

June 2, 2025

Bristol Zoning Board of Review
10 Court Street
Bristol, RI 02809

Dear Members of the Zoning Board,

We are writing to respectfully request an extension of the zoning setback relief granted to us in June 2023 for our small property located at 12 Paine Avenue.

As background, we purchased this tiny, and unusually narrow, lot with the dream of thoughtfully developing it into a beautiful, small single-family home. The structure that existed on the site was unfortunately in a state of severe disrepair—uninhabitable, very unsafe, and beyond any hope of restoration. We sought and were granted reasonable zoning relief to proceed with plans for new construction that would contribute positively to our community's housing needs. We were grateful and excited for the Board's approval, and for the support we received from our neighbors around the property throughout the process.

Shortly after receiving the variances, we were granted a demolition permit and completed the demolition of the previous structure, a most necessary step with the intent to act on the project in good faith and in line with your approval. The fun began!

However, not long after, even more fun! Life brought an unexpected and beautiful turn: We learned we were expecting a new baby. This joyful news was accompanied by a very difficult pregnancy and, eventually, the full-time care of two babies under the age of two. It has been a season of chaos and love, but as we're sure you can imagine—we were temporarily unable to move forward with construction as swiftly as we had hoped.

Our intention remains the same and we are now jumping back into this planning process to build a small, high-quality home that will certainly add to the beautiful character of the street and be a lasting asset and improvement to the neighborhood.

We are submitting this request in advance of our variance expiration date, seeking a possible extension on our Zoning relief granted. We are deep in our planning process and hope to begin this exciting planning in the months ahead. We hope the Board will find our progress to date and our unforeseen personal circumstances to be reasonable cause for granting this extension.

We remain deeply committed to seeing this project through to completion and appreciate the opportunity to continue our work in our beloved town! Thank you for your time, understanding, and continued service to our community.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Nathan and Sarah Dell". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed names.

Nathan and Sarah Dell
Currently residing at 10 Kingswood Road, Bristol, RI 02809