

Zachary Norton
13 Lafayette Street
Marblehead, MA

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Dear ZBA Board Members,

I write to you with full support of the modifications to the original plan to facilitate Ms. Phelan's accessibility needs in her future home at 5 Lafayette. I am Ms. Phelan's next door neighbor at 13 Lafayette Street, and live two houses down from 5 Lafayette.

In addition to being Ms. Phelan's neighbor, I am also the licensed electrical contractor working on the project at 5 Lafayette Street. This role has provided me a unique understanding and perspective of this project that some other neighbors and those unfamiliar with construction endeavors may not have.

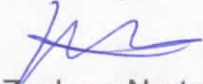
This project originally called for a handicap ramp that would have connected the two structures, allowing access to both garage and dwelling unit. As the plan progressed it became clear that not only would the ramp be too steep, but also too narrow between structures to allow a wheelchair bound person to access the garage.

I was also present on the jobsite when Ms. Phelan's general contractor Adam Dixey met with two town inspectors to discuss possible solutions. While there was a lot "head scratching," two things were unanimous and clear at the end of the conversation: (1) the original design would not work considering the overall goal of the project and the space required to accomplish said goal and (2) the construction of a deck with stairs leading to a back garage door, with space to the left for a future handicap lift was the best solution.

As the electrician on the job, I ensured there is adequate power in the area of the future lift by installing a 100 Amp panel in the basement.

I supported the original design because I knew that Ms. Phelan will require an accessible home as her condition worsens. I applaud her for doing everything in her power to give herself the chance to stay in her own home. I support these changes because that is the path forward to accomplish this.

Sincerely,



Zachary Norton
(781) 264-0020

Kerri Chace
13 Lafayette Street
Marblehead, MA

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Dear ZBA Board Members,

I am writing to you with steadfast support of the modifications needed to support Michael Phelan's impending and unavoidable handicap needs at her home located at 5 Lafayette Street in Marblehead. I have been Michael's neighbor since 2019 and live next door at 13 Lafayette Street. Her character is impeccable, and she has been a fantastic neighbor and friend for many years.

I understand the original plan called for a handicap ramp and door between the garage and house; and the contractor met with the building inspector to develop a plan to provide necessary access to the garage, as the original plan's ramp would have been too steep and the area between would have been too narrow for a wheelchair bound person to enter the garage from the side.

We should applaud Michael for her proactivity in planning appropriately and safely as she ages and her illness advances, something many people fail to do are forced to become increasing reliant on services that often do not even exist. I ask you to consider that during these challenging circumstances – both enormously financially and emotionally tolling – to bear in mind that even a well-thought-out plan on paper does not always translate during the full construction lifecycle. Sometimes we need to pivot, and it's simply the right thing to do.

I agree with the changes to keep the existing deck structure from the back of the house with stairs that lead directly to the back garage door; and with a space to the left of the deck to install a lift which also leads to the back garage door. And while I hope this need is far into the future, it is inevitable, and I encourage you to reconsider these imperative modifications.

Please contact me with any questions or if you'd wish to discuss further.

Warmly,



Kerri Chace
(978) 223-8832

January 24, 2024

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Rich and Linda Phelan
Property owners at
4-6 Widger Rd
Marblehead, MA 01945

Dear ZBA Board Members,

We support the modifications to necessitate my sister's, Michael Phelan's, future handicap needs at 5 Lafayette Street.

We know that the original submitted and approved plans called for a handicap ramp and door between the garage and house. Due to an error made by my sister's architect, the original plan's ramp would have been too steep and not in compliance with ADA regulations. Also, the area between the two structures would have been too narrow for a wheelchair bound person to enter the garage from the side. We've been told that Michael's contractor met and worked with the Building Inspector to come up with modifications to the plan that would provide the necessary access to the garage.

We agree with the changes that ultimately were made to the deck that goes from the back of the house with stairs that lead directly to the back garage door and also includes a space to the left of the deck to install a lift which also leads to the back garage door. These changes will provide Michael with the access that she will need.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Rich and Linda Phelan", written over a horizontal line.

Rich and Linda Phelan

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I/we support the modifications to necessitate Michael Phelan's future handicap needs at 5 Lafayette Street.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joy Jolliffe". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Joy" and last name "Jolliffe" clearly distinguishable.

Joy Jolliffe
14 Lafayette St.
Marblehead, MA

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8 Lafayette Street
Marblehead, MA 01945

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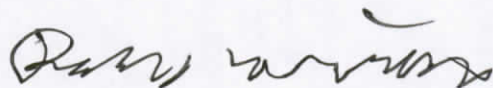
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Richard Merriam
10 Lafayette St.
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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Steph Cunningham', with a large, stylized loop at the end.

Steph Cunningham
1 Lafayette St.
Marblehead, MA

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Sincerely,

Cristy Hebert + Shawn Doughty

Thank you for
your time and
consideration of these
adjustments!

Cristy Hebert + Shawn Doughty
0 Lafayette St.
Marblehead, MA