TO: Lincoln White, Building Official/Zoning Enforcement Officer

FROM: Alter & Pearson, LLC

DATE: June 14, 2023

RE: Variances from §7.1.a.2.a and §7.1.b.2.b.2 for Proposed Private Automobile Parking

Garage at 80 Chamberlain Lane, South Glastonbury, Connecticut (Michael D. Monaco,

Applicant/Owner)

Michael D. Monaco is the property owner of 80 Chamberlain Lane, a 1.85± acre (80,372± s.f.) parcel of land situated on the easterly side of Chamberlain Lane in South Glastonbury ("Site"). The Site is in the Rural Residence (RR) Zone and contains an existing 4,538 s.f. single-family home with an attached 3-bay garage. The Site is bounded to the north and west by single-family residential uses and to the east and south by agricultural uses.

Mr. Monaco is proposing to construct a detached, 40' x 60', private automobile parking garage ("garage") in the northeast corner of the Site. The existing paved driveway will be extended to provide access to the proposed garage, at a width of 15 feet. Two garage bays are proposed on the west elevation of the garage, and an oversized bay is proposed on the south elevation. A car lift will be contained within the garage, to allow elevated storage of vehicles. The proposed garage is one-story and contains an interior storage loft and bathroom. The height of the garage is 21'10" and the architect incorporated a barn aesthetic into his design to be contextual with the adjacent agricultural uses in South Glastonbury. *Please see the attached architectural plans prepared Fellner Architects for additional information*.

While the Site is generally flat around the house and septic system (elevation 366), the slope rises dramatically towards the southwest corner of the Site (elevation 386). Additionally the easterly and southwesterly portions of the Site contain both ledge outcrops and ledge within twelve inches of the surface. Due to both the existing topography and presence of ledge in the easterly/southeasterly portion of the Site, Mr. Monaco is requesting variances to permit the garage to be located within the side yard and rear yard as shown on the submitted plan. *Please see the plan prepared by Dutton Associates, LLC for additional information.* The Applicant is requesting the following:

- relief from §7.1.a.2.a to allow the construction of a private automobile parking garage within 6.1 feet of the northerly side yard when, 25 feet is required as the accessory structure is more than 15 feet tall;
- relief from §7.1.a.2.a to allow the construction of a private automobile parking garage within 39.8 feet of the rear yard when, 50 feet is required, as the accessory structure is more than 15 feet tall; and
- relief from §7.1.b.2.b.2 to allow for a total of 6 garage bays on Site when 4 bays are permitted when a dwelling contains more than 4,500 s.f. of gross finished floor area.

The hardship originates in the zoning regulation and arises directly out of the application of the regulation to the circumstances or conditions beyond the control of the Applicant. The existence of the ledge outcrops and ledge within 12 inches of the surface together with the steep topography in the southwest corner of the limit to area in which a garage can be constructed and push it into the rear and side yard as shown on the plan. Finally, the proposal satisfies all requirements of §13.9 of the Regulations and the Applicant will offer evidence of compliance at the public hearing.







