

Zoning Board of Adjustment

Town of Allenstown

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APPLICATION FOR VARIANCE OF USE OR AREA

Before you undertake completing this application we strongly encourage you to read the entire application first. Upon reading the entire application go back and answer the questions 1 through 5 with as much specific factual detail as required. The obligation of demonstrating facts sufficient to support your appeal is your responsibility. Use the "Required Documentation Checklist" to assist you in properly collecting the necessary data and providing responses that factually support your position.

The undersigned hereby requests a variance of [] USE or M AREA to the terms of Article XL
Section [1]3.1.5 and asks that said terms be waived to permit:
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Sile Access within 500' of the main Rd.
You are required by law to demonstrate: 1. That there will not be a diminution of value of the surrounding properties as a result of the granting of this variance because:
See enclosed letter

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•	That enforcement of the zoning ordinance will create an unnecessary hardship in that the zoning restriction:
1	nswer a-c if your application is for a "USE" variance:
•	As applied to the petitioner's property will interfere with the petitioner's reasonable use of their property, considering the unique setting of the property in its environment for the following reasons:
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•	As specifically applied to the petitioner's property has no fair and substantial relationship to the general purposes of the zoning ordinance for the following reasons:

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1	swer aa-bb if your application is for an "AREA" variance:
•	An area variance is needed to enable the applicants proposed use of the property given the special conditions of the property because:
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March 12, 2020

Town of Allenstown Zoning Board of Adjustments 16 School Street Allenstown, New Hampshire 03275

Re: Variance Applications – Optimus Senior Living Site Plan Tax Map 109; Lot 17 15 Pinewood Road – Allenstown, New Hampshire 03275 KNA Project # 2019-1126-1

Dear Chairman and Board Members:

The above referenced parcel is being submitted for multiple Variances from the Town of Allenstown Zoning Board of Adjustment. The property is located at 15 Pinewood Road and is proposed to be a senior living facility. The Variance requests are from (1) **Article XI**: **Supplemental Regulations; Sections 1113.1 and 1113.5**; to allow the applicant to construct two access driveways along Chester Turnpike within 250 feet of each other and to allow a "sideage" driveway closer than 500 feet to the main road; KNA will be present to further discuss the Variance at the scheduled hearing

- 1. That there will not be a diminution of value of the surrounding properties as a result of the granting of this variance because: The applicant is requesting the zoning board allow two driveway curb cuts along Chester Turnpike within 250 feet of each other and 1 within 500 feet of the main road, both of these request would not have any effect on surrounding property values as they don't create any negative building or site impacts that would effect surround properties values.
- 2. That the granting of the variance will not be contrary to the public interest because; The public interest in this article would be to ensure safe access to and from any potential development and with the proposed driveways to be constructed on a side street and not the main roadway system the applicant feels that this requests is actually in the public's interest, as well as having two points of access for a senior living facility that will require regular ambulance services the more points of access the less chance of circulation issues on site.
- **3.** That enforcement of the zoning ordinance will create an unnecessary hardship in that the zoning restriction:
- aa. An area variance is needed to enable the applicants proposed use of the property given special conditions of the property because: Based on the fact that the applicant is NOT ALLOWED to access the property from the Route 28, the wetlands that exist on site, and nature of the proposed senior housing use with access only from the Chester Turnpike, are a few of the special conditions of this property.
- **bb.** The benefit sought by the applicant cannot be achieved by some other method reasonably feasible for the applicant to pursue, other than an area variance because: **Again**

Civil Engineering

Land Surveying

Landscape Architecture

based on the limited access points the property has the applicant has no other way to achieve safe access to the site.

- 4. That through the granting of relief by a variance substantial justice will be done because. By the Zoning Board of adjustment granting this variance substantial justice would be done in that it would allow the applicant to access the proposed development for the needed senior living units in the Town of Allenstown.
- 5. The use, for which the variance is requested, will not be contrary to the spirit of the ordinance because: The applicant believes that the reason to limit the locations of driveway and sideage access is to ensure public safety while traveling to and from the development and the applicant believes that the proposed locations of access for this development are not contrary to the spirit of the ordinance.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact me at (603) 627-2881.

Sincerely,

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- xi Implementation of appropriate measures to mitigate odor, noise and vectors and shall provide an appropriate visual buffer.
- xii The use shall not otherwise adversely affect the environment, public health or safety.

ARTICLE XI - SUPPLEMENTAL REGULATIONS

Nothing in this Article shall relieve a property owner/applicant from complying with any other applicable provisions of the Allenstown Zoning Ordinance, including the provisions of any overlay districts or supplemental regulations or ordinances. In the event there are any conflicts between this Article and any other provisions of the Allenstown Zoning Ordinance, the more restrictive requirement shall control, with the exception of any applicable overlay districts at which time the provisions of the applicable overlay district(s) shall control.

Section 1101 Accessory Uses

Nothing herein shall be construed to forbid an accessory use which is customary and incidental to the dominant use is permitted under this Ordinance, and if such accessory use is not injurious or detrimental to the neighborhood.

Section 1102 Accessory and Home Occupation

Nothing herein shall be construed to prevent a physician, surgeon, dentist, musician or a member of another recognized profession from conducting a business in his residence or in an adjoining accessory building, nor shall this Ordinance be construed to prevent the carrying out in a residence of a customary home occupation, including dressmaking or music instruction, provided that such business or occupation shall not be injurious, noxious or objectionable to the general neighborhood.

Section 1103 Proposed Streets

After a line of a future street is placed on the official map of the Town, buildings shall be set back from such line as though it were a street line.

Section 1104 Surface Waters

All setbacks from surface waters shall be consistent with RSA 483-B, as amended. Any surface waters not governed by RSA 483-B shall have no structures constructed within forty (40) feet of the high water mark.

Section 1105 Obstructions

No wall, fence or other structure, vehicle(s) including, but not limited to cars, trucks, boats and campers, signage, trees, shrubs or other growth on the property shall obstruct the view as to cause danger to traffic on a public way. No fence shall exceed eight (8) feet in height in any zone. Fences shall be constructed with materials approved by the Building Inspector. No plastic (construction) or other construction fencing shall be permitted as permanent fencing.

Section 1106 Casual Sales

Casual sales, such as garage sales, yard sales and tag sales, when otherwise prohibited by the ordinance, may be authorized by the selectmen for Saturdays, Sundays and legal Monday holidays on

Section 1113 Lot Access

- 1. There shall be no less than 500 feet between access points (i.e. driveway permit), serving a single lot of record after March, 2011. This shall apply to all new lots created after March, 2011, or undeveloped lots of record existing in March, 2011. Developed lots of record having more than one access point shall be considered existing nonconformatics.
- 2. Shared driveways (i.e. one driveway serving two lots) are permitted by right in all zones within Allenstown for single family dwellings and duplexes. A shared driveway shall serve no more than 2 lots.
- 3. Commercial developments (excluding single family homes and duplexes) on parcels in all zones are permitted to and encouraged to share access and/or parking whenever feasible. Though frontage may be counted on one street, access to another street via the lot containing the shared access/parking is permissible. The adequacy of shared parking facilities shall be made on a case by case basis and shall ultimately be considered by the Planning Board during formal major and minor site plan review or by the building inspector when site plan review is not required (i.e. when only a building permit is required). When access or parking is to be provided for on an abutting or nearby lot the applicant must provide a permanent written agreement from the landowner of the nearby or abutting lot indicating that access and/or a specific number of parking spaces will be shared in perpetuity or until the land use expires or changes. Such an agreement will "run with the land" and shall not expire based upon ownership.
- 4. For parcels fronting on US Routes 3 and/or 28 that are undeveloped and do not have a permitted access (i.e. driveway permit, either from the State of New Hampshire or the Town of Allenstown) the Planning Board may permit access on a "backage" or "sideage" road (i.e. not on Rt 3 or 28) while counting frontage along Rt 28 or Rt 3 to meet the "frontage" requirement per the Allenstown Zoning Ordinance. The same provisions shall also apply to developed lots seeking redevelopment provided that the applicant abandons existing access onto Route 3 or 28.
- 5. Sideage Proposed access/driveways on "sideage" roads must be no closer than 500' from the nearest intersection.

Section 1114 Obnoxious Uses Barred

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Ordinance, no use shall be permitted in any zone which is injurious, noxious, offensive or detrimental to the neighborhood or to the public by reason of the emission of odor, fumes, dust, smoke, vibration, or noise, or because of pollution of groundwater or surface water, or for any other deleterious reason.

Section 1115 Waste Disposal Sites

No trash or garbage dump, sanitary landfill, or hazardous waste disposal facility shall be located in any zone, except such municipal or governmental uses as are immune from this Zoning Ordinance under State law, and then only to the extent required by the State law.



