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Good afternoon,

We are Rich and Mary Brady on 122/124 Burkitt St. We are immediate neighbors of Joel St Jean on 108 Burkitt St.

We have reviewed his proposal and have reservations with his plan. We do not oppose legally demolishing/replacing the existing garage in the same space of approximately the same size. We do have questions regarding the proposed variance to almost triple the current size to be built 1' from our property line where 10' is required by current City laws. We're curious how it would be built almost exactly ON the property line where there is now a hedge. With only twelve inches of access to maintain his building, approving this request is tantamount to granting the owners of that property free permanent access to this property.

Since becoming our neighbor, Joel has many times expressed his intent to remove our shared hedge. According to a survey prepared for us by Stockton Services and registered with the City in January 2012, we own most of the hedge. I also recently discussed this with Portsmouth City Arborist Charles Baxter, who reviewed our records and echoed this belief. We have no intention of removing it. I work from home and that hedge is the last bit of protection I have from complete exposure of the sound traveling into our neighborhood from the traffic circle. It has been proposed that a garage and several arborvitaes are adequate replacement. I disagree.

After a text discussion with Joel on April 25,th we hired Jonathan M. Flagg, Esq. Flagg Law, PLLC to draft a letter stating our intention to keep the hedge in place. I have attached that letter. In addition to the 9' variance, our other concern is that his contractor will need to actually stand in our yard to rebuild his proposed structure. That area is 100% hedge. We question whether this demolition/construction can/will be accomplished while providing the necessary care required to protect our property and prevent terminal damage to our bushes.

We plan to attend your May 24, 2022, hearing to listen and contribute. In the meantime, please advise if there are any additional steps we should take.

Thank you very much.

The Bradys 124 Burkitt St Portsmouth, NH 03801 603-566-2749

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Joel St Jean 108 Burkitt St Portsmouth, NH 03801

RE: DO NOT REMOVE HEDGE

Dear Mr. St. Jean:

I represent Mr. and Mrs. Richard Brady who live at and own 124 Burkitt Street in Portsmouth. The Brady's property abuts your property. As I understand it, you want to remove the hedge between my clients' property and your property. My clients own the hedge. Please do not remove it.

We are hoping that you will respond favorably to this letter so that we can get this matter resolved. Our hope is that we can get this matter resolved between neighbors without further proceedings. Let me know if you can work with me on this. If you have any conflicting surveys, please provide them to me. You may have a survey of your own property that you obtained for one reason or another. If so, I would very much like to see it so that we can get this matter behind us.

Thank you very much for your time.

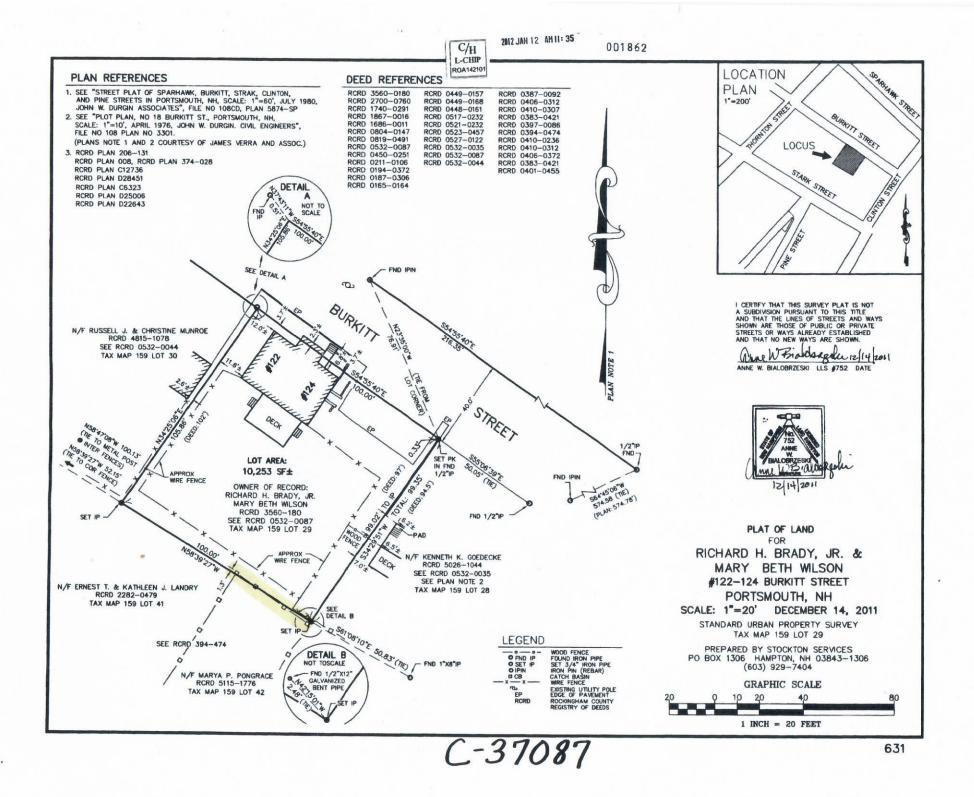
Very truly yours,

Jonathan M. Flagg, Esq.

JMF/jlr cc: Richard Brady City of Portsmouth, NH

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