**Orange County Department of Planning** Application for Mandatory County Review of Local Planning Action (Variances, Zone Changes, Special Permits, Subdivisions) To be completed by Local Board having jurisdiction. To be signed by Local Official. TONZBA Town of Newburgh MUNICIPALITY: ZONING BOARD OF Appeals TAX MAP ID: 60-3-(Section-Block-Lot) Local File #: Project Name: Applicant: CAS Development LeAse, LLC Boxwood LANE, BRidgewAter MA 02324 Address: Attorney, Engineer, Architect: John CAppelo Route 300 (Street, highway, nearest intersection Location of Site: 14/3 Newburgh 784 Mendow Hill Existing Lots:\_\_\_\_\_ Proposed Lots/Units\_\_\_\_ Size of Parcel: 3 Acfes Present Zoning District:\_ TYPE OF REVIEW: Special Use Permit\* (SUP): Ω. Variance\* USE (YU): AREA (AY): exit DRIVEWAY Shall have AN UNRESTRICTED Width of Not Less than 25 Ft to Build A Zone Change\* FROM: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ TO: \_\_\_\_\_ AND A TIRE SERVICE BUSINESS, Ũ Zoning Amendment\*\* To Section:\_\_\_\_\_ **Q** Subdivision Major\_\_\_\_ Minor Sketch Preliminary 🗍 Final DATI ChaiRperson, Signature and Title ZONING BOARD of Appenls \*Cite Section of Zoning Regulations where pertinent. FOR COUNTY USE ONLY County ID #\_\_\_\_

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November 26, 2012

#### HAND DELIVERED

Hon. Grace Cardone, Chair and Zoning Board of Appeals Town of Newburgh 1469 Route 300 Newburgh, New York 12550

> Re: Route 300 Center Driveway Width Area Variance Application Our File No. 10517-001

Dear Hon. Chair Cardone and ZBA Members:

Enclosed please find the following constituting the application of Gas Development Lease, LLC seeking an area variance to construct a secondary exit drive from the station which has a fully operating exit and entrance drive on Route 300 to the service road serving the Newburgh Mall property to the rear of the Gas Development Lease site.

- 1. Completed and signed application to the Zoning Board of Appeals with Addendum.
- 2. Check in the amount of \$200.00 representing the application fee.
- 3. A copy of the letter from Planning Board Attorney Michael Donnelly referring this matter to the ZBA for the area variance requested.
- 4. Copy of Deed the Deed to the property was submitted as part of a separate area variance application for the same site submitted on April 9, 2012.
- 5. Assessor's list of property owners within 300 feet of the property.
- 6. Completed Short Environmental Assessment Form Part I which discusses and incorporates the Full Environmental Assessment Form submitted to the Town of Newburgh Planing Board to accompany the site plan approval for this application.
- 7. Completed Proxy Statements authorizing the applicant to make the application and authorizing Jacobowitz and Gubits, LLP, Langan Engineering and Environmental Services and Lisa Davis Associates to represent the applicant at the ZBA meetings was submitted with the April 9, 2012 application.
- 8. Eleven (11 copies of the plot plan (site plan)).

## TOWN OF NEWBURGH

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ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

OLD TOWN HALL 308 GARDNERTOWN ROAD NEWBURGH, NEW YORK 12550

OFFICE OF ZONING BOARD (845) 566-4901

#### APPLICATION

DATED:

TO: THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS THE TOWN OF NEWBURGH, NEW YORK 12550

I(AKE) Gas Development Lease, LLC PRESENTLY located

RESIDING AT NEWBER 140 Boxwood Lane, Bridgewater, MA 02324

TELEPHONE NUMBER 617-877-3411

HEREBY MAKE APPLICATION TO THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS FOR THE FOLLOWING:

\_\_\_\_\_ A USE VARIANCE

X AN AREA VARIANCE

INTERPRETATION OF THE ORDINANCE

1. LOCATION OF THE PROPERTY:

Sec. 60, Bl.3, Lot 40.2 (TAX MAP DESIGNATION)

1413 Rte 300 (STREET ADDRESS)

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(ZONING DISTRICT)

2. PROVISION OF THE ZONING LAW APPLICABLE, (INDICATE THE SECTION AND SUBSECTION OF THE ZONING LAW APPLICABLE BY NUMBER; DO NOT QUOTE THE LAW). 300 40 10 10 - 27 - 27 - 28 - Drive way Width

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- 3. IF VARIANCE TO THE ZONING LAW IS REQUESTED:
  - a) APPEAL IS MADE FROM DISAPPROVAL BY THE TOWN BUILDING INSPECTOR OR BUILDING PERMIT APPLICATION. SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTICE DATED:
  - b) OR DENIAL (REFERRAL) BY THE PLANNING BOARD OF THE TOWN OF NEWBURGH OF AN APPLICATION TO THE BOARD, SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTICE DATED: New 2000
- 4. DESCRIPTION OF VARIANCE SOUGHT: See Addendum
- 5. IF A USE VARIANCE IS REQUESTED: STRICT APPLICATION OF THE ZONING LAW WOULD PRODUCE UNNECESSARY HARDSHIP IN THAT: N/A
  - a) UNDER APPLICABLE ZONING REGULATIONS THE APPLICANT IS DEPRIVED OF ALL ECONOMIC USE OR BENEFIT FROM THE PROPERTY IN QUESTION BECAUSE:

(ATTACH WITH THIS APPLICATION COMPETENT FINANCIAL EVIDENCE ESTABLISHING SUCH DEPRIVATION)

- b) THE HARDSHIP IS UNIQUE AND DOES NOT APPLY TO A SUBSTANTIAL PORTION OF THE DISTRICT OR NEIGHBORHOOD BECAUSE:
- c) THE VARIANCE WOULD NOT ALTER THE ESSENTIAL CHARACTER OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD BECAUSE:

d) THE HARDSHIP HAS NOT BEEN SELF-CREATED BECAUSE:

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6,	IF AN AREA	VARIANCE IS REQUESTED:	Refer	to	attached	addendum
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- a) THE VARIANCE WILL NOT PRODUCE AN UNDESIRABLE CHANGE IN THE CHARACTER OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD OR A DETRIMENT TO NEARBY PROPERTIES BECAUSE:
- b) THE BENEFIT SOUGHT BY THE APPLICANT CAN NOT BE ACHIEVED BY SOME METHOD, FEASIBLE FOR THE APPLICANT TO PURSUE, OTHER THAN AN AREA VARIANCE, BECAUSE:

c) THE REQUESTED AREA VARIANCE IS NOT SUBSTANTIAL BECAUSE;

d) THE PROPOSED VARIANCE WILL NOT HAVE AN ADVERSE EFFECT OR IMPACT ON THE PHYSICAL OR ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD OR DISTRICT BECAUSE:

e) THE HARDSHIP HAS NOT BEEN SELF CREATED BECAUSE:

7. ADDITIONAL REASONS (IF PERTINENT):

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NOTE: NYS GML Section 239-m (3) for proposed actions that are within 500 feet of the properties or thresholds listed in the statute the Zoning Board of Appeals is required to send a copy of the complete application to the Orange County Department of Planning to be reviewed prior to Zoning Board of Appeals decision. And also NYS GML Section 239-NN requires notification for any proposed actions, to the Municipal Clerk, within 500 feet of the Border of that adjoining County, Town or City.

## 617.20 Appendix C State Environmental Quality Review SHORT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FORM For UNLISTED ACTIONS Only

PART I - PROJECT INFORMATION (To be con 1. APPLICANT/SPONSOR	
GD Newburgh, LLC	2. PROJECT NAME Route 300 Shopping Center
3. PROJECT LOCATION:	Route 500 Shopping Center
Municipality Newburgh	County Orange County
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<ol> <li>PRECISE LOCATION (Street address and road intersection 1413 Union Avenue (Route 300) Town of Newbur</li> </ol>	
1415 Chion Avenue (Route 500) Town of Newbur	8u
5. PROPOSED ACTION IS:	
	dification/alteration
	a driveway width area variance to construct a secondary access driv
	to facilitate redevelopment of an industrial site to include a 10
	ttendant kiosk, a Somerset Tire Center with a building footprint king for 36 vehicles. Primary access will be from a new driveway
n Union Avenue.	King for 36 venicies. Primary access will be from a new driveway
. AMOUNT OF LAND AFFECTED:	
Initially 3.03 + 23casement acres Ultimately	3.03+.23 easement acres
	ZONING OR OTHER EXISTING LAND USE RESTRICTIONS?
Yes 🖌 No If No, describe bri	
An area variand	ce for the width of the rear driveway is requested
Describe:	
0. DOES ACTION INVOLVE A PERMIT APPROVAL, O (FEDERAL, STATE OR LOCAL)?	R FUNDING, NOW OR ULTIMATELY FROM ANY OTHER GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY
hand hand ,	s) name and permit/approvals:
Site plan approv	val from Town of Newburgh Planning Board
1. DOES ANY ASPECT OF THE ACTION HAVE A CUR	RENTLY VALID PERMIT OR APPROVAL?
	s) name and permit/approvals:
AS A RESULT OF PROPOSED ACTION WILL EXIST	TING PERMIT/APPROVAL REQUIRE MODIFICATION?
Yes 🗹 No	
	N PROVIDED ABOVE IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE
Applicant/sponsor name: GD Newburgh, LLC	Date: 11/20/2012
Signature: MA Claumel	B. Attorney
If the action is in the Coastal Coastal Assessment For	Area, and you are a state agency, complete the m before proceeding with this assessment
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PART II - IMPACT ASSESSMENT (To be completed by	Lead Agency)
A. DOES ACTION EXCEED ANY TYPE I THRESHOLD IN 6 NYCRR, P	
B. WILL ACTION RECEIVE COORDINATED REVIEW AS PROVIDED F declaration may be superseded by another involved agency.     Yes No	OR UNLISTED ACTIONS IN 6 NYCRR, PART 617.6? If No, a negative
C. COULD ACTION RESULT IN ANY ADVERSE EFFECTS ASSOCIATI C1. Existing air quality, surface or groundwater quality or quantity, ne potential for erosion, drainage or flooding problems? Explain bri No.	oise levels, existing traffic pattern, solid waste production or disposal,
C2: Aesthetic, agricultural, archaeological, historic, or other natural o No.	or cultural resources; or community or neighborhood character? Explain briefly:"""
C3. Vegetation or fauna, fish, shelffish or wildlife species, significant No.	habitats, or threatened or endangered species? Explain briefly:
C4. A community's existing plans or goals as officially adopted, or a char No.	nge in use or intensity of use of land or other natural resources? Explain briefly:
C5. Growth, subsequent development, or related activities likely to be $No.$	e induced by the proposed action? Explain briefly:
C6. Long term, short term, cumulative, or other effects not identified i No.	n C1-C5? Explain briefly:
C7. Other impacts (including changes in use of either quantity or type None.	e of energy)? Explain briefly:
). WILL THE PROJECT HAVE AN IMPACT ON THE ENVIRONMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL AREA (CEA)?	CHARACTERISTICS THAT CAUSED THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A CRITICAL
. IS THERE, OR IS THERE LIKELY TO BE, CONTROVERSY RELATED	) TO POTENTIAL ADVERSE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS?
effect should be assessed in connection with its (a) setting (i.e. u geographic scope; and (f) magnitude. If necessary, add attachn sufficient detail to show that all relevant adverse impacts have bee	by Agency) mine whether it is substantial, large, important or otherwise significant. Each rban or rural); (b) probability of occurring; (c) duration; (d) irreversibility; (e) nents or reference supporting materials. Ensure that explanations contain in identified and adequately addressed. If question D of Part II was checked apact of the proposed action on the environmental characteristics of the CEA.
	or significant adverse impacts which MAY occur. Then proceed directly to the FULL
Check this box if you have determined, based on the information an NOT result in any significant adverse environmental impacts AND	id analysis above and any supporting documentation, that the proposed action WILL provide, on attachments as necessary, the reasons supporting this determination
	11/20/2012
Name of Lead Agency	Date
Print or Type Name of Responsible Officer in Lead Agency	Title of Responsible Officer
Signature of Responsible Officer in Lead Agency	Signature of Preparer (If different from responsible officer)

## Dickover, Donnelly, Donovan & Biagi, LLP Attorneys and Counselors at Law

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Sacrosson Law Firm To: Alexander Appelbaum, P.C., Florida, N.Y. (1915-1988) Ludnweer & Vurno, Esqs., Warwick, N.Y.

November 2, 2012

Town of Newburgh Zoning Board of Appeals 308 Gardnertown Road' Newburgh, New York 12550

RE: Gas Development Lease, LLC [Route 300 Center] (12.05) 60-3-40 & 41.22 (Zone IB) 1413 Route 300

Members of the Board:

I write to you as the attorney for the Town of Newburgh Planning Board. The above referenced applicant has recently amended its site plan application for a gasoline service station and tire center. The applicant now proposes a one-way driveway connecting to the Newburgh Mall site. A driveway width variance [Section 185-28] will be required. Therefore, I now write on behalf of the planning board to refer this matter to you for consideration of the variance.

Very truly yours, Ul H Da MICHAELH. DONNELL

MHD/lrm

cc: Town of Newburgh Planning Board 308 Gardnertown Road Newburgh, NY 12550

> Code Compliance 308 Gardnertown Road Newburgh, NY 12550

Langan Engineering & Environmental Services 555 Long Wharf Drive New Haven, CT 06511

## Addendum Route 300 Center 1413 Union Avenue (NYS Route 300) Town of Newburgh Tax Map Section 60, Block 3, Lots 40 and 41.22

#### **Project Description**

The subject site is located at 1413 Union Avenue, a/k/a New York State Route 300, contains 3.03 acres, is zoned IB (interchange Business) and is currently occupied by two (2) vacant buildings of approximately 9,500 square feet and 1,000 square feet. The larger of the two (2) buildings was historically used as a trucking terminal and warehouse facility. The smaller building was historically used as a maintenance garage. On June 28, 2012, the applicant obtained area variances to construct a 10 position gas fueling statement with a 120 square foot attendant kiosk to be operated by the Stop & Shop Supermarket Company on the property. The area variance granted relief from the requirement that a new gas station not be located within 1,000 feet of an existing gas dispensing facility and from the Town signage laws.

During the June, 2012 Public Hearing the applicant proposed to construct a new entrance and exit drive from New York State Route 300 that would be sufficient to serve the site. In addition, the applicant stated that they would pursue the option of constructing an additional exit drive to allow vehicles to exit the site along the existing easement across the Newburgh Mall parcel to Meadow Hill Drive. This additional exit drive would allow vehicles to exit the site without making a left-hand turn from the site onto New York State Route 300.

At that time it was discussed that the applicant did not know if it would be feasible to construct the exit drive due to the existence of United States Army Corp of Engineers designated wetlands within the proposed driveway area. Since that time the applicant has contacted the Army Corp of Engineers and has obtained necessary authorization to construct an egress drive with a disturbance limit that permits up to an 18-foot wide access drive.

Town of Newburgh Zoning Code §185-28B requires that exit and entrance driveways servicing a motor vehicle service station have an unrestricted width of not less than 25 feet and not more than 50 feet. It would be very difficult if not impossible for the applicant to obtain the necessary authorization from the US Army Corp of Engineers to disturb the amount of wetlands necessary to disturb to increase the width of the proposed driveway to 25 feet hence this area variance request.

#### I. Reasons Supporting Request For an Area Variance

For the reasons set forth below, the benefit to the applicant in being able to provide an additional point of egress from the site through this 18 foot wide driveway allowing customers to exit the site without making a left-hand turn movement onto Route 300 greatly outweighs any perceived detriment to the area or neighborhood in relationship with granting the authorization to

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construct such driveway.

A. The variance, if granted, will not produce an undesirable change to the character of the neighborhood or a detriment to nearby properties.

#### **Discussion.**

The property can be developed as proposed without construction of this additional 18 foot wide exit drive. Therefore the character of the neighborhood would be essentially the same whether the driveway was constructed or not. However, construction of the driveway will allow the site to function in a safer manner by allowing customers to exit through the rear of the site to the Newburgh Mall driveway and Meadow Hill allowing customers to then proceed to the traffic light on Meadow Hill and New York State Route 300 and make the left turn at said light.

Therefore there will be no change or detriment to neighborhood, in fact the construction of the driveway will be an improvement by making the site a site that is safer to exit.

B. The benefits sought by the applicant cannot be achieved by some method, feasible for the applicant to pursue other than an area variance.

## **Discussion.**

As stated above the traffic to and from the site does work and the applicant would be able to pursue site plan approval without construction of the 29 foot wide exit drive. However, construction of the drive does make the exiting the site safer for customers utilizing the site. Additionally it would not be feasible for the applicant to pursue increasing the width of the exit drive to 25 feet since it would involve substantially more disturbance to an Army Corp wetland resulting in a tremendous additional expense with not much of a likelihood that the Army Corp would grant said permit for the wider road, especially since the road is technically not necessary to make this an approvable site for the use proposed.

C. The requested area variance is not substantial.

#### Discussion.

The proposed 25 foot width set forth in the Code is for driveways that are used both for entrance and exit. Therefore, this proposed 29 foot wide exit driveway provides more travel room for the cars exiting the site than if it was a 25 foot driveway with two-way traffic. A fully functioning full service entrance and exit drive to and from Route 300 is provided in the site plan.

D. The proposed variance will not have an adverse effect or impact on the

physical or environmental conditions of the neighborhood or district.

#### Discussion.

The driveway is being constructed in a manner that will make exiting the site safer while minimizing, to the maximum extent practicable, disturbance to the Army Corp wetlands located at the rear of the site. Therefore, the area variance proposed would have a beneficial effect on the physical and environmental condition of the neighborhood or district by making the site operate in a safer manner.

E. While the hardship has technically been self-created, this in and of itself is not a reason for denial of the application.

#### **Discussion.**

The existence of the wetlands through the easement area makes it an impossible to construct a fully functional 25 foot wide driveway along this area. The applicant was aware of the wetlands located on the site. However, in order to make the site a safer site which would benefit all customers using the site, the applicant has determined to pursue the construction of the driveway in a manner that will limit the impact on the wetlands.

#### **Conclusion**

Based upon the above, the benefits to the applicant by allowing him to construct this 18 foot width driveway greatly outweighs any benefit or detriment to the surrounding neighborhood associated with the grant of said variance.

### TOWN OF NEWBURGH ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

#### PROXY

Rick Picariello, as Manager of Gas Development Lease, LLC, deposes and says that the address of the LLC is 140 Boxwood Lane, Bridgewater, MA, 02324 in the State of Massachusetts and that he is the contractor vendee of 1413 Route 300, Tax Map parcels Section 60 Block 3 Lots 40.2, which is the premises described in the foregoing application and that he has authorized Lisa Davis Associates, to make the foregoing application as described therein. Date: April/2,2012 Gas Development Lease, Li Rick Picariello, Manager Witness' Signature State of New Yor SS.: County of Orange Sworn to me this day of April, 2012 Notary Public SHARI L. JOHNSON Notary Public - State of Florida My Comm. Expires Feb 23, 2014 Commission # DD 936552 **Bonded Through National Notary Assn.** 

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## TOWN OF NEWBURGH ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

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Date: April 2 2012

Witness' Signature

State of Ne County of Oran

day of April, 2012 Sworn to me this

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Notary Public

Gas Development Lease LLC

SHARI L. JOHNSON Notary Public - State of Florida My Comm. Expires Feb 23, 2014 Commission # DD 936552 Bonded Through National Notary Assn.

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#### TOWN OF NEWBURGH ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

#### <u>PROXY</u>

<u>Richard Lease, as a Member of JR & Ray, LLC</u>, deposes and says that <u>the address of the</u> <u>LLC is 5020 Route 9W. Newburgh, New York, 12550</u> in the County of <u>Orange</u> and State of <u>New</u> <u>York and that he is the owner in fee of 1413 Route 300, Tax Map parcels Section 60 Block 3</u> <u>Lots 40.2</u>, which is the premises described in the foregoing application and that J\$ & Ray, LLC entered into a contract on a contingency basis with <u>Gas Development Lease, LLC</u>, and, authorizes Gas Development Lease, LLC and GD Lease, LLC to make the foregoing application as described therein.

JR & Ray, LLC

Date: April 1 2012

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Witness' Signature

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County of Orange	)		
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Kenneth W. Davies Jr. Notary Public, State of New York No. O1DA4628056 Qualified in Orange County Expires 12/31

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