

August 8, 2020

Dear Newington Zoning Board of Appeals,

Thank you for taking the time to review and hear us out on our proposed plans. Our names are Lisa Solari-Tyler and Jordan Tyler. We currently reside at 34 Centerwood Road and Lisa has been a lifelong resident, growing up here in town. Lisa bought her house in 2015 and now as recent newlyweds, plans are being thought about for their future family. We would love to continue to live in town and send our kids through the same school system and remain a part of the community.

With that said, our plans moving forward would be to add a master bedroom and bathroom above an already existing garage. We are not asking to create or build a structure, simply add onto an already existing structure while repairing the structure at the same time. We are unable to build forward or backwards with the only option of building up. In regard to the back, within the last two years we have completed a brand-new patio, which does not allow us room to build backwards. In the front, the driveway is very short and does not allow us the ability to build forward without losing much needed driveway space. Building forward would take our driveway away and in turn the new structure would be too close to the front of the property line. We understand the already existing garage is only six feet from the property line, as opposed to ten feet, and believe it is not necessary to build four feet in from the garage walls as they are already existing, thus being the cause for the variance. This addition would not affect our neighbors at 38 Centerwood Road, who are aware of this application for a variance. It would not obstruct views, passage through, or interfere or impede with the land between our two houses. Ultimately, the space between our houses would remain unchanged. As well, with our discussion with Andrew, it has come to our attention that our breezeway may have been added illegally, connecting the garage to the house. With the new plans, this rotting breezeway that is poorly constructed will be demolished and restructured opening up into the kitchen, thus making it a legal and more safe structure. Jordan would be the carpenter who would be able to complete all work at an affordable cost and allow us to add on and stay in our home.

We would love to continue to stay in town and in our neighborhood, by granting us this hardship we will not be forced to move. Thank you for your time and please feel free to reach out to us with any questions.

Thank you in advance,

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