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April 5, 2024

### VIA USPS EXPRESS MAIL AND ELECTRONIC MAIL

Zoning Board of Appeals c/o
Cassie Hammond, Administrative Ass't
Building and Inspection Department
Bourne Town Hall
24 Perry Avenue
Buzzards Bay, MA 02532-3441; and

Barry H. Johnson, Town Clerk Bourne Town Hall 24 Perry Avenue Buzzards Bay, MA 02532-3441

RE: Application for Modification of Variance; Lot 10, Tecumseh Road, Sagamore Beach, Massachusetts

Dear Ms. Hammond and Mr. Johnson:

Enclosed with respect to the above referenced matter please find the original application and 11 copies, application fee (\$200 + \$75.00 + \$75.00 [10 abutters @ \$7.50] = \$350.00), related and required documents and the application packet check list.

Please acknowledge your office's receipt of these documents by date stamping the enclosed copy of Page 1 of the application marked "COPY" and mailing it to me in the enclosed self-addressed stamped envelope.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,

Mark J. Lanza, Attorney for Kevin Sweigert, Trustee,

Ten Tecumseh Road Nominee Trust

MJL/ms Enclosures

# Application Packet Check List (Please Check Appropriate Box)

Application: S	Supportive Finding Special Permit Variance - Modification -
	Building Inspector Decision Appeal
Applicant Nam	ie: <u>Kevin Sweigert, Trustee, Ten Tecumseh Rd. Nom. Tr.</u> Telephone: (978) 369-91
	ess: Lot 10, Tecumseh Road, Sagamore Beach
Submission Re	<u>auirements</u>
	The original and eleven (12) copies of the completed and signed application.
X	Twelve (12) copies of the Bourne Assessors Map (from the Town Engineering Department).
	Twelve (12) copies Certified Plot Plan - N/A - No construction is involved. (NOTE: This is a required document for new construction, additions or modifications to existing structures).
	Twelve (12) copies of a Building Plan if needed for clarification.N/A
	Twelve (12) copies of registered subdivision plans Enclosed for (NOTE: pertaining only to cases subdividing land), informational purposes No land division is proposed.
$\boxtimes$	Two (2) certified list of "Parties of Interest" (Abutters). Ordered 4/5 PleaseAsses the forpylogated after this checklist and submit to the
X	Twelve (12) copies of driving directions to the property from Town Hall.
	Twelve (12) copies of the GFA worksheet signed by the Town Planner (located on pg. 29) - N/A.
	Copy of Kennel Report from Natural Resources (prior to submitting application) N/A.
$\boxtimes$	An electronic copy of entire submission emailed to chammond(a)townotbourne.com or on a thumb drive.

Condominium Section	n - Additional Documents:	
	Signed document from the condominium association attesting to the fact that the applicant's proposal does not conflict with their rules/regulations and/or master deed if such are applicable. NA	
	Letter of approval from the Bourne Fire Department attesting that there are no safety, traffic or other problems related to the proposed alterations. N/A - No alterations are proposed (This will be done in-house after the application has been submitted)	
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(Signature) - Town Cle	erk Date	

#### Town of Bourne Zoning Board of Appeals

# PETITION FOR VARIANCE FROM THE BOURNE ZONING BYLAW - MODIFICATION Under Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40A, Section 10

	Date: April 5, 2024				
1.	Applicant Full Name: Kevin Sweigert, Trustee, Ten Tecumseh Road Nominee Trust				
2.	Mailing Address: c/o Mark J. Lanza, Esq., 9 Damonmill Square - Suite 4A4				
3.	City/State/Zip: Concord, MA 01742				
4.	Telephone: (978) 369-9100 Email: _mj lanza@comcast.net _mj lanza@comcast.net				
5.	Property Owner Full Name (if different): Same as Applicant				
6.	Mailing Address: 88 Oak Street				
7.	City/State/Zip: Hyannis, MA 02601				
8.	Telephone: N/A				
9.	Property Affected Address: Lot 10, Tecumseh Road				
10	Village/Section of Town: Sagamore Beach				
11	Zoning District: R40 Map: 4.3 Parcel 30 Book: 16884 Page: 125				
12	Dimensions of Lot: 114 119.5 Area: 15.160 (Frontage) (Minimum Average Width) (Square Feet)				
13	. What section(s) of the Zoning Bylaw are you seeking a Variance from: N/A - Modification [Refer to Section Number(s)]				
14	Describe briefly the nature of your request:  Modification of the variance (Exhibit B) filed with the Town Clerk on May 13, 2002, recorded at the Barnstable County Registry of Deeds on June 10, 2002 and determined by the Land Court on March 1, 2024 to be in effect by deleting therefrom the condition that the unit be used by a family member.				

### Petition of Variance (continued)

a) what conditions relating to the s	nation necessary to answer the following: soil conditions, shape or topography of the land affect ffecting the zoning district in which the parcel is locate	xt ed?
N/A - This is an application for modification		
b) How would substantial hardship, applicant by literal enforcement of	o, financial or otherwise be imposed on the petitioner of the Zoning Bylaw?	or
N/A - This is an application for modification	n of an existing variance only.	
c) Why would the requested variance	nce not be substantially detrimental to public good?	
N/A - This is an application for modification	n of an existing variance only.	
d) Why would the requested variance purpose of the Zoning Bylaws?  N/A - This is an application for modification	nce not nullify or substantially derogate from the internal of an existing variance only.	it or
16. Supporting Documents: (Check	( what documents are included)	
Bourne Assessors Map:	Plot/Site Plan: Building Plan:	
List of Abutters	Other: Supporting Statement - Exhibit A	
Directions to the site	Lot Coverage/Gross Floor Area Worksheet: N/A	
Petitioner Signature:	Date: April 5, 2024	
Mark J. Lanza Attorney for t	a, Esq. the Applicant	

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## **EXHIBIT A**

# SUPPORTING STATEMENT APPLICATION FOR MODIFICATION OF VARIANCE

The variance should be modified as requested for the following reasons.

### Vagueness-Ambiguity

The subject condition is not clear and can be interpreted in several ways. Recent experiences are the best evidence.

The applicant interpreted it to mean that the housing unit on Lot 10 must be used by a family member of the owner of Lot 10. On appeal to the ZBA, at least 2 members of the ZBA interpreted it consistent with the Building Commissioner's interpretation – that the housing unit on Lot 10 must be used by a member of the family of the applicant for the variance, Gary Lepore. On appeal to the Land Court, the Judge interpreted it to mean that the housing unit on Lot 10 must be used by a family member of the owner(s) of abutting 12 Tecumseh Road.

Perhaps, there are other interpretations of the condition. Eliminating the condition will eliminate the confusion.

Further, "family member" is not a defined term in the variance decision or in the Town's Zoning Bylaws. In these times, the concept of family is ever changing and can vary among diverse groups of people.

### Enforcement

The condition is perpetual. It does not expire with the passage of time as some deed restrictions lapse, if not extended. The problems with it would be never ending.

Enforcing the condition could be challenging, disruptive to the occupants and owners and costly to the Town. It would also involve privacy issues.

This problem is compounded by the lack of a definition of "family member".

### Potential Discriminatory Effect

Lastly, both Federal and State law broadly prohibit discrimination in housing based on certain characteristics including race, color, familial status and national origin. See 42 U.S.C. § 3604 and M.G.L. c. 151B, § 4. These laws prohibit towns from using their zoning powers in a discriminatory manner, meaning in a manner that has the purpose or effect of limiting or interfering with housing opportunities available to members of a protected class. Violations occur when a town uses its zoning power to intentionally discriminate against a member of a protected class or when such zoning power has a discriminatory impact on members of a protected class. See Arlington Heights v. Metropolitan Housing Development Corp., 429 U.S. 252, 265 (1977). Discriminatory effect can occur when a zoning rule, neutral on its face, is applied in a manner to exclude members of a protected class. In discriminatory impact cases, once it has been shown that a neutral action has a discriminatory impact, the burden shifts to the defendant to show that its actions furthered a legitimate bona-fide government interest and that no alternative would serve that interest with less discriminatory effect. See Huntington Branch, NAACP v. Town of Huntington, 844 F.2d 926, 939 (2d Cir.) (1988). The restriction in the variance limiting the use of the property to a family member could have the effect of limiting or interfering with housing opportunities available to members of a protected class, even though it was intended to do so.

### **EXHIBIT B**

06-10-2002 a 08:53a



# TOWN OF BOURNE

**Board of Appeals** 

24 Perry Avenue Buzzards Bay, MA 02532



Appeal #02-15 Gary Lepore c/o Robert W. Parady

CERTIFIED TRUE AND CORRECT COPY OF ORIGINAL

DOCUMENT TRANSMITTED

FOR RECORDATION

A Public Hearing was held in The Lower Level Conference Room at Bourne Town hall upon petition of: Gary L. Lepore C/o Robert Parady petitions for a Variance from the provisions of Section 2500 of the Bourne Zoning Bylaw, the petitioner seeks a Variance from the provisions of Section 2500 minimum lot area and lot frontage requirements of the Bourne Zoning Bylaw in order to be able to build a single-family residence at 10 Tecumseh Road, Sagamore Beach. Premises Affected: 10 Tecumseh Road, Sagamore Beach, MA, Map 4.3 Parcel 30, located in a R-40 zoning district.

Notice of public hearing was given to all parties of interest as defined by Chapter 40A, Section 11, M.G.L., by mail, postage prepaid and by publication in The Enterprise, a newspaper, published in Falmouth and circulated in Bourne.

The following members for the Board of Appeals were present and voting: John Priestley, Chairman Lee Berger Burns Roper Sharon Travers-Gay Anne Deane

Application received by the Bourne Town Clerk on March 4,2002.

Attorney Robert Parady represented the petitioner in seeking variance from Section 2500, minimum lot size, in order to make the lot at 10 Techumeseh Rd. buildable for a single-family residense

The following is provided by way of background.

In 1968, both lots 10 and 11 were owned by Emelio Lepore and Louise Lepore, the mother and father of the petitioner. In 1977, both lots were owned by Louise Lepore. Later in 1977, lot 10 was conveyed to the petitioner and at that time grandfathered by State law, since it was in ownership separate and apart from all adjoining land. In 1992, Louise Lepore, the sole owner of lot 11, conveyed it to herself and the petitioner. Lot 10 remained grandfathered because it stayed in the name of the petitioner alone.

On July 28, 1995, the petitioner and his mother, as owners of Lot 11, conveyed lot 11 solely to the petitioner for estate planning reasons. This action, unknown to the petitioners, made Lots 10 and 11 as contiguous non-conforming lots in the same ownership, thereby losing the State grandfather protection and making Lot 10 unbuildable.

There was a zoning By-law provision if effect, Section 2410, which until January 1, 1978 would have afforded Lot 10 grandfather protection, nothwithstanding any statutory protection. This local zoning bylaw section afforded grandfather protection to contiguous non-conforming lots which contained 10,000 square feet of more in area and 80 foot or more frontage, further provided that the planning board certified all applicable requirements of the subdivision control law had been met. Section 2410 was later amended in 1979 to protect certain contiguous lots having more than 13,000 square feet in area. This amended provision would still afforded grandfather protection, since the subject lot is 15,160 square feet in area. Later, Section 2410 was repealed.

In 1995, when Lot 11 was conveyed to the petitioner for estate planning purposed, the petitioner and his mother both innocently believed that the subject lot, Lot 10, was grandfathered by the 1977 conveyance, and the fact that subsequent to this conveyance, and until the present, the Town has assessed Lot 11 as a buildable lot, most recently for \$52,000, generating a tax of \$754 just for FY 2002.

Building a new home on this lot would not in any way be detrimental to the public good.

The Board found that a literal enforcement of the Zoning bylaw would impose a substantial hardship.

The motion to grant with condition that the unit be used by a family member.

Motion to grant was made by Burns Roper and seconded by Lee Burger.

Record to vote 5-0.
John Priestley, Chairman
Lee Berger-Grant
Burns Roper-Grant
Anne Deane- Grant
Sharon Travers-Gay

#### **RIGHT TO APPEAL**

Anyone aggrieved by this decision may appeal pursuant to Chapter 40A, Section 17, M.G.L., within twenty days of this decision with the Bourne Town Clerk.

John Murtly, JH Chairman, John Priestley

JP/jh

Massachusetts General Laws.

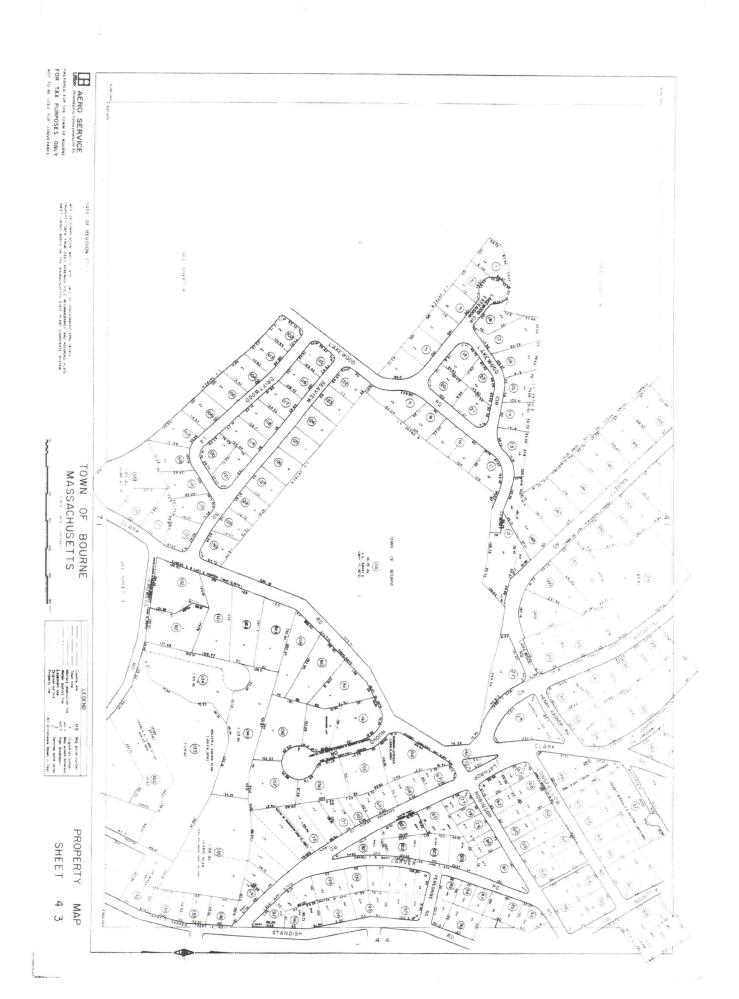
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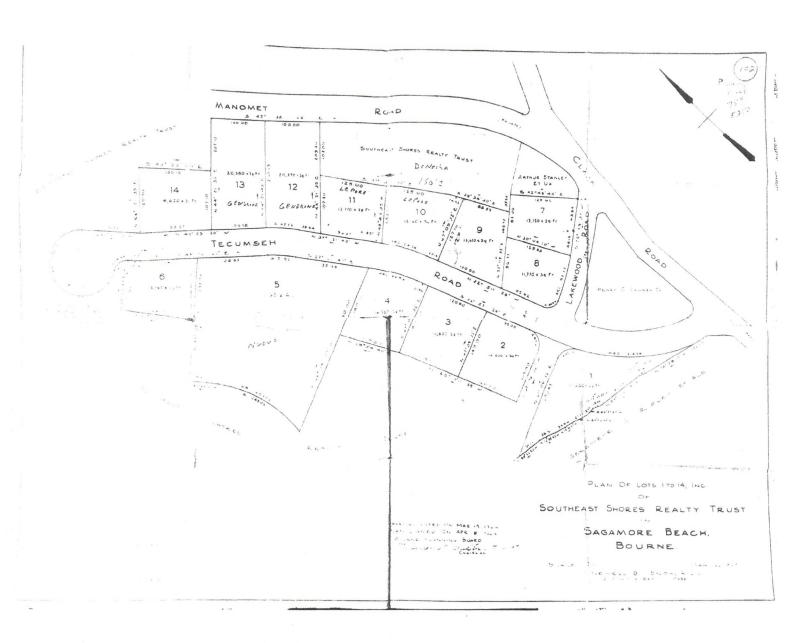
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### **DIRECTIONS TO PREMISES**

Take best driving route to Sagamore Bridge Flyover. Go to Scusset Beach Road. Proceed on Scusset Beach Road about 0.4 mile to Old Plymouth Road. Turn left onto Old Plymouth Road. Proceed about 0.8 mile to Clark Road, on your right. Turn onto Clark Road. Proceed on Clark Road 0.4 mile to Tecumseh Road on your left. Turn left onto Tecumseh Road. Proceed 0.1 mile. Lot is on your right, just after house at 8 Tecumseh Road.

Your Confirmation number is 20240404933357

Date of Confirmation: 4/4/2024

NOTE: When paying by ACH (Checking) it will take two business days for the payment to be debited from your bank account. Your account number is not verified until this payment is presented to your bank. They have the right to return this payment if unable to process this transaction against your account.

Your request for payment(s) of \$27.50 has been received and is subject to approval by your financial institution.

Quantity

#### **Account Information**

#### **Payment Information**

Name:

Mark J Lanza

**Payment Type:** 

Credit Card

Address:

11 Meadow Drive

Payer Name:

Mark J Lanza

Fee

\$2.50

City:

Sudbury

Card Number:

Amount

\$25.00

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MA

Zip:

01776

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mjlanza@comcast.net

#### **Transaction Information**

**Transaction** 

Town of Bourne - Assessor's Office

Abutter's List

Date: 04/04/2024

Business Name: Mark J. Lanza,

Attorney at Law

Parcel: Map 4.3, Lot 30

Contact Person: Mark J. Lanza, Esq.,

Attorney for Landowner

Contact Address: 9 Damonmill Square

- Suite 4 A4, Concord, MA 01742 Contact Phone Number: 978-369-

9100

Email Address: mjlanza@comcast.net

Purpose: Variance

Name of Board: Zoning Board of

Appeals

Location of Property: Lot 10, Tecumseh Road, Sagamore

Beach, MA

Owner of Property: Kevin Sweigert,

Trustee, Ten Tecumseh Road

Nominee Trust

Comments: Please send list to ZBA for Variance Modification App'n

Total: \$27.50

Privacy - Terms

Your Confirmation number is 20240404933417

Date of Confirmation: 4/4/2024

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Quantity

**Amount** \$25.00

**Fee** \$2.50

Payment Type Credit Card

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### REQUEST FOR CERTIFIED ABUTTERS LIST

REQUESTED BY:  Mark J. Lanza, Esq., attorney for Kevin Sweigert, Trustee,  NAME: Ten Tecumseh Road Nominee Trust  ADDRESS: 9 Damonmill Square - Suite 4A4	Waiver of SP/SPR Site Plan Review  Zoning Board of Appeals X Variance - Modification Special Permit
CITY: Concord, MA ZIP: 01742	Appeal B.I. Decision
PHONE: _(978) 369-9100 (Office) or (781) 249-8687 (Cell)	Cape Cod Commission
EMAIL: _mjlanza@comcast.net	Board of Selectmen: Special Permit Liquor License
SUBJECT PROPERTY:	□ Board of Health
LOCATION_Lot 10, Tecumseh Road, Sagamore Beach, MA  MAP/PARCEL_4.3/30	☐ Conservation Commission  RDA  NOI
Assessors Office Use Only ABUTTERS:	
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Check appropriate purpose:

Special Permit Sub-division

Planning Board