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Larry and Heather Lubkert 13 Windwood Dr. Newburgh NY 12550

To The Chairman Of The Town Of Newburgh ZBA Board Located At 1496 Union Ave.

Dear Chairman,

My name is Larry Lubkert and I am pursuing the approval of several variances from the ZBA board for an addition to be built on the back of my home. I attended the public hearing that was held on September 24, 2015 to present my plans and to answer all questions pertaining to this project. When the board had no further questions and no one was present from the surrounding community to protest the matter, a vote was made to close the hearing with "yes" votes across the board. Not understanding the full procedure of the process, my wife and I left believing we had just been approved.

The following day I received a call informing me that after a closed session the board had more questions for me. Since I had left they voted to postpone our hearing to the next public hearing date of October 22, 2015. I then went to the town hall to acquire the minutes of the public hearing from that night. In those minutes one of the board members stated that they saw us leave and that we were awful happy, leading him to believe the applicants thought they were approved. Had I known I had to stay till the end of the meeting, I would have. However, no one informed me of that even after seeing us leave visibly unknowing of what had just occurred.

The question that was presented by the board, which inevitably postponed my hearing, was to have proof that other homes located in Colden Park were of the same size as my home after the completion of my addition. The answer to the question, which I answered at the public hearing on September 22, 2015 was yes. However one of the board members did not believe my answer to be true. Enclosed are many pictures of homes with extensive

additions located off of the sides and backs of homes that are of equal or greater value of square footage then that of my home would be.

The chairman stated at the beginning of the public hearing that some decisions may be made within sixty days after the meeting. If that is so, I am asking the board to come together so a decision can be made before the next hearing on October 22, 2015. Due to weather constraints an contractor scheduling, it is my desire to start this project as soon as possible. I would be willing to meet with the board in person or via phone conference. We would greatly appreciate any decision that could be made in our favor due to the evidence I have provided and because not one person appeared from the community to appose my plans to build an addition. All I am asking is to have a decision before the next hearing on October 22, 2015. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Larry Lubkert am **Heather Lubkert**