

City of Rochester, New Hampshire Department of Building Safety

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Dear Abutter:

You are hereby notified of a <u>Public Hearing</u> to be held at <u>7:00 p.m.</u> on **Wednesday**, **October 9**, **2013** in the City Hall Council Chambers concerning the following:

2013-32—Application by John O'Keefe for a variance under Article 42.14, Table 1, (C) (9) of the City's Zoning Ordinance to allow a Function Hall/ Auction Hall in the Industrial 3 zone that is not allowed.

Location: 29 Milton Rd

Map 215 Lot 65 Block 3, Industrial 3 Zone

You are welcome to attend the public hearing and comment on the proposal. Be advised you will be allowed to speak at the meeting, however any paperwork will not be accepted at that time.

If you are planning to attend the meeting and have paperwork you wish to have reviewed, or if you are *not* planning to attend the meeting, you may comment by letter, fax or email (<u>karen.grenier@rochesternh.net</u>). However, for the Board to consider your comments they <u>MUST</u> be received <u>NO LATER than 12:00 noon on the Monday before the meeting</u> (October 7, 2013).

The project application is available for review by the public in the Department of Building Safety or you can view the entire application on the City's website – www.rochesternh.net. Click on *Boards & Commissions*, then *Zoning Board of Adjustment*, then *Zoning Board Projects*. Look under the map and lot number shown above.

Please feel free to contact this department with any questions or if you have any disability requiring special provisions for your participation.

Office Hours are between 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Karen Grenier, Building & Zoning Secretary

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Subject Lot:

Tax Map 215 Lot 65-3

Lot Size:

1.58 acres

Physical Location:

#29 Milton Road

Zoning District:

13 Industrial

Request:

Use Variance

NARRATIVE

The owner of record and applicant, O'Keefe-Martin Auction Partnership, are formally requesting that the Rochester Zoning Board of Adjustment grant a Use Variance of the Zoning Ordinance to allow the construction of a 6,200 sf Function Hall/Auction Hall on the subject lot, located within the I3 zoning district. The proposed use as a Function Hall/Auction Hall is not specifically defined in the table of uses within the Zoning Ordinance, but after discussion with the planning department, it was determined that the best fit use defined within the table of uses is 'A Place of Public Assembly', which is not a permitted use within the I3 zoning district.

The applicant proposes to operate a business that would consist of the renting of the Function Hall for events and using the hall to conduct auctions. The proposed building will comply with all fire and safety codes and will be designed to accommodate up to 150 people.

If this variance is granted the applicant will submit a Site Review application that would be reviewed by the Rochester Planning Board. The final design will comply with Site Review Regulations and all necessary permits will be sought.





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Case # 3013 - 3.2

Date: 4 18/13

A Variance is requested by O'Keefe-Martin Auctions Partnership from Article 42 Section 14 of the Zoning Ordinance to permit: The development of an Function Hall/Auction Hall on the subject parcel at #29 Milton Road, also identified as Tax Map 215 Lot 65-3, located in the 13 (Industry) zoning district.

Facts supporting this request:

- 1. The proposed use would not diminish surrounding property values because: The proposed use is consistent with the development of the surrounding neighborhood. The applicant proposes to construct a building and its associated infrastructure in a manner similar to the abutting properties located on either side of this subject parcel. The abutting properties currently conduct daily businesses on their perspective lots, in much the same way that the applicant proposes. Being that the proposed use is harmonious with the existing surrounding development negates any possibility that this proposed use would diminishing the values of the surrounding properties.
- 2. Granting the variance would not be contrary to the public interest because: The granting of this variance does not jeopardize the spirit nor intent of the Zoning Ordinance as it relates to this lot located in the Industry Zoning District. A Function Hall/Auction Hall use is not specifically defined in the table of uses within the Zoning Ordinance and therefore needs to be assigned an existing best fit use. After consultation with municipal officials in the Rochester Planning Department, it was determined that an Function Hall/Auction Hall use would be best categorized as 'A Place of Public Assembly', which is not a permitted use within the 13 Zoning District. The nature of a Function Hall/Auction Hall and the arrival and departure of its patrons, were the major factors considered when categorizing this proposed use. However, there are other aspects of a Function Hall/Auction Hall, which if considered individually and categorized by use, would be permitted within the 13 zoning district. It is for these reasons that it is our view that the granting of this variance would not be contrary to the public interest.
- 3. Denial of the variance would result in unnecessary hardship to the owner because of the following special circumstances of the property: The property is located in the 13 zoning district and if this variance were not granted it would deny the same right and use of this property that is currently being exercised by the abutting properties on a daily basis. If this variance were denied it would result in the unnecessary hardship to the

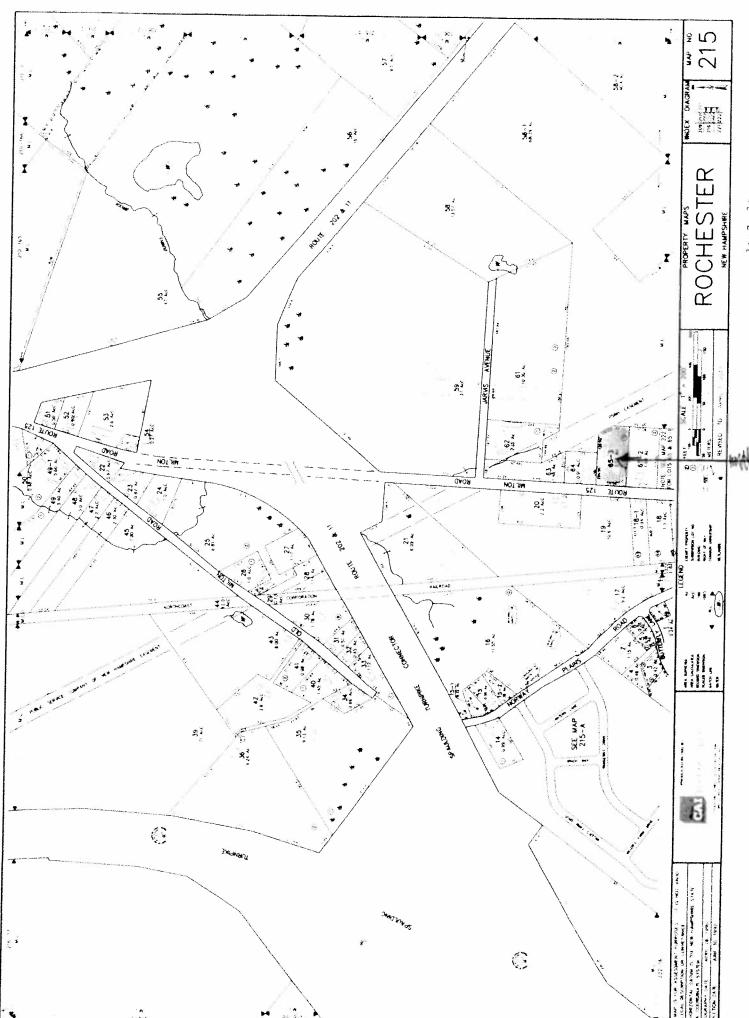


- owner based on his inability to use and enjoy his property in a similar manner that abutting properties have been permitted.
- 4. Granting the variance would do substantial justice because: The granting of this variance would do substantial justice in so far as it would allow the owners the same liberties and rights as those that are currently enjoyed by neighboring property owners. In addition, it would allow the owners to develop this property in a way that is consistent with the spirit and intent of the Zoning Ordinance.
- 5. The proposed use is not contrary to the spirit of the ordinance because: The spirit and intent of the ordinance, as it pertains to use in this immediate area, is that of allowing business and commerce. Although the zone is defined as Industry and a Function Hall/Auction Hall is not permitted within this zone, the proposed use it has allowable facets that exist within the Function Hall/Auction Hall business. It is only because the use of an 'Function Hall/Auction Hall' is not specifically defined in the table of uses, that this variance request is needed.

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