

**APPLICATION FOR CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT/VARIANCE
FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A BOATHOUSE IN THE SHORELAND PROTECTION DISTRICT
TOWN OF GREENSBORO
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FOR ADMINISTRATIVE USE ONLY

Application Number: 2022-005 Tax Map Number 23-20-37
Zoning District Shoreland Protection District
Date Application Received 3/16/2022 Fee Paid \$ _____
Reason for Seeking Conditional Use Permit or Variance:
Boathouse rebuild. 2.7 SPD -> 8.8 New Use / Encroachment SPD

Please provide all of the information requested in this application. Failure to provide all required information will delay the processing of this application. Submit the completed application and a check payable to the *Town of Greensboro* according to the attached fee schedule.

Applicant(s):

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Landowner(s) (if different from applicant(s)):

Name(s): Linda B. Nicely
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Telephone(s) Home: 480-948-3238 Work: _____ Cell: _____
E-Mail: lindanicely1971@gmail.com

Physical Location of Property (911 address):

Cottage 133/135, High Pines Rd, Greensboro, VT, 05841

Type of Permit:

Conditional Use Variance

Property Description:

Acreage in lot .87 acres

(Please Note: If your property is enrolled in the Current Use Program, your application may impact your Current Use status. Please verify your status with Vermont Property Valuation and Review, Current Use Program at 802-828-6633).

Feet of Road Frontage N/A

Setbacks: Front _____ (to center of road) Left Side _____
Right side _____ Rear _____
Lakeshore Approximately 15' Other _____

Dimensions of Proposed and/or Existing Boathouse:

Existing:

Length 27' No. of Stories 1
Width 20'
Height 12'

Proposed:

Length 27' No. of Stories 1
Width 20'
Height 12'

Boat Houses:

A.) A new Boat House shall be constructed behind the Natural Berm, if it exists. Where there is no Natural Berm, the following applies:

- i. The Boat House shall be built behind the high water mark. Verified _____
- ii. Stumps of any trees cut during the construction of the Boat House shall be left in the ground. Verified _____
- iii. Provisions for adequate control of stormwater runoff shall be made. Verified _____

B.) A Boat House shall not have plumbing. Verified _____

C.) The maximum size of a Boat House's footprint shall be 400 sq. feet. Square Footage _____

D.) The maximum height of a Boat House shall be 15 feet. Height _____

E.) There is a limit of one (1) Boat House per tax lot. Verified _____

F.) No decks, porches, or other similar appendages will be allowed on Boat Houses. Verified _____

G.) A new or reconstructed Boat House shall require a Conditional Use Permit. Verified _____

H.) A new or reconstructed Boat House shall be used only for storage of boats. Verified _____

Sketch or attach a general plot plan showing the following:

- 1. Location of property.
- 2. Location of buildings on property.
- 3. Location of driveway.
- 4. Location of water source and septic/waster water system.
- 5. Location of existing or proposed Boat House.

Please refer to the attached site plan and project description.

Sketch a floor plan or diagram showing the dimensions of the proposed building Boat House. (This should show the rooms in the inside of the building, including both upstairs and downstairs if there is more than one floor.)

Please refer to the attached existing/proposed sketch.

Please attach a landscape design plan for your project. Include types of plantings, landscape materials to be utilized and size and location of access paths. *New lawns shall not extend into the buffer.*

This project proposes to restore any disturbed landscape to preconstruction conditions.

Conditional Use Criteria:

At your DRB hearing, you will be asked to present your proposal. Please be prepared to address the impact of your project based on the following criteria.

"The DRB shall make its findings on general and specific standards. Such general standards shall require that the proposed conditional use shall not result in an undue adverse effect on the following:

1. The capacity of existing or planned community facilities; (e.g. schools, police and fire service, etc.);
2. The character of the area affected, as defined by the purpose or purposes of the zoning district within which the project is located, and specifically stated policies and standards of the Town Plan (e.g. why your project is consistent with other uses in the area or how your project fits in with existing development);
3. Traffic on roads and highways in the vicinity;
4. Bylaws and ordinances then in effect;
5. Utilization of renewable energy resources.

Specific standards shall include:

1. Minimum lot size shall be that which is required for the district in which the use occurs unless other standards are given for conditional use lot size in the district in question;
2. Setbacks for conditional uses will be the same as for permitted uses unless other standards are given for conditional use setbacks in the district in question.
3. Landscaping and/or fencing may be required for commercial and industrial uses to provide screening when in the judgment of the DRB such screening is necessary to protect the character of the area affected.
4. Exterior signs shall conform to the following in all districts:
 - (a) No free standing internally lit signs shall be permitted
 - (b) All signs shall be compatible in size, materials, and workmanship to the area in which they are located.
5. Location on the lot, of structures and service areas shall be compatible with other structures in the area affected.
6. In each district, uses are given specific criteria. In all cases these criteria will be adhered to.
7. Noise, air pollution and effects on the character of the neighborhood shall be considered."

(Page 36 in the Greensboro Zoning By-Laws).

Variance Criteria:

"The DRB may grant a variance and render a decision in favor of the appellant only if all of the following facts are found, and findings are specified in its written decision.

1. There are unique physical circumstances or conditions, including irregularity, narrowness, or shallowness of lot size or shape, or exceptional topographical or other physical conditions peculiar to the particular property, and that unnecessary hardship is due to these conditions and not to the circumstances or conditions generally created by the provisions of these regulations in the neighborhood or district in which the property is located;
2. Because of these physical circumstances or condition, there is no possibility that the property can be developed in strict conformity with the provisions of these regulations and that the authorization of a variance is necessary to enable the reasonable use of the property;
3. The unnecessary hardship has not been created by the appellant;
4. The variance, if authorized, will not:
 - a) Alter the essential character of the neighborhood or district in which the property is located;
 - b) Substantially or permanently impair the appropriate use or development of adjacent property;
 - c) Reduce access to renewable energy resources;
 - d) Be detrimental to the public welfare.
5. The variance, if authorized, will represent the minimum that will afford relief and will represent the least deviation possible from these regulations and from the plan." (Pages 37 & 38 of the Greensboro Zoning By-Laws).

At your DRB hearing, you will be asked to present your proposal. Please be prepared to explain why your project should be granted a variance.

Permission to Enter Property & Applicant Certification Signatures

Signing of this application authorizes the Zoning Administrator to enter onto the premises for the purpose of verifying information presented.

The undersigned hereby certifies that the information submitted in this application regarding the above property is true, accurate and complete and that I (we) have full authority to request approval for the proposed use of the property and any proposed structures. I (we) understand that any permit will be issued in reliance of the above representations and will be automatically void if any are untrue or incorrect.

This permit is void if the development under this permit is not begun within one year of the date of approval or if construction is not completed within two years.

Construction may not be started until 15 days from the date of approval on this permit.

Signature of Applicant(s) Andrew A. Pinsky Date 3/4/2022

Signature of Landowner(s) Linda B. Nicely Date March 14, 2022

Note: Failure to develop your property in accordance with your application and any conditions of this permit may result in an enforcement action and may affect your ability to sell or transfer clear title to your property.

Appeal from a decision or act of the Zoning Administrator must be made in writing to the Development Review Board, c/o the Town Clerk's Office at the address shown above, with the appropriate fee, within 15 days of the decision or act. Failure to appeal this decision will mean that all interested persons are bound by this decision and will foreclose these persons from contesting this decision either directly or indirectly in the future. **This permit shall not take effect until the time for such appeal has passed.**

Please note that this is only a local permit and state permits may be needed for your project. Please contact the Permit Specialist at the VT Agency of Natural Resources at (802)751-0130.

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{ } Approved { } Denied {} Referred to the Development Review Board

Date 3-22-2022 Signature [Signature]
Remarks and/or Conditions: _____

Date of Approval or Denial by Development Review Board: _____

Applicant/Landowner Received a Copy of the Applicable Building Energy Standards: _____ (Date)

Applicant/Landowner Did NOT Need to Receive a Copy of the Applicable Building Energy Standards (Due to the fact that the structure will not be heated or cooled): _____ (Date)

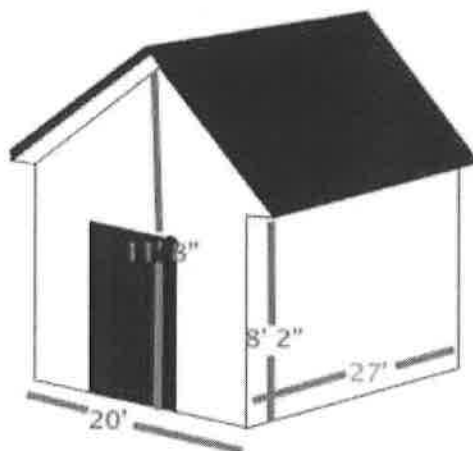
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Boathouse Building Description

Applicants are seeking to rebuild an existing, non-conforming boathouse in the Shoreland Protection District. The existing boathouse, which is believed to have been constructed in the 1920s, has a wooden frame and is supported by a concrete foundation that rests on the lakebed. The approximate dimensions of the wooden boathouse structure are 20' wide by 27' long by 12' tall at the center arch. The concrete foundation consists of two sections. The left section (when standing onshore and facing the lake) is approximately 6' wide and 31' long. The right section is approximately 10' wide at the end and 31' long. There is a gap between the two concrete sections on the end facing the lake to allow a boat to be moored in the water inside the boathouse. The shoreline entrance to the boathouse is level with the lakeshore, and all but a few feet of the boathouse foundation is in the water.

The boathouse foundation appears to have been constructed by assembling timber forms in the water, filling them with rock ballast (i.e., a crib dock), and then encapsulating the crib sections in concrete. Over the past 100+ years, the foundation has been damaged by hydraulic pressure from the formation of ice in the winter and by impacts from ice floes during the spring when the ice on Caspian Lake is thawing. The boathouse foundation is damaged beyond repair, as is the wooden boathouse itself.

Applicants propose to rebuild the boathouse on the exact same footprint, in the exact same location. A sketch of the existing and proposed replacement boathouse follows:



The building height of 11' 8" in the drawing reflects the elevation of the wooden structure measured from the existing concrete foundation. It is possible that the height of the re-constructed foundation will be lower than the existing concrete foundation. In that event, Applicants intend to increase the height of the boathouse structure by the same amount. For example, if the existing concrete foundation is 3' above the water level and the re-constructed foundation is only 2' above the water level, Applicants intend to increase the height of the wooden boathouse structure by the same amount, 1'. In all events, that absolute height of the boathouse, as measured from the mean water level, will remain the same.

The siding design and color will harmonize with the exterior of the main camp (medium gray in color, wood siding) and the surrounding landscape. It will have an asphalt shingle roof, as it does now. Applicants use the existing boathouse to store boats and dock furniture. They intend to use the re-constructed boathouse for the same purpose.

Applicants have received a Lake Encroachment Permit from the Vermont Department of Natural Conservation, Watershed Management Division, authorizing them to demolish the existing boathouse and concrete foundation and to construct a new boathouse of the same size, in the same location, supported by a piling foundation system. A copy of the Lake Encroachment Permit is enclosed.

Applicants' adjoining landowners—the Iglehearts and the Graylins—informed the Applicants that they support the project.