

Variances and Restoration Statement  
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Next door neighbor, Rita Berg and Family would like to discuss the following information in regards to the two variances before the committee tonight. The new owners and contractor are asking for two variances. The families preference would be to abide by the ordinances established by the town of St. John.

Our greatest concern of the two variances, are the driveway. As indicated on the survey we received from John Gill, they are asking for the driveway to be next to the property line, not 3 feet as outlined in the ordinance. While our preference would be not to stray from the ordinance, if the committee agrees to grant the variance, then we would like assurances that the driveway will in NO way be on Rita's property. Obviously the last time a driveway was put in, it was on her property (and currently still is). It's our understanding the currently driveway will be removed from Rita's property and a new driveway put in. Who is going to verify the driveway is not on Rita's property? What is going to be done if it is? If the driveway encroaches Rita's property, this will be an issue for Rita when the property is sold in the future.

Additionally, since the beginning of the construction, there has been damage to her property. Two trees were removed that were on Rita's property. Construction trucks have drove through her yard and now there are numerous, deep ruts in the yard; Lastly, there is a large dirt pile that is now on her property as well. (show the pictures) So not only are we concerned about the variances but also about the restoration of her property. Restoration must include: proper stump removal of the 2 trees; fill in deep ruts with dirt and seed; remove dirt pile; put up a snow fence to keep equipment off her property for the remaining construction. Restoration must take place in a timely manner.

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