

April 8, 2021



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Planning Department

City Hall

1 Junkins Ave.

Portsmouth, NH 03801

Re: Addendum to March 8, 2021 Letter re Petition of The Prendergast Family Revocable Trust of 2012, Owner, Property at 70 Sheffield Road, Portsmouth, NH: (now Land Use Application #: LU-21-59)

Dear sir/madam.

As the owner-resident of 74 Sheffield Road and next-door neighbor of the Prendergasts, I previously submitted a letter dated March 8, 2021 in support of the above petition. Except as expressly noted in this Addendum, I am making no changes to my prior letter.

It is my understanding that since then, the above petition was amended to add a request for a variance with respect to the distance from the property lines of the existing previously-constructed rear deck attached to the residence at 70 Sheffield Road.

I favor the requested variance from the Zoning Ordinance and hope that it, as well as the variances needed for the proposed farmer's porch at the same property will be approved on or before the next scheduled meeting of the Board of Adjustment on April 20, 2021.

Sincerely,

Karen Hazel

From: [Elisabeth Kennedy](#)
To: [Tracy A. Gora](#)
Cc: [jeannie.pendergast](#)
Subject: After the fact variance-Pendergast
Date: Wednesday, March 24, 2021 9:57:28 PM

Mr. David Rheaume
Chair, City of Portsmouth Zoning Board of Adjustments

I am writing to you in support of the after-the-fact variance being requested by Jeanne and James Pendergast at 70 Sheffield Road.

The Pendergasts are lovely neighbors that keep their property immaculate. The back deck has no impact on my property at 64 Sheffield Road, located to the left of their home. I know that they enjoy their time in their backyard watching the birds at the feeders and see no reason for making any changes.

I fully support keeping the footprint of their home as it is while they pursue approval of adding a porch to the front of their home.

Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions.

Elisabeth Kennedy
64 Sheffield Road
Portsmouth, NH 03801
603-770-2522

From: [Michael Wierbonics](#)
To: [Tracy A. Gora](#)
Cc: jprender50@yahoo.com
Subject: ATTN: David Rheaume
Date: Thursday, March 25, 2021 1:52:32 PM

David,

I'm writing on behalf of the Prendergast family of Sheffield Road regarding their application for an after-the-fact variance for their existing deck.

I am Michael Wierbonics of 161 Essex Ave and the Prendergast property abuts the rear yard of our property.

The deck was in existence when the Prendergast's moved in and we have no issue with it's location even though it is 2-feet out of compliance.

It is my opinion that an after-the-fact variance be permitted in this case for the existing deck.

Contact me with any questions.

Michael Wierbonics
828-1627

Juliet T.H. Walker

From: Sarah Cornell <sarahbcornell@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 13, 2021 8:23 PM
To: Planning Info
Subject: chickens at 97 Meredith Way

Hello,

We are writing in support of David and Jennifer Chapnick's petition to keep chickens at 97 Meredith Way. It would cause no inconvenience to us, and would probably only add character to our little corner of the neighborhood. We prefer that no roosters be kept due to the noise, but we expect that the Chapnicks would be open to a neighborly conversation if we had any concerns.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sarah Cornell
Sue Curry
owners, 275 Thornton St.

Izak Gilbo

From: Patrick Plante <pbplante@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, April 19, 2021 9:02 AM
To: Planning Info
Subject: ABUTTER NOTICE – 97 Meredith Way - Board of Adjustment Public Hearing – Tuesday, April 20, 2021

Planning Department,

RE: ABUTTER NOTICE – **97 Meredith Way** - Board of Adjustment Public Hearing – Tuesday, April 20, 2021

We write in objection to the petition of David & Jennifer Chapnick, Owners, for the property located at 97 Meredith Way, requesting relief from the Zoning Ordinance to allow the keeping of chickens (farm animals) where the use is not permitted. Our property at 317 Thornton Street abuts the petitioner's property by a common corner.

While we are generally proponents of the rights of property owners to do as they may with their property, in our view that right should not extend to instances where non-conforming use is likely to negatively impact surrounding properties. Given the high density of housing in the area (by way of example, the view from the back of our home includes the backyards of 12 properties, including that of the petitioner, that make up a portion of the 'block' in which our property sits), the requested usage falls clearly in the latter category.

Primary among our concerns are noise, smell, hygiene and disease, the attraction of predators, and the associated potential negative impact on property value and salability of surrounding properties.

Given these concerns, we respectfully request that the petition be denied.

Regards,

Patrick & Andrea Plante
Owners for the property located at 317 Thornton Street