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Application for Zoning Variance

Explanation of Request for Zoning Variance

The purpose of this request is to gain approval for a barn built in 2021 on our property at 254 Woodbury Road. The accessory building exceeds 75% of the footprint of the main dwelling. Originally, our plan had been to build an addition to our house garage, however, life changes (the birth of a child) prevented this plan from becoming a reality. An addition in the future might be possible or even necessary for our growing family, however, we are requesting this variance so we are in compliance with zoning regulations at this time.

The zoning regulation does not take into account the specifics of individual properties. Ultimately, the way this regulation was written, if we had a larger house we would be in compliance. Our existing house and garage have a ground floor area of 1581 sq. ft. The barn that we built is 1600 sq. ft., which would have been within the regulations with the proposed house addition. We have 5.054 acres and are at 7.6% lot coverage including the accessory building. With a larger house we would still remain below both the 10% lot coverage regulation and the 75% of the main dwelling limitation.