TOWN OF EAST GRANBY LAND USE APPLICATION

Date 11/23/22
Application to: Planning & Zoning Commission Zoning Board of Appeals X Administrative Staff
Name, Address & Telephone # of Applicant:
Aaron Alves & Lorena Lima
31 N Main St
413-544-1614
Name, Address & Telephone # of Owner if different:
Please complete appropriate Sections:
Proposed Use (if applicable) Detached garage addition to existing home with side yard variance reques
Is property under PA 490? YesNo X
Present Zone(s) of affected property: PRD
Property in acres: 1.04
Number of Lots: Existing 1Proposed 1
Total area in wetlands: 0Area of wetlands affected by this proposal: N/A
Are there any easements or rights-of-way? Yes No_X_ (if yes, they must be shown)
Names & addresses of others involved in the project:
N/A
Signature of applicant
All correspondence will be sent to the applicant unless specifically requested otherwise in writing.
All applications must be submitted to the Building Department during regular office hours. Checks

should be made payable to the "Town of East Granby".

TOWN OF EAST GRANBY ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Fee:	\$210 Commercial Variance \$180 Residential Variance Connecticut) \$210 Appeals from the ZEO \$210 Dealer's & Repairer's Licen	(All fees include applicable fees to the State of se		
APPE	AL ft ZBA 9.5 Ft Side Yard	DATE <u>11/23/22</u>	ZONE PRD	
APPELLANT Aaron Alves & Lorena Lima_ADDRESS 31 N Main St				
OWNER ADDRESS (If different from appellant)				
LOCA	TION OF AFFECTED PREMISE	ES 31 N Main S	t	
when	previous appeal been made wit Is it in connective check the appropriate section	ion with a pro	premises? Y/N N if yes, posed or existing building? blicable.	
[1. I HEREBY APPEAL FROM A DECISION OF THE ZONING ENFORCEMENT OFFICER: In a separate letter, explain your appeal and be sure to specify what error the Zoning Enforcement Officer has made in issuing an order.				
Date order received Date this application filed The above dates should not be more than fifteen (15) days apart.				
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[1 3. I HEREBY REQUEST LOCATION APPROVAL FOR A DEALERS' & REPAIRERS' LICENSE Please submit appropriate documentation including a copy of the approved site plan for the affected property.				
Signa	ture of appellant		Signature of owner (if	

different) PLEASE SUBMIT ELEVEN (11) COPIES OF ALL DOCUMENTATION!!!

To:

Town of East Granby

Zoning Board of Appeals

From: Aaron Alves & Lorena Lima

Date: November 23, 2022

Re:

Request for Variance for Proposed Garage

31 North Main St.

Dear Board Members,

Our two-story colonial style house was built in 2001 at 31 North Main Street. The lot was created as part of a "free-split" division in 1999 and is located in the PRD-Planned Residential Development Zone.

Our home is served by a private well, an on-site septic system and accessed off North Main Street by a bituminous paved driveway. The original and previous owners installed a bluestone/decorative block patio along with an in-ground pool. The patio has a built-in outdoor kitchen station as shown on the attached plan.

Specify the Variance Being Requested

We are writing to request a variance to allow for the construction of a detached garage. The garage is 22 feet wide by 30 feet deep and is proposed to be located at the end of the existing bituminous driveway turn-around where a storage shed existed. The proposed location places the garage 15.5 feet from the side property line, 9.5 feet over the required side-yard necessitating a Variance.

What Unique Hardship is Caused

The existing physical surroundings of the proposed garage create a unique hardship. Shifting & relocating the garage inside the required side yard would position the garage approximately 7.5 feet from the face of the existing garage which would create vehicle maneuvering difficulties and a potential safety risk.

Additionally, the north face wall of the garage would be less than 2 feet from the outdoor kitchen and wood burning pizza fireplace. This proximity of the outdoor kitchen creates a potential fire hazard with less than desired space for fire & safety responders to respond to emergency calls.

The proposed location provides more than 11 feet between the garage and existing patio/outdoor kitchen allowing safety personnel and emergency vehicles easy access the rear yard and in-ground pool area in the event of a crisis.

The existing septic system and space reserved for future septic repairs limit the option of moving the garage further in the back yard.

Why is it Unique to these Premises

As mentioned earlier, our property was created in 1999 as part of a free split, not requiring approval from the Planning & Zoning Commission.

The Zoning Regulations do not require a minimum lot width, or minimum lot frontage dimension on lots created in the PRD Zone. However, Section IV.C of the Zoning Regulations (Planned Residential Development Zone) refers to the R-40 Zone at times for requirements. The lot width of the subject property was set at 140.00 feet, less than required by an R-40 zone property and much less than the surrounding lots creating a unique home lot smaller than those required by one in the R-40 Zone and the existing surrounding properties.

The abutting property to the north is 261.45 feet in width and the abutting property to the south is 232.30 feet wide. The narrow 140' width of the subject property was not created by the applicant; it was planned by others resulting in a unique hardship for us by limiting reasonable use of the side yards, unlike other properties in the immediate area.

Granting this variance would not be detrimental to the neighborhood nor would it impair property values. Approving the variance to allow the garage location as shown, would be common to the neighborhood; the existing garage on the southerly abutting property is non-conforming with respect to

its own side-yard. This non-conforming garage does not allow the option of purchasing land from the southerly abutter to remove the need of our variance.

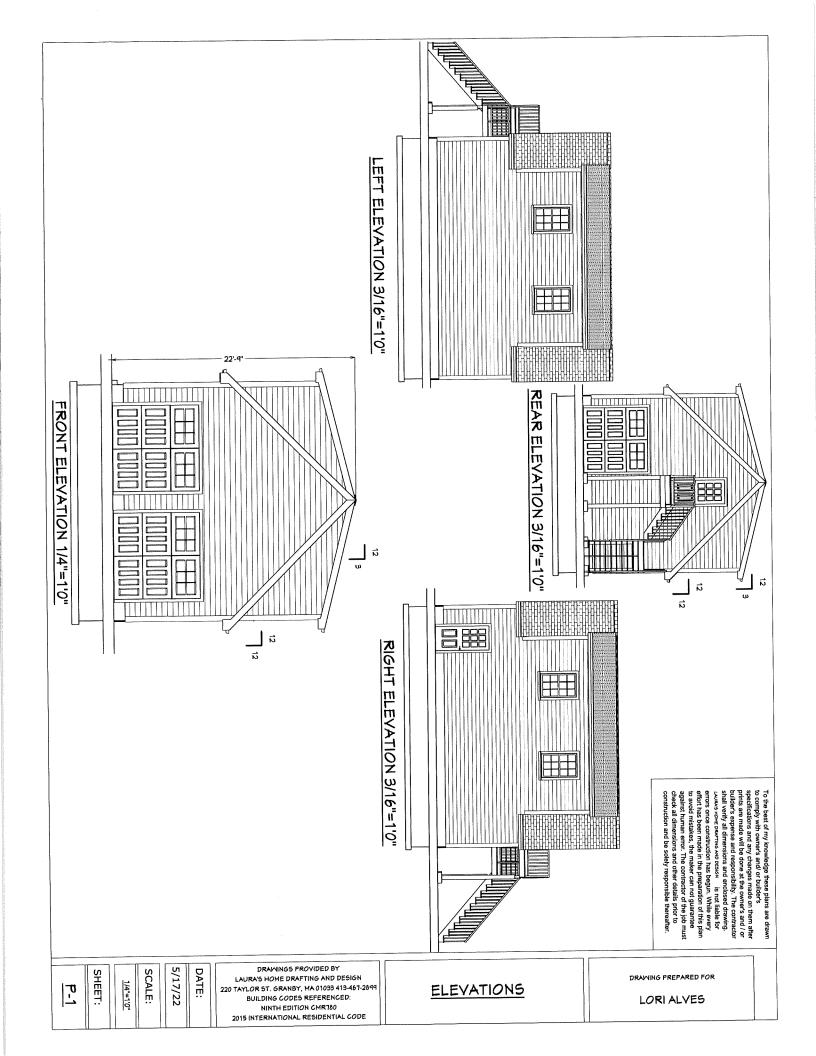
This variance would also not change the character of the neighborhood because it is an expansion of an existing use and a permitted accessory use in the PRD Zone. The proposed garage location is replacing what was once a non-conforming outdoor storage shed accessory use.

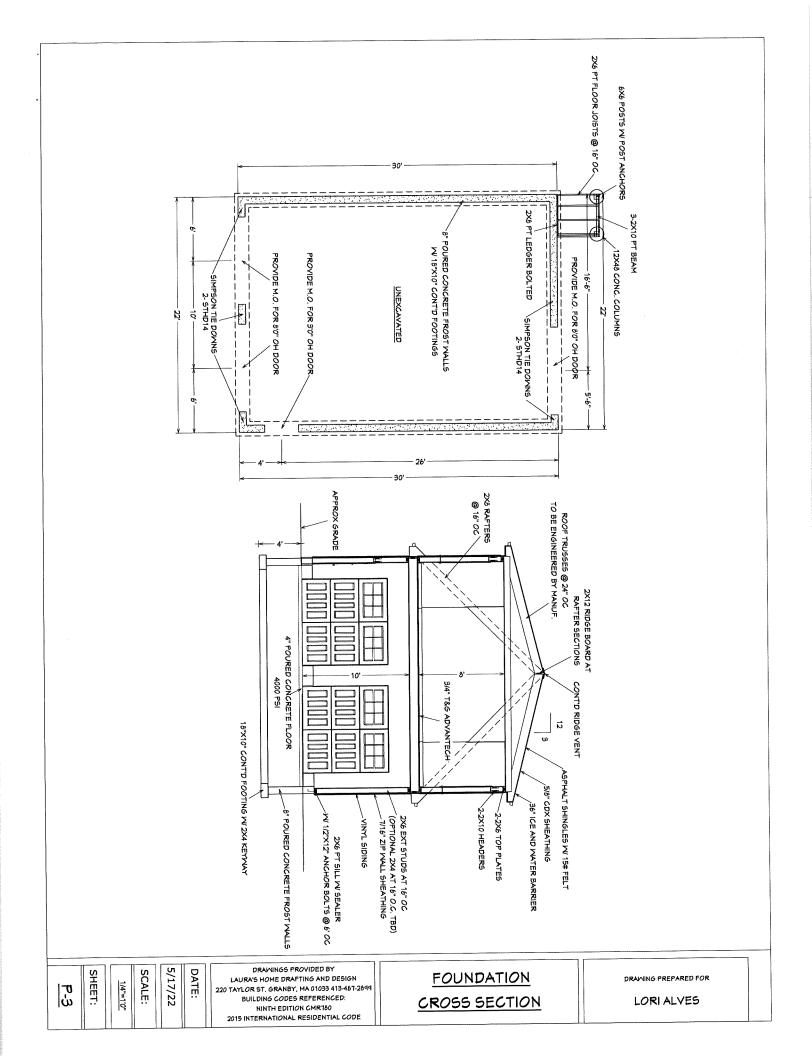
In summary, we believe that the proposed garage constitutes a very reasonable use of our land and property, and the granting of this variance is reasonable based on the safety and complex hardships created with a garage conforming to the regulations, all of which were created by others when the lot was planned, improvements were installed and that the proposed garage is in harmony with the surrounding properties.

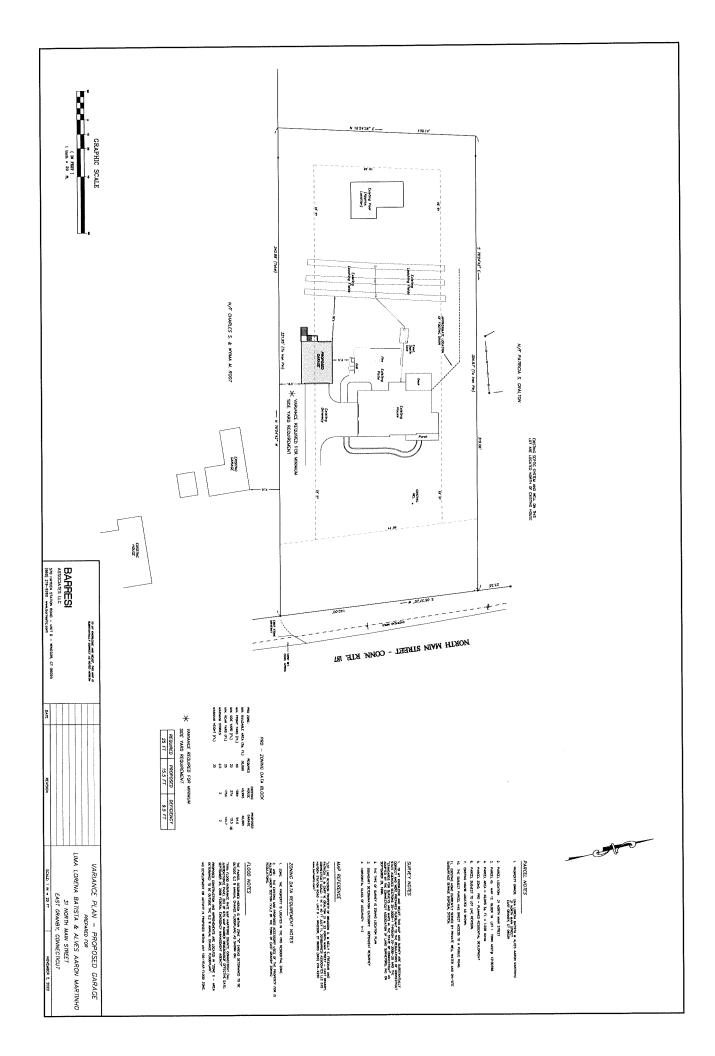
We very much appreciate your consideration of this request and would be pleased to provide any additional information.

Sincerely,

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PERMIT BUILDING

TOWN OF EAST GRANBY

LOCATION OF JOB

NORTH MAIN STREET 31

APPLICANT

James Greene Jr.

Group 40 Remodeling

3 Sparkle Street

Enfield CT 06082

PERMIT #

B8569

PERMIT ISSUE DATE

11/12/2010

APPLICATION #

1142

APPLICATION DATE

11/10/2010

OWNER

Brandon Freeman

ESTIMATED COST

\$17,000.00

FEE PAID

\$255.00

31 NORTH MAIN STREET

RECEIPT#

01486

EAST GRANBY CT 06026

Applicant named above is hereby granted permission to perform work at the location above in accordance with the application and plans approved by the Building Department. All work must be done in accordance with local, state and federal codes

Dinesh Patel

BUILDING OFFICIAL

DESCRIPTION OF WORK

FINISH 1,000 SQ FT OF BASEMENT FOR FAMILY/REC ROOM WITH 1/2 BATH

Please call at 860-653-3444 to schedule an inspection minimum 24 hours in advance

Office Hours: Mon - Thurs. 8am - 4pm Fri 8am-1pm

BUILDING DEPARTMENT TOWN OF EAST GRANBY 9 CENTER STREET PO BOX 1858 EAST GRANBY, CT 06026