



Town of North Berwick Application for Variance

Name of Applicant: _____ Telephone: _____

Applicant Mailing Address: _____

Name and Address of Property Owner: _____

Physical Address of Property: _____

Zoning District: _____ Map _____ Lot _____

A sketch plan of the property must accompany this application showing the dimensions and shape of the lot, the size and location of existing buildings or alterations and any natural topographic peculiarities of the lot in question.

1. **Nature of Variance** – Describe the nature of the variance you are requesting

2. **Justification for Variance** – In order for a variance to be granted, the applicant must demonstrate to the Board of Appeals that the strict application of the terms of the zoning ordinance would cause undue hardship. There are four criteria which must be met before the Zoning Board of Appeals can find that a hardship exists. Explain how your situation meets each of these criteria.
 - a. The land in question cannot yield a reasonable return unless the variance is granted.

- b. The need for a variance is due to the unique circumstances of the property not to the general conditions in the neighborhood.

- c. The granting of a variance will not alter the essential character of the locality.

- d. The hardship is not the result of action taken by the applicant or a prior owner.

Any other comments you may wish to make: _____

I certify that the information contained in this application and its supplement is true and correct.

Date: _____ *Applicant's Signature* _____

Note to Applicant: This form and all supporting documentation should be returned to the Town Clerk with the application fee of \$100. Please be aware that additional charges for advertising and mailing costs will be due prior to the decision on your variance. You will be notified of the date of the hearing on your request as well as the remaining balance of the fee.