# TOWN OF NISKAYUNA ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

One Niskayuna Circle Niskayuna, New York 12309

The Zoning Board of Appeals of the Town of Niskayuna will conduct a regular meeting on WEDNESDAY, February 14, 2024 at 7:00 P.M. in the Town Board Meeting Room, Town Hall, One Niskayuna Circle, Niskayuna, New York to consider the following:

- 1. Appeal by Sajjad Khan for a variance from Section 220-18 B (3) (b) and Section 220-13 Schedule I-C of the Zoning Ordinance of the Town of Niskayuna as it applies to the property at 979 Birchwood Lane, Niskayuna, New York, located in the R-2: Medium Density Residential Zoning District, to combine pre-existing sheds into a single accessory structure (chicken coop and run) within the rear yard setback. Section 220-18 B (3) (b) states that "the required side and rear yard dimensions for major accessory structures shall be the same as applies to the principal building." As defined, major accessory structures are "detached accessory buildings or other structures in excess of 120 square feet." The sheds, combined into a single shed (structure), measures 394 square feet, and is a major accessory structure. Section 220-13 Schedule I-C establishes a rear setback minimum of twenty (20) feet. As combined, the single shed (structure) is located fifteen (15) feet from the rear property line. Therefore; a five (5) foot rear yard setback variance is required.
- 2. Appeal by Nicholas Daniels, agent, for a variance from Section 220-15 B (3) and Section 220-13 Schedule I-A of the Zoning Ordinance of the Town of Niskayuna as it applies to the property at 40 Williams Street, Niskayuna, New York, located in the R-R: Rural Residential Zoning District, to construct a new single-family dwelling which exceeds the maximum coverage of the lot and is partially within the front and side yard setbacks. Section 220-15 B (3) states that no structure shall be constructed on a nonconforming lot unless it shall have front and rear yards conforming to the minimums required for the district in which it is located. As proposed, the new single-family dwelling does not have a front yard which conforms with the minimums required for the district. Therefore, a variance from this section is required. Section 220-13 Schedule I-A establishes a maximum lot coverage by building and structures of 10%, a front yard setback minimum of 55 feet and a side yard minimum of 35 feet. As proposed, lot coverage by building and structures is 13%, the house will be 27.1 feet from the front property line, 18.3 feet from the right-side property line and 25 feet from the left-side property line. Therefore, a 3% lot coverage variance is required, a 27.9 foot front yard setback variance is required, and both a 16.7 foot (right) side yard setback variance and a 10 foot (left) side yard setback variance, are required.
- 3. Appeal by Innesa Sarkisova and Yuriy Raskin, for a variance from Section 220-18 B (2) and Section 220-18 B (3) (c) of the Zoning Ordinance of the Town of Niskayuna as it applies to the property at 15 Bergen Place, Niskayuna, New York, located in the R-3 High Density Residential Zoning District, to install a 7' x 7' shed which exceeds the number of allowable accessory structures on a lot and is partially within the side yard setback. Section 220-18 B (2) states that "there shall not be more than three (3) accessory structures on a lot." Currently the property has a fence, swimming pool, and pavilion. As proposed, the shed would be a fourth (4th) accessory structure; therefore, a variance for one (1) additional accessory structure is required. Section 220-18 B (3) (c) states that minor accessory structures, which are defined as structures 120 square feet in area or less, are not permitted closer than five (5) feet to the side and rear lot lines. As proposed, the shed is located one (1) foot from the side lot line. A four (4) foot side yard setback variance is required.
- 4. Appeal by Scott Kalm, for a variance from Section 220-13, Schedule I-C of the Zoning Ordinance of the Town of Niskayuna as it applies to the property at 1381 Myron Street, Niskayuna, New York, located in the R-2: Medium Density Residential Zoning District, construct an addition on the property partially within the side yard setback. Section 220-13, Schedule I-C requires a side yard setback of fifteen (15) feet. The existing house is twenty-five (25) feet from the side property line. As proposed, the addition will be nine (9) feet from the side property line; therefore, a six (6) foot side yard setback variance is required.

**NEXT MEETING: March 20, 2024 at 7 PM** 

TOWN OF NISKAYUNA ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

> One Niskayuna Circle Niskayuna, New York 12309 Meeting Minutes January 17, 2024

7 **Members Present:** John Hoke, Chairperson

8 Nicolas Ltaif
9 William Stein
10 Katrina Pacheco
11 Joey Gentile
12 Richard Greene
13 Patrick Antonikowski

14 Also Present: Laura Robertson, Town Planner

Alaina Finan, Town Attorney

#### 16 A. Roll Call

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17 Vincent Daly and Erik Dollman were absent/excused.

#### 18 **B. Minutes**

- 19 The minutes from the December meeting were presented. Ms. Pacheco placed a motion to approve the
- 20 minutes. Mr. Greene seconded the motion.
- The Board voted to approve the December minutes as written with a vote of 4-0 with 3 abstentions.

22 Mr. Ltaif Aye Mr. Stein Abstain 23 Ms. Pacheco 24 Ave 25 Mr. Gentile Abstain Mr. Greene Aye 26 Mr. Antonikowski Abstain 27 Chairperson Hoke 28 Aye

#### 29 C. Cases

- 30 Chairperson Hoke announced the second case is adjourned.
- 1. Appeal by Adam Bach for a variance from Section 220-18 B (3) (b), Section 220-13, Schedule I-B, 31 Section 220-25 B (1) (A) and Section 220-18 B (2) of the Zoning Ordinance of the Town of Niskayuna 32 as it applies to the property at 245 Menlo Park Drive, Niskayuna, New York, located in the R-1: Low 33 Density Residential Zoning District, to maintain a 30' x 10' shed partially within the rear yard setback, 34 to maintain an 8' high fence which exceeds the fence height allowed, and to maintain a fourth and fifth 35 accessory structure which exceeds the number of accessory structures allowed. Accessory Structures: 36 Section 220-18 B (3) (b) states that "the required side and rear yard dimensions for major accessory 37 structures shall be the same as applies to the principal building." Major accessory structures are defined 38 as "detached accessory buildings or other structures in excess of 120 square feet." The shed, at 300 39 40 square feet, is a major accessory structure. Section 220-13, Schedule I-B requires a twenty-five (25) foot rear yard setback. As installed, the shed is located four (4) feet from the rear property line. 41

Therefore, a twenty-one (21) foot rear yard setback variance is required. Section 220-25 B (1) (A) states 42 "the maximum height for fences in a rear yard shall not exceed six feet." As installed, the fencing at 43 the basketball/tennis court is eight (8) feet, therefore a two (2) foot fence height variance is required. 44 Accessory Structures: Section 220-18 B (2), states "there shall not be more than three accessory 45 structures on a lot." Before the shed and fence were installed, the lot had three (3) accessory structures: 46 an existing shed, a pool, and a fence. The new shed counts as a fourth accessory structure; and the new 47 fencing at the basketball/tennis court counts as a fifth accessory structure. Therefore, a variance for two 48 additional accessory structures (5 total) is required. 49

- Twelve (12) notices were mailed. Zero responses were received.
- Hugo Bach, father of owner, and Laura Bach, owner, were present.
- 52 Chairperson Hoke asked if this address has been in front of the Board in the past. Ms. Bach noted she has
- been in front of the Board a couple of times. She noted the yard is an odd shape so the pool needed a
- variance and more recently after they bought the adjoining empty lot the fence needed a variance. Ms.
- Robertson stated the fence was in front of the Board in 2021. Chairperson Hoke noted that the adjoining
- empty lot had nothing constructed on it when the fence was installed. Ms. Bach agreed. Chairperson Hoke
- stated, since that time, the court, court fencing and shed were all installed. Ms. Bach agreed. Chairperson
- Hoke asked if they had a contractor do the installations. Ms. Bach stated she had a couple of contractors do
- 59 the work. The Amish did the shed. The court was installed by someone else and Siena installed the fence.
- 60 Chairperson Hoke asked if Siena Fence suggested a variance would be needed. Ms. Bach stated they did
- not. Chairperson Hoke asked if the contractors suggested building permits were needed. Ms. Bach stated
- she would have to defer that question to her husband who was not present.
- 63 Mr. Bach stated that the process was obviously not followed and apologized for that. Ms. Bach explained
- that the lot shapes are odd. She noted the extra lot was sold twice for a new home but the buyers never were
- happy with the configuration of the potential new home and yard space.
- 66 Chairperson Hoke redirected the applicant to explain why the variances were needed and what alternatives
- were considered. Mr. Bach noted that the adjourning lot was in poor shape. It was a dumping site for
- 68 contractors and neighbors. Ms. Bach stated they put in a lot of money and time cleaning the lot, grading it
- and seeding it. Mr. Bach noted the family is very athletic so they chose to develop the land as a sports field.
- The added shed contains sporting equipment: ice rink construction materials, lacrosse nets, and other items.
- 71 Chairperson Hoke asked why the shed was located where it is. Mr. Bach stated that they were unsure of the
- definitions of rear and side yard. He pointed to an image on the screen showing his confusion. He noted
- that the court pad is almost 50 feet from the property line and the shrubs are not the property. He questioned
- 74 where the inspector got the measurements from. He noted that he wanted the placement of the shed to be
- subtle and not obtrusive. He noted that smaller sheds can be 5 feet from the property line. They intended
- this shed to be located 5 feet from the property line but the installer put it down while no one was present
- and located it 4 feet from the property line. The shed was placed near the court where it is most convenient.
- The shed is not in anyone's line of site except for the neighbor across the street.
- 79 Chairperson Hoke asked whether the shed should be cited for rear yard or side yard setbacks. Ms. Robertson
- stated that it is a rear yard setback issue. She noted based on the house location and the fact that the lots
- were combined into one, the shed is along the rear lot line. Ms. Bach noted that based on the setback
- 82 requirements the shed would need to be located in the middle of the space which would make it more
- 83 obtrusive.
- Chairperson Hoke asked why the 8-foot fence was installed. Ms. Bach stated they researched fence heights
- recommended for the sports they intended to play and the 8-foot fence was a compromise. She noted that a
- 4 foot or 6 foot fence would not keep hockey pucks or lacrosse balls inside the court area. Mr. Bach noted

that 10-12 foot fences were recommended but they felt that was too high. He noted that the fence is needed

- to protect neighbors and to keep the flow of the game going.
- Ms. Pacheco noted she saw a light post next to the pad. She asked if there were any complaints about
- lighting. Ms. Robertson stated that the Building Department has received calls about light glare and pursued
- enforcement with this property. She noted the homeowners adjusted the light and corrected the issue. To
- her knowledge there are no current complaints.
- 93 Ms. Pacheco noted that a permit and variance was required for the fence surrounding the property. She
- asked why the applicant didn't consider the fact that a permit would be needed for the shed or additional
- 95 fencing, already having been through the process once. Ms. Bach stated they never considered permits
- would be needed. Ms. Pacheco asked if everyone would agree that the rear lot line is the line opposite the
- or curve of the street. Mr. Bach stated they did not see it that way. Ms. Bach noted that previous to them
- 98 purchasing the lot when it was staked for a proposed home, the rear yard was different than what is being
- 99 discussed at this meeting.
- Ms. Pacheco noted that the fence is installed at 8 feet at the ends of the court. Ms. Bach agreed and noted
- that the wings to the 8 foot sections are at 6 feet high.
- Ms. Pacheco asked if the neighbor behind the shed is at a higher or lower elevation. Mr. Bach stated that
- you can barely see the shed from the neighbor's property.
- Mr. Bach quoted Town Code Section 220-25 A (5) and wondered why this Code was not considered.
- 105 Chairperson Hoke noted that an interpretation of the Code would need a different appeal process. Ms. Finan
- noted that a recreational facility is not defined and the fence is on a residential lot. Ms. Robertson noted
- that she reviewed other properties that had tennis courts with high fences. She noted that they needed to get
- variances and did.
- Mr. Ltaif asked if they have a cost estimate to reduce the height of the fence. Ms. Bach noted her boys play
- hockey and lacrosse and noted that is lower than the recommended fence height. She only installed the
- fence at the ends of the court and reduced the height at the sides. Mr. Bach stated they did not have a cost
- estimate.
- 113 Mr. Ltaif asked if the shed can be moved. Mr. Bach stated he did not ask the contractor. He noted that the
- pad was to be located 5 feet from the property line.
- 115 Mr. Ltaif asked who uses the accessory structures on the property and the sport equipment. Ms. Bach stated
- they are used by friends and family.
- Ms. Pacheco asked what type of fence is around the court. Ms. Bach stated it is black chain link. Ms.
- Pacheco asked what the foundation is on the shed. Mr. Bach stated it is gravel without any footings. Ms.
- Pacheco asked what materials the shed is made with. Ms. Bach stated it is wood framing with no siding,
- ijust painted, and a shingle roof. Ms. Pacheco asked if there are any drainage issues with the roof draining
- toward the neighbor. Ms. Bach stated that they did a lot of grading when they bought the lot and it drains
- well and doesn't affect neighboring properties. Ms. Pacheco asked if the large grass area had any
- underground structures or drain pipes. Ms. Bach stated there were none. Ms. Pacheco asked the Town
- Planner if the court was considered a structure. Ms. Robertson stated that the court is not considered a
- structure because it is a surface, more like a patio.
- Mr. Greene asked if the sons/athletes were away at college. Mr. Bach stated they are. Mr. Greene asked
- how much is this facility used. Mr. Bach stated that in the past it as used all year. Now mostly in the summer.
- 128 Ms. Finan suggested that each variance be considered independently.

129 Chairperson Hoke asked if there was anyone in the audience who wished to speak. Hearing none, he asked

- for a motion on this case.
- Ms. Pacheco placed a motion to grant the variance, as written, for the number of accessory structures. She
- noted the lot is unique in its shape and size. She stated the benefit of the additional accessory structures can
- not be achieved by an alternate means. She noted there should be no undesirable change in the character of
- the neighborhood. She noted the question of whether the request is substantial is debatable considering the
- size of the lot. She noted there should be no environmental effects. She stated the request is self-created for
- the uses but the lot is unique.
- Mr. Ltaif seconded the motion for the reasons stated.
- 138 Upon voting, the motion was granted 7-0. The variance for the number of accessory structures was granted.
- 139 Mr. Ltaif Aye
- Mr. Ltaif voted for the motion for the reasons stated.
- 141 Mr. Stein Aye
- Mr. Stein voted for the motion for the reasons stated. He noted he felt the request was not substantial due
- to the property being the size of 2 lots.
- 144 Ms. Pacheco Aye
- 145 Ms. Pacheco voted for the motion.
- 146 Mr. Gentile Aye
- Mr. Gentile voted for the motion. He agreed with Mr. Stein's comment.
- 148 Mr. Greene Aye
- Mr. Greene voted for the motion. He noted he visited the property.
- 150 Mr. Antonikowski Aye
- Mr. Antonikowski voted for the motion for the reasons stated.
- 152 Chairperson Hoke Aye
- 153 Chairperson Hoke voted for on the motion. He also noted the Board does consider the lot size when
- evaluating additional accessory structures.
- Mr. Ltaif placed a motion to grant the variance, as written, for the shed's setback to the rear property line.
- He noted the applicant intended for it to be 5 feet off the property line but the contractor installed it wrong.
- He noted that the location has the benefit of leaving space for the family to play sports. He noted that no
- neighbor commented about any of the variances. He stated that the location did not create an undesirable
- change in the character of the neighborhood especially since it is tucked to the rear of the lot. He noted
- there are no environmental effects and the owner landscaped the empty lot to improve drainage.
- 161 Mr. Greene seconded the motion.
- Ms. Pacheco asked what would happen to the variances if the land was subdivided. Ms. Finan stated they
- would remain as granted even if the property boundaries are changed, but the subdivision review would
- ensure changes didn't create new variances.
- 165 Upon voting, the motion was granted 4-3. The variance for the shed setback was granted.
- 166 Mr. Ltaif Aye
- Mr. Ltaif voted for the motion.

- 168 Mr. Stein Nay
- Mr. Stein voted against the motion. He believed the request was substantial and the shed was too close to
- the property line.
- 171 Ms. Pacheco Aye
- Ms. Pacheco voted for the motion.
- 173 Mr. Gentile Nay
- 174 Mr. Gentile voted against the motion.
- 175 Mr. Greene Aye
- 176 Mr. Greene voted for the motion for the reasons stated.
- 177 Mr. Antonikowski Nay
- Mr. Antonikowski voted against the motion. He noted the benefit could be achieved by an alternate means.
- He noted the request is substantial and self-created.
- 180 Chairperson Hoke Aye
- 181 Chairperson Hoke voted for on the motion. He noted the request is self-created and substantial. He noted
- alternate locations may also need a variance to achieve the benefit.
- 183 Mr. Ltaif asked about the code for commercial fencing. Ms. Robertson read the Code. Mr. Ltaif asked about
- restrictions that could be added to the variance. Ms. Finan stated the fence location is determined by the
- application but the fence material can be noted as a condition to the variance.
- 186 Mr. Stein placed a motion to grant the variance, as written, for the fence height. He noted an alternate
- means to stop balls and pucks from flying all over the place is not available. He noted there is no undesirable
- change in the character of the neighborhood since the black chain link fence is barely visible. He noted the
- request was not substantial because the request was for a limited area. He stated there were no
- 190 environmental effects. He noted the request was self-created but it was done to protect the neighborhood
- 191 from flying objects.
- Mr. Gentile seconded the motion.
- Mr. Ltaif placed a motion to amend the variance to restrict the fence to black chain fencing material.
- Ms. Pacheco seconded the motion to amend.
- 195 Upon voting, the motion to amend was granted 7-0.
- 196 Mr. Ltaif Aye
- 197 Mr. Ltaif voted for the motion.
- 198 Mr. Stein Aye
- 199 Mr. Stein voted for the motion.
- 200 Ms. Pacheco Ave
- 201 Ms. Pacheco voted for the motion.
- 202 Mr. Gentile Aye
- 203 Mr. Gentile voted for the motion.
- 204 Mr. Greene Aye
- 205 Mr. Greene voted for the motion.

- 206 Mr. Antonikowski Aye
- 207 Mr. Antonikowski voted for the motion.
- 208 Chairperson Hoke Aye
- 209 Chairperson Hoke voted for on the motion.
- Upon voting, the amended motion from Mr. Stein was granted 5-2. The amended motion for the 8-foot
- 211 fence was granted.
- 212 Mr. Ltaif Aye
- 213 Mr. Ltaif voted for the motion for the reasons stated.
- 214 Mr. Stein Aye
- 215 Mr. Stein voted for the motion for the reasons stated.
- 216 Ms. Pacheco Nay
- Ms. Pacheco voted against the motion. She noted there are alternate methods available that would comply
- with Code and the request is substantial.
- 219 Mr. Gentile Aye
- 220 Mr. Gentile voted for the motion.
- 221 Mr. Greene Aye
- Mr. Greene voted for the motion for the reasons stated.
- 223 Mr. Antonikowski Aye
- Mr. Antonikowski voted for the motion for the reasons stated.
- 225 Chairperson Hoke Nay
- Chairperson Hoke voted against on the motion. He noted that the self-created criteria weighs more into this
- variance for him due and tips the scale to a vote against the request.
- 228 Chairperson Hoke asked if there was any business the Board wished to discuss. Hearing none, Chairperson
- Hoke asked for a motion to adjourn. Ms. Pacheco placed a motion to adjourn. Mr. Greene seconded the
- motion to adjourn. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

# TOWN OF NISKAYUNA ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

One Niskayuna Circle Niskayuna, New York 12309 (518) 386-4530

February 2, 2024

#### TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

A regular meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals will be held on:

DATE: February 14, 2024

**TIME:** 7:00 P.M.

PLACE: Town Hall, One Niskayuna Circle, Niskayuna, New York

#### AT THIS TIME THE BOARD WILL CONSIDER THE REQUEST OF:

Appeal by Sajjad Khan for a variance from Section 220-18 B (3) (b) and Section 220-13 Schedule I-C of the Zoning Ordinance of the Town of Niskayuna as it applies to the property at 979 Birchwood Lane, Niskayuna, New York, located in the R-2: Medium Density Residential Zoning District, to combine pre-existing sheds into a single accessory structure (chicken coop and run) within the rear yard setback.

Section 220-18 B (3) (b) states that "the required side and rear yard dimensions for major accessory structures shall be the same as applies to the principal building." As defined, major accessory structures are "detached accessory buildings or other structures in excess of 120 square feet." The sheds, combined into a single shed (structure), measures 394 square feet, and is a major accessory structure. Section 220-13 Schedule I-C establishes a rear setback minimum of twenty (20) feet. As combined, the single shed (structure) is located fifteen (15) feet from the rear property line. Therefore; a five (5) foot rear yard setback variance is required.

A copy of the permit application and appeal is available for inspection at the Niskayuna Building Department in the Niskayuna Town Office Building and will be available at the public hearing. A copy of the agenda packet for the above referenced meeting date, which will include information for this variance request, will be available online after 5pm the Friday before the meeting at https://niskayuna.org/zba.

IF YOU WISH TO EXPRESS AN OPINION REGARDING THE PROPOSED CHANGE, YOU MAY DO SO AT THE ABOVE-MENTIONED TIME AND PLACE. IF YOU CANNOT BE PRESENT, YOU MAY REQUEST A VIRTUAL LOGIN TO THE MEETING BY EMAILING LRobertson@Niskayuna.org OR CALLING 518-386-4531 OR YOU MAY SET FORTH YOUR APPROVAL OR OBJECTION IN A LETTER WHICH WILL BE MADE PART OF THE PERMANENT RECORD.

**ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS** 



# TOWN OF NISKAYUNA

#### BUILDING DEPARTMENT

One Niskayuna Cırcle Niskayuna, New York 12309-4381 (518) 386-4522 FAX: (518) 386-4556 building@niskayuna.org

Kenneth P. Hassett Building Inspector

### BUILDING AND ZONING PERMIT DENIAL

ADDRESS: 979 Birchwood Ln

**APPLICATION DATE: 9/20/23** 

January 29, 2024

Sajjad Khan 979 Birchwood Ln Niskayuna, NY 12309

Dear Sir,

You are hereby notified, as required by Section 220-67 F of the Zoning Ordinance of the Town of Niskayuna, that your application to combine pre-existing sheds on the property noted above, for the purpose of providing a Chicken Coop and Run has been denied by reason of Section 220-18 B (3) (b) and Section 220-13 Schedule I-C, of the Town of Niskayuna Zoning Ordinance. The property is located in the R-2: Medium Density Residential Zoning District.

Section 220-18 B (3) (b) states that "the required side and rear yard dimensions for major accessory structures shall be the same as applies to the principal building." As defined, major accessory structures are "detached accessory buildings or other structures in excess of 120 square feet." The sheds, combined into a single shed (structure), measures 394 square feet, and is a major accessory structure. Section 220-13 Schedule I-C establishes a rear setback minimum of twenty (20) feet. As combined, the single shed (structure) is located fifteen (15) feet from the rear property line. Therefore; a five (5) foot rear yard setback variance is required.

Under the provisions of Section 220-69 of the Zoning Ordinance of the Town of Niskayuna you may appeal this decision to the Zoning Board of Appeals and the undersigned within 60 days.

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Date	Thomas J. Cannizzo	
	<b>Building Inspector</b>	

## CHICKEN SUPPLEMENT TO PERMIT APPLICATION

	Plans (three sets) and all of the following information are required with chicken supplement permit applications.
	a. Address of property 979 Birchwood Ln, Niskaying NY 12309
	b. Number of hens: 6
	c. Distance of hen enclosure to adjoining residential <u>dwelling</u> (minimum of twenty-five (25) feet required):
	Side 1 300 / seremail
	Side 2 Received
	Side 2  Rear 150 Fee   15' per email SEP 20 2023
	Other Niskayuna Building Dept.
1	d. Minimum size calculations of enclosure and run:
	Enclosure - number of hens6multiplied by 3 square feet equalssquare feet
	Run - number of hens multiplied by 10 square feet equals square feet
	e. Measurements of enclosure and run
	Enclosure
	Run
	f. Type of hen run  Old Existed shed is repaired and closed with hardware  perru and turned into run.
	pena and turned into run.
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	Applicant's Signature: Date: 09.11.23
	(For office use only)
	Area of lot
	Area of lot
1	Area of lot  Maximum accessory structure coverage allowed
	Area of lot  Maximum accessory structure coverage allowed  Total accessory structure coverage actual

From: <u>Laura Robertson</u>

To: <u>Linda Sciocchetti</u>; <u>Thomas Cannizzo</u>

**Subject:** FW: [EXTERNAL] 979 birchwood In boundary line **Date:** Thursday, January 25, 2024 10:52:24 AM

Attachments: Untitled attachment 00061.txt

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#### Can we chat about this today?

----Original Message-----

From: sajjad Khan <samdecent@aol.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 24, 2024 3:17 PM
To: Laura Robertson <lrobertson@niskayuna.org>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 979 birchwood ln boundary line

Hi laura . This is OnX hunt app , used by hunters and construction workers at job sites . First picture all the sheds are circled . Last white shed is 15 feet away from the rare and actual first shed converted into run is 30 feet away . From the left hill side all the sheds are 30 feet away from boundary line . second picture I walked around the boundry line to give you an idea how far sheds are inside from boundry line . Let me know if its enough and workable estimate for you .

## TOWN OF NISKAYUNA ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

One Niskayuna Circle Niskayuna, NY 12309 (518) 386-4530

January 18, 2024

Sajjad Khan 979 Birchwood Ln Niskayuna, NY 12309

Dear Mr. Khan,

At its regularly scheduled meeting held on January 17, 2024, the Zoning Board of Appeals ("the Board") reviewed the following case:

Appeal by Sajjad Khan for a variance from Section 220-18 B (3) (b) and Section 220-13 Schedule I-C of the Zoning Ordinance of the Town of Niskayuna as it applies to the property at 979 Birchwood Lane, Niskayuna, New York, located in the R-2: Medium Density Residential Zoning District, to combine pre-existing sheds into a single accessory structure (chicken coop and run) within the side yard setback. Section 220-18 B (3) (b) states that "the required side and rear yard dimensions for major accessory structures shall be the same as applies to the principal building." As defined, major accessory structures are "detached accessory buildings or other structures in excess of 120 square feet." When the pre-existing sheds are combined, they measure 394 square feet and become a new major accessory structure. Section 220-13 Schedule I-C establishes a side setback minimum of fifteen (15) feet. As combined, the proposed new chicken coop and run is located zero (0) feet from the side property line. Therefore; a fifteen (15) foot side yard setback variance is required.

It was the decision of the Board to adjourn this case until more accurate information regarding the location of the accessory structure can be reviewed by the Building Department.

The Board based its decision on the findings of fact set forth in the applicant's appeal and the discussion between the applicant (or the applicant's representative) and the Board members during the meeting. You can view a video of the meeting at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4bIVhqVDoqo&list=PLfof9Ej2RfcNoJbueLoRmi35Si39n5hVl&index=41.

Sincerely,

John Hoke / LMS John Hoke Chairperson

cc: Town Clerk, Building Department, ZBA File

## TOWN OF NISKAYUNA ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

One Niskayuna Circle Niskayuna, New York 12309 (518) 386-4530

January 5, 2025

#### TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

A regular meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals will be held on:

**DATE:** January 17, 2024

**TIME:** 7:00 P.M.

PLACE: Town Hall, One Niskayuna Circle, Niskayuna, New York

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IF YOU WISH TO EXPRESS AN OPINION REGARDING THE PROPOSED CHANGE, YOU MAY DO SO AT THE ABOVE-MENTIONED TIME AND PLACE. IF YOU CANNOT BE PRESENT, YOU MAY REQUEST A VIRTUAL LOGIN TO THE MEETING BY EMAILING LRobertson@Niskayuna.org OR CALLING 518-386-4531 OR YOU MAY SET FORTH YOUR APPROVAL OR OBJECTION IN A LETTER WHICH WILL BE MADE PART OF THE PERMANENT RECORD.

**ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS** 

# ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS Application and Procedures For A Variance Received

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	Niskayuna Building Dept.
TO: ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS	
* FROM: SAJJAI) A KHAN	
RE: Property at 979 Burchiv	rood Ln Niskayuna NY 12309
y I, SAJJAD A KHAN owner) of the property located at 979	Birch wood Ln, the (owner) (agent of the
in the Town of Niskayuna, New York, her decision of the Zoning Enforcement Offi	reby petition the Zoning Board of Appeals to review the cer on the above-referenced application and to grant a inance in order to permit the proposed construction shown
	listed below as required documents in my application for a s. I further acknowledge that omission of any of these ring of my application.
CHECKLIS	T OF REQUIRED ITEMS
One (1) copy of plot plans	
One (1) copy of construction plans, if app	plicable
Appeal fee (see application procedures for	details)
Appeal statement (see application procedu	ares for details)
Short Environmental Assessment Form, P	roject Information, as applicable for use variance
Additional information as specified by the	
Signature of Agent:	Date 12/11/23
Signature of Owner (if different from Agent)	Saffet
Telephone Number: 518.480	9646
* Email Address: Samdecent	



<u>For an area variance</u>: Before an area variance can be granted, State Law requires that the ZBA take into consideration the benefit to the applicant if the variance is granted, as weighed against the detriment to the health, safety and welfare of the neighborhood or community by such grant.

	grant an area variance, the ZBA must balance the benefits to the applicant and the health, safety, and welfare of the ghborhood 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.
	The structure is permanent and moving will required demolition and rebuilding.
	demotition and rebuilding.
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2.	Whether the 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:
	it will not affect or change anything to the Surrounding or to near by Properties.
	or to near by Properties.

(3.)	Whether the variance is substantial. The requested variance is not substantial for the following reasons:
	The sheds pe built clecacles ago possibly at time
	meeting Coche requirment and its not substantial
	for Carrent requirement,
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4.)	Whether the variance will have adverse physical or environmental effects on the neighborhood or district. The requested variance will not have an adverse physical or environmental effect on the neighborhood or district for the following reasons:
	The variance will help the environment helproduce insects ticks
	mosquitoes and will fertilize backyard and help fertilize vaised
	garden heds. Due to more then acre flat Parcel for
	roaming togather with acres of tree Lines of adjacent
	properties no physical or environmental effects on neighborhood and district in possible or even will be visually
	neighborhood and district in possible or even will be visually
	notrable in near future.
	No.
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:
	The three existing sheds at end of Property were decaying and falling apart and I repaired two of them to use it for garden equipment storage and Converted existing structure into chicken run for better use and beautifying the property as summer Project with helpof my childrens.
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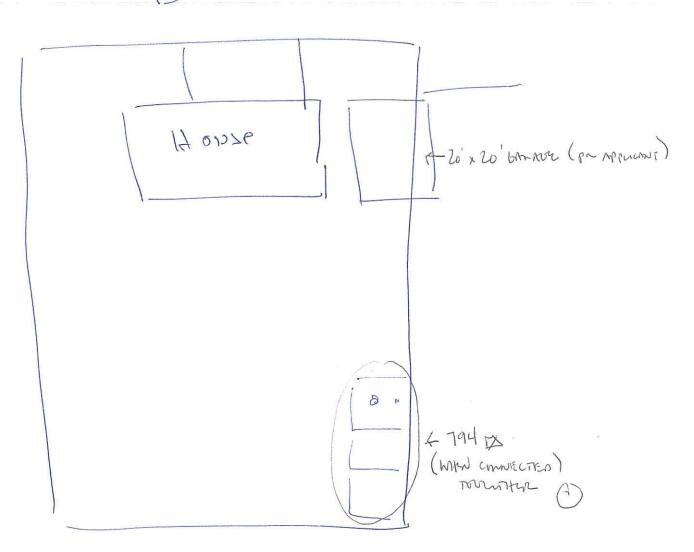
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979 Birchwood Ln



# TOWN OF NISKAYUNA BUILDING DEPARTMENT

One Niskayuna Circle Niskayuna, New York 12309-4381 (518) 386-4522 FAX: (518) 386-4556

building@niskayuna.org

Kenneth P. Hassett Building Inspector

# **Building and Zoning Permit Denial**

Address: 979 Birchwood Lane

Application Date: 9/20/23

Sajjad Khan 979 Birchwood Lane Niskayuna, NY 12309

Dear Sir:

You are hereby notified, as required by Section 220-67 F of the Zoning Ordinance of the Town of Niskayuna, that your application to combine pre-existing sheds on the property noted above, for the purpose of providing a Chicken Coop and Run has been denied by reason of Section 220-18 B (3) (b) and Section 220-13 Schedule I-C, of the Town of Niskayuna Zoning Ordinance. The property is located in the R-2: Medium Density Residential Zoning District.

Section 220-18 B (3) (b) states that "the required side and rear yard dimensions for major accessory structures shall be the same as applies to the principal building." As defined, major accessory structures are "detached accessory buildings or other structures in excess of 120 square feet." The sheds, combined into a single shed (structure), measures 394 square feet, and is a major accessory structure. Section 220-13 Schedule I-C establishes a side setback minimum of fifteen (15) feet. As combined, the single shed (structure) is located zero (0) feet from the side property line. Therefore; a fifteen (15) foot side yard setback variance is required.

Under the provisions of Section 220-69 of the Zoning Ordinance of the Town of Niskayuna you may appeal this decision to the Zoning Board of Appeals and the undersigned within 60 days.

10/11/23

Date

Thomas J. Cannizzo

Zoning Enforcement Officer



Application # <u>C23 - 007</u>



## TOWN OF NISKAYUNA APPLICATION FOR BUILDING AND ZONING PERMIT

One Niskayuna Circle Niskayuna, New York 12309

Phone: 518-386-4522 Fax: 518-386-4556

Email: building@niskayuna.org

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APPLICATION IS HEREBY MADE to the Town of Niskayuna Building Department for the issuance of a building and zoning permit pursuant to Town Code, the NYS Uniform Code, and the NYStretch Energy Code. Application is hereby made for the construction of new buildings and accessory structures, additions and alterations to all buildings and structures, signage installation, drainage, excavation, fill and grading work, and replacement, removal and demolition projects, as herein described. The Applicant or Owner agrees to comply with all applicable laws, ordinances, regulations and all conditions expressed on this application which are part of these requirements, and will also allow or arrange for inspectors to enter the premises for inspections.

BUILDING SITE ADD DESCRIBE WORK API	PLIED FOR Add	in hene	od Ln.	1	ina NY 1230	9
ESTIMATED VALUE (	OF ALL WORK (labo	or and materials):	ô	TOTAL \$ 3	50.00	
Please submit three c			cation.			
APPLICANT SA	A CATTH	MAHLY		DAY PHONE _	518-480	9646
CHECK ONE:						
i/	HOMEOWNER					
	OTHER (explain)	200				į.
ADDRESS						<u> </u>
CITY			STATE		ZIP	
EMAIL ADDRESS						
CONTRACTOR						
ADDRESS						
CITY					ZIP	20
Note: Proof of insur- contractors and homeo	wners have filed all	appropriate do	cuments with	the Building Dep	partment.	
PROPERTY OWNER	SAJJAD	A LLH	MF	_ DAY PHONE _	518.480.	9646
ADDRESS (if different					10***	20
CITY EMAIL ADDRESS		<del></del>	STATE	*	ZIP	28
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PLEASE SIGN Page 2

Section 75-5 B of the Code of the Town of Niskayuna requires that where such application is made by a person other than the owner, it shall be accompanied by an affidavit of the owner or applicant that the proposed work is authorized by the owner and that the applicant is authorized to make such application.

Applicants who are the owners of the property DO NOT need to have this application notarized. Non-owner applicant's notarized signature affirms adherence to the Code.

The applicant has reviewed and fully understands the requirements and conditions of this application. The undersigned

hereby swears that the information provided on this application is true, correct and accurate. Sworn to me on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_ Signature of Applicant Printed Name Notary Public, State of New York Date (FOR OFFICE USE ONLY BELOW) BUILDING SITE ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ KNOWN EASEMENTS: \_\_\_\_ WATER \_\_\_\_ SEWER \_\_\_\_ DRAINAGE \_\_\_\_ OTHER PERMIT FEE DUE \$ BASED ON COMMENTS REQUIRED INSPECTIONS: 1. INITIAL SOIL EROSION CONTROL FOOTING FORMS AND REINFORCING PRIOR TO POURING OF CONCRETE 3. FOUNDATION LOCATION PROVIDED AND STONE DRIVEWAY BASE INSTALLED PRIOR TO FOUNDATION INSPECTION 4. FOUNDATION WALL AND DRAIN TILE INCLUDING LATERAL PRIOR TO BACKFILLING 5. FIREPLACE INSPECTION AT BOX AND AT HALF STACK 6. ROUGH PLUMBING 7. ROUGH ELECTRICAL 8. ROUGH FRAMING INSPECTION INCLUDING TRUSS CERTIFICATES AND ROUGH GRADING **ESTABLISHED** 9. INSULATION INCLUDING PROPER VENTILATION 10. FINAL PLUMBING 11. FINAL ELECTRICAL 12. FINAL BUILDING INSPECTION 13. FINAL GRADING 14. FINAL STABILIZATION (SEC) 15. (ADDITIONAL INSPECTIONS) APPROVED BY \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

3-2023

# ACCESSORY STRUCTURE SUPPLEMENT TO PERMIT APPLICATION

Pla	ns (three cop	ies) and all of the following inf					
a.	Address of	property 979 B	irchwood	Ln N	iskayi	n a	
b.	Size of acc	essory structure 10 ×	12				
c.	Distance to	property lines:	m * K 1		Received		
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	Other _			_			Gauni
d.	Are there a	ny other accessory structures or	the property?	139455AS	paper 51	ys 2+1==	= 7
	Fence	yes (no	height_				
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	Swimmi	ing Pool yes no	size	カメモ	13 × 12		Lian
	Other	yes no	size	rorage	20+2	W)	
e.	Height of a	ccessory structure B F	ect /				
f.	Type of for	andation for structure (if any) _	wood an	not shu	nsles		
Zon	ing District	maximum total coverage of accessory structures	side & rear setback if 120 sq. ft. or less	side setback	rear setback	setback to a street	
	R-R	NA	5 feet	35 feet	40 feet	no closer than wall of house	
	R-1	2,250 sq. ft. or less if lot is less than 18,000 sq. ft.	5 feet	20 feet	25 feet	no closer than wall of house	
R-2,	, R-3 or R-P	1,350 sq. ft. or less if lot is less than 9,000 sq. ft.	5 feet	15 feet	20 feet	no closer than wall of house	
Apj	olicant's Si	gnature:	las		Date:	9.20.23	)
		v.	(For office use only)				={
Area	a of lot		_/				
Max	timum access	sory structure coverage allowed	· <u>/</u>				
Tota	al accessory s	structure coverage actual	794. 1	LO			
Max	imum lot co	verage allowed	dA)				
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CHICKEN SUPPLEMENT TO PERMIT APPLIC	CATION
Plans (three sets) and all of the following information are required with chicken	
a. Address of property 979 Birchwood Ln, Nisleo	yuna NY 12309
b. Number of hens:	
c. Distance of hen enclosure to adjoining residential <u>dwelling</u> (minimum of tw	venty-five (25) feet required):
Side 1 300 /	
Side 2	Received
Side 2  Rear 250 Feely	SEP 20 2023
Other	Niskayuna Building Dept.
d. Minimum size calculations of enclosure and run:	
Enclosure - number of hens 6 multiplied by 3 square feet equa	alssquare feet
Run - number of hens multiplied by 10 square feet equ	
e. Measurements of enclosure and run	2
Enclosure6_feet wide x7 feet length / 42 #	
Runfeet wide xfeet length /	
f. Type of hen run  Old Existed shed is repaired and c  pente and turned into run.	losed with hardware
pence and turned into run.	
O.h.l	< A
Applicant's Signature:	Date: $09 \cdot 11 \cdot 23$
(For office use only)	
Area of lot	
Maximum accessory structure coverage allowed	
Total accessory structure coverage actual	
Maximum lot coverage allowed	
Total lot coverage actual	

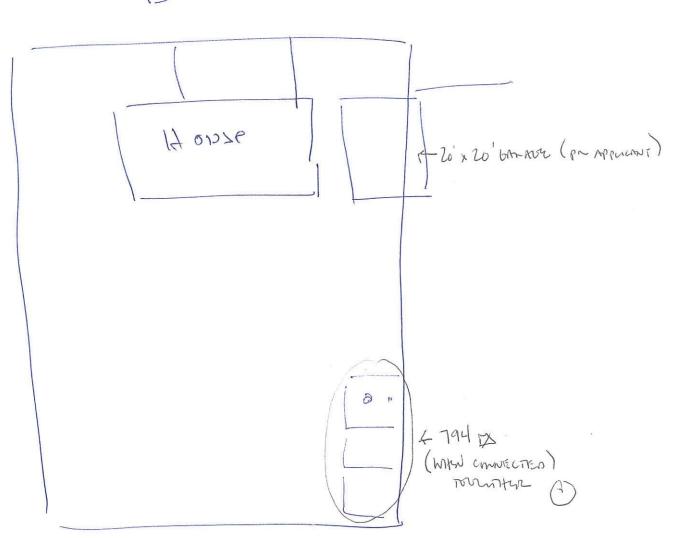
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# TOWN OF NISKAYUNA ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

One Niskayuna Circle Niskayuna, New York 12309 (518) 386-4530

February 2, 2024

#### TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

A regular meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals will be held on:

DATE: February 14, 2024

**TIME:** 7:00 P.M.

PLACE: Town Hall, One Niskayuna Circle, Niskayuna, New York

### AT THIS TIME THE BOARD WILL CONSIDER THE REQUEST OF:

Appeal by Nicholas Daniels, agent, for a variance from Section 220-15 B (3) and Section 220-13 Schedule I-A of the Zoning Ordinance of the Town of Niskayuna as it applies to the property at 40 Williams Street, Niskayuna, New York, located in the R-R: Rural Residential Zoning District, to construct a new single-family dwelling which exceeds the maximum coverage of the lot and is partially within the front and side yard setbacks.

**Section 220-15 B (3)** states that no structure shall be constructed on a nonconforming lot unless it shall have front and rear yards conforming to the minimums required for the district in which it is located. As proposed, the new single-family dwelling does not have a front yard which conforms with the minimums required for the district. Therefore, a variance from this section is required.

**Section 220-13 Schedule I-A** establishes a maximum lot coverage by building and structures of 10%, a front yard setback minimum of 55 feet and a side yard minimum of 35 feet. As proposed, lot coverage by building and structures is 13%, the house will be 27.1 feet from the front property line, 18.3 feet from the right-side property line and 25 feet from the left-side property line. Therefore, a 3% lot coverage variance is required, a 27.9 foot front yard setback variance is required, and both a 16.7 foot (right) side yard setback variance and a 10 foot (left) side yard setback variance, are required.

A copy of the permit application and appeal is available for inspection at the Niskayuna Building Department in the Niskayuna Town Office Building and will be available at the public hearing. A copy of the agenda packet for the above referenced meeting date, which will include information for this variance request, will be available online after 5pm the Friday before the meeting at <a href="https://niskayuna.org/zba">https://niskayuna.org/zba</a>.

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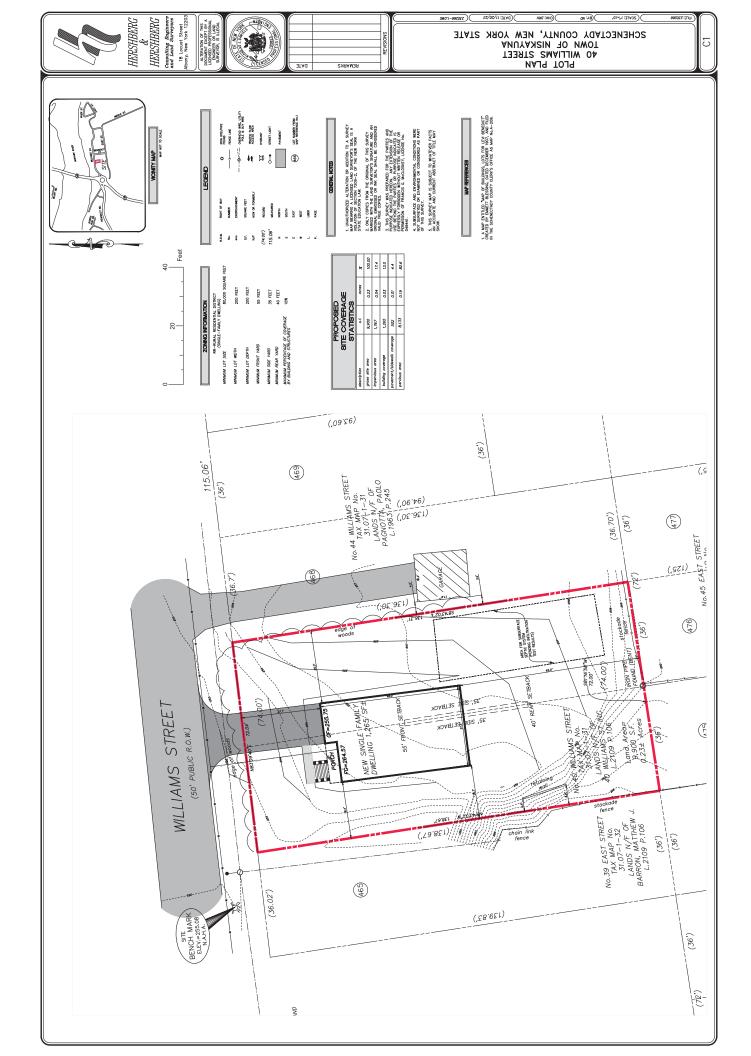
# ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS Application and Procedures For A Variance

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Date Hearing		
Date Action	Table 1	
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TO: ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
FROM: Nicholas Daniels, P.E for the Owner
RE: Property at 40 Williams Street
I, Nicholas Daniels, P.E for the Owner, the (owner) (agent of the owner) of the property located at 40 Williams Street
in the Town of Niskayuna, New York, hereby petition the Zoning Board of Appeals to review the decision of the Zoning Enforcement Officer on the above-referenced application and to grant a variance from Section(s) of the Zoning Ordinance in order to permit the proposed construction shown on the accompanying drawings.
I, also certify that I have provided the items listed below as required documents in my application for a variance before the Zoning Board of Appeals. I further acknowledge that omission of any of these items may result in delay in the Board's hearing of my application.
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CHECKLIST OF REQUIRED ITEMS
X One (1) copy of plot plans
One (1) copy of construction plans, if applicable
x Appeal fee (see application procedures for details)
x Appeal statement (see application procedures for details)
X Short Environmental Assessment Form, Project Information, as applicable for use variance
x Additional information as specified by the Zoning Enforcement Officer
Signature of Agent: Date 1/13/24
Signature of Owner (if different from Agent)
Telephone Number: 518-459-3096
Email Address: nicholas@hhershberg.com

	or an area variance: Before an area variance can be granted, State Law requires that EZBA take into consideration the benefit to the applicant if the variance is granted, as
	eighed against the detriment to the health, safety and welfare of the neighborhood or
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To nei	grant an area variance, the ZBA must balance the benefits to the applicant and the health, safety, and welfare of the ghborhood 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.
	The benefit sought by the applicant cannot be achieved by other feasible means. The property is an
	undersized, non-conforming lot that does not allow for suitable building footprints without area
	variances. The Owner did not explore purchasing neighboring lands to make the property more
	conforming as these lands are currently occupied.
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2.	Whether the 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:
	Granting the variance will not create an undesirable change in the character of the neighborhood.
	Williams Street consists of single family homes on similar undersized, non-conforming lots. The
	proposed single family home will be consistent to that of neighboring properties. Furthermore, the
	_property is overgrown with vegetation, and granting the variance will allow this to be cleaned up
	for a better street appeal.

3.	Whether the variance is substantial. The requested variance is not substantial for the following reasons:  The variance is not substantial. The variance requested would allow the single family home to be			
	constructed at similar locations of neighboring buildings in relation to their lots.			
•	Whether the variance will have adverse physical or environmental effects on the neighborhood or district. The requested variance will not have an adverse physical or environmental effect on the neighborhood or district for the following reasons:			
	Similar to the response in item 2, the variance will allow the construction of a single family home			
	that is consistent with the neighborhood of single family homes on similar, undersized non-			
	conforming lots. The variance will also allow an overgrown lot to be cleaned up for better street			
	appeal. A single family home will not have an adverse effect on the public infrastructure or			
	environment.			
	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:			
	The difficulty, in the opinion of the engineer, is not self-created. The existing property is non-			
	conforming to the minimum lot size requirements outlined in the Rural-Residential District. Along			
	with the minimum yard dimensions, the zoning creates difficulties for new construction on existing			
	non-conforming properties.			



# Short Environmental Assessment Form Part 1 - Project Information

## **Instructions for Completing**

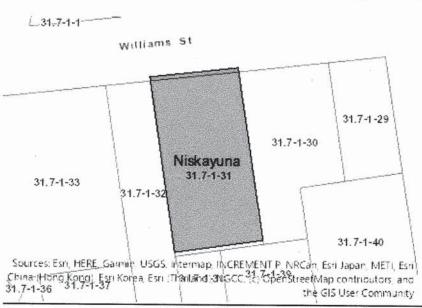
Part 1 – Project Information. The applicant or project sponsor is responsible for the completion of Part 1. Responses become part of the application for approval or funding, are subject to public review, and may be subject to further verification. Complete Part 1 based on information currently available. If additional research or investigation would be needed to fully respond to any item, please answer as thoroughly as possible based on current information.

Complete all items in Part 1. You may also provide any additional information which you believe will be needed by or useful to the lead agency; attach additional pages as necessary to supplement any item.

Part 1 – Project and Sponsor Information					
Name of Action or Project:					
40 Williams Street Area Variance					
Project Location (describe, and attach a location map):					
40 Williams Street, Niskayuna, NY 12309					
Brief Description of Proposed Action:		44444444444444444444444444444444444444			
The Applicant proposes to construct a single family dwelling at this property. To construct the dwelling, the Applicant is requesting area variances for front and side yard setbacks as well as lot coverage by building. The existing property is an undersized, non-conforming lot with respect to the Rural Residential zoning district and is similar to the single family dwelling properties located along Williams Street					
			:		
480 Garage					
Name of Applicant or Sponsor:	Telephone: 518-210-6903				
Markeith Mills	E-Mail: zonek089@gmail.com				
Address:					
204 Second Street					
City/PO:	State:	Zip Code:			
Albany NY 12210					
<ol> <li>Does the proposed action only involve the legislative adoption of a plan, loca administrative rule, or regulation?</li> </ol>	l law, ordinance,	NO	YES		
If Yes, attach a narrative description of the intent of the proposed action and the environmental resources that					
may be affected in the municipality and proceed to Part 2. If no, continue to ques					
2. Does the proposed action require a permit, approval or funding from any other government Agency?  NO YES  If Yes, list agency(s) name and permit or approval: Town of Niskayuna Zoning Board of Appeals Approval, Town of					
Niskayuna Building Permit	or Appeals Approval, Town of		$\checkmark$		
3. a. Total acreage of the site of the proposed action?	0.23 acres	**			
b. Total acreage to be physically disturbed?  c. Total acreage (project site and any contiguous properties) owned	0.18 acres				
or controlled by the applicant or project sponsor?	0.23 acres				
4. Check all land uses that occur on, are adjoining or near the proposed action:					
	al 🛮 Residential (subur	rban)			
☐ Forest ☐ Agriculture ☐ Aquatic ☐ Other(Spe	cify):				
Parkland	5.5				

5.	Is	the proposed action,	NO	YES	N/A
	a.	A permitted use under the zoning regulations?		<b>V</b>	
	b.	Consistent with the adopted comprehensive plan?		<b>V</b>	
6	To.	the proposed action consistent with the moderninent sharesten of the existing built or not well lands are 2		NO	YES
6.	18	the proposed action consistent with the predominant character of the existing built or natural landscape?			<b>V</b>
7.	Is	the site of the proposed action located in, or does it adjoin, a state listed Critical Environmental Area?		NO	YES
If	es,	identify:		<b>7</b>	П
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8.	a.	Will the proposed action result in a substantial increase in traffic above present levels?		NO	YES
	b.	Are public transportation services available at or near the site of the proposed action?		<u></u>	H
	c.	Are any pedestrian accommodations or bicycle routes available on or near the site of the proposed action?		<b>▼</b>	
9.	D	oes the proposed action meet or exceed the state energy code requirements?		NO	YES
Ift	he p	proposed action will exceed requirements, describe design features and technologies:			
					<b>V</b>
10.	W	'ill the proposed action connect to an existing public/private water supply?		NO	YES
		If No, describe method for providing potable water:			
			Ш	✓	
11	W	'ill the proposed action connect to existing wastewater utilities?			
11.	vv	THE STATE OF THE S		NO	YES
Priva	ate s	If No, describe method for providing wastewater treatment:septic system will be utilized.			
Private septic system will be dulized.				V	
		Does the project site contain, or is it substantially contiguous to, a building, archaeological site, or district	et	NO	YES
which is listed on the National or State Register of Historic Places, or that has been determined by the Commissioner of the NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation to be eligible for listing on the					<b>V</b>
State Register of Historic Places?					
	30			П	<b>V</b>
arc	b hae	. Is the project site, or any portion of it, located in or adjacent to an area designated as sensitive for ological sites on the NY State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) archaeological site inventory?			
13. a. Does any portion of the site of the proposed action, or lands adjoining the proposed action, contain wetlands or other waterbodies regulated by a federal, state or local agency?			NO	YES	
			Ш	V	
b. Would the proposed action physically alter, or encroach into, any existing wetland or waterbody?			$\checkmark$		
If Yes, identify the wetland or waterbody and extent of alterations in square feet or acres:					
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14. Identify the typical habitat types that occur on, or are likely to be found on the project site. Check all that apply:			
☐ Shoreline ☐ Forest ☐ Agricultural/grasslands ☐ Early mid-successional			
□Wetland □ Urban ☑ Suburban			
15. Does the site of the proposed action contain any species of animal, or associated habitats, listed by the State or	NO	YES	
Federal government as threatened or endangered?  Bald Eagle		<b>V</b>	
16. Is the project site located in the 100-year flood plan?			
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	$\checkmark$	Ш	
17. Will the proposed action create storm water discharge, either from point or non-point sources?	NO	YES	
If Yes,	$\checkmark$		
a. Will storm water discharges flow to adjacent properties?	<b>V</b>	П	
b. Will storm water discharges be directed to established conveyance systems (runoff and storm drains)?	<u></u>	一	
If Yes, briefly describe:	LV.	1973.45	
18. Does the proposed action include construction or other activities that would result in the impoundment of water	NO	YES	
or other liquids (e.g., retention pond, waste lagoon, dam)?			
If Yes, explain the purpose and size of the impoundment:		П	
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19. Has the site of the proposed action or an adjoining property been the location of an active or closed solid waste	NO	YES	
management facility?	NO	IES	
If Yes, describe:			
	$\checkmark$	Ш	
20.Has the site of the proposed action or an adjoining property been the subject of remediation (ongoing or	NO	YES	
completed) for hazardous waste?	NO	YES	
If Yes, describe:			
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I CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION PROVIDED ABOVE IS TRUE AND ACCURATE TO THE BEST OF			
MY KNOWLEDGE			
Applicant/sponsor/name: Nicholas Daniels, P.E for the Applicant Date: 1/16/24			
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Sources: Esr., HERE, Garmin, USGS, Intermap, INCREMENT RCan, Esri Japan, METI, Esri China (Hong Kong), Esri Korea, Esri Thailand; NGCC, Ic; OpenStreetMap contributors and the GIS USES NPS

Part 1 / Question 7 [Critical Environmental Area]

No

Part 1 / Question 12a [National or State Register of Historic Places or State Eligible Sites]

Yes

Part 1 / Question 12b [Archeological Sites]

Yes

'art 1 / Question 13a [Wetlands or Other Regulated Waterbodies] Yes - Digital mapping information on local and federal wetlands and waterbodies is known to be incomplete. Refer to EAF Workbook.

'art 1 / Question 15 [Threatened or indangered Animal]

Yes

Part 1 / Question 15 [Threatened or indangered Animal - Name]

**Bald Eagle** 

'art 1 / Question 16 [100 Year Flood Plain]

No

'art 1 / Question 20 [Remediation Site]

No



# TOWN OF NISKAYUNA BUILDING DEPARTMENT

One Niskayuna Circle Niskayuna, New York 12309-4381 (518) 386-4522 FAX: (518) 386-4556 building@niskayuna.org

Kenneth P. Hassett Building Inspector

# **Building and Zoning Permit Denial**

Address: 40 Williams Street Application Date: 12/4/23

40 Williams Street, Inc 40 Williams Street Niskayuna, NY 12309

Dear Sirs:

You are hereby notified, as required by Section 220-67 F of the Zoning Ordinance of the Town of Niskayuna, that your application to construct a new single-family dwelling on the property noted above has been denied by reason of Section 220-15 B (3) and Section 220-13 Schedule I-A of the Town of Niskayuna Zoning Ordinance. The property is located in the R-R: Rural Residential Zoning District.

Section 220-15 B (3) states that no structure shall be constructed on a nonconforming lot unless it shall have front and rear yards conforming to the minimums required for the district in which it is located. As proposed, the new single-family dwelling does not have a front yard which conforms with the minimums required for the district. Therefore, a variance from this section is required.

Section 220-13 Schedule I-A establishes a maximum lot coverage by building and structures of 10%, a front yard setback minimum of 55 feet and a side yard minimum of 35 feet. As proposed, lot coverage by building and structures is 13%, the house will be 27.1 feet from the front property line, 18.3 feet from the right-side property line and 25 feet from the left-side property line. Therefore, a 3% lot coverage variance is required, a 27.9 foot front yard setback variance is required, and both a 16.7 foot (right) side yard setback variance and a 10 foot (left) side yard setback variance, are required.

Under the provisions of Section 220-69 of the Zoning Ordinance of the Town of Niskayuna you may appeal this decision to the Zoning Board of Appeals and the undersigned.

1/11/24

Thomas J. Cannizzo
Zoning Enforcement Officer

then for 784

Application # <u>B23 - 703</u>



# TOWN OF NISKAYUNA APPLICATION FOR BUILDING AND ZONING PERMIT

APPLICATION IS HEREBY MADE to the Town of Niskayuna Building Department for the issuance of a building and zoning permit pursuant to Town Code and the New York State Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code. Application is hereby made for the construction of new buildings and accessory structures, additions and alterations to all buildings and structures, signage

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Niskayuna Building Dept.

One Niskayuna Circle Niskayuna, New York 12309

ADDRESS (if different than above)

Phone: 518-386-4522 Fax: 518-386-4592

Email: building@niskayuna.org

installation, drainage, excavation, fill and grading work, and replacement, removal and demolition projects, as herein described. The Applicant or Owner agrees to comply with all applicable laws, ordinances, regulations and all conditions expressed on this application which are part of these requirements, and will also allow or arrange for inspectors to enter the premises for inspections. BUILDING SITE ADDRESS 40 Williams St Niskayuna NY 12309 DESCRIBE WORK APPLIED FOR To build a home TOTAL \$ 300,000.00 ESTIMATED VALUE OF ALL WORK (labor and materials): Please submit three sets of plans with this application. APPLICANT 40 Williams St DAY PHONE (518) 210-6903 CONTRACTOR CHECK ONE: •) HOMEOWNER OTHER (explain) ADDRESS 40 Williams St CITY Niskayuna STATE Ny EMAIL ADDRESS Zonek089@gmail.com CONTRACTOR 204 Second St LLC DAY PHONE (518) 210-6903 ADDRESS 204 Second St ZIP 12210 STATE Ny CITY Albany Note: Proof of insurance is required. Please review our Insurance Requirements document to ensure contractors and homeowners have filed all appropriate documents with the Building Department. DAY PHONE (518) 210-6903 PROPERTY OWNER 40 Williams

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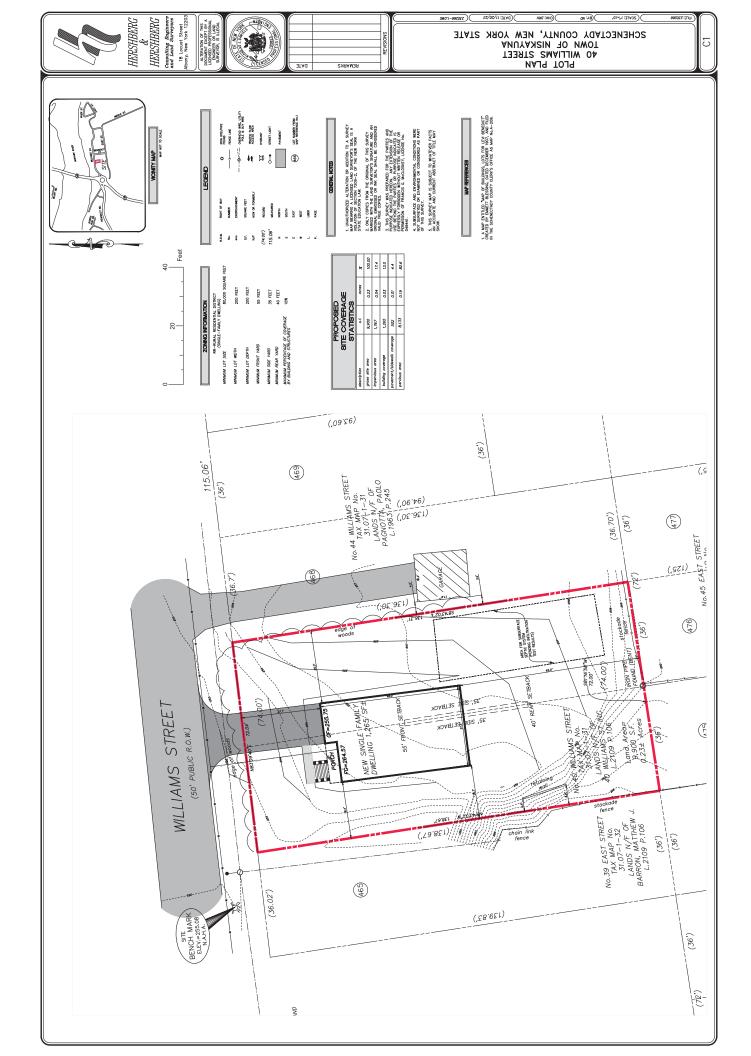
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The <u>applicant</u> has reviewed and fully understands the requirements and conditions listed on this application. Article II, Section 75.5B of the Code of the Town of Niskayuna requires that where such application is made by a person other than the owner, it shall be accompanied by an affidavit of the owner or applicant that the proposed work is authorized by the owner and that the applicant is authorized to make such application.

## Applicants who are the owners of the property DO NOT need to have this application notarized.

The undersigned hereby swears that the information provided on this application is true, correct and accurate.					
Sworn to me on this,,	M. M:1/3				
	Signature of Applicant				
	40 Williams St Inc				
	Printed Name				
	11/27/2023				
Notary Public, State of New York	Date				
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13. (ADDITIONAL INSPECTIONS)					
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## TOWN OF NISKAYUNA ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

One Niskayuna Circle Niskayuna, New York 12309 (518) 386-4530

February 2, 2024

#### TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

A regular meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals will be held on:

DATE: February 14, 2024

**TIME:** 7:00 P.M.

PLACE: Town Hall, One Niskayuna Circle, Niskayuna, New York

### AT THIS TIME THE BOARD WILL CONSIDER THE REQUEST OF:

Appeal by Innesa Sarkisova and Yuriy Raskin, for a variance from Section 220-18 B (2) and Section 220-18 B (3) (c) of the Zoning Ordinance of the Town of Niskayuna as it applies to the property at 15 Bergen Place, Niskayuna, New York, located in the R-3 High Density Residential Zoning District, to install a 7' x 7' shed which exceeds the number of allowable accessory structures on a lot and is partially within the side yard setback.

**Section 220-18 B (2)** states that "there shall not be more than three (3) accessory structures on a lot." Currently the property has a fence, swimming pool, and pavilion. As proposed, the shed would be a fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) accessory structure; therefore, a variance for one (1) additional accessory structure is required.

Section 220-18 B (3) (c) states that minor accessory structures, which are defined as structures 120 square feet in area or less, are not permitted closer than five (5) feet to the side and rear lot lines. As proposed, the shed is located one (1) foot from the side lot line. A four (4) foot side yard setback variance is required.

A copy of the permit application and appeal is available for inspection at the Niskayuna Building Department in the Niskayuna Town Office Building and will be available at the public hearing. A copy of the agenda packet for the above referenced meeting date, which will include information for this variance request, will be available online after 5pm the Friday before the meeting at <a href="https://niskayuna.org/zba">https://niskayuna.org/zba</a>.

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**ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS** 

## ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS Application and Procedures For A Variance

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Niskayuna Building Dept.
TO: ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
RE: Property at 15 Bergen Pl, Niskayuna, MY 12309
RE: Property at 15 Bergen Pl, Niskayuna, NY 12309
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n, the (owner) (agent of the owner) of the property located at 15 Bevgly Pl, Niskayura Ty 18309 in the Town of Niskayura, New York, hereby petition the Zoning Board of Appeals to review the decision of the Zoning Enforcement Officer on the above-referenced application and to grant a variance from Section(s) of the Zoning Ordinance in order to permit the proposed construction shown on the accompanying drawings.
I, also certify that I have provided the items listed below as required documents in my application for a variance before the Zoning Board of Appeals. I further acknowledge that omission of any of these items may result in delay in the Board's hearing of my application.
CHECKLIST OF REQUIRED ITEMS
Fifteen (15) copies of plot plans
Two (2) copies of construction plans, if applicable
Appeal fee (see application procedures for details)
Appeal statement (see application procedures for details)
Short Environmental Assessment Form, Project Information, as applicable for use variance
Additional information as specified by the Zoning Enforcement Officer
Signature of Agent:  Date 1/15/2024  Signature of Owner (if different from Agent
Signature of Owner (if different from Agent
Telephone Number: 5/8-376-8549

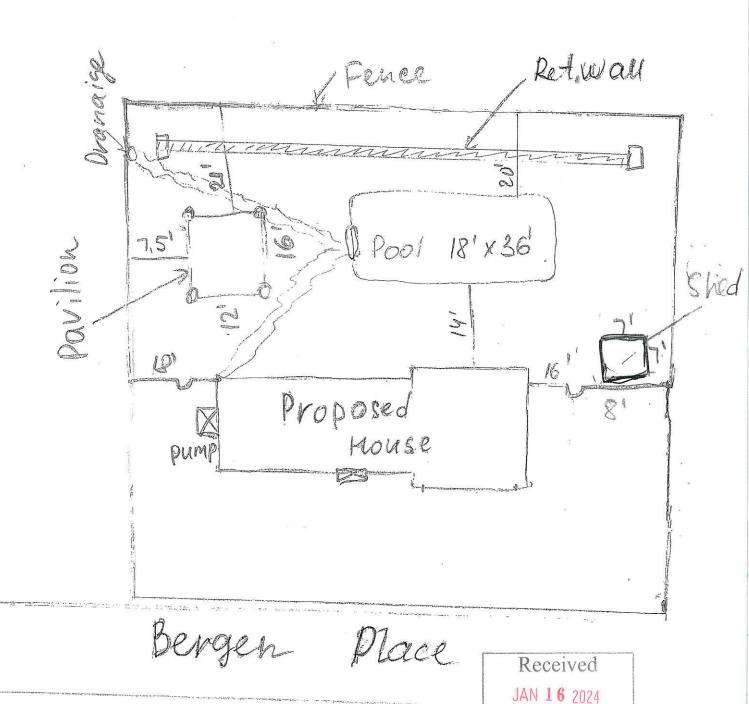


For an area variance: Before an area variance can be granted, State Law requires that the ZBA take into consideration the benefit to the applicant if the variance is granted, as weighed against the detriment to the health, safety and welfare of the neighborhood or community by such grant.

To nei	grant an area variance, the ZBA must balance the benefits to the applicant and the health, safety, and welfare of the ghborhood 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.  It is the most convinient location to access a lawn mower, show blower and pool equipment
2.	Whether the 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:  The shed will be located inside of fenced property and not visible for neighbors

Whether the variance is substantial. The requested variance is not substantial for the following reasons:
If shed moved 5 ft away from property line it will block the entrance gate
live it will block the entrance gate
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Niskayuna Building Dept.
Whether the variance will have adverse physical or environmental effects on the neighborhood or district. The requested variance will not have an adverse physical or environmental effect on the neighborhood or district for the following reasons:
It will not affect the look of the neighborhood or district
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:
Was not self-created
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Yuviy Raskin 15 Bergen Pl Niskayna, Ny 12309



Niskayuna Building Dept.



## TOWN OF NISKAYUNA BUILDING DEPARTMENT

One Niskayuna Circle Niskayuna, New York 12309-4381 (518) 386-4522 FAX: (518) 386-4556 building@niskayuna.org

Kenneth P. Hassett Building Inspector

### BUILDING AND ZONING PERMIT DENIAL

**ADDRESS: 15 Bergen Place** 

**APPLICATION DATE: 1/3/24** 

January 4, 2024

Yuriy Raskin 15 Bergen Place Niskayuna, NY 12309

Dear Sir,

You are hereby notified as required by section 220-67 F of the Zoning Ordinance of the Town of Niskayuna, that your application to install a 7' x 7' shed on the property noted above has been denied by reason of Section 220-18 B (2) and Section 220-18 B (3) (c). The property is located in the R-3 High Density Residential Zoning District.

Section 220-18 B (2) states that "there shall not be more than three (3) accessory structures on a lot." Currently the property has a fence, swimming pool, and pavilion. As proposed, the shed would be a fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) accessory structure; therefore, a variance for one (1) additional accessory structure is required.

Section 220-18 B (3) (c) states that minor accessory structures, which are defined as structures 120 square feet in area or less, are not permitted closer than five (5) feet to the side and rear lot lines. As proposed, the shed is located one (1) foot from the side lot line. A four (4) foot side yard setback variance is required.

Under the provisions of section 220-69 of the Zoning Ordinance of the Town of Niskayuna you may appeal this decision to the Zoning Board of Appeals within 60 days.

Date

Ken Hassett

Ken Hassett

Building Inspector







# TOWN OF NISKAYUNA APPLICATION FOR BUILDING AND ZONING PERMIT

One Niskayuna Circle Niskayuna, New York 12309

Phone: 518-386-4522 Fax: 518-386-4592

Email: building@niskayuna.org

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APPLICATION IS HEREBY MADE to the Town of Niskayuna Building Department for the Issuance of a building and zoning permit pursuant to Town Code and the New York State Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code. Application is hereby made for the construction of new buildings and accessory structures, additions and alterations to all buildings and structures, signage installation, drainage, excavation, fill and grading work, and replacement, removal and demolition projects, as herein described. The Applicant or Owner agrees to comply with all applicable laws, ordinances, regulations and all conditions expressed on this application which are part of these requirements, and will also allow or arrange for inspectors to enter the premises for inspections.

BUILDING SITE ADDRESS 15 Bergen Place, Nisl	kayuna NY, 12309	)
DESCRIBE WORK APPLIED FOR 7' x 7' Shed		
ESTIMATED VALUE OF ALL WORK (labor and materials):	TOTAL	_ \$
Please submit three sets of plans with this application.	20.520.00	
APPLICANT Yuriy Raskin	DAVD	HONE 518-376-8549
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HOMEOWNER		
OTHER (explain)		
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<sub>CITY</sub> Niskayuna	STATE NY	ZIP 12309
EMAIL ADDRESS yur4ik75@gmail.com		
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PROPERTY OWNER Yuriy Raskin	DAY PF	IONE 518-376-8549
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The <u>applicant</u> has reviewed and fully understands the requirements and conditions listed on this application. Article II, Section 75.5B of the Code of the Town of Niskayuna requires that where such application is made by a person other than the owner, it shall be accompanied by an affidavit of the owner or applicant that the proposed work is authorized by the owner and that the applicant is authorized to make such application.

## Applicants who are the owners of the property DO NOT need to have this application notarized.

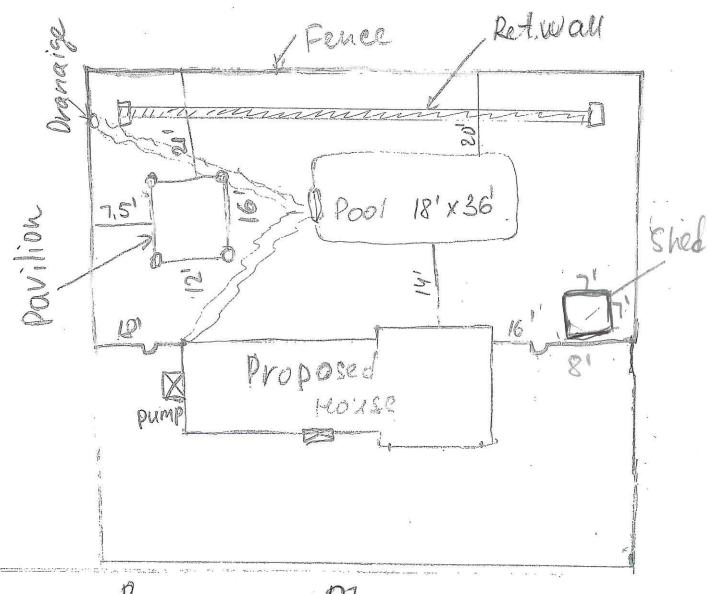
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## ACCESSORY STRUCTURE SUPPLEMENT TO PERMIT APPLICATION

Plans (three sets) and all of the following information are required with accessory structure permit applications.								
a. Address of property 15 Bevogen Pl. MSkamuna 12 12300								
b. Size of a	ccessory structure Sh	ed 7'x	7'	/	10 1 1000			
c. Distance	to property lines:							
Side 1	11							
Side 2								
Rear _	441							
Other	Consider the							
d. Are there	any other accessory structures of	on the property?						
Fence	yes 🕠 no		6					
Shed	yes no	$\stackrel{\sim}{\sim}$						
Swimn	ning Pool yes 🕼 no	_	8'x36'					
Other	yes <b>o</b> no	size /	2'x16 (	Pavilia	m)			
e. Height of	accessory structure 26	_		~				
f. Type of fo	oundation for structure (if any) _				<u></u>			
Zoning District	maximum total coverage of accessory structures	side & rear setback if 120 sq. ft. or less	side setback	rear setback	setback to a			
R-R	NA	5 feet	35 feet	40 feet	no closer than wall of house			
R-1	2,250 sq. ft. or less if lot is less than 18,000 sq. ft.	5 feet	20 feet	25 feet	no closer than wall of house			
R-2, R-3 or R-P	1,350 sq. ft. or less if lot is less than 9,000 sq. ft.	5 feet	15 feet	20 feet	no closer than wall of house			
Applicant's Signature:  Date: 12224								
		(For office use only)						
Area of lot 12, 336 Sq. Ft								
Maximum accessory structure coverage allowed 1,350 sq. Ft. Received								
Total accessory s	structure coverage actual _ 89	89 sq. ft		J	AN -3 2024			
Maximum lot co	verage allowed (30%)	3,701 8,1	+		ayuna Building Dept.			
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Yuvig Raskin 15 Bergen Pl Miskayna, Ny 12309



Bergen Place

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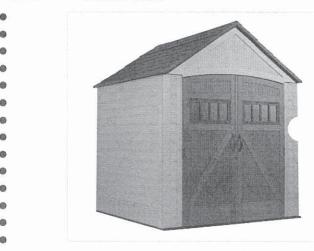
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## TOWN OF NISKAYUNA ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

One Niskayuna Circle Niskayuna, New York 12309 (518) 386-4530

February 2, 2024

#### TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

A regular meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals will be held on:

DATE: February 14, 2024

**TIME:** 7:00 P.M.

PLACE: Town Hall, One Niskayuna Circle, Niskayuna, New York

### AT THIS TIME THE BOARD WILL CONSIDER THE REQUEST OF:

Appeal by Scott Kalm, for a variance from Section 220-13, Schedule I-C of the Zoning Ordinance of the Town of Niskayuna as it applies to the property at 1381 Myron Street, Niskayuna, New York, located in the R-2: Medium Density Residential Zoning District, construct an addition on the property partially within the side yard setback.

Section 220-13, Schedule I-C requires a side yard setback of fifteen (15) feet. The existing house is twenty-five (25) feet from the side property line. As proposed, the addition will be nine (9) feet from the side property line; therefore, a six (6) foot side yard setback variance is required.

A copy of the permit application and appeal is available for inspection at the Niskayuna Building Department in the Niskayuna Town Office Building and will be available at the public hearing. A copy of the agenda packet for the above referenced meeting date, which will include information for this variance request, will be available online after 5pm the Friday before the meeting at https://niskayuna.org/zba.

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**ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS** 

## **ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS Application and Procedures For A Variance**

Case No		
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Date Action_		
Ref.P.B.	Date	
Ref. County	Date	

TO: ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS				
FROM: SCOTT KALM	Received			
	JAN 16 2024			
RE: Property at 1381 MYRON ST	Niskayuna Building Dept.			
, the (owner) (agent of the owner) of the property located at 1381 MYRON ST in the Town of Niskayuna, New York, hereby petition the Zoning Board of Appeals to review the decision of the Zoning Enforcement Officer on the above-referenced application and to grant a variance from Section(s) of the Zoning Ordinance in order to permit the proposed construction shown on the accompanying drawings.  I, also certify that I have provided the items listed below as required documents in my application for a variance before the Zoning Board of Appeals. I further acknowledge that omission of any of these items may result in delay in the Board's hearing of my application.				
CHECKLIST OF REQUIRED ITEMS  ✓ One (1) copy of plot plans	75			
One (1) copy of construction plans, if applicable				
Appeal fee (see application procedures for details)				
Appeal statement (see application procedures for details)				
Short Environmental Assessment Form, Project Information, as applicable for us	se variance			
Additional information as specified by the Zoning Enforcement Officer  Signature of Agent:  Date	1,12,24			
Signature of Owner (if different from Agent)				
Telephone Number: 518/470-49-0				
Email Address: SCOTTKALM 7@ GMAIL COM				

Town of Niskayuna

Zoning Board of Appeals

RE:

Area variance request

1381 Myron St

Dear Board Members,



I would like to address the reasons for this area variance appeal. My wife and I have lived in our home for 32 years. We raised our two daughters here. We love our neighborhood and plan to stay for the foreseeable future. During our time here, we've struggled with the space of our home. Our hundred-year-old house was oddly designed with too many wall openings, small rooms, one-bathroom, inadequate closet space, poor layout flow, a dungeon basement, etc. We managed over the years because financially, we had to. But, we made it work. Fast forward to today, my older daughter is married and expecting a child, my younger daughter is getting married this year and is eager to start her family. So, this once small unit has grown and will continue to grow. We want to be able to accommodate everyone for dinner, which we cannot do now. We want our visitors to have sleeping and bathroom space which is very difficult with the one bathroom. And finally, I'd like my wife to have the things that she's had to without, a larger, newer kitchen to cook for our growing clan, a master bedroom with a full bath and a laundry area out of the cold basement.

I'm aware that none of the above constitutes a reason to grant a variance, I just wanted you to know what has driven the request.

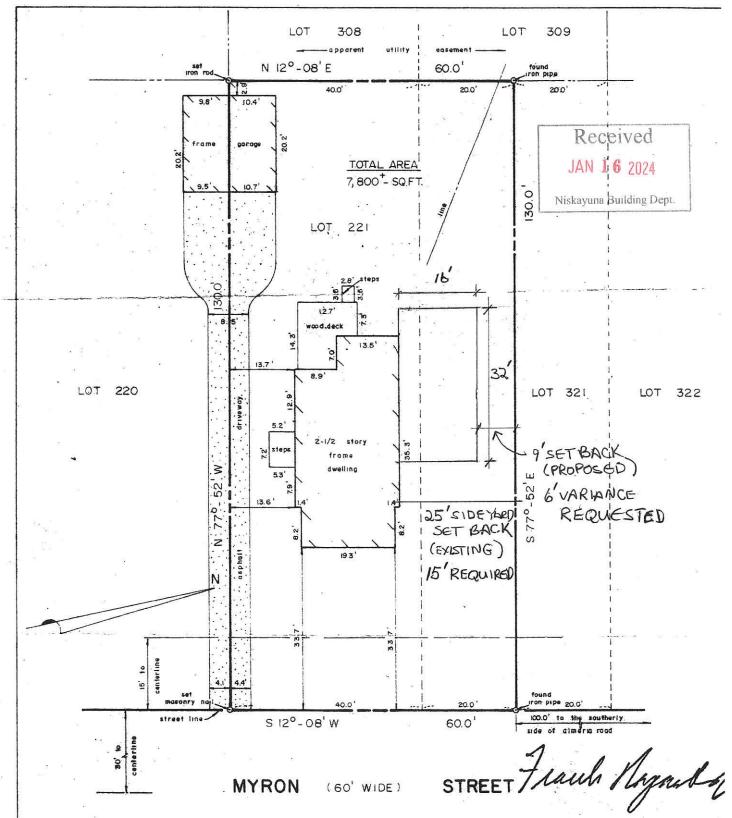
Thank you,

Scott Kalm

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1. Whether the benefit sought by the applicant can be achieved by other feasible means. Identify what alternative variance have been explored (alternative designs, attempts to purchase land, etc.) and why they are not feasible and the second of the secon				
	I ALSO CONSIDERED A KOT LINE ADJUSTMENT, BUT THAT WOULD CREATE NON-CONFORMITY TO THE ADJACENT PROPERTY.			
2.	Whether the 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:			
	THE PROPOSED ADDITION WILL BE DESIGNED TO MATCH THE EXISTING CHARACTERISTICS OF THE EXISTING HOUSE I.E., MATERIALS, COLOR, WINDOWS, ETC. IT WILL BLEND IN NICELY WITH THE ARCHITECTURAL STYLES OF THE NEIGHBOR HOOD.			

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3.	Whether the variance is substantial. The requested variance is not substantial for the following reasons:			
	I DON'T REALLY KNOW WHAT CONSTITUTES A			
	SUBSTANTIAL VARIANCE, BUT I DON'T THINK A			
	SIX FOOT VARIANCE WOULD BESUBSTANTIAL			
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	Niskayuna Building Dept.			
4.	Whether the variance will have adverse physical or environmental effects on the neighborhood or district. The requested variance will not have an adverse physical or environmental effect on the neighborhood or district for the following reasons:			
	THE VARIANCE WOULD NOT HAVE AN ADVERSE PHYSICAL			
	OR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT THAT I CAN SEE DUE TO			
	ITS LOCATION ON THE SIDE OF MY HOUSE AND SET			
	BACK FROM THE FRONT. ALSO, THE ARCHITECTURAL			
	IMPACT WOULD BE NEGLIGIBLE,			
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:			
	I HAVE TO CONFESS THAT DIFFICULTY IS SELF-CREATED			
	BY MY DESIRE TO ADD MUCH NEEDED SPACE TO MY HOME,			
	I'VE LIVED HERE IN THIS HOUSE FOR 32 YEARS AND NAVE			
	STRUGGLED WITH THE SPACE THE ENTIRETIME.			



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I HEREBY CERTIFY THIS SURVEY TO STATEWIDE FUNDING CORPORATION, ITS SUCCESSORS AND/OR ASSIGNS, AMERICAN TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY, JEFFREY L. THOMAS AND JUDITH ANN THOMAS.

N.Y.S.P.E. &L.S. 32135





## TOWN OF NISKAYUNA BUILDING DEPARTMENT

One Niskayuna Circle Niskayuna, New York 12309-4381 (518) 386-4522 FAX: (518) 386-4556 building@niskayuna.org

Kenneth P. Hassett Building Inspector

## **Building and Zoning Permit Denial**

Address: 1381 Myron Street Application Date: 1/8/24

Scott Kalm 1381 Myron Street Niskayuna, N.Y. 12309

Dear Sir:

You are hereby notified, as required by Section 220-67 F of the Zoning Ordinance of the Town of Niskayuna, that your application to construct an addition on the property noted above has been denied by reason of Section 220-13, Schedule I-C of the Zoning Ordinance. The property is located in the R-2: Medium Density Residential Zoning District.

Section 220-13, Schedule I-C requires a side yard setback of fifteen (15) feet. The existing house is twenty-five (25) feet from the side property line. As proposed, the addition will be nine (9) feet from the side property line; therefore, a six (6) foot side yard variance is required.

Under the provisions of Section 220-69 of the Zoning Ordinance of the Town of Niskayuna you may appeal this decision to the Zoning Board of Appeals and the undersigned within 60 days.

1/11/24

Ken Hassett/Ims

Date

Zoning Enforcement Officer



Application # B24-010



## TOWN OF NISKAYUNA APPLICATION FOR BUILDING AND ZONING PERMIT

One Niskayuna Circle Niskayuna, New York 12309

Phone: 518-386-4522 Fax: 518-386-4556

Email: building@niskayuna.org

Received

JAN - 8 2024

APPLICATION IS HEREBY MADE to the Town of Niskayuna Building Department for the issuance of a building and zoning permit pursuant to Town Code, the NYS Uniform Code, and the NYStretch Energy Code. Application is hereby made for the construction of new buildings and accessory structures, additions and alterations to all buildings and structures, signage installation, drainage, excavation, fill and grading work, and replacement, removal and demolition projects, as herein described. The Applicant or Owner agrees to comply with all applicable laws, ordinances, regulations and all conditions expressed on this application which are part of these requirements, and will also allow or arrange for inspectors to enter the premises for inspections.

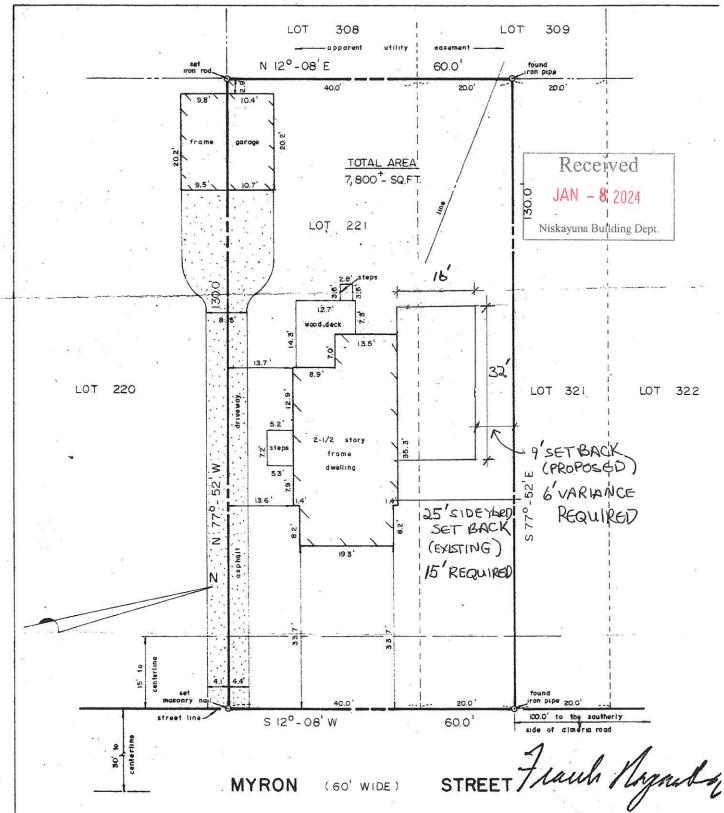
BUILDING SITE ADDRESS 1381 MYRON ST		
DESCRIBE WORK APPLIED FOR 2 STORY ADD	DITION	
ESTIMATED VALUE OF ALL WORK (labor and materials):	TOTAL \$_ 80	0,000
Please submit three copies of the plans with this applic	cation.	
APPLICANT SCOTT KALM	DAY PHONE _	518/470-4220
CHECK ONE: CONTRACTOR		
<u></u> HOMEOWNER		
OTHER (explain)		
ADDRESS 1381 MYRON ST		
CITY_NISKAYUNA	STATE NY	ZIP_12309
EMAIL ADDRESS SCOTTKALM7@GMAIL		
CONTRACTOR SELF	DAY PHONE _	
ADDRESS		
CITY		ZIP
Note: Proof of insurance is required. Please review of		
contractors and homeowners have filed all appropriate do-	cuments with the Building Dep	oartment.
PROPERTY OWNERSCOTT KALM	DAMBHONE	
ADDRESS (if different than above)		
CITY	STATE	ZIP
EMAIL ADDRESS		

PLEASE SIGN Page 2

Section 75-5 B of the Code of the Town of Niskayuna requires that where such application is made by a person other than the owner, it shall be accompanied by an affidavit of the owner or applicant that the proposed work is authorized by the owner and that the applicant is authorized to make such application.

Applicants who are the owners of the property DO NOT need to have this application notarized. Non-owner applicant's notarized signature affirms adherence to the Code.

The ap	plicant has re	eviewed and fully understand the information provided on	nds the requirements an	d conditions of this app	olication. The undersigned	
Sworn to me on this day of			1,///			
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Notary Public, State of New York				Date		
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	5. FIREPLACE INSPECTION AT BOX AND AT HALF STACK					
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