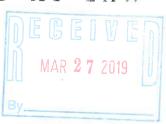
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February 21, 2019

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RE: Request for Restoration of Involuntarily Merged Lots Pursuant to RSA 674:39-aa (27 Thaxter Road / Tax Map 166, Lot 39)

Dear Mr. Mayor:

This office represents the interest of Chad Callihan, owner of the above referenced property. Please consider this a formal request for the restoration of two involuntarily merged lots to their premerger status, pursuant under RSA 674:39-aa.

The City Assessor's present records indicate that Map 166, Lot 39 is a single lot measuring .289 acres, located at 27 Thaxter Road. See Exhibit A (current tax map). There are actually two separate lots, one measuring approximately 2,580 square feet, and the other measuring approximately 10,000 square feet, which have been involuntarily merged. The city's tax cards running from 1951 through 1971 actually identify the property as three separate parcels for taxation purposes, two parcels with 5000 square feet each, and a third with 2,580 square feet. See Exhibits B, C and D (Tax cards for Map 52, Lots 44, 45 and 46, respectively). According to current assessor records, the dwelling at 27 Thaxter Road was constructed in 1929 and the garage was constructed in 1940. See Exhibit E. The dwelling is entirely on former Lot 44, and the garage is on both former Lot 44 and 45.

It is the lot that is represented by Exhibit D, former Lot 46, that the applicant seeks to restore. In the 1988 tax card for the property recognizes the lot is comprised of a "primary site" and a "secondary site." See Exhibit F. Sometime between 1972 and 1988, therefore, the City involuntarily merged the lots into a single, unified lot for tax purposes.

No owner in the chain of title voluntarily merged these lots. The fact the lots were conveyed to Mr. Callihan in a single deed is not legally sufficient to effect a voluntary

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merger of the lots. See Roberts v. Windham, 165 NH 186, 192 (2013) (holding that the conveyance of multiple lots as one tract in a single deed does not support a finding of a voluntary merger). Therefore, pursuant to RSA 674:39-aa, I formally request that the lots be restored to their premerger status, and all zoning and tax maps be updated to identify the premerger boundaries of those lots.

I respectfully request that this matter be added to the agenda of the next City Council meeting. Thank you for your attention and please contact me if you have any questions or require additional information.

Sincerely

Christopher P. Mulligan

CPM/mec

Enclosures

cc: Chad Callihan (w/ enclosures)

Juliet Walker, Planning Director (w/ enclosures)



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