Form revised 10/2/19

City of Newburyport Zoning Board of Appeals Application for a VARIANCE

Petitioner:	Katchen K. Gerig		
Mailing Address:	c/o Lisa Mead, Mead, Talerman & C	osta LLC, 30	Green Street, Nbpt.
Phone:	978-463-7700	Email:	lisa@mtclawyers.com
Property Address:	138 State Street		
Map and Lot(s):	Map 35, Lot 13-A/B		Zoning District: R-3
Book and Page(s):	Bk. 37985, Pg. 228 & Bk. 34268, Pg	. 523	
Owner(s) Name:	Katchen K. Gerig, Tr. of Katchen K.	Gerig Rev. T	rust & Susan C. Ferlazzo, Tr. of Sus
Mailing Address (if o	different): 2 E. Boylston St., Nbpt. (Ger	ig); 7 Lorum (St., Nbpt. (Ferlazzo)
	uesting a Variance from section(s): termination form supplied by the Zoning Administrator		
Lot Area	pace Side Yard prage Rear Yard Lot Width	Parking (VII) PIOD (XXI) FAR 2 ½ stories Footprint expans	ansion
	of existing variance (please attach)	Other:	

Request:

Variance to allow for creation of a new parcel to be joined by adjacent land with no new buildings or construction but to allow a land swap between two neighboring lots.

All information contained within this application will become a formal part of the Zoning Board of Appeals proceedings and decision.

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	Existing Dimensional Controls	Proposed Dimensional Controls	Required Dimensional Controls
Lot Area	14,832 sq. ft.	12,000 sq. ft.	12,000 sq. ft.
Frontage	60.66 ft.	60.66 ft.	100 ft.
Height*	NM	NM	35 ft.
Lot Coverage (%)**	12.5%	15.4%	30%
Open Space (%)***	77.5%	72.2%	35%
Front Setback	0.5 ft.	0.5 ft.	20 ft.
Side A Setback	5.2 ft.	5.2 ft.	10 ft.
Side B Setback	22.2 ft.	22.2 ft.	10 ft.
Rear Setback	152 ft.	52.6 ft.	20 ft.
Parking Spaces	,		
FAR****			

^{*}Height is measured to median roof line.

Any advice, opinion, or information given by any board member or any other official or employee of the City of Newburyport shall not be binding on the Zoning Board of Appeals. It shall be the responsibility of the petitioner to furnish all supporting documentation with this application. The dated copy of this application received by the City Clerk or Planning Office does not absolve the petitioner from this responsibility. The petitioner shall be responsible for all expenses for the filing, publication, and legal notification. Failure to comply with the application requirements, as cited herein and in the Zoning Board Rules and Regulations may result in a dismissal by the ZBA of this application as incomplete.

Petitioner's and Owner's signature(s):

^{**}Total building footprint divided by the lot area expressed as a percentage.

^{***}Area unoccupied by building, parking areas, or driveways expressed as a percentage of lot area. Pools, patios, and decks may be included in open space.

^{****}FAR is only applicable in the Plum Island Overlay District (PIOD).

CITY OF NEWBURYPORT, MA ZONING DETERMINATION

APR# 2020-004

Name: _	Katchen Gerig and Dan Wittner/ Susan C Ferlazzo c/o Lisa Mead MTC, LLC				
Address:	138 State Street	Zoning District(s):			
Request:	Adjust lot lines on preexisting non conforming compliance with current dimensional controls. to abutter at 2 East Boylston Street.	property requiring a Variar Create non buildable pard	nce due to lack of cel to be transferred		
	NING BOARD REVIEW REQUIRED /ariance	Sign Variance Signs (VIII) Type Lighting Other	☐ Size ☐ Location		
5	Table of Use Regulations (V.D) #:	Special Permit for Non-Confo Extension or Alteration Parking Upward Extension Open Space Height Lot Area Use Over 500 sf. increase (Plum Island Overlay Dis FAR Lot Coverage	(IX.B.2) Rear Yard Lot Coverage Side Yard Lot Frontage Front Yard		
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cor	NSERVATION COMMISSION REVIEW REQUIRED	1. 18h J.A	01/08/2020		
		ewburyport Zoning Administrator	Date		



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In Hand

January 10, 2020

Zoning Board of Appeals City of Newburyport 60 Pleasant Street Newburyport, Massachusetts 01950

Re: 138 State Street (the "Property") / Variance Application
Map 35 Lot 13-A/B

Dear Chair and Members of the Board:

Reference is made to the above captioned matter. In that connection, this firm represents buyers of a portion of the Property, Katchen Gerig Wittner, and Dan Wittner, who together with the other owner of the Property, Susan C. Ferlazzo, Trustee of the Susan C. Ferlazzo Trust of May 14, 2001, are referred to as the Applicants herein. So as to eliminate any confusion, the Wittner's own the property located adjacent to the Property located at 2 East Boylston Street (Map 35, Lot 11) as well. The Applicants are proposing to convey a portion of the Property to the Wittners in order for them to own it exclusively as part of the East Boylston Street property. The Applicants now request zoning relief required for the Property at 138 State Street relative to the proposed the sale of a portion of the Property. See plan attached showing the lots after the proposed sale.

The Property is located in the R3 Zoning District. There is no construction or changes to the existing building on the property as a result of the purchase of land. The land being purchased is in the back of the Property and is more particularly shown on the Plan. The use of the Building is and will remain as a two-unit condo. This use is allowed in the R3 district as two-family residential.

After the proposed sale, the Property will continue to meet the lot area, open space, lot coverage, and rear yard setback requirements of the Newburyport Zoning Ordinance ("Ordinance") after the small portion is sold.

More specifically, the total lot size will be reduced from the existing amount of 14,832 sq. ft. to 12,000 sq. ft. where a minimum of 12,000 sq. ft. is required. The rear setback will also be reduced to 52.6 feet which is more than the 20 feet required. The lot coverage will increase to about 15.4% but this is still less than the maximum of 30% allowed and open space changes to 72.2% where a minimum of 35% is required as well. The building height is less than 35 feet where a maximum height is 35 feet. All of these are within the dimensional requirements for two-family use in the R-3 District.

While the other dimensional numbers will remain unchanged including frontage, front setback, and side setback, these are not within the dimensional requirements and will require variances as a result of the creation of a new lot. The property has 60.66 feet of frontage where it needs 100 feet. The front yard setback is 0.5 feet where 20 feet are needed. One of the side setbacks is 5.2 feet where 10 feet are needed.

Absolutely no change will be occurring to the existing non-conformities. However, as you are aware, by changing lot lines, a new lot is created. In turn, the creation of the new lot renders this structure, which was once a preexisting non-conforming structure, a structure that is now noncompliant with zoning for frontage, front setback, and one side setback. See Ordinance Section VI-A-1. The lot size reduction would leave the Property otherwise in conformity with all dimensional requirements of the Ordinance.

Variance from Frontage, Front-Yard, and Side-Yard Setback Requirements

Pursuant to Section X-H(6) of the Zoning Ordinance, "[t]he [Z]oning [B]oard of [A]ppeals shall have the power... a variance... from the terms of this zoning ordinance..." Here, the grant of a variance by the Board is consistent with the standards of G.L. c. 40A, § 10 and said Section X-H(6).

To reiterate, the use of the structure and land at 138 State Street will remain unchanged, only a reduction in lot size is contemplated. The shape of the lot is unique in that it has a slight trapezoid type of shape and a very sharp angle at the northwestern point of the lot. Topographically, there is a strong slope going from the State Street side of the property all the way down to the abutting property on the westerly side of the lot and further downwards to the nearby Fulton's Pit. Viewing the property from State Street reveals the structure was built on a slight lip, where the ground on the State Street side is slightly lower, then it rises in the middle of the structure, and then decreases again as the major slope begins. For reference, we include with this application the street view from Google Maps looking at the northerly side of 138 State Street showing this topographical feature.

Another feature that shows the severity of the slope is the massive concrete barrier between the lot at 2 Boylston Street, the Property and also 140 State Street. We also include two street view photos from Google maps looking up at the concrete barrier from 2 East Boylston Street. Looking up at the Property from 2 Boylston Street the barrier both shields the East Boylston property as well making the slope less severe for 140 State Street. The existence of this barrier shows the difficulty by which it is to have a structure on the sloped landscape in this neighborhood. However, while 140 State Street has the benefit of the barrier to help create a flatter lot, the Property does not. In fact, the current location of the structure is the only place where a structure could be located on the lot due to the topography.

According to the Zoning Ordinance, a hardship may be found to exist "[w]here by reason of . . . unusual shape of a specific site. . . the literal enforcement of the requirements of this [Zoning Ordinance] pertaining to yards or other space relationships. . . would result in exceptional practical difficulties or exceptional and undue hardship upon the owner of such property." See Zoning Ordinance, § X-H(6)(D)(1). Here the Property is uniquely shaped, and deals with a severe slope from front to back of the property. The portion of the Property being sold is located far from the structure. By going through with the sale, the Applicants hope to increase the conformity of 2 East Boylston Street with the Ordinance by purchasing a non-buildable parcel that will merge with the 2 East Boylston Street parcel.

The proposal does not derogate from the intent and purpose of the Ordinance as the proposed reduction in lot area does not change the existing non-conformities of the Property and the Property remains compliant for lot area. Indeed, as noted above, the division of the Property will allow the adjacent East Boylston Street property to become more compliant with the Ordinance.

Further, the proposed change will not be detrimental to the neighborhood as there will be no impacts on any neighbors as a result of the granting of the variance.

To reiterate, the location of the structure on the Property is unchanged and there will be no new construction. The reduction in lot size is the only change. The structure will become non-compliant with zoning, but as a practical matter will be no closer to the side lot line or the front lot line than it was before, nor will the amount of frontage change. The Property currently is a preexisting non-conforming lot and the Applicants did not choose to create these conditions.

The use of the Property will also remain unchanged and the Property will simply be slightly smaller in size but still comply with the required lot area in the district. The proposed lot size reduction will not create any inconsistencies with surrounding properties in the R-3 district. There are a number of other residential structures and lots in the neighborhood which are also non-conforming with side setbacks, front setbacks, and frontage. The Property is adequate in size to allow for a small reduction in lot size that will not adversely impact any neighboring property owner, nor be inconsistent with the Ordinance. Based on the foregoing, the Applicant requests that the Board grant a variance for the Property.

Respectfully submitted, Katchen Gerig Wittner

By Her Attorney, LLM by B.W. Y

Lisa L. Mead

cc: client

138 STATE ST UNIT 1

Location 138 STATE ST UNIT 1

MBLU 35/13/A//

Owner GERIG KATCHEN K TRS

Assessment \$457,900

PID 101352

Building Count 1

Current Value

Assessment					
Valuation Year Improvements Land Total					
2020	\$457,900	\$0	\$457,900		

Owner of Record

Owner

GERIG KATCHEN K TRS

Sale Price \$310,310

Co-Owner KATCHEN K GERIG REVOCABLE TRUST

2 EAST BOYLSTON ST

Certificate

Book & Page 37985/0228

Address

NEWBURYPORT, MA 01950

Sale Date

10/30/2019

Instrument

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Ownership History

Ownership History						
Owner Sale Price Certificate Book & Page Instrument Sale Date						
GERIG KATCHEN K TRS	\$310,310		37985/0228	1S	10/30/2019	
HSBC BANK USA TRS	\$440,000		37021/0345	1L	09/18/2018	
KRAPOHL PATRICIA	\$241,000		16971/0220	00	03/16/2001	

Building Information

Building 1: Section 1

Year Built:

1900

Living Area:	1,300			
Building Attributes				
Field	Description			
STYLE	Condominium			
MODEL	Res Condo			
Stories:	2 Stories			
Occupancy	1			
Interior Wall 1:	Plastered			
Interior Wall 2:				
Interior Floor 1	Hardwood			
Interior Floor 2				

Building Photo



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Heat Fuel:	Gas
Heat Type:	Hot Water
AC Type:	None
Ttl Bedrms:	2 Bedrooms
Ttl Bathrms:	1 Full
Ttl Half Bths:	0
Xtra Fixtres	
Total Rooms:	6 Rooms
Bath Style:	Average
Kitchen Style:	Average
Kitchen Grd	
Grade	Average
Stories:	2
Residential Units:	2
Exterior Wall 1:	Clapboard
Exterior Wall 2:	
Roof Structure	Gable/Hip
Roof Cover	Asph/F Gls/Cmp
Cmrcl Units:	0
Section #:	0
Parking Spaces	0 .
Section Style:	0
Foundation	
Security:	
Cmplx Cnd	
Xtra Field 1:	
Remodel Ext:	
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Building La	yout
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Building Sub-Areas (sq ft)			Legend	
Code	Description	Description Gross Area		
BAS	First Floor	1,300	1,300	
FBM	Basement, Finished	309	0	
	,	1,609	1,300	

Extra Features

Extra Features <u>Le</u>				
Code	Description	Size	Value	Bldg #
FPL3	FIREPLACE 2 ST	1 UNITS	\$3,100	1

Land

Land Use

Land Line Valuation

Use Code

1021

Description CONDO

Size (Acres)

0

Depth

Assessed Value \$0

Outbuildings

Code	Description	Sub Code	Sub Description	Size	Value	Bldg #
BRN3	1 STORY W/LOFT			192 S.F.	\$1,400	1

Valuation History

Assessment				
Valuation Year	Improvements	Land	Total	
2019	\$433,600	\$0	\$433,600	

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138 STATE ST UNIT 2

Location 138 STATE ST UNIT 2

MBLU 35/13/B//

Owner FERLAZZO SUSAN C

TRUSTEE

Assessment \$403,400

PID 101353

Building Count 1

Current Value

Assessment					
Valuation Year	Improvements	Land	Total		
2020	\$403,400	\$0	\$403,40		

Owner of Record

Owner

FERLAZZO SUSAN C TRUSTEE

Co-Owner SUSAN C FERLAZZO TRUST

Address

7 LORUM ST

NEWBURYPORT, MA 01950

Sale Price

\$389,900

Certificate

Book & Page 34268/0523

Sale Date

08/03/2015

Instrument 00

Ownership History

Ownership History					
Owner	Sale Price	Certificate	Book & Page	Instrument	Sale Date
FERLAZZO SUSAN C TRUSTEE	\$389,900		34268/0523	00	08/03/2015
HROMADKA BRIAN	\$319,000		26128/0244	00	09/28/2006
DIXON GREGG M	\$319,000		24126/0146	00	03/31/2005
KIRBY KATHLEEN	\$230,000		16989/0255	00	03/23/2001

Building Information

Building 1: Section 1

Year Built:

1900

Building	Photo
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Living Area: 1,106				
Building Attributes				
Field Description				
STYLE	Condominium			
MODEL	Res Condo			
Stories:	2 Stories			
Occupancy	1			
Interior Wall 1:	Plastered			

Interior Wall 2:	lu-d
Interior Floor 1	Hardwood
Interior Floor 2	
Heat Fuel:	Oil
Heat Type:	Hot Water
AC Type:	None
Ttl Bedrms:	2 Bedrooms
Ttl Bathrms:	1 Full
Ttl Half Bths:	0 .
Xtra Fixtres	
Total Rooms:	5 Rooms
Bath Style:	Average
Kitchen Style:	Average
Kitchen Grd	
Grade	Average
Stories:	2
Residential Units:	2
Exterior Wall 1:	Clapboard
Exterior Wall 2:	
Roof Structure	Gable/Hip
Roof Cover	Asph/F Gls/Cmp
Cmrcl Units:	0
Section #:	0
Parking Spaces	0
Section Style:	0
Foundation	
Security:	
Cmplx Cnd	
Xtra Field 1:	
Remodel Ext:	



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Building Layout

FUS[1106]

UBM[615]

WDK[166]

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	Legend		
Code	Description	Gross Area	Living Area
FUS	Upper Story, Finished	1,106	1,106
UBM	Basement, Unfinished	615	0
		1,721	1,106

Extra Features

Extra Features <u>L</u>				
Code	Description	Size	Value	Bldg #
FPL3 ,	FIREPLACE 2 ST	1 UNITS	\$3,100	1

Land

Land Use		Land Line Valuation	
Use Code	1021	Size (Acres)	
Description	CONDO	Depth	
		Assessed Value	\$0

Outbuildings

Outbuildings						Legend
Code	Description	Sub Code	Sub Description	Size	Value	Bldg #
BRN3	1 STORY W/LOFT			192 S.F.	\$1,400	1

Valuation History

Assessment				
Valuation Year	Improvements	Land	Total	
2019	\$382,100	\$0	\$382,100	

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RESERVED FOR REGISTRY USE No. 136 STATE ST N/F SARA P. & PAUL LUCAS 1.) THIS PLAN WAS PREPARED FROM AN INSTRUMENT SURVEY PERFORMED IN NOVEMBER OF 2019. LOCUS MAP EXCLUSIVE USE 2.) SEE CONDOMINIUM PLAN RECORDED IN PLAN BOOK 349 PLAN 163 FOR SCALE: 1"=500" EXCLUSIVE USE AREAS. AREA UNIT 2 (P) (S) (P) (S) (0.21) 3.) LOT 3A, NOT A BUILDING LOT IS TO BE CONVEYED TO KATCHEN K. GERIG AND DANIEL B. WITTNER OF 2 E. BOYLSTON STREET, NEWBURYPORT, MA TO CREATE ONE LOT "A" CONTAINING ABOUT 15,136 EXCLUSIVE USE No. 138 STATE ST AREA UNIT 1 (REMAINING) NF 138 STATE STREET CONDOMINIU BK: 16900 PG: 376 (EXISTING AREA=14,832±S.F.) PARKING UNIT 2 RECORD OWNERS: KATCHEN K, GERIG, TRUSTEE OF THE
KATCHEN K, GERIG REVOCABLE TRUST &
DANIEL B. WITTNER, TRUSTEE OF THE DANIEL
B. WITTNER REVOCABLE TRUST
2 E. BOYLSTON STREET
NEWBURYPORT, MA 01950
DEED BOOK 30086 PAGE 525 LOT 3A 2,832 SF± (NOT A BUILDING LOT) 4.) LOT B IS TO BE THE REMAINING LAND OF THE 138 STATE STREET CONDOMINIUM CONTAINING ABOUT 12,000 SQUARE FEET. BIT DRIVEWAY EXCLUSIVE USE AREA UNIT 1 (TO BE ELIMINATED) EUA UNIT 1 138 STATE STREET CONDOMINIUM 138 STATE STREET NEWBURYPORT, MA 01950 DEED BOOK 16900 PAGE 376 No. 2 E. BOYLSTON ST NEW AREA N/F KATCHEN K. GERIG TRUSTEE OF THE KATCHEN K GERIG REVOCABLE TRUST AND DANIEL B. $(LOT B = 12,000 SF\pm)$ No 138 2 STORY W/F REFERENCES: WITTNER, TRUSTEE OF THE DANIEL B. WITTNER REVOCABLE PLAN BOOK 361 PLAN 80 PLAN BOOK 349 PLAN 163 PLAN BOOK 333 PLAN 20 PLAN BOOK 331 PLAN 70 STATE STREET 1917 COUNTY LAYOUT LEGEND: NEW AREA (LOT A = BK: 30086 PG: 525 BITUMINOUS
BULKHEAD
EXCLUSIVE USE AREA
FOUND
IRON PIPE
IRON ROD
LANDING
MEASURED 15,136 SF±) M MFE NM P R SBBC RR VGC WDFE DECK METAL FENCE NOT MEASURED PORCH RECORD No. 4 E. BOYLSTON ST STONE BOUND BACK CENTER RAIL ROAD VERTICAL GRANITE CURB WOOD FENCE No. 140 STATE ST DAVID N. & KARIN M. GAGNE N/F CYNTHIA M. RANDALL BK: 35507 PG: 53 ZONING: R3 (SINGLE FAMILY) NO. 2 EAST BOYLSTON STREET REQUIRED **EXISTING** PROPOSED EXISTING
LOT AREA: 12,304 SF
FRONTAGE: 94,03'
FRONT OFFSET: 35'
SIDE OFFSET: 18,9'
REAR OFFSET: 49,0'
HEIGHT: NM
LOT COVERAGE: 13.5%
OPEN SPACE: 79.2% LOT AREA: 8,00
FRONTAGE: 80'
FRONT OFFSET: 20'
SIDE OFFSET: 10'
REAR OFFSET: 20'
HEIGHT: 35' LOT AREA: 15,136 SF FRONTAGE: 94,03' FRONT OFFSET: 35' SIDE OFFSET: 18,9' REAR OFFSET: 77.6' HEIGHT: NM LOT COVERAGE: 11.0% OPEN SPACE: 83.1% S64°27'12'E HEIGHT: 35' LOT COVERAGE: 30% OPEN SPACE: 35% EAST BOYLSTON STREET R3 (TWO FAMILY) NO. 138 STATE STREET REQUIRED **EXISTING** PROPOSED | 12,000 SF | 12,0 LOT AREA: FRONTAGE: LOT AREA: FRONTAGE: LOT AREA: 14,832 SF FRONTAGE: 60,66' FRONT OFFSET: 0.5' SIDE OFFSET: 5.2' REAR OFFSET: 152' HEIGHT: NM FRONT OFFSET: 20' SIDE OFFSET: 10' REAR OFFSET: 20' HEIGHT: 35' LOT COVERAGE: 30% OPEN SPACE: 35% LOT COVERAGE: 12.5% OPEN SPACE: 77.5% APPROVAL NOT REQUIRED UNDER THE SUBDIVISION CONTROL LAW NEWBURYPORT PLANNING BOARD PLAN OF LAND SBBC FD I CERTIFY THAT THIS PLAN CONFORMS TO THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE REGISTERS OF DEEDS OF THE NEWBURYPORT, MA AT 2 E. BOYLSTON STREET & 138 STATE STREET PREPARED FOR DANIEL B. WITTNER & KATCHEN K. GERIG THE PLANNING BOARDS ENDORSEMENT OF THIS PLAN AS NOT REQUIRING APPROVAL UNDER THE SUBDIVISION CONTROL LAW DOES NOT GIVE LOTS SUMMIT SURVEYING INC. CHARLES J. BRENNAN, P.L.S. DATE OR PARCELS ANY STANDING UNDER CITY OF NEWBURYPORT ZONING ORDINANCE. 4 S. POND STREET, NEWBURYPORT, MA 01950 TEL. 978-692-7109 WWW.SUMMITSURVEYINGINC.COM SCALE: 1" = 20 FT. NOVEMBER 11, 2019

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138 1**36** State St

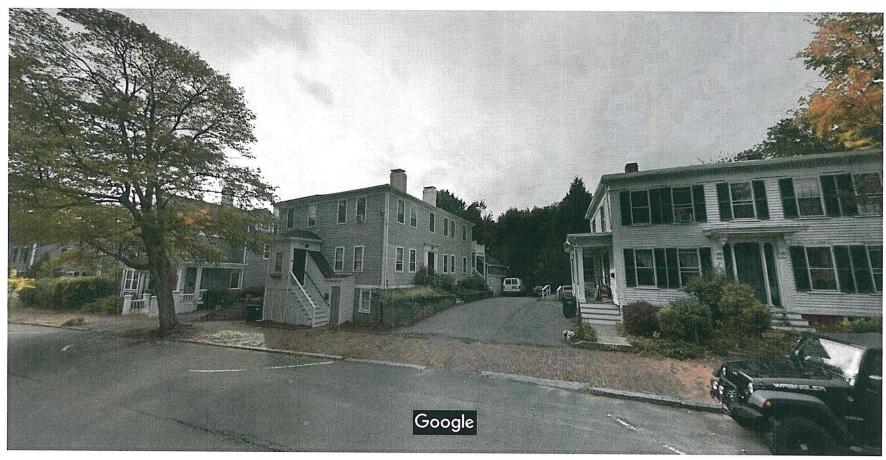


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Street View



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