

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
TOWN OF SHREWSBURY
MASSACHUSETTS

Form of Appeal

Name of Appellant: John Doe

Address of Appellant: 123 Main St, Shrewsbury MA 01545

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Owner of Property: *(if different than appellant)* John Doe

Address of Owner: 123 Main St, Shrewsbury MA 01545

Phone: (same as above) Fax: (same as above)

Email: (same as above)

Location of Subject Property: 123 Main St, Shrewsbury MA 01545

Zoning District: RES-B-2 Overlay Zoning District: None

(Find link to Town Map [here](#); select layers, scroll to select Zoning)

Tax Plate: Plot Number:

(Find link to Town Map [here](#); select layers, then Parcel ID)

Application Type: *(Please check all that apply)*

Variance Special Permit Other

Applicable Section from Zoning Bylaw: *(Find link to Shrewsbury Zoning Bylaw [here](#))*

Section VII.C

Description of Reason for Appeal:

We are building an in-ground swimming pool in our backyard, but because of a hill on the property the best placement for the pool is 15 ft from our rear yard lot line, which is less than 20ft which is required in the Zoning Bylaw.

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The following sections **MUST** be filled out based on Application Type.

Variance Criteria – A variance may only be granted when all criteria are met according to MGL Chapter 40A Section 10. Appellants **MUST** state a hardship for a variance.

- A) What is the hardship that would justify the granting of a variance? A hardship can include one or more of the following: *soil conditions, shape or topography of the land or structure (s), or otherwise.*

There is a slope in our backyard that prohibits us from building the pool farther from the lot line.

- B) Describe how the literal enforcement of the provisions of the zoning bylaw would involve *substantial hardship, financial or otherwise.*

To meet the 20ft requirements we would have to remove a large amount of soil and rock which would prove too costly for the project.

- C) Describe how a variance may be granted *without substantial detriment to the public good* **AND** how a variance may be granted *with respect to the intent or purpose of the zoning bylaw* of the Town of Shrewsbury.

We don't have close neighbors to the rear of our property and we also have tree and fence coverings which would obscure the sight and sound of the pool.

Special Permit Criteria- A Special Permit may only be granted when all criteria as listed in the Zoning Bylaws are met. Attach additional supporting documents as needed. Describe how the proposed use:

- A) Is in harmony with purpose and intent of bylaw
- B) Is appropriate to the location, topography and other characteristics of the site
- C) Will not have significant environmental impact and/or public health risk

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- D) Will not create a nuisance by noise, odor, smoke or vibration
- E) Will not create a nuisance by traffic generate or unsightliness
- F) Will not be detrimental to public good or neighborhood
- G) Note that certain special permits may require different criteria for approval as noted in the Zoning Bylaws

The undersigned respectfully appeals to your Board for a public hearing concerning the above matter

****All Signatures are Required for a Complete Application****

John Doe Jan 01, 2020

Signature of Appellant Date

Signature of Property Owner(s) Date

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Signature of Inspector of Buildings *(Reviewed for content only)* Date