# **TOWN OF MILFORD**

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## **Administrative Review**

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To: Jason Plourde, Chair, Zoning Board of Adjustment

From: Lincoln Daley, Community Development Director

Subject:Case #2021-28: Dubay Group, Inc./Doug McGuire, 586 Nashua Street, Milford Tax Map 44, Lot<br/>6 – Variance Application, Open Space Requirements. (New Application)

The applicant is before the Board of Adjustment seeking a Special Exception from Milford Zoning Ordinance, Article V, Section 5.05.6 Open Space to permit a three lot subdivision with two of the proposed lots resulting in less than the required 30 percent open space in the Commercial 'C' Zoning District. In reviewing the files for this property, I offer the following comments:

- 1. Existing Conditions:
  - a. The subject property is approximately 15.386 acres with more than 600 linear feet of frontage on Nashua Street. The property is fully developed with minimal open space.
  - b. The property consists of two large, large multi-tenant plaza buildings. The property is access via of two dedicated signalized intersections on Nashua Street and serviced by municipal water and waste water.
  - c. The subject property is situated along the Town's primary commercial and multi-family corridor. To the west and south, the property is bounded by both residential and commercial uses. The Milford waste water treatment facility, Pan Am Railroad, and the Souhegan River lie to the north. To the east, the property abuts Nashua Street ant Route 101.
- 2. The proposal calls for the subdividing the parent lot into three total lots, 44-6, 44-6-3, and 44-6-4. The applicant seeks a variance from Article V, Section 5.05.6 Open Space to permit a three-lot minor subdivision (44-6, 44-6-3, and 44-6-4) with two of the respective lots, Lot 44-6 and 44-6-3, resulting in an open space coverage of less than 30 percent. The parent lot does not meet the open space requirement in its current configuration. The proposed subdivision would create one lot which would meet the open space requirement and two additional lots that have open space that fall below the 30% open space requirement pursuant to Section 5.05.6 Open Space. Please refer to the Applicant's application narrative for a summary of the purpose and intent of the proposed subdivision to create three total lots and Variance criteria.
- 3. Pursuant to Article V, Sections 5.05.6 Open Space, open space shall be provided for all uses, other than single-family and two-family dwellings, in an amount equal to not less than thirty (30) percent of the total lot area for properties in the Commercial 'C' Zoning District.
- 4. The applicant should be prepared to provide information regarding any/all alternative subdivision plans and/or expansion of the open space opportunities considered for the proposed properties.



Aerial Photos of Subject Property:



## **Street Photos of Subject Property:**







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# <u>ZBA Application – Variance</u> MILFORD ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

#### PROPERTY INFORMATION

Street Address: 586 Nashua Road

Tax Map / Parcel #: Map 44/Lot 6

A Variance is a use which is not permitted by the Zoning Ordinance. Approval from the Zoning Board of Adjustment is required to allow any use or deviation from the Zoning Ordinance. Please work with the Zoning Administrator to make sure your application is complete and you know what will be required of you at the hearing.

What section of the Zoning Ordinance are you asking to be varied?

Article <u>5</u> Section <u>5.05.6 Open Space</u>

Describe the variance you are requesting under the above section of the Ordinance. See Attached

Date Received: Case Number: 2121-28 Application #: Date Complete: Hearing Date: Decision Date: Decision:



#### **General Criteria Section 10.01**

Explain how the proposal meets the following conditions per New Hampshire RSA 674:33.1

1. Granting the Variance would not be contrary to the public interest because:

## See Attached

2. If the Variance were granted, the spirit of the ordinance would be observed because:

# See Attached

3. Granting the Variance would do substantial justice because:

## See Attached

4. Granting the Variance would not diminish the value of surrounding properties because:

## See Attached

5. Unnecessary Hardship:

This section is the central portion of your argument and is the critical factor that the Zoning Board of Adjustment will need to determine what is unique to your property and not generally applicable to other properties in the area or in town.



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A. Owing to special conditions of the property that distinguish it from other properties in the area; denial of the Variance would result in unnecessary hardship because:
 i. No fair and substantial relationship exists between the general public purposes of the ordinance provision and the

specific application of that provision to the property because :

See Attached

AND

ii. The proposed use is a reasonable one because:

See Attached

(B) Explain how, if the criteria in paragraph (A) are not established, an unnecessary hardship will be deemed to exist if, and only if, owing to special conditions of the property that distinguish it from other properties in the area, the property cannot be reasonably used in strict conformance with the Ordinance, and a Variance is therefore necessary to enable a reasonable use of it:

(C) Not withstanding paragraph (B) above, a Variance may be granted without finding a hardship arising from the terms of the Zoning Ordinance when reasonable accommodations are necessary to allow a person or persons with a recognized **physical disability** to reside in or regularly use the premises, provided that:

1. The Variance requested under this paragraph shall be in harmony with the general purpose and intent of the Zoning Ordinance because:

In addition, Variances may have extra criteria that must be met. This includes, but is not limited to:

**6.03.5 Floodplain Management**: The criteria for evaluation is listed in 6.03.5:B General Conditions and the applicable conditions are listed in 6.03.5:C. If your project is covered by this regulation, include your answers to the required criteria as specified in the referenced Section of the Milford Zoning Ordinance as an attachment under Section 3 C. of this application.

ATTACHMENTS – additional information may be needed to help the Zoning Board of Adjustment fully understand your petition. A. A plan of the property and all buildings, drawn to scale, is required.

B. A Building Permit Application as needed (to be determined by the building official.)

C. Additional explanations, justification, abutters' statements, letters, etc.

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From:	The Dubay Group, Inc Doug MacGuire, PE	Re	e:	Variance Request Open Space Requirement

The applicant is respectfully requesting the Zoning Board of Adjustment consider a variance from **Article V, Section 5.05.6 Open Space** to permit a three-lot minor subdivision with two of the respective lots resulting in an open space coverage of less than 30 percent. The subject parent parcel is an existing developed site located in the Commercial "C" zoning district. The 15.386 acre property has two buildings on site, with supporting infrastructure. The parent lot does not meet the open space requirement in its current configuration. The proposed subdivision creates one lot which would now meet the open space requirement and two additional lots which have open space comparable to the existing parent lot. Criteria for the variance are detailed below.

## *1. The Variance will not be contrary to the public interest because:*

The variance will not be contrary to the public interest because the use of the site shall remain unchanged following the proposed subdivision. There shall be no alteration of open space on-site. Essentially, the proposed three-lot minor subdivision will provide a more efficient way to differentiate between the existing tenants on-site, but the functionality of the two-building development shall remain unchanged. The circulation of the plaza development will remain the same as well, with all islands and open space areas remaining as existing.

## 2. The spirit of the Ordinance is observed because:

The spirit of the Ordinance is observed because there is no proposed development or revisions to the two buildings and their open space areas on-site. Instead, the minor subdivision shall provide the ability for ownership to differentiate between tenants. All operations shall remain consistent to the existing functions of the site at this time.

## 3. Substantial justice is done because:

Substantial justice is done through the granting of this variance because the variance will allow for separate ownership of different buildings and land uses on site. The site open space shall remain unchanged.



#### 4. The values of surrounding properties are not diminished because:

The values of surrounding properties are not diminished because the site will remain unchanged. The proposed minor subdivision shall not change any features on-site, including open space. Therefore, the value of the surrounding properties will also remain unchanged based upon the parcel in question.

5. Literal enforcement of the provisions of the ordinance would result in an unnecessary hardship.

Literal enforcement of the provisions of the ordinance would provide the hardship of ownership allocation for the overall development. Without the proposed minor subdivision, the ownership shall remain as one over the entirety of the uses on-site; where the three proposed lots would allow for a distinction of ownership among the tenants.

A. Owing to special conditions of the property that distinguish it from other properties in the area; denial of the variance would create an unnecessary hardship because:

*i.* No fair and substantial relationship exists between the general public purposes of the Ordinance provision and the specific application of that provision to the property because:

The general public purposes of the Ordinance are maintained because the site as a whole shall remain unchanged, including the open space of the site. The specific application of the provision in question relates solely to the minor subdivision providing different ownership between the three lots.

*ii.* The proposed use is a reasonable one because:

The proposed use is reasonable because the use is consistent with the existing use onsite. The uses shall remain the same, along with the layout of the site, but the delineation of the three lots will allow the potential of separate ownership of the various onsite uses.

