



Town of Dennis

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57 DARTMOUTH ROAD, WD

ZBA SPECIAL PERMIT STAFF REVIEW – November 4, 2025

APPLICANT:	Robert C Spang Jr. ET UX C/O Paul DiSanto
PROJECT ADDRESS:	57 Dartmouth Road, West Dennis, MA, 02670
MAP AND LOT NUMBER:	Map 68 Lot 88 (0.17 acres – 7830sf)
APPLICANT ADDRESS:	77 Elm Street, Wakefield, MA 01880
CASE NUMBER:	ZBAS-25-54
ZONING:	R-40
HEARING DATE:	November 24, 2025

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PROPOSAL	new addition for a new dining room and kitchen extension
PROJECT SUMMARY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The proposal is a small addition to a non-conforming 992 sf single-story single-family structure built in 1967. Propose to add a 228 sf (12’ by 19’) dining room partially in the driveway. • The wall height and gable roof will follow the existing roof be the same height as it currently is in the rear, roof is lower in the front reaching the exiting roof height at the top. (Architectural sketches have not been received yet - 11/4)
REQUEST	<p>Finding per § 2.4.1.2.B - Actions Requiring a Finding that the proposal is NOT Substantially More Detrimental (B.1) for an Increase in the footprint of a structure that <u>does not comply with one or more required setbacks</u> where the <u>alteration will extend lot coverage or building height</u> where a structure does not conform to current setback requirements; (B.2) Increase in the lot coverage of a structure where the structure currently exceeds lot coverage;</p>
PLOT PLAN	Plot Plan of 57 Dartmouth Road, West Dennis, MA prepared for Robert C. Jr & Linda J. Spang by E.A.S. Survey, Inc. P.O. Box 1729, Sandwich MA 02563. Plan consisting of 1 sheet with existing and proposed conditions, Septic System Profile and Design with Test Hole Logs. Plan dated October 13, 2025 by Edward A. Stone.
BUILDING PLANS	Can't access Plans

1.3.2 Plans and Specifications

REQUIREMENTS	PROVIDED ON PLAN
CERTIFIED PLOT PLAN INCLUDING	

LOCUS MAP	Yes
PERIMETER DIMENSIONS, INCLUDING FRONTAGE	Yes
AREA OF LOT	7,830 sf
NAMES OF STREETS	Yes
NAMES OF ABUTTING PROPERTY OWNERS	Yes
DISTANCES EXISTING AND PROPOSED STRUCTURES TO PROPERTY LINES	Yes
PROPOSED ADDITONS/ALTERATIONS OF EXISTING BLDGS W/ SETBACKS	Yes
PROXIMITY OF WETLANDS	NA
EXISTING AND PROPOSED TOPOGRAPHYAND/OR OTHER LAND ISSUES	No
DIMENSIONS OF EXISTING AND PROPOSED STRUCTURES	Yes
ARCHITECTURAL DRAWINGS ILLUSTRATING THE PROPOSED CONDITIONS	Not yet
ARCHITECTURAL DRAWINGS ILLUSTRATING THE EXISTING CONDITIONS	Not yet

Basic Site Data	Required/ Allowed	Existing	Proposed
Frontage	50'	78'	78'
Front Setback	25'	25'	25'
Right Side Setback	15'	15'	15'
Left Side Setback	15'	27.9'	15.9'
Rear Setback	25'	31.7'	28.7'
Lot Area	40,000sf	7,830 sf	7,830 sf
Lot Width	100'	78'	78'
Non-conforming floor space within Setbacks			
D2. Increase in new non-conforming floor space by more than 40% within any 10-year period			
Cumulative footprint size of all structures		1,221 sf	1,472 sf
Cumulative lot coverage (footprint) percent for all	15%	15.6%	18.8%
Cumulative floor space of all structures (F.A.R.)			
Cumulative floor space to lot area % all structures	30%		N/A

§ 2.4.1.2 B Actions Requiring a Finding that the proposal is NOT Substantially More Detrimental

ACTION	FINDING
B1 - Increase in the footprint of a structure that does not comply with one or more required setbacks where the alteration will extend lot coverage or building height where a structure does not conform to current setback requirements;	
B2 - Increase in the lot coverage of a structure where the structure currently exceeds lot coverage;	

§ 1.4.2.1 To hear and decide applications for special permits upon which the Board is empowered to act under this By-Law pursuant to M.G.L. ch. 40A. Special permits may be granted only upon a finding by the Board that the proposed use will not create a nuisance, hazard or congestion, or other significant harm to the neighborhood, nor cause derogation from the general purpose and intent of the By-Law, the stated district intent or applicable use criteria. It shall be the responsibility of the applicant for any special permit to show, to the satisfaction of the Special Permit granting authority, that the following criteria are met:

- a. The use is allowed by special permit in the district in which proposed, pursuant to §2.2.2 - Use Regulations Schedule; **The site is used for residential purposes and will continue to be used as such.**
- b. Suitability of the site for the proposed use in light of the applicable district intent, as provided in §2.1.5; **Residential uses are allowed within this district.**
- c. Adequacy of management of traffic flow within the site as well as in relation to adjoining streets and properties, so as to minimize unsafe or harmful impacts of the use; **Proposed alterations will not increase traffic to the site.**
- d. Compatibility of the proposed use with surrounding land uses, so as to minimize harmful impact or conflict with existing desirable neighborhood character, including views, vistas and other aesthetic values; **Site will continue to be used in a fashion similar to that of other properties and historical use.**
- e. Adequacy of provision of utilities and other necessary or desirable public services; **The addition will not increase the need for utilities or other public services.**
- f. Adequacy of control of artificial light, noise, litter, odor or other sources of nuisance or inconvenience to adjoining properties, public ways and neighborhoods; **The addition will not generate light, noise, litter, odor or other sources of nuisance.**
- g. Adequacy of protection from degradation and alteration of the natural environment, including but not limited to slopes and other topographical features, vegetation, wetlands, groundwater and water bodies and wildlife habitat. **The addition will not degrade the natural environment.**

TOWN DEPARTMENTS COMMENTS:

- **PLANNING:**
 - The proposal is a small addition to a small house.
 - House appears to be conforming to all setbacks (though not shown on plan) and the proposed dining room addition will conform to setbacks.
 - The Board can find that a lawful pre-existing non-conforming structure exists on the property and the proposed addition, as conditioned, will not be substantially more detrimental to the neighborhood than the existing structure.
- **NATURAL RESOURCES:** Not within Conservation Commission's jurisdiction.
- **HEALTH:** Septic system designed for 3 bedrooms. Passing Title 5 inspection 11/2020. New addition must maintain setbacks to system.
- **ENGINEERING:**
 - The project as presented does not appear to alter >500 sf of ground area and is therefore NOT required to meet the intent of the Stormwater By-Law.
 - Engineering recommends linear erosion controls (silt fence/wattles) be provided adjacent to areas of work to contain stormwater runoff and sediment on site as required during construction.
 - Roof drains directed to subsurface structures or drip trenches for infiltration shall be provided on all new construction (and existing dwelling as required).
 - Any disturbed areas should be stabilized and revegetated as soon as practical. Existing vegetation and screening to the abutting properties should be maintained to the extents practical.
 - The contractor should be responsible for maintaining Dartmouth Road clear of sediment throughout construction. Construction vehicles should not park along the road edge in any manner which will impede traffic flow.
- **FIRE/ POLICE:** No comment

PROPOSED CONDITIONS	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The lot owners shall apply for all required permits and will comply with the intent of the Dennis Stormwater By-law, all requirements of the Dennis Conservation Commission and Board of Health and any other permits that are required.2. Construction shall not commence before 7:00 am nor continue after 7:00 pm Monday through Friday and shall not commence before 7:00 am nor continue after 5:00 pm on Saturdays. No construction shall occur on Sundays.3. The addition shall not generate new light, noise, litter, odor or other sources of nuisance. Any new lighting shall be restricted to downward-shielded motion sensitive security lighting that is “Dark-Sky” compliant.4. Failure to comply with all conditions in the Board of Health Permit shall be deemed cause to revoke the ZBA Special Permit.
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