



May 23, 2016

Mr. William Moore, Chairman  
Zoning Board of Appeals  
City of Saratoga Springs  
474 Broadway  
Saratoga Springs, New York 12866

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Chairman Moore,

I write in support of the application submitted by Maple Shade Corners, LLC which is seeking a Use Variance for a parcel of land at 34 Marion Avenue in the City of Saratoga Springs.

Marion Avenue is NYSDOT classified Urban Minor Arterial seeing approximately 12,000 cars on an average day. This is a benefit to commercial entities such as Stewart's on Maple Dell and the Mobil we own and operate along Marion Avenue, but; it is detrimental when looking to construct a residence as the current zoning requires. Under the current zoning the "highest and best use" cannot be achieved and a Use Variance is the only parcel specific mechanism to provide the owner the necessary relief. This parcel of land has been unused for many decades. Because of the location on the corner of a busy intersection and arterial, it is unlikely to be purchased for a residential use.

Having reviewed the Sketch Plan for this application, the applicant has taken their neighbors into consideration and should not have negative impact on adjoining land owners. The Sketch Plan shows a buffer area between the parking and the adjacent neighbors. The proposed building is located as close to the street as is permitted. Similarly, the small trip generation associated with the specialty office use will not affect the overall neighborhood which continues to develop as a commercial corridor.

I support the application forwarded and can be reached at (518) 581-1201 for any questions or concerns.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gary Dake".

Gary Dake  
President  
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