

# Town of Simsbury

933 HOPMEADOW STREET

SIMSBURY, CONNECTICUT 06070

Office of Community Planning and Development

AGENDA ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS – SPECIAL MEETING WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27, 2021 – <u>7:00 p.m.</u> The public hearing will be web-based on Zoom at: <u>https://zoom.us/j/2574297243</u> Meeting ID: 257 429 7243

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. ROLL CALL 1. Appointment of Alternates
- **III. ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

### IV. APPLICATIONS

- 1. Public Hearings
  - **a.** <u>Application #21-01</u> of Tiffin True, Owner/Applicant for a variance of the Simsbury Zoning Regulations Section 3.5.1 to construct a 24'x 24' detached garage at the property located at 23 Latimer Lane (Assessor's Map D15, Block 402, and Lot 099). Zone R-40

### 2. Discussion and Possible Action

- **a.** <u>Application #21-01</u> of Tiffin True, Owner/Applicant for a variance of the Simsbury Zoning Regulations Section 3.5.1 to construct a 24'x 24' detached garage at the property located at 23 Latimer Lane (Assessor's Map D15, Block 402, and Lot 099). Zone R-40
- V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES of September 23, 2020 regular meeting

### VI. GENERAL COMMISSION BUSINESS

a. Proposed 2021 Meeting Schedule

### VII. ADJOURNMENT

### PLEASE VERIFY YOUR AVAILABILITY TO ATTEND THIS MEETING BY CONTACTING THOMAS HAZEL BY PHONE AT (860) 658-3252 OR EMAIL AT <u>thazel@simsbury-ct.gov</u> How to Join us on Zoom for the Public Meeting:

- 1. Join us on the web: <u>https://zoom.us/j/2574297243</u>
- 2. Join us by phone: +1 646 558 8656
- **3.** Written communications may be emailed to lbarkowski@simsbury-ct.gov by 12:00 p.m. on January 26, 2021 to have comments read into the record at the hearing

### How to view application materials:

Visit https://www.simsbury-ct.gov/zoning-board-of-appeals

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#### 1/5/2021

Re: Zoning Board Of Appeals Application for Variance for Tiffin True, 23 Latimer Lane, Simsbury

With respect to the variance requested and the hardship, please see the following additional information.

The carport on the property is rotting and needs to come down. It makes sense to replace the 2 car carport with a 2 car garage at this time, which will improve the property value and is appropriate for a New England home. To place the garage where it makes the most sense for the property, I am applying for a variance for a structure in the front yard.

If the garage is placed where the carport is now, it will block the site line from the house significantly (including eliminating the site line entirely from at least 2 windows, rendering them useless for any property owner). The property sits on a sloping hill and given the topography of the property, the garage cannot be placed to the left of the house, so the best alternative is to place the garage slightly to the right of where the carport sits now. This will reduce the loss of site line and works with the topography of the property.

Additionally, the neighbors to the right of the property who would be closest to the proposed garage (David and Carol Mello, 19 Latimer Lane, Simsbury) are in favor of this garage placement and have provided a note which accompanies this application.

Thank you for your consideration,

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Tiffin True 23 Latimer Lane Simsbury, CT 06070



Date: 1/5/21

To: Town of Simsbury

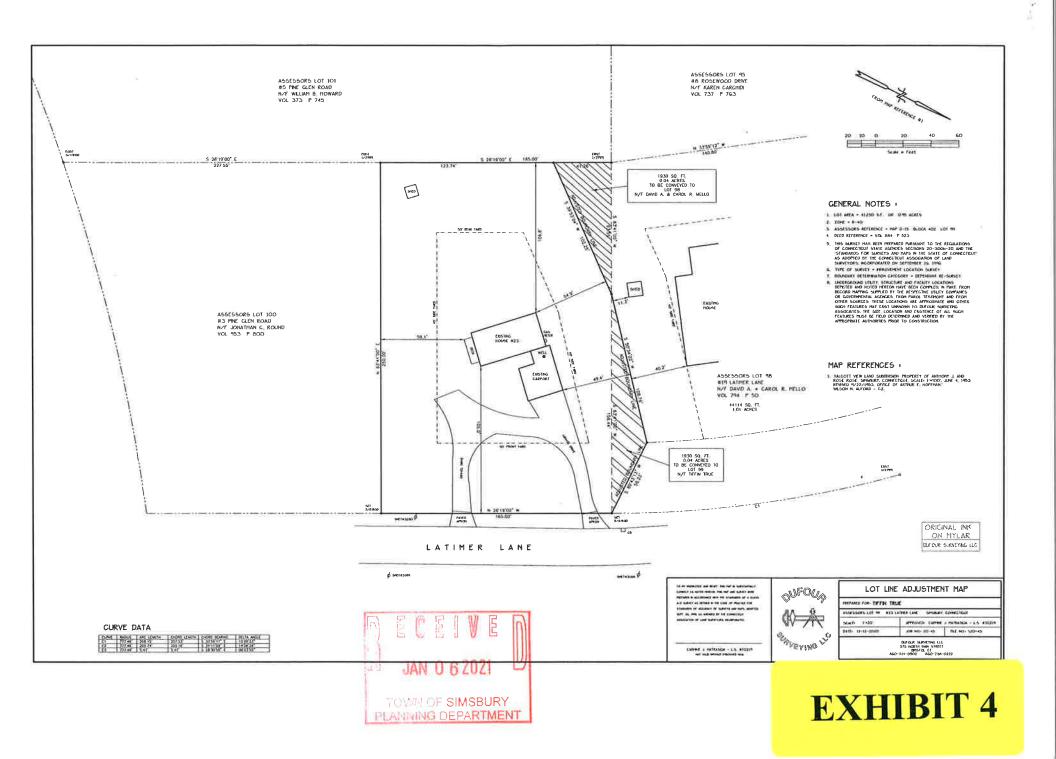
Re: Zoning Board of Appeals Application for Tiffin True, 23 Latimer Lane, Simsbury, CT 06070

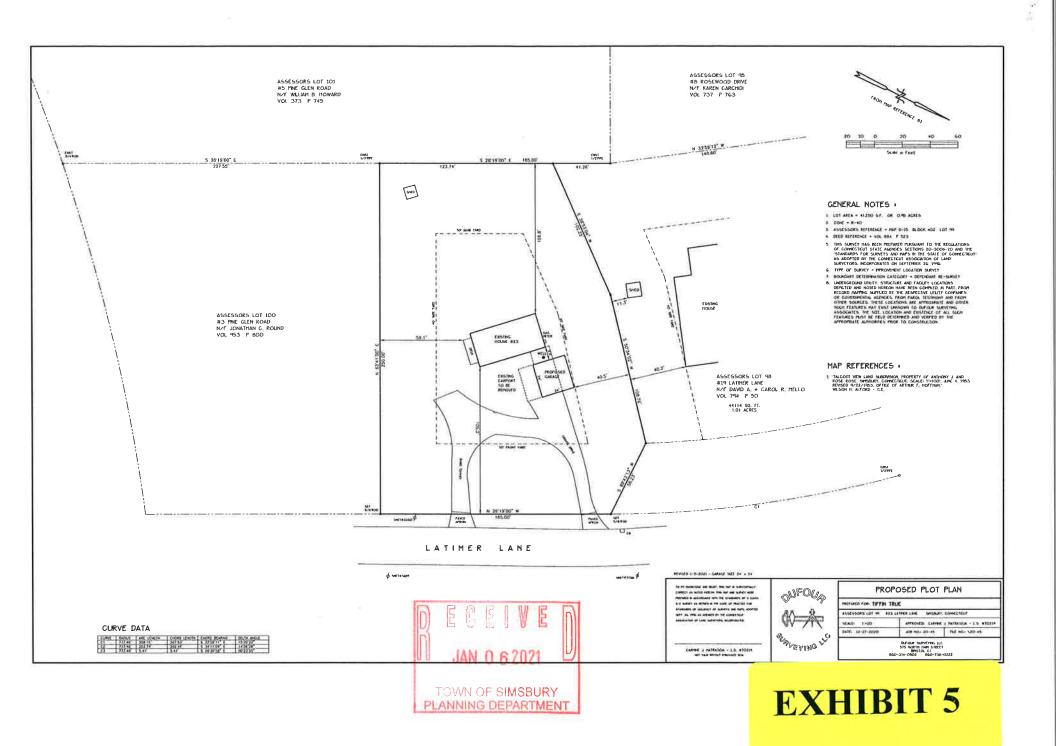
I have discussed with Tiffin True her plans for the garage and where she would like to place this on her property. Considering all the factors, we are in favor of her proposed placement for this garage.

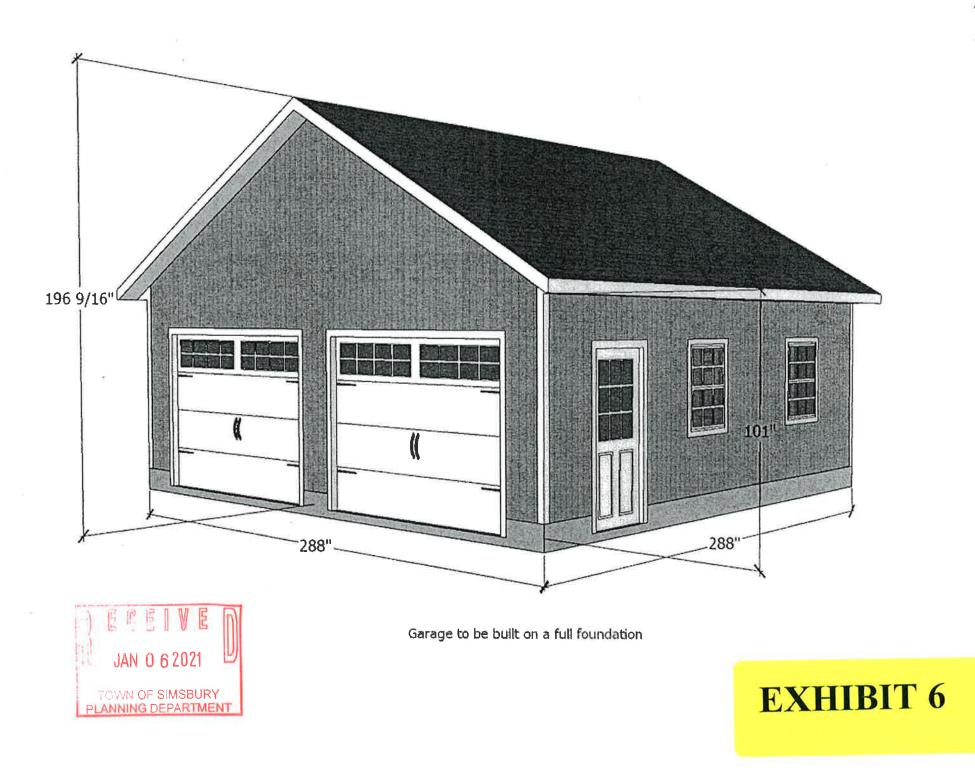
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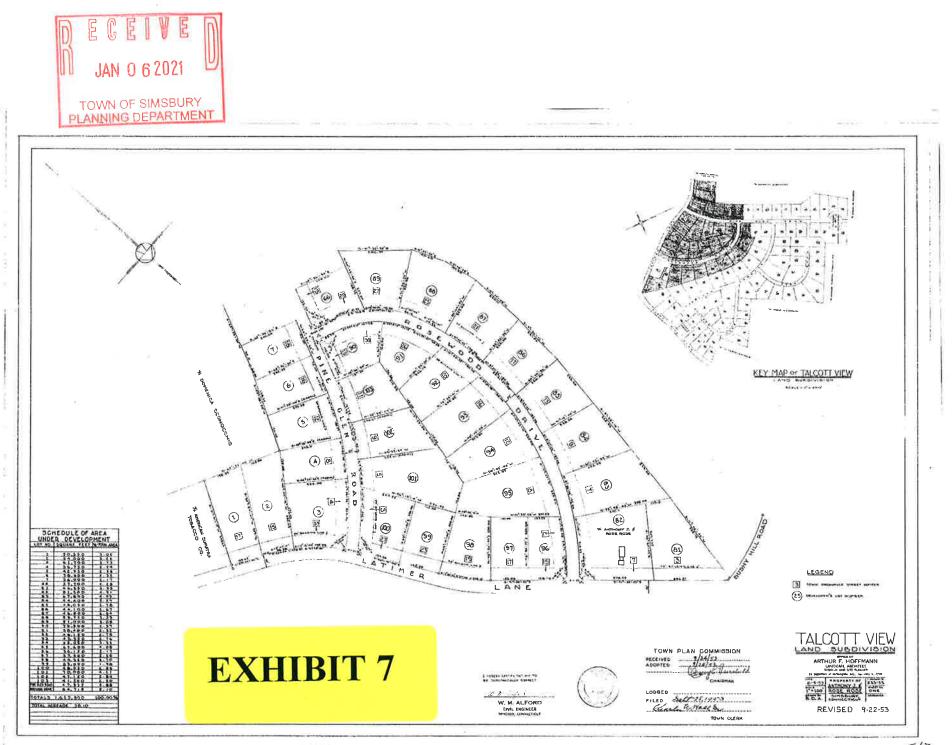
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After Recording Return To: Ms. Tiffin True 23 Latimer Lane Simsbury, CT 06070

# TOWN OF SIMSBURY PLANNING DEPARTMEN

### STATUTORY FORM QUIT CLAIM DEED

I, JONATHAN GORMAN of the Town of SOUTHINGTON, County of HARTFORD and State of CONNECTICUT for the consideration of FOUR THOUSAND AND 00/100ths DOLLARS (\$4,000.00) paid grant to

TIFFIN TRUE of the Town of SIMSBURY, County of HARTFORD and State of **CONNECTICUT** with QUIT-CLAIM COVENANTS

All that certain piece or parcel of land known as 23 Latimer Lane in the Town of Simsbury, County of Hartford and State of Connecticut and more fully described on Schedule "A" attached hereto and made a part hereof.

Signed this 5<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2014

Witnessed by: Richevicius da

athan Gorman

STATE OF CONNECTICUT COUNTY OF HARTFORD )

) ss.: Simsbury

February 5, 2014

Personally appeared Jonathan Gorman signer and sealer of the foregoing instrument who acknowledged this to be his free act and deed before me.

Notary Public / Commissioner

Superior Court

MELINDA RICKEVICIUS NOTARY PUBLIC COMMISSION EXP

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#### SCHEDULE A

a certain piece or parcel of land, with all buildings and improvements thereon and appurtenances thereof, situated in the Town of Simsbury, County of Hartford and State of Connecticut, more particularly bounded and described as follows, to wit:

Lot No. 99 on a map entitled; "Talcott View Land Subdivision Property of Anthony J. and Rose Rose Simsbury, Connecticut Date 6-4-53 Revised 9-22-53, Scale 1" = 100' W.M. Alford Civil Engineer, Office of Arthur F. Hoffman Landscape Architect Regional and Site Planner" on file in the Town Clerk's Office in said Town of Simsbury, and more particularly bounded and described as follows, to wit:

NORTHERLY	by land now or formerly of Myer Elovich, et al, Lot No. 98 on said map, 250 feet;

EASTERLY by LATIMER LANE, 165 feet;

SOUTHERLY by land now or formerly of Robert Martell et al, Lot No. 100 on said map, 250 feet; and

WESTERLY by land now or formerly of Rank Andrul, et al, Lot No. 101 on said map, 165 feet;

On which is a house known as NO. 23 LATIMER LANE, SIMSBURY, CONNECTICUT;

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### LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF SIMSBURY ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS - SPECIAL MEETING

The Zoning Board of Appeals of the Town of Simsbury will hold a Public Hearing at a Special Meeting on Wednesday, January 27, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom: https://zoom.us/j/2574297243 on the following:

1. Application #21-01 of Tiffin True, Owner/Applicant for a variance of the Simsbury Zoning Regulations Section 3.5.1 to construct a 24'x 24' detached garage at the property located at 23 Latimer Lane (Assessor's Map D15, Block 402, and Lot 099). Zone R-40

At this hearing, interested persons may appear via Zoom and be heard on the issues and written communications may be emailed to lbarkowski@simsbury-ct.gov by 12:00 p.m. on January 26, 2021 to have their comments read into the record at the hearing. A copy of the above is on file in the Office of the Simsbury Planning Department, 933 Hopmeadow Street, Simsbury Connecticut, for public inspection.

> Katie Martin, Chairman SIMSBURY ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

### HARTFORD COURANT:

### PLEASE PUBLISH THIS ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 14, 2021, AND THURSDAY, JANUARY 21, 2021 AND ZONE ONLY FOR FARMINGTON VALLEY EDITION.

### **INVOICE: SIMSBURY ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS acct #CU00254390**

# **EXHIBIT 9**

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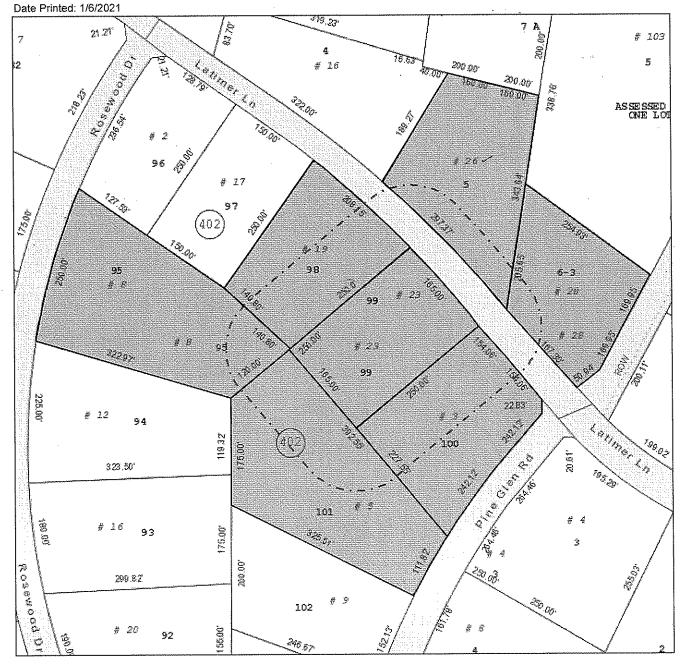
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8:30 - 7:00 Monday 8:30 - 4:30 Tuesday through Thursday 8:30 - 1:00 Friday

### **Town of Simsbury**

Geographic Information System (GIS)





### MAP DISCLAIMER - NOTICE OF LIABILITY

This map is for assessment purposes only. It is not for legal description or conveyances. All information is subject to verification by any user. The Town of Simsbury and its mapping contractors assume no legal responsibility for the information contained herein.



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#### TOWN OF SIMSBURY NOTIFICATION OF PUBLIC HEARING – SPECIAL MEETING ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Your property abuts <u>23 Latimer Lane</u> and you are entitled to notification of the following: The Simsbury Zoning Board of Appeals is holding a <u>Public Hearing</u> at a special meeting for a variance to construct a detached garage at the subject property.

#### The Public Hearing will be held on Wednesday, January 27, 2020.

Meeting Information

Time: <u>7:00 p.m.</u> Via Zoom: <u>https://zoom.us/j/257429724</u> Meeting ID: 257 429 7243 Phone: 1 646 558 8656 Location: Simsbury Town Offices Via Zoom

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At this hearing interested persons may attend via Zoom and be heard, and written communications received prior to January 26, 2021 by 12:00pm will be read into the record. For more information call 860-658-3245 or email <u>lbarkowski@simsbury-ct.gov</u>



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Office of Community Planning and Development

To: Simsbury Zoning Board of Appeals

From: Laura Barkowski, Land Use Specialist

**Date:** January 19, 2021

**RE:** <u>Application #21-01</u> of Tiffan True, Owner/Applicant for a variance of the Simsbury Zoning Regulations Section 3.5.1 to construct a garage at the property located at 23 Latimer Lane (Assessor's Map D15, Block 402, Lot 099). Zone R-40

### **DESCRIPTION OF VARIANCE**

The applicant is requesting a variance to Section 3.5.1 of the Zoning Regulations to construct a detached 24' 24' garage within the front yard of the property. According the Assessor records this lot contains a raised ranch style house constructed in 1955 and one accessory structure a 80 square foot shed. Currently the property has a two car carport that the applicant is proposing to remove to construct the detached garage.

### Section 3.5.1. Size & Location of Accessory Structures in Residential Districts

a. In all residential districts, accessory structures shall not be located in front yards except: i. Properties which are greater than one acre in size and the primary structure is greater than 150 feet from the front property line, the structure can be located in the front yard provided that it is no closer to the property line than the front yard setback for the zoning district.

The subject lot is 0.95 acres and the primary structure is 105' from the front property line

### b. An Accessory Structure shall not exceed a height of 15 feet.

A "not to scale" rendering of the garage marked Exhibit 6 illustrates the total height from ground to roof peak is approximately 197 inches. The height from base to the eave is 101 inches. 197-101=96 divided by 2=48 inches to get approximate midpoint of roof plus the 101=149 inches or approximately 12.4 feet proposed height.

# c. An Accessory Structure located in a rear yard shall not exceed 250 square feet of building area; shall be located a minimum of 10 feet from the lot line.

Not applicable as the proposed garage is 24' x 24' or 576 square feet and located in the front yard.

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### d. An Accessory Structure that exceeds 250 square feet in building area must conform to the building setbacks for the zoning district.

The property is located within an R-40 zoning district requiring 50' front yard, 40', side yard and 50' rear yard setbacks. The proposed garage conforms to the setbacks.

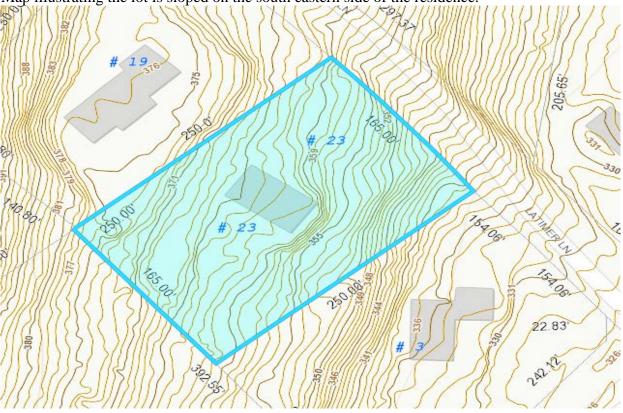
e. The maximum cumulative building area for all accessory structures on a lot shall not exceed a total of 50% of the building area of the primary building.

<u>Gross Building Area</u>: The sum of the gross horizontal areas of the several floors of all buildings enclosed by walls on the property excluding parking decks and basement areas used for storage, loading and unloading or for housing of mechanicals or central heating and air conditioning equipment.

The proposed garage is 576 square feet along with the shed of 80 square feet totals 656 square feet which does not exceed 50% of the primary building area of 1225 square feet (includes finished basement.)

### **HARDSHIP**

Within the narrative the applicant states that there is "no other place for a garage on the property due to the topography and the well" additionally "the carport is rotting and needs to come down." The applicant further states the garage will improve the property value and is appropriate for a New England Home. The applicant states that garage cannot be located exactly where the carport currently resides as it would obstruct the view from two windows of the residence.



Map illustrating the lot is sloped on the south eastern side of the residence.



### **STAFF COMMENT**

The public hearing notice was published in the Hartford Courant on both January 14, 2021 and January 21, 2021. The neighborhood abutters were mailed notification of the public hearing on January 14, 2021.

Ms. True had the lot line with abutting property owners David and Carol Mello revised so that the proposed garage would not encroach into the side yard setbacks thereby eliminating her need to request multiple variances.

The Board should determine if a hardship exists and state on the record. Staff suggests the following conditions:

- 1. The height of the detached garage is not to exceed fifteen feet.
- 2. Approval is based off plan entitled "Lot Line Adjustment Map" prepared for Tiffan True by Dufour Surveying LLC dated December 12, 2020.