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**To:** [Michelle Eddy](#)  
**Subject:** Flagpole Variance Request - 830 Whispering Pines Circle  
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Hello Ms Eddy — my thanks for your time today. As we discussed, below is my ask to the Town of Blue River Board of Trustees.

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To the Town of Blue River Board of Trustees,

We respectfully request a variance to the town ordinance enacted in 2023 that prohibits flagpoles on residential properties.

Our plan set was initially approved in September 2022, before this ordinance took effect. Based on that approval, we moved forward with our property’s development at 830 Whispering Pines. We received our certificate of occupancy in November 2024, though we had not yet installed the flagpole.

Unaware of the ordinance change, we proceeded in good faith to purchase a flagpole that complements the aesthetic and architectural theme of the neighborhood. This was a considerable investment, made with the understanding that our plan was compliant.

The flagpole itself holds profound significance for us. Our family has collectively served nearly 90 years in the military, and displaying a flag is both an expression of this legacy and a meaningful tribute to those who have served.

We would be sincerely grateful for your consideration in granting this variance, allowing us to install the flagpole as originally planned. Thank you for your attention to our request and for any accommodations you may be able to extend.

Respectfully,

The Selstrom Families