, if another governmental agency grants a waiver or variance of a regulation, which same affects this approval or any condition attached hereto, or otherwise requires any changes in the plans herein approved, then this matter shall be brought back before the Board for review of any such action, and the Board shall have the right to modify this approval and/or the conditions attached hereto as a result of any such action.

7. The action of the Board in approving this Application shall not relieve the Applicant from responsibility for any damage caused by the Project, nor does the Board of Adjustment or the Borough of Fair Haven accept any responsibility for the design or the installation of the Project.

**Specific Conditions**

1. Subject to there being be no habitable space in the attic, and subject further to: there being no fixed stairs providing access to the attic (access to the attic shall be gained only by way of a "push up" door or pull down stairs).

2. Subject to the spotlight on the rear of the dwelling being removed and replaced with recessed lights under the cantilevered section of the rear addition.

**ROLL CALL VOTE**

THOSE IN FAVOR: *Hempstead, Cooney, Schiavetti*

THOSE OPPOSED: *None*

**CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Zoning Board of Adjustment of the Borough of Fair Haven at its meeting on *April 3*, 2008.

DATED: *4/8/08*

*Judith Fuller*  
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Secretary