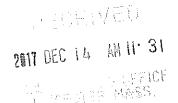
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To: Leicester Zoning Board of Appeals

RE: Application for Special Permit/Variance for 29 Rawson Drive



When my wife and I purchased our property at 29 Rawson Drive in April of 2009 we did not yet have any children and had not yet decided on starting a family. We had always wanted to live on the water so that if we did decide to have children there would be plenty of outdoor activities. We were unaware that the property was zoned as agricultural and figured that we would be able to add on down the road if we needed additional space. Unbeknownst to us when we purchased the home, there was a pending lawsuit against the lake association. Soon after learning of the lawsuit, our assessment increased by 30k and a snapshot was taken on this new figure of which our portion of the lawsuit was based upon. We loved the property but struggled with the financial decision we had made when we purchased the home just after the overinflated market crashed, when home prices were dropping but still high, and now we owed an additional 25k as a result of the lawsuit. Despite the unfortunate financial setbacks, over time we grew to love our neighbors, our lake and just relaxing in our back yard. We decided to start a family and three children later we have outgrown our 2 bedroom home. Our daughter is in Kindergarten and Julian our middle child will start preschool next year at Leicester Primary school. My daughter loves her school and her teachers and my son cannot wait to start and ride the bus with his big sister. We have made friends around the lake and in the summer make frequent stops in our boat for the children to talk to their new friends. The house and the town have grown on us and we are applying for this variance as we are simply out of room. In addition to the shortage of bedrooms, we have had to pay for a storage unit for over 8 years as the house does not have an attic or a basement.

Due to the SA zoning and the small lot we are limited in options and unable to work with the current footprint. The 40 foot setbacks currently land somewhere inside our existing home. The proposed addition will use the same footprint on 3 sides and will not be expanded on the waterfront side of the

property. The expansion will include a small garage with living space above on the road side of the property. The lot across the street is wooded facing our property and the only neighbor with visibility to this addition has no objections to the proposed build. Furthermore, our living room and utility room are currently sitting on an old block foundation. As part of this project these will be taken down and rebuilt on a proper foundation which will strengthen the home and eliminate moisture in the crawl space. The utility room will be expanded into the new garage space in order to allow for an additional furnace which will deliver heat to floor registers which will be installed on the entire lower level (currently we only have ceiling heat on the first floor which quickly escapes to the second level). These improvements in addition to the proposed garage and living space above will allow our family to stay in our home for many years.

Thank you for your consideration,

The Woodens (Jeremy, Adrianna, Gianna, Julian and Rowan)



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Date: November 21, 2017

Jeremy Wooden 29 Rawson Drive Leicester, Ma. 01524

Re: garage addition

Dear Mr. Wooden;

You have applied for a permit to build an addition with garage under located at 29 Rawson drive. Your property is in the Suburban Agricultural zoning district. In this district you need forty (40) feet in all directions from property lines to be in compliance with setback requirements.

Your plot plan shows the addition will be 24' 9" from the front property line and 11' 8" from the side property line. The home appears to already be in the setback area which means the house is a pre-existing non-conforming structure.

At this time I Must deny your application based on the aforementioned setback information. You will need to apply with the Zoning Board of Appeals for a special permit to extend your existing home and a variance to the setback requirements.

Please see the town clerk for the applications for a special permit and a variance and follow the attached directions.

If you have any questions regarding this letter please direct those to this office.

Jeff Taylor, CBO Inspector of Buildings Zoning Enforcement Officer

CC Zoning Board of Appeals

