

# MINOR SITE PLAN APPLICATION City of Rochester, New Hampshire

Date: July 15, 2020						
Property information						
Tax map #: 0116-0161 ; Lot #('s):; Zoning district: DTC (per tax card)						
Property address/location: 90 Wakefield Street						
Brief project description: Renovation of interior spaces to create 21 apartments						
Property owner						
Name (include name of individual): Community Action Partnership of Strafford County- Betsey Andrews Parker, CEO						
Mailing address: 577 Central Avenue Suite 10 Dover, NH 03820						
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Applicant/developer (if different from property owner)						
Name (include name of individual): Eric D. Borrin						
Mailing address: 577 Central Avenue Dover, NH 03820						
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Engineer/surveyor/designer (if applicable)						
Name (include name of individual): JSA Architects, Inc. Jay Longtin, AIA						
Mailing address: 273 Corporate Drive, Suite 100 Portsmouth, NH 03801						
Telephone #: 603-436-2551 Email address: jlongtin@jsainc.com						
Check one:						
☐ Nonresidential project ☐ Home Occupation II or III						
Multi-Family Residential project						

Check all that apply:							
☐ change of use ☐ new building ☐ building addition							
new parking area expansion of existing parking area							
new signage; exterior lighting other site changes							
Describe current use/nature of property: Used as an assisted care facilty for up to seniors for the past 105 years. Vacant since 2019.							
Describe proposed use/activity: Remodel interior of building to create 21 apartments for income qualified seniors age 62+							
parking spaces: existing: 24; total proposed: 24							
Current square footage of building 15,461; Proposed square footage of building 15,461							
City water? yes XX no; How far is City water from the site? currently on site							
City sewer? yes no; How far is City sewer from the site? currently on site							
If City water, what are the estimated total daily needs? gallons per day							
Where will stormwater be discharged?							
Number of existing dwelling units: 21 Total number of proposed dwelling units: 21							
New building(s)? No Addition(s)/modifications to existing building(s)? Yes							
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lours of Operation: 24 Days of Operation: 7							
lumber of employees: 1 Square footage to be used for new proposed use: 15,461							
Maximum Number of Pupils at one time (for classes); n/a							

#### Comments

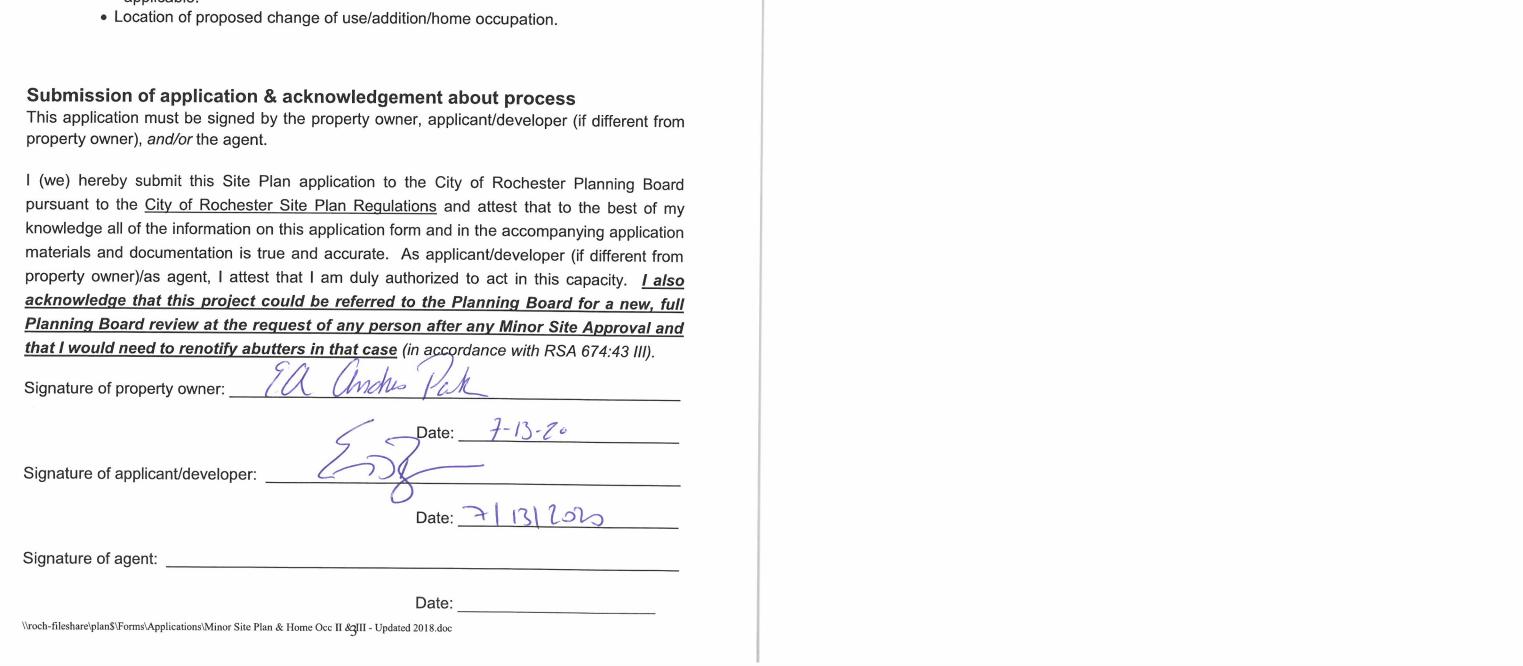
Please feel free to add any comments, additional information, or requests for waivers here:

Modifications to the buildings is limted to: Adding elevator and necessary h/c ramps and adding three dormers on the

roof of the Annex building. Water damage and weather aging of the exterior will be addressed, and paint will be refreshed.

This application must be accompanied by the following:

- Site plan drawing with:
  - All building dimensions (including any additions, if applicable)
  - Parking areas or spaces with size, spaces, flow pattern, and drive aisles as





### **Authorization to enter property**

I hereby authorize members of the Rochester Planning Board, Zoning Board of Adjustment, Conservation Commission, Planning Department, and other pertinent City departments, boards and agencies to enter my property for the purpose of evaluating this application including performing any appropriate inspections during the application phase, review phase, post-approval phase, construction phase, and occupancy phase. This authorization applies specifically to those particular individuals legitimately involved in evaluating, reviewing, or inspecting this specific application/project. It is understood that these individuals must use all reasonable care, courtesy, and diligence when entering the property.

Signature of property owner:	700	Und	Pal	•	
			Date:	7-13-2.	

<u>Home Occupation</u>: An occupation or business activity which is conducted by a resident within his/her own dwelling or in a garage or barn-type outbuilding and which is clearly subordinate to the principal residential use. Home occupations are designated as Home Occupations – 1,2,and 3. (See Section 42.24 – Home Occupations)

Requirements for All Home Occupations. The following standards apply to all home occupations - 1, 2, and 3: (If any of these cannot be met, it will be deemed not an allowed use)

- 1. <u>On Resident's Property</u>. Home occupations shall be conducted by the individual on the property in which he/she resides.
- 2. <u>Inside the Dwelling</u>. All activity related to the home occupation shall be conducted inside the dwelling or inside a garage or barn-type outbuilding.
- 3. <u>Character</u>. Home occupations must be subordinate to the residential use and must have little or no impact upon the neighborhood. There must be minimal indication of the home occupation evident from the road or from neighboring properties.
- 4. <u>Retail Sales</u>. There shall be no retail sales of goods or products on the premises, except:
  - a. as may be incidental to the primary office or personal services occupation (such as sales of hair products to a salon customer);
  - b. for goods shipped pursuant to mail/email/telecommunication order;

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#### NARRATIVE FOR:

#### The Gafney Home

#### Location:

90 Wakefield Street Rochester, NH

#### **Description:**

A 1.5 acre parcel with three structures. Two of the structures were built in 1897. The third was built in the early 1960's.

The Gafney Home is a contributing resource within the City of Rochester Historic District Commission boundaries. This home for the aged was built in 1897 by distinguished Rochester attorney and county probate Judge Charles Gafney. Judge Gafney enjoyed use of the home for a short time before his demise. His wife occupied the home through 1905, until her death, whereupon the entirety of the property was transferred to the Board of the Gafney Home for the Aged to provide low (or no) cost housing to low income seniors from Rochester and the surrounding area. Over time, the model changed and began to include medical care for the residents. At the time the Gafney Home closed in 2019, it had been run as an assisted living facility for seniors over 50 years. There were 21 housing units on the property at that time.

#### Detail:

<u>Mansion:</u> The Gafney Mansion is a building of stone and brick of Romanesque revival architecture with masonry construction and strong, rounded features, a circular corner tower, a curving wall, conical roof elements, and a semi-circular arch at the entry. The sills and lintels are made of rough façade granite while the quoins are of smooth granite.

The interior of the Mansion has been extensively renovated and reconfigured over the past 123 years, save for the foyer, sitting room, study, and office, all of which retain a significant amount of their original woodwork.

<u>Annex:</u> Connected to the back of the Mansion is a 1960's constructed modern brick and cinder block building that was purpose build to provide housing and assisted living care in a single room occupancy setting.

<u>Carriage House:</u> The Carriage house is a wood framed two story structure that currently has a modern apartment on the second floor and heavily modified first floor that has most recently been used for by the caretaker for hobbies and lawn and garden tool storage.

#### **Proposed Project:**

Renovation of the interiors of the Mansion and Annex to create 19 new studio and one-bedroom apartments specifically for those of low income aged 62 and over.

Renovation of interior of the Carriage House to create two, two-bedroom apartments specifically for those of low income aged 62 and over.

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There are no exterior modifications to the street facing façade.

#### Modifications:

Three dormers will be added to the Annex.

A window along with a wheel chair ramp will added at the back of the Carriage House.

An elevator to serve the Annex and Mansion will be added in the short alley shared by those buildings. A wheel chair ramp for access to the Mansion will be

#### Description of current and previous land use and disturbances:

The property has been a residential site within the downtown district of Rochester, NH since 1897. The site profile is flat with no natural variation, having either been scraped or filled to create the uniform profile.

Paved driveways, walkways, and a 24+ space parking area were added in the modern era, as was a 40' by 40' terrace constructed at ground level from concrete pavers.

No previously undisturbed ground will be excavated as a result of this project.

The project will require the area of the shared, rear facing "alley" between the Annex and Mansion to be disturbed/excavated in order to create a pit for the elevator and footings to support the elevator lobby. This are is currently topped with asphalt bitumen and contains areas where the concrete footings of both buildings are visible.

Any footings or supports for the required wheel chair ramps will be placed in areas already covered by asphalt bitumen.

All areas (driveway, parking lot, and walkways) that are currently paved will receive a 1.5" topcoat of asphalt bitumen over the existing pavement, which is in good repair.

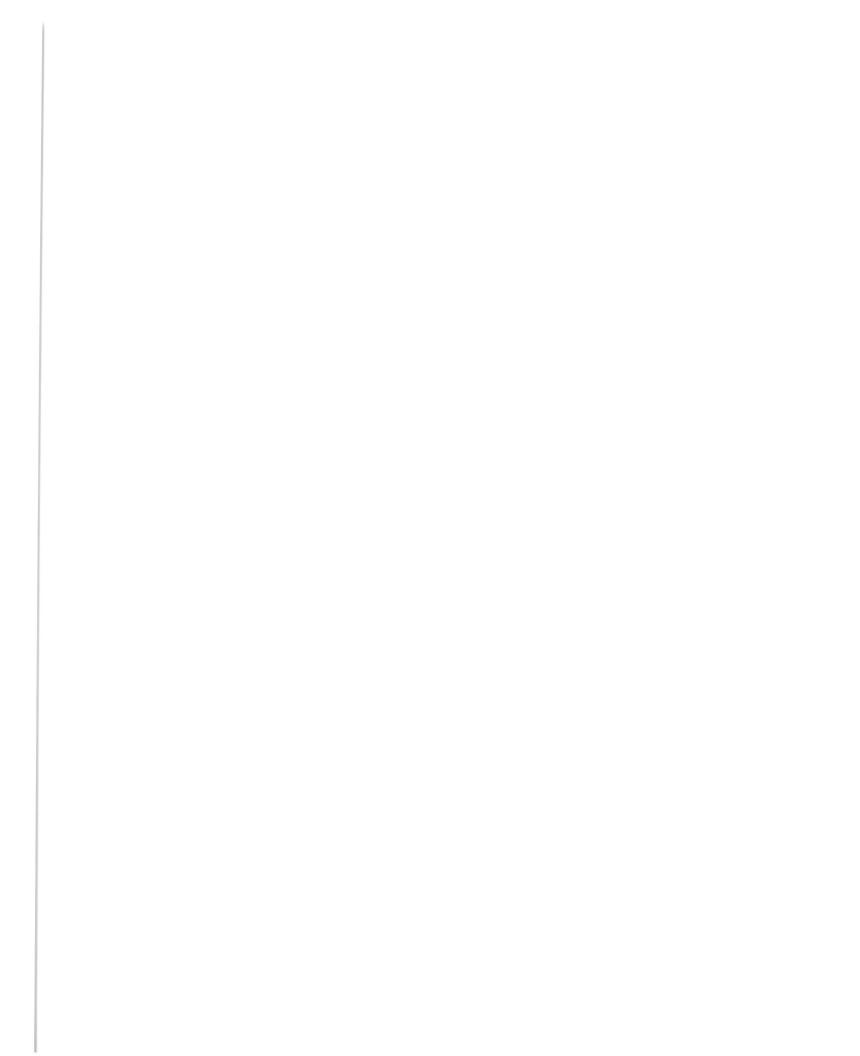
<u>Photo Key-</u> Photo location added by Alpha designation and arrow direction on Plot Plan included in PDF document.

- A. Aerial of site
- B. Gafney Home and Carriage House from Driveway near Wakefield Street
- C. Gafney Home from Wakefield Street sidewalk
- D. Gafney Home from Wakefield Street showing part of Annex
- E. Gafney Home and Annex from Wakefield Street
- F. Back of property from Patio
- G. Back of Property from Patio

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## **The Gafney Home**

- H. View from Patio toward Carriage House
- I. View from Patio toward Annex and Gafney Home
- J. Rear of Annex with Sunroom visible
- K. Side of Annex and Corner of Gafney Home looking toward alley that is subject to excavation.
- L. Alley to be excavated to accommodate adding elevator to project
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- N. Rear of Gafney Home
- O. Side of Gafney Home, corner of Carriage House
- P. Side of Carriage House furthest from Gafney Home
- Q. Back of Carriage House adjacent parking lot



# Cocheco River NORWAY Defendes TAX MAP 116, LOT 160 SUSAN SULLIVAN BOOK 1953, PAGE 695 PLAINS ASSOCIATES, CIVIL ENGINEERS INC WAKEFIELD STREET GAFNEY HOME FOR AGED TBM TOP SPINOLE HYDRANT ELEV= 234.76





