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## TOWN OF BELMONT ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

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Case No.

OWNIERS Applicants: 19-17

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Reenu[Pandy] and Kartikeya Pant

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Property:

17-19 Francis Street

Date of Public Hearing:

May 13, 2019

Members Sitting:

Nicholas Iannuzzi, Chair James Zarkadas, Vice Chair

Andrew Plunkett Phil Ruggiero

Casey Williams (Associate Member) Blake Currier (Associate Member)

Members Voting:

Nicholas Iannuzzi, Chair James Zarkadas, Vice Chair

Andrew Plunkett Phil Ruggiero

Blake Currier (Associate Member)

This matter came before the Board of Appeals (the "Board") of the Town of Belmont (the "Town") acting as Special Permit Granting Authority under the Zoning By-Law of the Town of Belmont, Massachusetts (the "By-Law") and Chapter 40A of the Massachusetts General Law (the "Zoning Act"). The applicants, Reenu Pandy and Kartikeya Pant ("Applicant") seek two Special Permits under Section 1.5 of the Zoning Bylaw to construct a Dormer Expansion. Special Permits –1.- §1.5.4 A of the Zoning By-Law allows preexisting non-conforming structures to be extended or altered by a Special Permit granted by the Zoning Board of Appeals. 2.- §4.2.2 of the By-Law requires a minimum front setback of 14.9", the existing and proposed front setback is 6.4".

The applicants propose to add two bedrooms and a bathroom in the attic space of an existing two bedrooms and one bathroom unit, making in total 4 bedrooms and 2 bathrooms by raising the existing ridgeline of the structure to allow for more headroom for living space and adding a dormer on the south elevation.

The applicants had submitted for the Board's review architectural drawings dated April 12, 2019, a plot plan dated April 3, 2019, Zoning checklist dated April 10, 2019 and 6 signatures from neighbors supporting their project.

The Board held a duly noticed hearing on the application on May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Mr. Fred Dill, the architect of the project made a presentation to the Board. During the hearing Mr. Dill presented details of the proposed plan and answered the Board's questions regarding the existing ceiling height in the attic and the necessity to raise the ridge to allow for better headroom for a habitable space in addition to other matters related to the proposed construction. He noted that the alterations requested is common in this neighborhood.

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During the hearing, no one spoke in support or in opposition to the proposed alterations.

§1.5.3. of the Town's Zoning By-Law provides that the Board may issue a Special Permit to reconstruct, extend, alter, or change a nonconforming structure "only if it determines that such reconstruction, extension, alternation, or change does not increase the nonconforming nature of said structure or create a new nonconformity and shall not be substantially more detrimental than the existing nonconforming structure to the neighborhood and that it shall be in keeping with the character of the neighborhood in which it is located."

The Board deliberated on May 13, 2019. The Board found that the proposed alteration and the dormer addition does not increase the nonconforming nature of the structure or create a new nonconformity. The Board noted that there are existing residences in the neighborhood which have similar dormers. The Board concluded that the proposed alteration is not substantially more detrimental than the existing non-conforming structure to the neighborhood and that the proposed alteration is in keeping with the character of the neighborhood in which it is located.

Accordingly, upon motion duly made by Jim Zarkadas, vice chair, and seconded by Blake Currier, the Board voted 5-0 to grant the Two Special Permits as requested.

For the Board,

Dated: August 12, 2019

Ara Yogurtian Assistant Director

Office of Community Development

## **CERTIFICATION**

I, Ellen O'Brien Cushman, hereby certify that twenty (20) days have elapsed after the decision was filed in the office of the Belmont Town Clerk on August 12, 2019, and further I certify that no appeal has been filed with regard to the granting of said two (2) Special Permits with zero (0) conditions.

September 3, 2019

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