

# CITY OF CAMBRIDGE <br> MASSACHUSETTS <br> BOARD OF ZONING APPEAL 831 MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE CAMBRIDGE, MA 02139 

617 349-6100

## BZA APPLICATION FORM

Plan No: BZA-017191-2019
GENERAL INFORMATION

The undersigned hereby petitions the Board of Zoning Appeal for the following:

| Special Permit : |  |  | Variance : | $\checkmark$ |  | Appeal : |  |  |
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| PETITIONER: Greg Leppert | Greg Leppert |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| PETITIONER'S ADDRESS : |  | 280 Brookline St, Apt 1L Cambridge, MA 02139 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| LOCATION OF PROPERTY: 147 Otis St Cambridge, MA 02141 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| TYPE OF OCCUPANCY: |  | Residence |  |  | ZONING DISTRICT : | Residence C-1 Zone |  |  |

REASON FOR PETITION :
Dormer
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Restore deck railing and deck along the roof edge of the former store, within the 2
front yard setbacks.

SECTIONS OF ZONING ORDINANCE CITED :
Article $\frac{5.000}{\text { Article } \frac{6.000}{\text { Article } 6.000}}$


Address : 280 Brookline St, Apt 1L

|  | Cambridge MA 02139 |
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| $: \quad 615-653-8930$ |  |

E-Mail Address: greg@leppert.me
Date: 10/10/2019

## BZA APPLICATION FORM - OWNERSHIP INEORMATION

To be completed by OWNER, signed before a notary and returned to The Secretary of the Board of Zoning Appeals.

I/We $\qquad$
(OWNER)
Address: 280 Brookline St. Apt IL Cambridge MA 02139

State that I/We own the property located at 147 Otis St. Cambridge MA 02141
which is the subject of this zoning application.

The record title of this property is in the name of $\qquad$
Gregory Leppert \& Katherine Daring
*Pursuant to a deed of duly recorded in the date $10131 / 2018$, Middlesex South County Registry of Deeds at Book 71822 ; Page 77 ; or Middlesex Registry District of Land Court, Certificate No. $\qquad$ Book $\qquad$ Page
*Written evidence of Agent's standing to represent petitioner may be requested.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts, County of Middlesex

The above-name Gregory Leppert personally appeared before me, this 10th of October. 20 19, and made oath that the above statement is true.


- If ownership is not shown in recorded deed, e.g. if by court order, recent deed, or inheritance, please include documentation.


## SUPPORTING STATEMENT FOR A VARIANCE

EACH OF THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS FOR A VARIANCE MUST BE ESTABLISHED AND SET FORTH IN COMPLETE DETAIL BY THE APPLICANT IN ACCORDANCE WITH MGL 40A, SECTION 10:
A) Literal enforcement of the provisions of this ordinance would involve a
substantial hardship, financial or otherwise, to the petitioner or appellant for
the following reasons:
Parking spot: We have a young child, with plans for a second in the near future,
and loading him into and out of his car seat amidst traffic on East cambridge
streets is proving to be dangerous. we'd like a parking spot where we can do so
safely. This would additionally enable us to charge an electric vehicle and help
reduce the carbon footprint in which our children grow up.
C) DESIRABLE RELIEF MAY BE GRANTED WITHOUT EITHER:

1) Substantial detriment to the public good for the following reasons:

Parking spot: The parking space, while within a front yard setback, is nestled within the shape of the building and concealed by a fence. All abuttors have signed in support of the proposal, including Sacred Heart Parish and Donovan Aufiero Funeral Home, both of whom depend on street parking for their establishments and are well positioned to understand that the impact of $a$ curb cut at this location will be limited. Given its proximity to an intersection, impact on available street parking will be minimal and usability and visibility of that intersection may be improved as cars will no longer park crowding the crosswalk.

Dormer: The dormer will be positioned at the far rear of the property and will not be visible from the entrance of the house on Otis Street. While the dormer will be minimally visible from 6th Street, it's in kind with other dormers in the area and even on the same block.

Deck: Railing was historically present along the roof of the store and, just as we're doing with the large shop windows we're restoring to the store, restoring this railing will be in keeping with the building's historic presence in the neighborhood. Additionally, given this deck's location at the corner of an intersection and across from a large church, it's far from abuttors and its use will have minimal impact.
2) Relief may be granted without nullifying or substantially derogating from the intent or purpose of this Ordinance for the following reasons:
Parking spot: The shape of our building provides a unique shelter from visibility for a parking space, satisfying the intent of the yard setbacks, while the use of permeable pavers for the parking spot will retain permeability. What open space may be lost by this addition is minimal compared to the safety it enables and may be offset by the addition of open space elsewhere, such as by the deck above the store, set forth in this proposal.

Dormer: The sole purpose of the dormer is to increase the safety and usability of an existing stairwell and landing. It does not seek to expand use or greatly modify the exterior of the building.

Deck: The historic presence of railing, coupled with the open space it adds that was clearly an offset for the loss of space at ground level when the store was constructed, make this a restoration both of the structure and of a private open space ratio in keeping with the neighborhood and the intent of the ordinance.

* If You have any questions as to whether you can establish all of the applicable legal requirements, you should consult with your own attorney.


## BZA APPLICATION FORM

## DIMENSIONAL INFORMATION



Describe where applicable, other occupancies on same lot, the size of adjacent buildings on same lot, and type of construction proposed, e.g.; wood frame, concrete, brick, steel, etc.
Tjpe of construction: wood frame, wood deck, permeable parking spot pavers

1. SEE CAMBRIDGE ZONING ORDINANCE • ARTICLE 5.000, SECTION 5.30 (DISTRICT OE DIMENSIONAL REGULATIONS).
2. TOTAL GROSS FLOOR AREA (INCLUDING BASEMENT 7'-0" IN HEIGHT AND ATTIC AREAS GREATER THAN 5') DIVIDED BY LOT AREA.
3. OPEN SPACE SHALL NOT INCLUDE PARKING AREAS, WALKWAYS OR DRIVEWAYS AND SHALL HAVE A MINIMUM DIMENSION OF 15'.
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## LOT CONFIGURATION BASED ON ASSESSORS MAP. INSTRUMENT SURVEY IS RECOMMENDED.



OTIS STREET

| FLOOD DETERMINATION | REFERENCES |
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| Acarding to Federal Emergency Management Agency maps, the <br> major impovements on this property fall in as area designated as | DEED REF: 25383/566 |
| ZONE: X |  |




## 147 OTIS ST RENOVATION

## CAMBRIDGE, MA 02141




VICINTTY PLAN


## REVISIONS TO PROPOSED WORK

1. Add a parking space and access gate to approved patio area.
2. Expand approved 2nd FL deck to match position of historic deck above store 3. Add 3rd FL dormer at top of stairs to allow for proper egress headroom

## GENERAL NOTES

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## GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF WORK

## Interior Demolition

Remove drywall/plaster on 1st, 2nd and 3rd floors
Remove drop ceilings where present

- Remove old radiators, heating pipes anents, from basement through 3rd floor

Remove all appliances heating pipes and boiler
basement.
Remove plumbing supply lines and drains
Remove electrical wiring
Remove selected interior

- Remove areas with multiple layers of flooring (mosty in 1st floor living room and 2nd floor master bedroom), leaving original wood floors in place.
- Remove wall between house and store on $1 s$ flifor

Reduce thickness of wall on 2nd floor between the bedrooms and hallwa

## Exterior Demolition

Remove wooden platarorn, stairs, and brick pillars in patio area

## Structural Framing

- Right and stabilize beam in basement, adding joist hangers or other supports to prevent sagging in the future
other floor ioists or beams as needed
Reinforce framing in store to meet modern specifications
Frame-in new partitions as needed for proposed layout on all floors
Modify basement stairs
-Frame-in opening between house and store on 1 st floor
Remove post near fridge in current kitchen, reinforcing if needed (reifforcement may not be required as
dded near this spot)
Frame-in for new french doors 2 s sets total; 1 set on 1st floor, 1 set on 2nd flool
- Frame-in for new or relocated skylights (3) and roof window (1)


## Water Plumbing

- Extend existing plumbing stack to 3rd floo

Run new plumbing stack to service ist floor half bath, unnning it up to the 2nd floor and capping it for
future use
Tie new plumbing stack into existing drain
Provide exterior drain in patio area to tie into city storm sewer instead of city sewage sewer.
Provide and install a standard hot water heater.
Supply and install (1) shower built with Kerdi-Schluter style liners and linear floor drain in basement - Install (1) $30 \times 60$ whirlpool tub on 2nd floo

Supply and install (1) 30660 Kohler 'Village' $K$-715 cast iron tub on 3rd floor

- Instal supoly

Instal 2 outdoor water hose bibbs (1) at courtyard deck and (1) at 2nd floor deek

- Provide and install kitchen sink and in-sink garbage disposal

Instal supply line for refrigerator water dispenser and ice maker

- Rouhh-in suppll lines and vents as needed for proposed


## Gas Plumbing

- Redirect main supply line for new layout

Redirect basement gas pipes from existing boiler to new forced air furrace
Redirect basement gas pipes for new hot water heater configuration

- Redirect kitchen gas pipes for stove in new 1 st
- Instal I new gas pipes for fireplace in basement
- nstall new gas pipes for for cothes dryer on 2nd


## HVAC

Fovide and install properly sized forced air HVAC system including furnace/air hander, compressor and ducts as per layout on plan

## Electrica

Provide new paniel and disconne st

- Rewire throughout the house as per new layout
-Install dimmers and recessed led ceiling fixtures, provided by client, per layout
-Wire and install outtets for appliances per layout, including:
- Refrigerator
- Gas stove
- Dishwasher
- Fireplace
-Whirlpool tu
-Clothes washer and drye
Install under cabinet led strips in kitchen and in recessed cove above vanities
nstall surface mounted pendant fixtures in dining room and kitchen and hookup equipment and appliances rovided by others


## Windows

Windows should be Pella Pro-Line 450 Series double hung aluminum clad (exterior) Wood double replacement

## windows. New Window

- Add new double glazed windows (20 total; 5 in basement, 7 on 1 st floor, 7 on 2nd floor, 1 on 3rd floon)
- Center replacement window in kitchen on the cooking range and raise the sill slightly above the counterto Retain in plaa Otis St basement wall window
w Sklights:


## Exterior Doors


Exterior doors should be Pella 450 Series aluminum clad wood $\begin{aligned} & \text { boich } \\ & \text { be by MTEK, use Mercury Level with plain round rosette for rricing. }\end{aligned}$

- Purchase and install 1 pair of Pella patio french doors on 1 st floor 1 exterior entry door in basement, and
window/door to 2 nd floor deck (reellaces $a$ window but will reauire eeframing opening $)$
window/door to 2 nd floor deck (replaces a window but will require eeframing opening)


## Drywal

- Install, tape, sand and finish drywall on interior walls and ceilings

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## Finished Carpentry

All interior doors are to be trimless, solid core doors such as EzyJamb Doors.

- Hang solid core interior doors (7 total; 2 in basement, 1 on st ft foor, 2 on 2 nd floor, 2 on 3 rd floor)
-Install (1) pocket doo for 2nd floor master bath
- Hang (1) single closet door in 2nd floor hallway
- Hang (2) sets of double closet doors in basement
-Hang sliding mirrored closet doors 6 p pairs total; 2 in basement, 2 on 2nd floor, 2 on 3 rd floor). See Glass Work
section; do not duplicate costs.
- Finish closet interiors with double rods and a sheff
- Install bookcase dividers and steps between living and dining room

Instal appliances and bathroom accessories (provided by others)
Install salvaged mantel around basement fireplace
Install millwork if reauired (see Millwork section for notes: do not duplicate installation costs if millwork artisan
will be installing)

## Door Hardware

- Install emTeK door hardware

2 on 2nd floor

- 1 passage sets 1 in basement)
- 9 privacy sets (2 in basement, ion 1st floor, 4 on 2 nd floor, 2 on 3rd floor)
-2 patio entry door locksets (1 on 1st floor, 1 on 2nd floor)
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ment
Under the main house and under the old store) and roof to meet or exceed $R$ value requirements


## Tile Work

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sq. ft. total)

- In finished basement 4775 sq. ft
- In kitchen (115 sq. ft.)
- 2nd floor master bath ( 33 sq. ft
- Pick up, install, grout and seal natural stone wall tiles (442 sq. ft. total)
- Around basement shower (78 ss. ft) backed by Kerdi-Schluter liners
- On walls of master bath on 2nd floor (182 sq. ftt) using Kerdi-Schluter liners around tur
- Around 3 rd floor tub and on sloped ceiling (75 sq. ft.) backed by Kerdi-Schluter liners


## Glass Work

- Accuire and install full width mirrors at all vanities
cquire and instal fwll height sliding mirrored closet doors (6 pairs total; 2 in basement 2 on 2 nd floor, 20 on
3rd floor). See Finished Carpentry section; do not duplicate costs.


## Interior Painting

- Prime and paint all interior walls and ceilings, doors and trim

Masonry

- Repair brick foundation under store where needed and fill in the 2 small openings with brick.
- Remove portion of foundation wall for new exterior door beneath store in basement

Remove portion offoundation wall for fireplace in basement

## Exterior Walls

- Remove all exterior siding
- Replace any roted wood sheathing
- nstall blue skiin waterroofing member
-     - nstast blue skinund windotew and door openings
- Install Hardie board siding to match size and profile of original wood siding and trim, including shadow boards and moldings

Roof

- Patch roofs where chimney, vents, skylights, etc are to be removed
- Flash around new openings in roofs where sklights, vents, etc are to be added

Replace gutters but keep old downspouts as they seem to be casti ron and are tied into the storm sewer, which
important to maintain (if that is possible) as this house sits on its ot line
along with new roofing material (178 sq ft )

## Landscaping

add new pavers as needed in patio, set
Pavers on compacted sand base with open joints

- Stairs
- Add new wooden Privacy fence abo toplore using pressure treated wood


## Items to Salvage

- Fireplace mantel from living room
- Old store door
- Wooden ladder beneath store
- Wood from coal divider beneath store


## EXISTING CONDITIONS



HISTORICAL CONDITIONS


(1) $\frac{\text { EXISTING FLOOR PLAN - BASEMENT }}{1 / 4^{\prime \prime}=1-00}$
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(3) EXISTING FLOOR PLAN - 2ND FLOOR
$1 / 4^{\prime \prime}=1-0^{\prime \prime}$

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4) EXISTING FLOOR PLAN - 3RD FLoor
$1 / 4^{\prime \prime}=1-0^{10}$



## ZONING AND FAR

overview



1) Existing basement
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3) PROPOSED BASEMENT
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(3) EXITTING 2ND FLOOR

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(5) $\frac{\text { PROPOSED PATIO SIDE ELEVATION }}{1 / 2^{\prime \prime}=1-0^{\prime \prime}}$

(3) $\frac{\text { EXITTING PATIO FORWARD ELEVATION }}{1 / 22^{\prime \prime}=11^{\circ}}$



