# TOWN OF EAST GREENBUSH ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

TOWN HALL, 225 COLUMBIA TURNPIKE, RENSSELAER, NY 12144 (518)694-4011 FAX (518)477-2386

### **MEETING AGENDA**

### THURSDAY, MAY 28, 2020 \*NOTE THE CHANGE IN DAY\* 7:30PM

\*Please note: This meeting will be conducted remotely pursuant to Executive Order No. 202.1, issued by Governor Cuomo on March 12, 2020, and advisories issued by Federal, State and Local officials related to the COVID-19 virus. See the attached Notice for more information, including how to view the proceedings.

### 7:30 PM CALL TO ORDER

### **PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

ZBA Appeal #2020-02-JMA Properties, LLC.-4 Middle Mannix Road-2 Area Variances- Propose installation of (2) Façade mounted signs on a windscreen

### **SEQR DETERMINATION & RECOMMENDATION:**

ZBA Appeal #2020-02-JMA Properties, LLC.-4 Middle Mannix Road-2 Area Variances-Propose installation of (2) Façade mounted signs on a windscreen

### **WORKSHOP/DELIBERATION:**

ZBA Appeal #2020-02-JMA Properties, LLC.-4 Middle Mannix Road-2 Area Variances- Propose installation of (2) Façade mounted signs on a windscreen

### **NEXT MEETING:**

June 9, 2020

### STATUS – APPEALS ON JUNE 9, 2020:

 ${\color{red} {\bf ZBA~Appeal~\#2020-03-Guay-733~Columbia~Turnpike}} \text{--} 2$  Area Variances- Propose construct of 24' x 22' detached garage in rear yard

<u>ZBA Appeal #2020-04-Schurrman-46 New York Avenue</u>-Area Variance-Propose construction of single family dwelling that doesn't meet the required frontage

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

February 25, 2020

# Town of East Greenbush Zoning Board of Appeals

### AREA VARIANCE

An applicant for a variance will be afforded a public hearing, at which time the applicant will present his/her case to the Zoning Board of Appeals, a board of seven members who will determine the disposition of the appeal by a majority vote. The following information is offered as a guide to assist you in preparation for your hearing. For additional advice, you are encouraged to contact your personal legal counsel.

An Area Variance has been defined as one where: "the owner still must comply with the zoning ordinance's limitations on use of land, but is allowed to build or maintain physical improvements which deviate from the zoning ordinance's nonuse limitations." (Ratherkopf, The Law of Planning and Zoning, (4<sup>th</sup> ed) section 38.01(4). New York State statute dictates that the Zoning Board of Appeals take a "balancing approach" in making its determination on an application for an area variance. The board must weigh two basic things: the benefit to the applicant if the variance is granted versus the detriment to the health, safety and general welfare of the neighborhood or community that would occur if the variance were to be granted.

The statute provides that in balancing the interests of the applicant and those of the neighborhood or community, the board of appeals must consider the following five factors:

- whether an undesirable change will be produced in the character of the neighborhood or a
  detriment to nearby properties will be created by the granting of the area variance;
- 2. whether the benefit sought by the applicant can be achieved by some method, feasible for the applicant to pursue, other than an area variance;
- 3. whether the requested area variance is substantial;
- whether the proposed variance will have an adverse effect or impact on the physical or environmental condition in the neighborhood or district: and
- 5. whether the alleged difficulty was self-created, which consideration shall be relevant to the decision of the board of appeals, but shall not necessarily preclude the granting of the area variance.

Finally, carrying the "balancing' step further, the statue provides that when granting area variances, the board of appeals shall grant the minimum variance that it shall deem necessary and adequate and at the same time preserve and protect the character of the neighborhood and the health, safety and welfare of the community.

The applicant should be prepared to answer questions from the board related to these factors at the hearing.

Signature

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Date



# Town of East Greenbush ZONING BOARD

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### **AUTHORIZATION FORM**

To the Town of East Greenbush	(X) Zoning Board of Appeals;
I, JMA Properties LLC  Property Owner	give permission to AJ Signs Representative
For representing me for my applica Appeals and/or Planning Board, as	ation before the Town of East Greenbush Zoning Board of indicated above, in applying for (a)
	( ) Use Variance ( X) Area Variance ( ) Interpretation
for the property located at4	Middle Mannix Rd
Property Owner's S	Stephen Obsermayor
	Date: 2/7/20

RECEIVED

# Zoning Board of Appeals Town of East Greenbush 225 Columbia Turnpike Rensselaer, New York 12144

DEPT Zoning

All applications must be submitted to the Building Department with:

- 1. Determination by Zoning Enforcement Officer (given to applicant by Building Department) and
- 2. Survey Map or Plot Plan, Site Plan, Sketch, and/or Other Descriptive Detail

The property owner must complete Sections A, B, and C.

A. Property Owner Data Please print or type neatly.	D. For Official Use
1. Name: JMA Properties	Appeal Number:
2. Address: 302 Washington Ave Ext	2020-01 Tax Map Number:
3. City: Albany State: NY Zip: 12203	Zoning District:
4. Telephone Number: 518-452-8200	Appeal Type:
5. Location of Property: 4 Middle Mannix Rd	2 Area varances (a Signs) Fee(s): \$259.50 Aft
6. Tax Map No. 155-4-3	Received: 2/20/20
(Can be obtained at Assessors Office)	Hearing Date: 3 24/20
7. Email Address: Kristen@ajsigns.com	
8. Representative:  Name: AJ Signs Emma VanVorst Phone Number: 518-399-929  (If other than property owner) (Authorization form must be filled out and subr	<u>91</u> nitted)
B. Application for (Check as appropriate)  Area or Use  Variance(s) X Special Permit Interpretation	
Reason for Appeal (Please include brief but detailed description of the propose variance(s) or special permit. Attach additional pages as necessary).  Section III 3.3.7 Sign Sizing Color and placement. Signs which are mounted	•
on the vertical, horizontal or sloped surfaces of the building or roof or extend	
the roofline or sides of the building are not permitted. The proposed 2 wall sign	
installed on the parapet/windscreen requires (2) variances.	
C. Signature of Property Owner:  Date: 2/7/20 Stephen Obermayer	

### Short Environmental Assessment Form Part 1 - Project Information

### Instructions for Completing

Part 1 - Project Information. The applicant or project sponsor is responsible for the completion of Part 1. Responses become part of the application for approval or funding, are subject to public review, and may be subject to further verification. Complete Part 1 based on information currently available. If additional research or investigation would be needed to fully respond to any item, please answer as thoroughly as possible based on current information.

Complete all items in Part 1. You may also provide any additional information which you believe will be needed by or useful to the lead agency; attach additional pages as necessary to supplement any item.

Part 1 - Project and Sponsor Information			
Name of Action or Project:		e	
4 Middle Mannix Wall Sig	9h(		
Project Location (describe, and attach a location map):			
Brief Description of Proposed Action:	1		
Install Wall Signage on Wind	screen		
Name of Applicant or Sponsor: Telepho	one: /410/200	60.0	
ATSIGNS E-Mail:	101X1099	129	1
Address:	17msters A	Sign	S.Com
842 Saratona Rd			
BUINT HILL	/// 9	Code:	) 7 7'
1. Does the proposed action only involve the legislative adoption of a plan, local law, administrative rule, or regulation?		NO	YES
If Yes, attach a narrative description of the intent of the proposed action and the envir may be affected in the municipality and proceed to Part 2. If no, continue to question	onmental resources that		
2. Does the proposed action require a permit, approval or funding from any other gov If Yes, list agency(s) name and permit or approval:	ernmental Agency?	NO	YES
22 2 00, 100 agonoy(3) name and permit of approval:			
3.a. Total acreage of the site of the proposed action? b. Total acreage to be physically disturbed? c. Total acreage (project site and any contiguous properties) owned or controlled by the applicant or project sponsor?	acres acres		
4. Check all land uses that occur on, adjoining and near the proposed action.  ☐ Urban ☐ Rural (non-agriculture) ☐ Industrial ☐ Commercial ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐			

5. Is the proposed action,	MO	Impo	NT/A
a. A permitted use under the zoning regulations?	NO	YES	N/A
b. Consistent with the adopted comprehensive plan?	計	X	H
6. Is the proposed action consistent with the predominant character of the existing built or natural landscape?		NO	YES
			X
7. Is the site of the proposed action located in, or does it adjoin, a state listed Critical Environmental Are If Yes, identify:	a?	NO	YES
	_	X	
8. a. Will the proposed action result in a substantial increase in traffic above present levels?		NO	YES
h Are public transportation consider(a) emilekte et en en et et est		X	
b. Are public transportation service(s) available at or near the site of the proposed action?		X	
c. Are any pedestrian accommodations or bicycle routes available on or near site of the proposed action	on?	X	
<ol> <li>Does the proposed action meet or exceed the state energy code requirements?</li> <li>If the proposed action will exceed requirements, describe design features and technologies:</li> </ol>		NO	YES
	_	X	П
10. Will the proposed action connect to an existing public/private water supply?	_	NO	3700
	+	NO	YES
If No, describe method for providing potable water:	-	A	
11. Will the proposed action connect to existing wastewater utilities?		NO	YES
If No, describe method for providing wastewater treatment:	[	N	
12. a. Does the site contain a structure that is listed on either the State or National Register of Historic		NO	YES
Places?  b. Is the proposed action located in an archeological sensitive area?		X	
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13. a. Does any portion of the site of the proposed action, or lands adjoining the proposed action, contain wetlands or other waterbodies regulated by a federal, state or local agency?	F	NO	YES
b. Would the proposed action physically alter, or encroach into, any existing wetland or waterbody? If Yes, identify the wetland or waterbody and extent of alterations in square feet or acres:	Ī		
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14. Identify the typical habitat types that occur on, or are likely to be found on the project site. Check all Shoreline Forest Agricultural/grasslands Early mid-succession Wetland Urban	that ap al	ply:	
15. Does the site of the proposed action contain any species of animal, or associated habitats, listed		NO.	7000
by the State or Federal government as threatened or endangered?	·	ON	YES
16. Is the project site located in the 100 year flood plain?		NO	YES
	2	X	1123
17. Will the proposed action create storm water discharge, either from point or non-point sources?  If Yes,		NO	YES
a. Will storm water discharges flow to adjacent properties?		X	
b. Will storm water discharges be directed to established conveyance systems (runoff and storm drains)?  If Yes, briefly describe:  NO YES			
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18. Does the proposed action include construction or other activities that result in the impoundment of water or other liquids (e.g. retention pond, waste lagoon, dam)? If Yes, explain purpose and size:	NO	YES
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19. Has the site of the proposed action or an adjoining property been the location of an active or closed solid waste management facility?	NO	YES
If Yes, describe:	D.	
20. Has the site of the proposed action or an adjoining property been the subject of remediation (ongoing or completed) for hazardous waste?	NO	YES
If Yes, describe:	A	
I AFFIRM THAT THE INFORMATION PROVIDED ABOVE IS TRUE AND ACCURATE TO THE KNOWLEDGE	BEST O	EMY
Applicant/sponsor name:	4/	20



# The Town of East Greenbush

Building Department

225 Columbia Turnpike Rensselaer, New York 12144 (518) 477-6225 FAX (518) 477-2386

\*\*Building, Zoning and Planning\*\*

February 3, 2020

JMA Properties LLC 4 Middle Mannix Road East Greenbush, NY 12061

**RE: PERMIT APPLICATION** 

4 Middle Mannix Road Tax Map # 155.-4-3

To Whom It May Concern;

On December 31, 2019 you submitted an application for work at the above property involving: **Installation of (2) façade mounted signs on a windscreen.** The property is located in an area, which is zoned: **OC.** 

This application has been examined for compliance with the applicable provisions of the Zoning Laws and the Town Code of the Town of East Greenbush.

The review of the proposed work will not comply with the following provisions of the Town Zoning Law: Section III 3.3.7 H. Sign sizing, color and placement. Signs which are mounted on the vertical, horizontal or sloped surfaces of the building roof or extend beyond the roofline or sides of the building are not permitted. The proposed action requires (2) Area Variances.

Therefore, your application of December 31, 2019 is hereby **DENIED**.

This objection may be addressed by filing revised plans reflecting conditions, which comply with the requirements of the Town Code and Zoning Laws. In the alternative, this denial may be appealed to the Zoning Board of Appeals on forms available from the Planning and Zoning Office, 225 Columbia Turnpike. (518) 694-4011.

Sincerely,

Kevin Hitchcock Building Inspector

Cc: Zoning Board of Appeals



TOWN OF EAST GREENBUSH - RENSSELAER COUNTY	Application No.	
225 Columbia Tpke, Rensselaer, NY 12144	Permit Issued	
Office: (518)477-6225; Fax: (518)477-2386	Permit Expires	
www.eastgreenbush.org	Zoning District	
	Value of Work \$	
BUILDING DEPT. APPLICATION FORM	Approved by:	17.1
24-HR. NOTICE FOR INSPECTIONS	Remarks:	
Property Location:	shifted, and such special conditions as may be in a such special conditions.	idicated on the flood zone or a
Estimated Value of Work: \$	REQUIREMENTS: All submittals in duplic	
<ul> <li>Construction of new building (Describe in NOTE AREA*)</li> <li>Alterations to a building (Describe in NOTE AREA*)</li> <li>Demolition of building</li> <li>Installation of plumbing (Describe in NOTE AREA*)</li> </ul>	A PERMIT MUST BE OBTAINED BEFORE BEGIN INSPECTIONS MUST BE CALLED IN BEFORE AN CONSTRUCTION.	the first one way were
o Installation of oil /gas /ac / heating /cooling unit o Fence — 4' high 6'high - Total I.f. o Swimming Pool — Above or In-ground Size: X Depth o Driveways — New Resurface Expansion o Shed — Size x	INDICATE ON THE PLOT PLAN STREET NAMES SIZE OF PROPERTY, LOCATION, SIZE & SETBAPROPOSED BUILDINGS AND LOCATION OF ALBUILDINGS. SHOW PROPOSTED BUILDING(S) LINE AND EXISTING BUILDING(S) IN SOLID LINE	CKS OF L EXISTING IN DOTTED
o Shed − Size <u>x</u> o Roof − New Reroof Repair o Solar Panels Roof Ground	CALL BEFORE YOU DIG: digsafelynewyor 1-800-962-7962 ONAL INFORMATION:	k.com
Install 30.86 sqft Seto Dead" Advondo	1 1 1	-0 -//
The undersigned hereby applies for a permit to do the specified work which will be do and such special conditions as may be indicated on the permit.  SIGNATURE		fications submitted
SPECIAL CONDITIONS OF THE PERMIT:		
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Required upon completion: <u>CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE</u> for alterations; <u>CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY</u> for new construction/occupancy; <u>THIRD PARTY ELECTRICAL APPROVAL</u> for all electrical work.

MOTION by Chairman Pangburn for **Zoning Board of Appeals to Declare SEQR Lead Agency;** in regards to Appeal #2020 -02 JMA Properties— 4 Middle Mannix

Road - Application for two Area Variances, the Zoning Board of Appeals has determined that this is an Unlisted/Type I Action, is progressing an uncoordinated review under SEQRA, and declares itself the Lead Agency.

End of Motion				
Second By:			; any discussion?	
Voice vote as f	ollows:			
In favor: Oppose: Abstain:	_ _ _			
Motion Carries	s/Fails			
4 Middle Manr determines, ba Short Environn project sponso of Part 2 – Imp	nix, the Town of Eased on the informental Assessmental Assessmental or, or otherwise a	East Greenbush anal mation and anal nt Form and oth vailable to the rather that the propos	Appeal #2020 -02 JM Zoning Board of Appe ysis submitted for Pa er materials submitte eviewers, and after ca ed action will not res	eals hereby rt 1 of the ed by the areful review
Second By:			; any discussion?	
Voice vote as f	ollows:			
In favor: Oppose: Abstain:	_ _ _			

Motion Carries/Fails

Project: ZBA Appeal #2020-02

JMA Properties LLC. Date: May 28, 2020

### Short Environmental Assessment Form Part 2 - Impact Assessment

#### Part 2 is to be completed by the Lead Agency.

Answer all of the following questions in Part 2 using the information contained in Part 1 and other materials submitted by the project sponsor or otherwise available to the reviewer. When answering the questions the reviewer should be guided by the concept "Have my responses been reasonable considering the scale and context of the proposed action?"

	No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
1. Will the proposed action create a material conflict with an adopted land use plan or zoning regulations?		
2. Will the proposed action result in a change in the use or intensity of use of land?		
3. Will the proposed action impair the character or quality of the existing community?		
4. Will the proposed action have an impact on the environmental characteristics that caused the establishment of a Critical Environmental Area (CEA)?		
5. Will the proposed action result in an adverse change in the existing level of traffic or affect existing infrastructure for mass transit, biking or walkway?		
6. Will the proposed action cause an increase in the use of energy and it fails to incorporate reasonably available energy conservation or renewable energy opportunities?		
7. Will the proposed action impact existing: a. public / private water supplies?		
b. public / private wastewater treatment utilities?		
8. Will the proposed action impair the character or quality of important historic, archaeological, architectural or aesthetic resources?		
9. Will the proposed action result in an adverse change to natural resources (e.g., wetlands, waterbodies, groundwater, air quality, flora and fauna)?		
10. Will the proposed action result in an increase in the potential for erosion, flooding or drainage problems?		
11. Will the proposed action create a hazard to environmental resources or human health?		

Agency Use Only [If applicable]
Project: ZBA Appeal #2020-02
JMA Properties, LLC.
Date: May 28, 2020

# Short Environmental Assessment Form Part 3 Determination of Significance

For every question in Part 2 that was answered "moderate to large impact may occur", or if there is a need to explain why a particular element of the proposed action may or will not result in a significant adverse environmental impact, please complete Part 3. Part 3 should, in sufficient detail, identify the impact, including any measures or design elements that have been included by the project sponsor to avoid or reduce impacts. Part 3 should also explain how the lead agency determined that the impact may or will not be significant. Each potential impact should be assessed considering its setting, probability of occurring, duration, irreversibility, geographic scope and magnitude. Also consider the potential for short-term, long-term and cumulative impacts.

Check this box if you have determined, based on the information that the proposed action may result in one or more pote environmental impact statement is required.	rmation and analysis above, and any supporting documentation, entially large or significant adverse impacts and an
Check this box if you have determined, based on the info	rmation and analysis above, and any supporting documentation,
that the proposed action will not result in any significant	
that the proposed action will not result in any significant	adverse environmental impacts.
Name of Lead Agency	Date
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Drint or Type Name of Desponsible Officer in Lead Agency	Title of Perpensible Officer
Print or Type Name of Responsible Officer in Lead Agency	Title of Responsible Officer
Signature of Responsible Officer in Lead Agency	Signature of Preparer (if different from Responsible Officer)
Signature of Responsible Officer in Lead Agency	Signature of Freparet (if unferent from Responsible Officer)

### Town of East Greenbush Zoning Board of Appeals

In the matter by:
JMA Properties
For 2 Area Variances

Resolution and Final Decision of Board of Appeals

**Appeal No. 2020-02** 

Whereas, An application has been filed by JMA Properties LLC. of 302 Washington Avenue Ext., Albany, NY 12203, proposing the installation of (2) façade mounted signs on a windscreen in the OC Zoning District. The review of the proposed work will not comply with the following provision of the Town Zoning Law: Section: III 3.3.7 H Sign sizing, color, and placement. Signs which are mounted on the vertical, horizontal, or sloped services of the building roof, or extend beyond the roofline, or sides of the building are not permitted; and

**Whereas**, The applicant has filed an appeal requesting 2 Area Variances at the property located on 4 Middle Mannix Road, East Greenbush, NY (Tax Map No. 155.-4-3); and

**Whereas**, The Board of Appeals has duly published a notice of public hearing regarding this appeal in The Record on May 17, 2020; and

**Whereas**, Notice of the Public Hearing was provided by Certified Mail to the owners of all property within 200 feet of the land involved in the application, to the Town Planning Board, and to the Rensselaer County Bureau of Economic Development and Planning; and

Whereas, A Public Hearing was held by the Board of Appeals on Thursday, May 28, 2020 to consider this appeal; and

**Whereas**, The Planning Board of the Town of East Greenbush at its February 26, 2020 meeting provided a report of the requested two Area Variances with a recommendation; and

**Whereas**, At this hearing, the applicant as well as any and all persons interested in this appeal were heard, their statements recorded, and various written material including exhibits, if any, were entered into the record; and

**Whereas**, All statements, written material, and exhibits submitted in connection with said appeal have been carefully considered; and

Whereas, This appeal has met all the requirements of the SEQR and the TEQR; now, therefore, be it

**Resolved,** That the Board of Appeals makes the following findings of fact with regards to the pylon sign:

- 1. There will (not) be an undesirable change in the character of the neighborhood as
- 2. There is **no** other method available to the applicant as
- 3. The requested variance is (not) substantial
- 4. The proposed variance will (not) have an adverse effect on the neighborhood
- 5. The alleged difficulty is (not) self-created; however, that shall not necessarily preclude the granting of the area variance.

This resolution was moved by	and seconded by	at a
meeting duly held on May 28, 2020.	·	
(Discussion)		
A vote was taken as follows:		
John Conway		
Matt Ostiguy		
Tom Hickey  Jeff Pangburn		
Bob Seward III		
Matt Ostiguy Tom Hickey Jeff Pangburn Bob Seward III Scot Strevell		
	TOWN OF EAST GREEN BOARD OF APPEALS	NBUSH
	By:	
	Jeff Pangburn, Chair	person

 ${}^*\mbox{\it Granting of this variance, does not preclude the applicant from obtaining a building permit}$ 

Copy To:

JMA Properties, LLC. 4 Middle Mannix Road Rensselaer, NY 12144

Cc: Rensselaer County Planning Town Clerk ZBA File No. 2020-02

Via Email: Building Inspector

Assessor Town Clerk