## TOWN OF TRURO

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## ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

 AgendaDATE OF MEETING:
TIME OF MEETING:

## LOCATION OF MEETING:

Monday, November 22, 2021

5:30 pm
Remote Meeting
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## Open Meeting

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Meeting link: https://global.gotomeeting.com/ioin/737968829

## Public Comment Period

The Commonwealth's Open Meeting Law limits any discussion by members of the Board of an issue raised to whether that issue should be placed on a future agenda. Speakers are limited to no more than 5 minutes.

## Public Hearing

2021-006/ZBA (SP, VAR) - Cape Rental LLC and Thomas P., Jr. and Kathleen C. Dennis for property located at 127 South Pamet Road (Atlas Map 48, Parcel 12; Certificate of Title Number: 222128, Land Ct. Lot \#1C, Plan \#16182-E and Land Ct. Lot \#1D, Plan \#16182-F) and 133 South Pamet Road (Atlas Map 48, Parcel 8, Registry of Deeds title reference: Book 33550, Page 123). (Special Permit and Variances Applications)

## Board Action/Review

- Election of Officers

4 Approval of 2022 Meeting schedule (Attached)

## Approval of Minutes

- September 20, 2021


## Next Meeting

4 Monday, December 20, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.

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Office of Town Clerk Treasurer - Tax Collector NOV 162021 Received TOWN OF TRURO By

## MEMORANDUM

To: Truro Zoning Board of Appeals
From: Barbara Carboni, Town Planner and Land Use Counsel
Date: November 19, 2021
Re: November 22, 2021 meeting
2021-00/ZBA (SP, VAR) - 127 South Pamet Road (Map 48, Parcel 12). Application of Cape Rental LLC, i/c/o James G. Whitelaw ( 127 South Pamet) and Thomas P. and Kathleen C. Dennis (133 South Pamet)(Map 48 Parcel 8) for a Special Permit under G.L. c. 40A, s. 6 and Section 30.7 and 30.8 of the Truro Zoning Bylaw to extend a nonconformity (from two to three dwellings on the 127 South Pamet Road lot); in the alternative, a variance for the addition of a dwelling to the parcel; and a variance for location of the dwelling within 38 feet from the front lot line, where 50 feet are required.

## I. Existing Conditions and Proposed Project.

127 South Pamet Road, owned by Cape Rental, LLC is a 1.68 acre property with conforming frontage in the Seashore District, improved by two residential structures. One was constructed in 1892 ("dwelling"); the other in 2007 ("second structure"). According to Building Department records, the second structure was permitted as a studio (bathroom, bedroom and open studio/living space). ${ }^{1}$

The abutting 133 South Pamet Road, owned by Thomas P. Dennis Jr. and Kathleen WestheadDennis, contains 13,000 square feet and is improved by a dwelling originally constructed in 1850. 133 South Pamet has no frontage. Other abutters to 127 South Pamet include a singlefamily residence at 131 South Pamet and a parcel owned by the Town of Truro. There are neighboring single family residences at 119 and 135 South Pamet. Across South Pamet Road are vacant properties owned by the National Seashore and the Town of Truro.

According to the submitted narrative, the land at 133 South Pamet has eroded considerably. The existing dwelling on this lot has already been moved once from a previous location (pursuant to a variance granted by the ZBA in 2010) due to this erosion. It is proposed that this dwelling be moved, pursuant to an agreement between the parties, from 133 South Pamet to a location on 127 South Pamet. The proposed location is 38 feet from the front lot line, where 50 feet are required (Seashore District).

## II. Zoning Relief Required

The existing nonconformities of 127 South Pamet are:

[^0]Lot area: 1.68 acres where 3 acres required
Use: 2 dwellings where 1 permitted; note, if $2^{\text {nd }}$ structure is a studio, no nonconformity ${ }^{2}$ Side setback: 23 feet to southern lot line, existing dwelling

The proposed addition of a dwelling to 127 South Pamet will:

1. Increase the intensity of existing nonconformity of lot (nonconforming area);
2. Create a new nonconformity (nonconforming front setback, 38 feet where 50 required);
3. Increase the use nonconformity ( 2 to 3 dwellings; note, if $2^{\text {nd }}$ structure a studio, it is creation of new nonconformity). ${ }^{3}$

These are addressed in turn.

## 1. Increasing intensity of nonconformity of lot (nonconforming area)

The lot is nonconforming as to area. Alteration, extension, or reconstruction of a dwelling on a nonconforming lot increases the existing nonconformity and requires a special permit under G.L. c. 40A, s. 6. Bjorklund v. Zoning Board of Appeals of Norwell, 450 Mass. 357 (2008). In this case, the proposal is to relocate an existing dwelling onto the lot, rather than to "alter, extend, or reconstruct" a dwelling. However, the impact of moving another existing house on to the property is the functional equivalent of such actions, and it is reasonable to apply the same standard.

The Board may grant a special permit under G.L. c. 40A, s. 6 if it finds that the proposed reconstruction "shall not be substantially more detrimental than the existing nonconforming [structure and] use to the neighborhood." Likewise, the Board may grant a special permit under Section 30.7.A if it finds that:
"the alteration or extension will not be substantially more detrimental to the neighborhood than the existing nonconforming use or structure and that the alternation or extension will exist in harmony with the general purpose and intent of this bylaw."

In this case, where the proposed site of the dwelling relocation is approximately the same distance from South Pamet Road as its current location, approximately 50-60 feet to the south, a finding might be made that the relocated structure does not significantly change the streetscape, and accordingly that the relocation is "not substantially more detrimental to the neighborhood" than the existing configuration. On the other hand, where the relocation will place a third

[^1]residential structure on a single lot, approximately one-half the required size, a finding might be made that the relocation crowds the lot and would be "substantially more detrimental" to the neighborhood than the existing configuration. This and other considerations are of course entrusted to the Board's judgment, based on its "intimate understanding of the immediate circumstances [and] of local conditions . . . ." Fitzsimonds v. Board of Appeals of Chatham, 21 Mass.App.Ct. 53, 55 (1985).

## 2. Creating a new nonconformity (nonconforming front setback, 38 feet where 50 required)

While the expansion of an existing nonconformity on a nonconforming lot requires a special permit, the creation of a new nonconformity requires a variance. Deadrick v. Zoning Board of Appeals of Chatham, 85 Mass.App.Ct. 539, 553 (2014).

## Requirements for a Variance

Under G.L. Chapter 40A, Section 10, a variance may be granted where a Board "specifically finds that:
[1] owing to circumstances relating to the soil conditions, shape, or topography of such land or structures and especially affecting such land or structures but not affecting generally the zoning district in which it is located,
[2] a literal enforcement of the provisions of the ordinance or by-law would involve substantial hardship, financial or otherwise, to the petitioner or appellant, and
[3] that desirable relief may be granted without substantial detriment to the public good and without nullifying or substantially derogating from the intent or purpose of such ordinance or by-law."

The Board must find all three of the above to grant a variance. In this case, the Applicant requests a variance of the Bylaw's 50-foot front setback to allow the 133 South Pamet Road dwelling to be placed on the 127 South Pamet property within 38 feet of the front lot line.

## [1] "Soil conditions, shape or topography"

The narrative states that the proposed site of the relocated dwelling (near South Pamet Road in the northern part of the property) is driven by the topography of the 127 lot and the locations of existing dwellings, septic system, and driveway. The narrative notes that the northeast edge of this property is subject to erosion, and that the existing two residential structure occupy the remaining area on the eastern side. The narrative notes that the existing septic system occupies the center of the property, and the existing driveway runs along the southerly side of the property. It appears from the plan that the dwelling might, with relocation of the driveway, be located in the southwest area of the property, but it is not clear that a setback of 50 feet from the font lot line could be achieved.

## [2] "Substantial hardship, financial or otherwise"

The narrative notes that the owners of 133 South Pamet Road will suffer a substantial hardship if the variance is not granted, as they will be unable to occupy their home and will be forced to demolish or relocate it to another site.

This case presents an unusual set of facts: it is not the owners of the lot for which a variance is being sought ( 127 South Pamet) who will suffer hardship if the variance is denied, but rather the owners of the abutting lot (133 South Pamet) who will suffer such hardship. Presumably this is why the owners of 133 South Pamet have joined the owners of 127 South Pamet in the application for zoning relief. The owners of 133 are "petitioners" in this application. See variance criterion two above ("substantial hardship, financial or otherwise, to the petitioner. . . ).
[3] "relief may be granted without substantial detriment to the public good. . and without substantially derogating from the intent or purpose of [the] bylaw"

As always, the Board's determination on this factor is a matter entrusted to the Board's "intimate understanding of the immediate circumstances, of local conditions, and of the background and purposes of the entire by-law." Fitzsimonds v. Board of Appeals of Chatham, 21 Mass.App.Ct. at 55 .
3. Increasing the use nonconformity ( 2 to 3 dwellings) OR create new use nonconformity

As discussed above, the status of the second residential structure on 127 South Pamet is unclear. The application refers to both residential structures as "dwellings." If in fact the second (2007) residential structure is a lawful dwelling, then the existing use of the property for two dwelling units is nonconforming. ${ }^{4}$ The addition of a third dwelling unit to the property would, as the applicant suggests, increase this existing nonconformity, and the special permit standard above would apply.

If in fact the second residential structure is a studio, then there is no existing nonconformity with respect to use of the property. The addition of the 133 South Pamet dwelling would thus create a new nonconformity, and the variance standard above would apply.

## III. Suggested actions for the Board:

1. Consider the grant of a special permit for increased nonconformity on nonconforming lot; make required findings of "not substantially more detrimental," etc.;
2. Consider grant of variance for setback of 38 feet to front lot line where 50 feet required; make all three required findings for a variance above;
3. a. Clarify status of second residential structure to determine applicable standard for considering changed use of the property.

[^2]b. Consider grant of relief (special permit or variance) under applicable standard, making required findings.

## IV. Suggested Motion (if relief to be granted): "Mr. Chairman, I move that the Board:

1. Find that relocation of the 133 South Pamet Road house to the nonconforming 127 South Pamet Road lot will not be substantially more detrimental to the neighborhood than the existing nonconformity of such lot, and that the proposed dwelling will exist in harmony with the general purpose and intent of the Zoning Bylaw; and

Grant the associated special permit requested under G.L. c. 40A, s. 6 and Section 30.7 of the Zoning Bylaw; and further move that the Board
2. Find that [1] owing to circumstances relating to the topography of the property, not affecting generally the zoning district in which it is located; [2] a literal enforcement of the provisions of the by-law would involve substantial hardship, financial or otherwise, to the petitioners; and [3] that desirable relief may be granted without substantial detriment to the public good and without nullifying or substantially derogating from the intent or purpose of the by-law; and

Grant the variance requested under G.L. c. 40A, s. 10; and further move that the Board

## 3. EITHER

If $2^{\text {nd }}$ structure a dwelling
Find that the addition of a third dwelling to the lot, increasing the nonconforming use from two to three dwellings, will not be substantially more detrimental to the neighborhood than the existing nonconformity of such lot, and that the proposed dwelling will exist in harmony with the general purpose and intent of the Zoning Bylaw; and

Grant the associated special permit requested under G.L. c. 40A, s. 6 and Section 30.7 of the Zoning Bylaw; and

## OR

If 2 ${ }^{\text {nd }}$ structure a studio
Find that [1] owing to circumstances relating to the topography of the property, not affecting generally the zoning district in which it is located; [2] a literal enforcement of the provisions of the by-law would involve substantial hardship, financial or otherwise, to the petitioners; and [3] that desirable relief may be granted without substantial detriment to the public good and without nullifying or substantially derogating from the intent or purpose of the by-law; and

Grant the variance requested under G.L. c. 40A, s. 10, to allow a second dwelling on the lot, in addition to the existing dwelling and studio.

Memo to: Barbara Carboni, Town Planner
Date: November 18, 2021
From: Emily Beebe, Conservation Agent
Re: Plan Review for 127-133 South Pamet Road: DEP\# SE 75-1128

The project described on the plans developed by Coastal Engineering for the relocation of the dwelling at 133 South Pamet Road was reviewed by the Commission at their hearing of August 2, and an Order of Conditions was developed. Subsequently, the applicant submitted additional information to the Commission as requested and reviewed at their meeting of September 13. As you are aware, the substantial erosion on the Ocean side of this property prompted retreat and elevation of the structure in 2010. The current proposal includes retreat to the west and North onto an adjacent site.

The project includes lifting the dwelling, moving it to the new location and resetting it on a new piling foundation. The pilings under the dwelling in its current location will be flush-cut and removed as the bank erodes to minimize disturbance to the bank that would occur if the piles were to be pulled. The landscape timber wall at the top of the bank will remain to hold the bank.

The dwelling is currently served by a Title 5 septic system and a private well, both of which will remain in place to serve the building in its new location, as will the existing utilities. The current septic system will be removed when the eroding bank edge is $15^{\prime}$ from the nearest component. Conditions also include triggers for shifting utilities to the new site, site restoration and re-vegetation, and an ongoing condition that the owner shall reclaim/retrieve materials that may fall onto the beach due to erosion.

The Commissioners conducted a site visit prior to the hearing, and after a detailed presentation of the project, and upon review of the plans and protocols the Commissioner determined that relocating the structure in the manner described could be achieved with minimal impact.

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# United States Department of the Interior 

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
Cape Cod National Seashore 99 Marconi Site Road Wellfleet, MA 02667

November 22, 2021
Arthur Hultin, Jr., Chair
Truro Zoning Board of Appeals
24 Town Hall Road, P.O. Box 2030
Truro, MA 02666
Dear Mr. Hultin:

This letter concerns the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) hearing for the relocation of a single-family residence at 133 South Pamet Road to 127 South Pamet Road in Truro, MA; 127 South Pamet Road consists of a one-family residential property along with a guest house.

The Seashore District is single-family residential conservation district, with some allowed pre-existing multi-family uses or allowable accessory structures. In prior cases of coastal erosion threat, dwellings have been moved back as far as possible on the lot with zoning hardship exceptions, demolished, or relocated to a lot outside the seashore boundary.

Coastal erosion poses an ongoing threat to numerous properties along the ocean bluffs within Cape Cod National Seashore, so this not an isolated case. The hardship is to the Cape Rental, LLC as owners of 133 South Pamet Road and not the private landowners of 127 South Pamet Road, so this should also be a factor in the zoning considerations.

We are concerned that if the applicants are granted an exception via special permit and/or variance to the Town of Truro's Seashore District zoning bylaws, that it would not only be precedent setting, but potentially set up speculative acquisitions to create multi-family residential use on many properties along the coastal bluffs within the seashore districts of Truro, Wellfleet, and Eastham.

Accordingly, in relation to Section 30.7.A we believe that zoning exceptions to increase the intensity of the nonconformity or create a new nonconformity should not be granted as the alteration or extension will be substantially more detrimental to the neighborhood than the existing nonconforming uses or structures and that the alteration or extension will not exist in harmony with the general purpose and intent of this bylaw; we urge ZBA members to deny this proposal. Furthermore, if the ZBA approves the project and the applicants move forward with this project as proposed, we will follow through with revoking the Certificate Suspension of Condemnation.

Sincerely,
/s/
Brian T. Carlstrom
Superintendent

# Town of Truro Zoning Board of Appe <br> P.O. Box 2030, Truro, MA 02666 

## APPLICATION FOR HEARING

To the Town Clerk of the Town of Truro, MA
Date $\qquad$ October 22, 2021

The undersigned hereby files with specific grounds for this application:
(check all that apply)

## 1. GENERAL INFORMATION

$\square$ NOTICE OF APPEAL
$\square$ Applicant is aggrieved by his/her inability to obtain a permit or enforcement action from the Building Commissioner on (date) $\qquad$ .
$\square$ Applicant is aggrieved by order or decision of the Building Commissioner on (date) $\qquad$ which he/she believes to be a violation of the Truro Zoning Bylaw or the Massachusetts Zoning Act.
【 PETITION FOR VARIANCE - Applicant requests a variance from the terms Section 50.1(3) of the Truro Zoning Bylaw concerning (describe) Minimum front yard setback distance ( 50 ') from all streets in the Seashore District and for addition of dwelling to property at 127 South Pamet Road.

区 APPLICATION FOR SPECIAL PERMIT
$\square$ Applicant seeks approval and authorization of uses under Section $\qquad$ of the Truro Zoning Bylaw concerning (describe)
(\$ Applicant seeks approval for a continuation, change, or extension of a nonconforming structure or use under Section 30.7(A) of the Truro Zoning Bylaw and M.G.L. Ch. 40A, $\S 6$ concerning (describe) $\qquad$ Extension of a lawfully begun non-conforming use (multiple dwellings on a single lot).

Property Address $\qquad$ 127 South Pamet Road \& 133 South Pamet Road Map(s) and Parcel(s) $\qquad$


Applicant is one of the following: (please check appropriate box)

[^3]O Owner
Prospective Buyer*
( Other*

Owner's Name and Address $\qquad$ Cape Rental LLC i/c/o James G. Whitelaw 275 Jack Boot Way Monument CO 80132 Representative's Name and Address $\qquad$ Benjamin E. Zehnder P.O. Box 2300 Orleans, MA 02653 (as to Dennis)
Representative's Phone(s), Fax and Email -508-255-2133 ext. 128; 508-255-3786; bzehnder@latanzi.com
2. The completed application shall also be submitted electronically to the Town Planner at plannerl@truro-ma.gov in its entirety (including all plans and attachments).

- The applicant is advised to consult with the Building Commissioner, Planning Department, Conservation Department, Health Department, and/or Historic Commission, as applicable, prior to submitting this application.

Signature(s)


| Thomas P. Dennis \& Kathleen C. Dennis |
| :---: |
| Owner(s) Printed Name(s) or written permission <br> (see attached authorization by James G. Whitelaw) |
| Owner(s) Signature or written permission |

[^4]8 Cardinal Lane Orleans

14 Center Street, Suite 4 Provincetown

3010 Main Street, Suite 2E Barnstable

Benjamin E. Zehnder
ext. 128
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October 22, 2021

Town Clerk Kaci A. Fullerton
Truro Town Hall
24 Town Hall Road
P.O. Box 2012

Truro, MA 02666
Via hand delivery
Re: New Zoning Board of Appeals application for a Special Permit or a Variance / 127 South Pamet Road (48-12) \& 133 South Pamet Road (48-8)

Dear Ms. Fullerton:
Please find enclosed for filing with the Zoning Board of Appeals one original and nine copies of a new application for a Special Permit, or, in the alternative, a Variance, for the properties at 127 South Pamet Road (Assessor's Parcel ID 48-12) and 133 South Pamet Road (Assessor's Parcel ID 48-8), to locate an additional single family dwelling at the 127 South Pamet Road property, which dwelling will be removed from the 133 South Pamet Road property.

Please also find enclosed payment in the amount of $\$ 100.00$ for the filing fee for the two forms of requested relief.

Thank you as always for your assistance. I remain -

Enc.
cc. via email:
client
Barbara Carboni
Lauren McKean
John Schnaible
Kevin Whitelaw

Very truly yours,


+ BRIAN-CARLSTROM@NPS.GOU
+ Esturdy@ Trúro-ma.goV


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P.O. Box 2030, Truro, MA 02666

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Property Address 127 South Pamet Road \& 133 South Pamet Road _Map(s) and Parcel(s) _ 48-12 \& 48-8
Registry of Deeds title reference: Book_. 33550 , Page 123 , or Certificate of Titie
Number 222128 and Land Ct. Lot \# 1C/1D_ and Plan \# 16182-E/16182-F

Applicant's Name James G. Whitelaw Thomas P., Jr. \& Kathleen C. Dennis Applicant's Legal Mailing Address 275 Jack Boot Way Monument CO 8013230 Colony Road Springfield MA 01106
Applicant's Phone(s), Fax and Email 719-229-7771 whitelaw6@aol.com 413-246-1096 dennis@dennisgrp.com

Applicant is one of the following: (please check appropriate box) *Writen Permission of the owner is required for submittal of this application.
Q Owner $\square$ Prospective Buyer* $\mathbb{\nabla}$ Other*
Owner's Name and Address $\qquad$ Cape Rental LLC i/c/o James G. Whitelaw 275 Jack Boot Way Monument CO 80132 Representative's Name and Address $\qquad$
Representative's Phone(s), Fax and Email 508-255-2133 ext. 128; 508-255-3786; bzehnder@latanzi.com
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- The applicant is advised to consult with the Building Commissioner, Planning Department, Conservation Department, Health Department, and/or Historic Commission, as applicable, prior to submitting this application.

Signature(s)

| Benjamin E. Zehnder | Thomas P. Dennis \& Kathleen C. Dennis |
| :---: | :---: |
| Applicant(s) Represemprive printed Name(s) | Owner(s) Printed Name(s) or written permission (see attached authorization by James G. Whitelaw) |
| Applieant(s)/Representative Signature | Owner(s) Signature or written permission |

[^5]Project Narrative<br>127 \& 133 South Pamet Road<br>Assessor's Parcel ID's 48-12 \& 48-8

Applicants Cape Rental LLC i/c/o James G. Whitelaw and Thomas P. Dennis, Jr. and Kathleen C. Dennis are the owners, respectively, of the properties at 127 South Pamet Road (48-12) ("127") and 133 South Pamet Road (48-8) ("133") in the Seashore zoning district. 127 has $73,200 \mathrm{sq}$. ft . of lot area, $38^{\prime}$ of frontage, and is improved with a one story wood framed 4 bedroom dwelling and a one story wood framed one bedroom dwelling, for a total building coverage of 2,742 sq. ft . ( $3.8 \%$ ). 133 has $5,000 \mathrm{sq}$. ft. of lot area, no frontage, and is improved with a two story wood framed two bedroom dwelling and has a total building coverage of $1,277 \mathrm{sq}$. ft . ( $25.5 \%$ ).

The land at 133 has dramatically eroded, and the dwelling has been relocated to the rear of the lot by previous variance grant by the ZBA. There is no further land area to relocate the dwelling further back on the lot.

The owners of 133 and 127 have reached an agreement to relocate the 133 dwelling to the northwesterly corner of 127 , as shown on the site plan filed herewith.

127 is pre-existing and non-conforming under current zoning as to minimum lot size, frontage, and as to having multiple dwellings on one lot. The applicants therefore seek a special permit pursuant to Bylaws § 30.7(A) and M.G.L. c. 40A, § 6 to extend the existing multiple dwelling non-conformity at 127 (changing from two dwellings currently to three dwellings following the relocation of the dwelling from 133 there).

In the alternative, the applicants are seeking a variance to permit the location of an additional dwelling on 127.

The applicants also seek a variance pursuant to M.G.L. c. 40A, § 10 from Bylaws $\S 50.1(3)$ (50' front yard setback distance from all streets in the Seashore District) to allow the relocation at the proposed location, with a proposed $38^{\prime}$ setback from South Pamet Road.

The proposed new house location is dictated by the topography of 127 and the locations of the two existing dwellings, driveway, and septic system and wells at the property. As shown on the site plan, the northeast edge of the property is the ocean side of the lot and is where erosion occurs. Additionally, the two existing dwellings are located there and there is not enough width along the bluff to located the dwelling from 133 there while maintaining required building separation. The septic system is located in the center of the lot, while the driveway serving the existing dwellings runs along the southerly side of the property. As a result, the only feasible locations to place the dwelling are towards the westerly South Pamet Road side of the property, however, even
with the structure turned with its long axis parallel to the way, it cannot be setback a full 50 .

The existing 133 dwelling will move but will not change in its outward appearance or construction, as it will be moved but not changed. The proposal will not change the number of dwellings on the two lots, and will not change the volume or area of the dwellings. It will not increase the total lot coverage for the two properties.

If the variances are not granted, the Dennis' will suffer a substantial hardship, as they will not be able to occupy their home any longer, and will be forced to demolish or relocate it to another site.

This hardship is directly owing to the topography of 133 , as well as its soil conditions resulting from the coastal erosion.

Desirable relief may be granted since there will be no appearance of additional buildings or lot coverage on the two lots, and since the historically important and visually attractive 133 dwelling will be retained in the area. The proposal will also eliminate the requirement of demolishing the structure, or attempting to move it down South Pamet Road.

Cape Rental LLC 275 Jack Boot Way Monument, CO 80132 719-229-7771
whitelaw6@aol.com

October 7, 2021

To whom it may concern:
On behalf Cape Rental LLC, a Colorado limited liability company which owns the land having at 127 South Pamet Road, Truro and being shown on Truro Assessor's Map 48 as Parcel 12, I hereby authorize Benjamin E. Zehnder and La Tanzi, Spaulding \& Landreth to apply to the Town of Truro Zoning Board of Appeals for a special permit and a variance for the property, and to obtain from the Town of Truro certified Assessor's lists and any other documents necessary to prepare and file the ZBA application.





same are in force and applicable. approximately as shown on said plan.

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& \text { Ct.f. No. } 222128
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 Book 255 Page 551, over land described in a deed given by John H. Rich to George A.
Said Lot 1 C and 1D are subject to the location of certain
telephone easements or rights of service corporations over the same located
There is appurtenant to the Northerly portion of the original Lot
1 a right to pitch a tent on the seashore as set forth in a deed given by Sheldon
 Page 232, Barnstable Registry District so far as the same is applicable.
There is appurtenant to said Lot 1 D easements as set forth in
Certificate of title No. 4254 insofar as the same are in force and applicable.
And it is further certified that said land is under the operation and provisions
of Chapter 185 of the General Laws, and that the title of said owner(s) to said
land is registered under said Chapter, subject, however, to any of the encumbrances
mentioned in Section forty-six of said Chapter, which may be subsisting; and to any
and all public rights legally existing in and over the same below mean high water
mark in the Atlantic Ocean, and that said remainder interests are subject to the
terms of the Will of Graham Whitelaw, Barnstable County Probate Docket 536311 .
WITNESS GORDON H. PIPER, Chief Justice of the Land Court at Barnstable, in said
County of Barnstable,
the nineteenth day of March in the year two thousand and twenty
at 2 o'clock and 12 minutes
Attest, with the seal of said
Land Court Case No. 16182
memoranda of encumbrances on the land described in this certificate

MEMORANDA OF ENCUMBRANCES ON THE LAND DESCRIBED IN THIS CERTIFICATE

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PROPERTY ADDRESS: 133 South Pamet Road, Truro

## QUITCLAIM DEED

We, Richard R. Lavin, of 2372 Northeast 212 Terrace, Miami, FL 33180 and Rena B. Lipman, of 11101 Heron Bay Blvd, \# 4922, Coral Springs, FL 33706,
for consideration of EIGHT HUNDRED TWENTY FIVE THOUSAND AND NO/100 ( $\$ 825,000.00$ ) DOLLARS, paid,
grant to Thomas P. Dennis, Jr. and Kathleen C. Dennis, husband and wife as Tenants by the Entirety; both of 30 Colony Road, Springfield, MA 01106

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That certain parcel of land and the improvements thereon located off South Pamet Road, Truro, Barnstable County, Massachusetts, commonly known as the Boathouse, and being more particularly described as follows:

Starting at a point on South Pamet Road as shown on the Plan hereinafter referenced then proceeding N $84^{\circ} 37^{\prime} 24^{\prime \prime}$ E for a distance of 140.98 feet to a point:

Then turning and running $\mathrm{N} 01^{\circ} 52^{\prime} 24^{\prime \prime} \mathrm{E} 17.39$ feet to the point of beginning;
Then from the point of beginning running $\mathrm{N} 07^{\circ} 07^{\prime} 30^{\prime \prime} \mathrm{E} 203.64$ feet;
Then turning and running $\mathrm{N} 57^{\circ} 24^{\prime} 30^{\prime \prime} \mathrm{E} 73.06$ feet;
Then turning and running $S 34^{\circ} 49^{\prime} 56^{\prime \prime}$ E 33.69 feet;

Then turning and running S $15^{\circ} 51^{\prime} 54^{\prime \prime} \mathrm{W} 216.03$ feet to a point;
Then turning and running $S 82^{\circ} 45^{\circ} 34^{\prime \prime}$ W 47,24 feet returning to the point of beginning.
Being the same land as that described in that certain "Plan of Land in Truro, MA made for Access America, Inc. dated September 17, 1993" by Slade Associates, Inc. recorded with the Barnstable Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 519, Page No. 31.

Together with a right of way over the "Bob White" land for ingress and egress by automobile to and from the property described above. Subject to the public right of way to the beach.

Meaning and intending to convey all the property conveyed by deed of La Jolla University dated October 22, 1991 recorded with the Barnstable Registry of Deeds, Book 7724, Page 63
described as follows:

BOUNDED on the North by land now or formerly of Ball, seventy-two and 76/100 (72.76) feet, more or less;

BOUNDED on the East by land now or formerly of the Town of Truro, thinty-three and 66/100 (33.66) feet, more or less;

BOUNDED on the Southeast by land now or formerly of Whitelaw, two hundred seventeen and 14/100 (217.14) feet, more or less;

BOUNDED on the South by land now or formerly of Whitelaw, forty-seven and 36/100 (47.36) feet, more or less;

BOUNDED on the West by lands now or formerly of Madelyn E. Strack, executrix under the will of Elsie Strack, and Thatcher, one hundred ninety-eight (198) feet, more or less;

The within conveyance is made with the benefit of and subject to all rights, easements, reservations and restrictions of record in so far as the same are now in force and applicable.

For title seed deed recorded with said Deeds Book 10022, Page 241

Executed as a sealed instrument this $\mathbf{7} /$ day of March, 2014.

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STATE OF FEOREAA

Franklin County:
On this $30^{\text {th }}$ day of March, 2014, before me, the undersigned notary public, personally appeared Richard R. Lavin, and proved to me through satisfactory cvidence of identification, which was mA Drover's Liconse to be the person whose name is signed on the preceding or attached document, and who acknowledged to me that he signed it voluntarily for its stated purpose,

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& \text { Notary Public } \\
& \text { My Commission Expires: } 3 / 20 / 2018
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NOTARY STAMP OR SEAL:
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Rena B. Lipman

## STATE OF FLORIDA

## Broward county:

On this $20^{\text {th }}$ day of March, 2014, before me, the undersigned notary public, personally appeared Rena B. Lipman, and proved to me through satisfactory evidence of identification, which was Roesonally Knoun to be the person whose name is signed on the preceding or attached doctment, and who acknowledged to me that she signed it voluntarily for its stated purpose,


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DATE: August 9, 2021
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NAME OF AGENT (if any): Benjamin E. Zehnder (for Mr. and Mrs. Dennis)
MAILING ADDRESS: i/c/o La Tanzi, Spaulding \& Landreth P.O. Box 2300, Orleans, MA 02653
CONTACT: HOME/CELL (508) 255-2133 ext. 128 EMAIL bzehnder@latanzi.com
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(street address)

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Note: Per M.G.L., processing may take up to 10 calendar days. Please plan accordingly.


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TRURO ASSESSORS OFFICE
PO Box 2012 Truro, MA 02666
Telephone: (508) 214-0921
Fax: (508) 349-5506

Date: August 12, 2021
To: Benjamin E. Zehnder, Agent for Thomas P. Dennis, Jr. and Kathleen C. Dennis
From: Assessors Department
Certified Abutters List: 127 South Pamet Road
ZBA/ Special Permit

Attached is a combined list of abutters for the property located at 127 South Pamet Road.
The current owner is Cape Rental LLC, Resident Agent, Kevin Whitelaw.
The names and addresses of the abutters are as of August 6,2021 according to the most recent documents received from the Barnstable County Registry of Deeds.

Certified by:


Olga Farrell
Assessing Clerk

127 South Pamet Road Map 48, Parcel 12 ZBA/ Special Permit

TOWN OF TRURO, MA
BOARD OF ASSESSORS
P.O. BOX 2012, TRURO MA 02666

## Custom Abutters List



| Key | Parcel ID | Owner | Location | Mailing Street | Mailing City | ST | ZipCd/Country |
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| 2743 | 48-6-0-E | TOWN OF TRURO | 0 SO PAMET RD | PO BOX 2030 | TRURO | MA | 02666-2030 |
| 2744 | 48-7-0-R | MUSNUFF BARBARA R | 135 SO PAMET RD | 739 GREENS | DALLAS | PA | 18612-1864 |
| 2745 | 48-8-0-R | THOMAS P DENNIS JR REV TRUST \& KATHLEEN C WESTHEAD-DENNIS REV | 133 SO PAMET RD | C/O DENNIS GROUP 1537 MAIN ST | SPRINGFIELD | MA | 01103 |
| 2748 | 48-11-0-R | SEAL OF APPROVAL LLC MGR: THOMAS ROCCO | 131 SO PAMET RD | 14 HAMMEL COURT | PORTSMOUTH | RI | 02871 |
| 2750 | 48-13-0-R | WATSON CLYDE D QPR TRUST TRS: WATSON CLYDE D | 119 SO PAMET RD | 55 THREE MILE RD | ETNA | NH | 03750-3809 |




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CONTACT: HOME/CELL (508) 255-2133 ext. 128 EMAIL bzehnder@latanzi.com
PROPERTY LOCATION: $\qquad$
(street address)
PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: MAP 48 PARCEL 12 EXT.
(if condominium)

ABUTTERS LIST NEEDED FOR:
(please check all applicable)
$\qquad$ Board of Health ${ }^{5}$
$\qquad$ Cape Cod Commission
Conservation Commission ${ }^{4}$
Licensing
Type: $\qquad$
Planning Board (PB)
_ Special Permit ${ }^{1}$
Site Plan ${ }^{2}$Preliminary Subdivision ${ }^{3}$
__ Definitive Subdivision ${ }^{3}$
___ Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) ${ }^{2}$
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## Truro Zoning Board of Appeals 2022 Hearing/Meeting Schedule

| HEARING/MEETING <br> (Monday at 5:30 pm) | FILING DEADLINE <br> (FRIDAY at Noon) <br> (Unless otherwise noted*) |
| :---: | :---: |
| January 24 | December 23, 2021* |
| February 28 | January 21 |
| March 28 | February 25 |
| April 25 | March 25 |
| May 23 | May 20 |
| June 27 | June 24 |
| July 25 | July 22 |
| August 22 | August 19 |
| September 26 | September 23 |
| October 24 | October 21 |
| November 21 | December 19 |

## MEETING DATES AND TIMES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Please check the Town Website www.truro-ma.gov for any changes in the schedule


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# TOWN OF TRURO <br> ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS 

Meeting Minutes
September 20, $2021-5: 30 \mathrm{pm}$
REMOTE MEETING

Present (Quorum): Arthur Hultin (Chair); Fred Todd (Vice Chair); Chris Lucy (Clerk); Darrell Shedd; Virginia Frazier (Alternate)

Members Absent: Heidi Townsend
Other Participants: Barbara Carboni - Truro Town Planner/Land Use Counsel; Lester J. Murphy, Esq. - Attorney for Douglas Ambrose, 49 Fisher Road; Nancy Medoff, Charter Review Committee

Remote meeting convened at $5: 30 \mathrm{pm}$ by Chair Hultin. Town Planner Carboni read the detailed instructions for citizens interested in watching or joining the meeting.

## Public Comment

None.

## Public Hearing - Continued

2021-004/ZBA - Douglas Ambrose for property located at 49 Fisher Road (Atlas Map 53, Parcel 24, Registry of Deeds title reference: Book 32678, Page 75). Applicant seeks a Variance under M.G.L. Ch. 40A, $\S 10$ and $\S 50.1$ of the Truro Zoning Bylaw for: (1) an above-ground platform for exterior air conditioning condensers constructed 21.7 ft . from the side yard setback where 25 ft . are required; and (2) front entry egress stair landing constructed 18.1 ft . from the side yard setback where 25 ft . are required.

Attorney Murphy, representing the Applicant Douglas Ambrose, stated that their surveyor is undertaking research to see if a land swap could be arranged to obviate the need for variances regarding setbacks. Attorney Murphy asked the Board to allow withdrawal of the application without prejudice. Chair Hultin polled the Board for their thoughts and there was no objection. Chair Hultin also asked the Board to consider waiving the reapplication fee if the Applicant were to come back before the Board within one year. The Board agreed to this waiver.

Chair Hultin made a Motion to grant the withdrawal without prejudice with a stipulation if the Applicant reapplies within the next year the fee would be waived. Seconded by Member Shedd. No further discussion. Chair Hultin asked for a roll-call vote. Voted all in favor. So voted: 5-0.

## Board Action/Review

Charter Review Committee Survey. Clerk Lucy, a member of the Charter Review Committee, clarified the survey procedures.

Vice Chair Todd asked about the Zoning Enabling Act from the State regarding Zoning Board members being appointed. Clerk Lucy thanked Vice Chair Todd for this information and stated that this will be reviewed at a Charter Review Committee meeting. Members Shedd and Frazier stated that they have not received their surveys. Nancy Medoff, a Charter Review Committee member, stated that the survey will come to them via a link in an email.

Chair Hultin stated that Election of Officers will be on the next month's Agenda.

Motion to adjourn by Clerk Lucy; seconded by Member Shedd. No objections or discussion. Voted all in favor. So voted: 5-0. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Sturdy


[^0]:    ${ }^{1}$ Assessor's records contain a comment "Has kitch[en] but no stove"; Building Department records do not authorize a kitchen in the second structure. Clarification has been requested from the applicant and the Building Department.

[^1]:    ${ }^{2}$ If the second structure is in fact a studio, there is no existing nonconformity with respect to use. See discussion below.
    ${ }^{3}$ The applicable standard for relief (special permit or variance) depends upon the status of this structure. See discussion below.

[^2]:    ${ }^{4}$ If the use of the second residential structure as a dwelling is unlawful, it cannot provide the basis for expansion of a nonconforming use; there is no right under G.L. c. 40A, s. 6 (or the Zoning Bylaw) to increase an illegal nonconformity. Such expansions are permissible only if based on a lawfully non-conforming use.

[^3]:    *Written Permission of the owner is required for submittal of this application

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