

FAX COVER SHEET

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RE	Needham Request for Area Variance at 37 Greenfield Avenue

COVER MESSAGE

Fax of letter opposing an area variance for 37 Greenfield Avenue.

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May 17, 2016

City of Saratoga Springs
Zoning Board of Appeals
City Hall - 474 Broadway
Saratoga Springs, NY 12866

Re: Needham Request for Area Variance at 37 Greenfield Avenue

Dear Zoning Board of Appeals:

We are vehemently opposed to granting an area variance for the proposed new construction for 37 Greenfield Avenue. We are tired of people coming into our neighborhood, buying a substandard sized lot and then expecting to build a mansion which would be more appropriate for a lot twice the size.

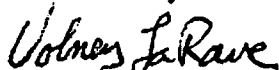
The Needhams, which we are sure are lovely people, knew the size of the lot when they purchased it and should have planned for house that would fit into the size requirements of said lot. Having large homes "shoehorned" onto small lots, especially when subdivided from other properties, has significantly detracted from the character and quality of our neighborhood, two reasons we moved here in the first place.

This has also caused an increase in the density of the housing on Greenfield Avenue, affecting traffic, noise and parking. It is no longer the quiet and tranquil neighborhood it use to be, again reasons we moved here over a decade ago.

We understand that Saratoga Springs is a popular residential destination and everybody wants to live here. We hope the Zoning Board of appeals will maintain what's left of the character and integrity of Greenfield Avenue, deny this request, and encourage the Needhams to design a building that fits the size requirements of the lot as stipulated by the existing zoning regulations.

Thank you for your time and kind consideration of our concerns.

Sincerely,



Volney LaRowe and Linda LeTendre