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Special meeting of the City Council held on Monday, March 18, 2019 at 6:50 PM in City Council Chambers, City Hall. City Councilors Present: Clancy, Juare, Oram, Ossing, Delano, Doucette, Dumais, Tunnera, Irish and Landers. Absent: Robey (Councilor Robey arrived at 6:54 PM). Meeting adjourned at 6:56 PM.

ORDERED: THAT, PURSUANT TO § 5 OF CHAPTER 40A OF THE GENERAL LAWS, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MARLBOROUGH, HAVING SUBMITTED FOR ITS OWN CONSIDERATION CHANGES IN THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MARLBOROUGH, AS AMENDED, TO FURTHER AMEND CHAPTER 650, NOW ORDAINS THAT THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MARLBOROUGH, AS AMENDED, BE FURTHER AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:

1. Section 650-12, entitled "Nonconforming uses," is hereby amended by deleting the words

"except that no special permit is needed if the alteration or expansion is to a nonconforming single- or two-family dwelling and said alteration or expansion does not increase the nonconforming nature of the dwelling," and inserting in place thereof the following words: -

except that an alteration, reconstruction, extension or structural change of or to a lawful pre-existing nonconforming single-family dwelling or two-family house shall be governed by Section 650-58B(3).

2. Section 650-58, entitled "Provisions for Board of Appeals," is hereby amended by adding to subsection B thereof, entitled "Powers and duties," after sub-subsection (2), entitled "Variances," the following new sub-subsection (3), entitled "Lawful pre-existing nonconforming single-family dwellings and two-family houses":

- (3) Lawful pre-existing nonconforming single-family dwellings and two-family houses.
- (a) As of right. Lawful pre-existing nonconforming single-family dwellings and two-family houses may be altered, reconstructed, extended or structurally changed as a matter of right upon a determination by the Building Commissioner that a proposed alteration, reconstruction, extension or change would not increase or intensify the existing nonconforming nature of the dwelling or house in question. Upon such a determination, an application to the Board of Appeals for a special permit need not be made, and the owner may apply to the Building Commissioner for a building permit.
 - (b) By special permit. Upon a determination by the Building Commissioner that a proposed alteration, reconstruction, extension or structural change to a lawful pre-existing nonconforming single-family dwelling or two-family house would increase or intensify the existing nonconforming nature thereof, the owner of such dwelling or house shall be required to apply to the Board of Appeals for a special permit to allow such alteration, reconstruction, extension or structural change. The Board may grant a special permit to allow such alteration, reconstruction, extension or structural change; provided, however, that the Board determines, by a finding under M.G.L. c. 40A, § 6, that the proposed alteration, reconstruction, extension or structural change shall not be substantially more detrimental to the neighborhood than the existing nonconforming structure or use; and provided, further, that any such special permit shall comply with the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Marlborough, as may be amended from time to time, including but not limited to Section 650-12, entitled “Nonconforming uses,” as well as Section 650-59.A(1) pertaining to the powers and duties of special permit granting authorities. Application for a special permit to allow such alteration, reconstruction, extension or structural change shall be made to the Board pursuant to the procedures set forth in Subsection C(5) of this Section 650-58.
 - (c) By variance. Upon the determination by the Building Commissioner that a proposed alteration, reconstruction, extension or structural change to a lawful pre-existing nonconforming single-family dwelling or two-family house would create a new nonconformity(ies), the owner of such dwelling or house shall be required to apply to the Board of Appeals for a variance to allow such alteration, reconstruction, extension or structural change; provided, however, that the Board shall decide upon a variance petition pursuant to the Board’s powers and duties set forth in Subsection B(2), and pursuant to the procedure set forth in Subsection C(1)-(4), of this Section 650-58.
3. Section 650-58, entitled “Provisions for Board of Appeals,” is hereby amended by adding to subsection C thereof, entitled “Procedure,” after sub-subsection (4), the following new sub-subsection (5), entitled “Special permit procedure”:

(5) Special permit procedure. Except as set forth below, the provisions set forth in Section 650-59.B and C, pertaining to the procedures and rules applicable to special permit granting authorities, as such provisions may be amended from time to time, shall, so far as apt, be applicable to the Board of Appeals acting upon an application for a special permit proposing an alteration, reconstruction, extension or structural change which, per the determination of the Building Commissioner, would increase or intensify the existing nonconforming nature of a lawful pre-existing nonconforming single-family dwelling or two-family house. In particular, each special permit application to the Board of Appeals filed under this subsection shall contain the information as itemized in Section 650-59.C(4), and shall be accompanied by a preliminary site plan which shall contain the information as itemized in Section 650-59.C(5).

Each application filed under this subsection shall be filed with the Office of the City Clerk in accordance with MGL Chapter 40A, on a form provided by that Office, and shall be accompanied by a filing fee in the amount calculated to be the same as for special permit applications submitted to the City Council under Section 650-59.C(3). The application for the special permit shall be made in writing by the applicant or its duly authorized agent, who shall file the following number of sets of application materials at the Office of the City Clerk, which shall keep the original and forward all copies to the Board of Appeals, which shall distribute those copies as follows:

Number of Sets	Office
8	Board of Appeals
1	Building Department
1	Office of the City Council
1	City Engineer
1	Legal Department
1	Conservation Officer (if wetlands are affected)

The Board of Appeals shall hold a public hearing on each special permit application filed under this subsection. The procedures for the public hearing and for the notice thereof to parties in interest shall be in conformance with M.G.L. c. 40A and the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Marlborough, as either or both may be amended from time to time; provided, however, that the Board shall hold the public hearing on a special permit application on the same evening as it would be holding the public hearing on any variance petition that may be associated with the same proposed work (alteration, reconstruction, extension or structural change) on the same dwelling or house.

Within 90 days after the close of the public hearing on the special permit application filed under this subsection, the Board of Appeals shall take final action on a decision to grant or deny the requested special permit; provided, however, that no special permit shall be granted by the Board under this subsection if any variance petition that may be associated with the same proposed work (alteration, reconstruction, extension or structural change) on the same dwelling or house is denied by the Board.

The Board may adopt rules and regulations for the issuance of special permits under this subsection in accordance with M.G.L. c. 40A and the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Marlborough, as either or both may be amended from time to time.

APPROVED; adopted.

First Reading, suspended; Second Reading, adopted; Passage to Enroll, adopted; Passage to Ordain; adopted. No objection to passage in one evening.

Councilors Robey & Landers Opposed.

ORDERED: There being no further business, the special meeting of the City Council is herewith adjourned at 6:56 PM; adopted.