APPLICATION NUMBER

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A REQUEST FOR

USE, PARKING SURFACE, AND ACCESS/MANEUVERING VARIANCES TO RE-OPEN AN EXISTING VARIANCE TO ALLOW THE EXPANSION OF AN EXISTING DAYCARE IN AN R-1, SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT, TO ALLOW AN AGGREGATE SURFACE PARKING LOT, AND SUBSTANDARD DRIVEWAYS; A DAYCARE IS ALLOWED WITH PLANNING APPROVAL IN A B-1, BUFFER BUSINESS DISTRICT OR BY RIGHT IN A B-2, NEIGHORBORHOOD BUSINESS DISTRICT, THE ZONING ORDINANCE REQUIRES ALL PARKING TO BE ASPHALT, CONCRETE OR AN APPROVED ALTERNATIVE PAVING SURFACE, AND A 12' WIDE DRIVE IS REQUIRED FOR ONE WAY ACCESS.

LOCATED AT

2910 PLEASANT VALLEY ROAD

(North side of Pleasant Valley Road, 110' + East of Lundy Lane)

APPLICANT

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BOARD OF ZONING ADJUSTMENT MAY 2003 The applicant is requesting Use, Parking Surface and Access/Maneuvering Variances to re-open an existing variance to allow the expansion of an existing daycare in an R-1, Single-Family Residential District, to allow an aggregate surface parking lot, and substandard driveways; a daycare is allowed with Planning Approval in a B-1, Buffer Business District and by right in a B-2, Neighborhood Business District, the Zoning Ordinance requires all parking to be asphalt, concrete or an approved alternative paving surface, and a 12' wide drive is required for one way access.

The site was granted Use and Parking Variances in February 2003 for an expansion of the daycare. The variance that is now being requested is to enlarge the size of the previously approved building. The applicant now proposes to construct a 2,760 square foot detached building instead of the 1,200 square foot building building that was approved in the February variance. The applicant states that if approved, the proposed additional building would enhance the productivity of the business and landscaping will also be provided.

The property has been used as a day care since 1975, and since that time, the character of the area has changed to a more commercial and high density residential development, thus it is improbable that the property will ever be occupied with a residential use.

Regarding the parking variance request, the site is currently developed with a small gravel area in front of the building that does not provide adequate parking or drive width. As proposed, adequate parking spaces would be provided, thus improving the overall parking situation. Additionally, it should be noted that with the additional parking and building, compliance with the City's Flood Plain Land Use Ordinance would be required.

The Zoning Ordinance states that no variance shall be granted where economics are the basis for the application; and, unless the Board is presented with sufficient evidence to find that the variance will not be contrary to the public interest, and that special conditions exist such that a literal enforcement of the Ordinance will result in an unnecessary hardship. The Ordinance also states that a variance should not be approved unless the spirit and intent of the Ordinance is observed and substantial justice done to the applicant and the surrounding neighborhood.

Based upon the preceeding, this application is recommended for approval subject to the following conditions: 1) compliance with the City's Flood Plain Land Use Ordinance; 2) full compliance with the landscaping and tree planting requirements of the Ordinance; and 3) the provision of a buffer around the West, North and East property lines.



