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To: Steele <bjsteele@comcast.net>

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Subject: Re: 33 Peckham Avenue Variance Application

Hello Mr. Steele,

John and I appreciated our conversation earlier today regarding the siting of your generator near the property line of Monsignor Clarke School. Because of its proximity to our property line, you are requesting a variance from the Town. Our school, owned by the Diocese of Providence, received notification of this action.

In earlier emails you addressed the possible noise issue and the low level decibel of the generator rating does not raise any concerns. In our conversation you indicated the plan to put up a white, four-foot high fence that would surround the generator to act as a buffer. You also indicated your willingness to plant arborvitae or some other type shrub/tree that would add to the aesthetics of the property.

We are satisfied with your willingness to work with us and for being a good neighbor.

Take care.

Dr. Lisi

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On Thu, Jun 9, 2022 at 9:31 AM Steele <bjsteele@comcast.net> wrote:

Dr. Lisi and colleagues,

Thank you for your response.

Based on your concerns in terms of proximity to any children playing nearby, I did some research this morning on the noise level from the generator.

Please see attached the spec sheet for the generator we have purchased. On page 3 is the decibel output level, which is 64 dB during the weekly engine trial and 69 dB when the unit is running in the event of a power outage.

I also included on the final page of this attachment some data and guidelines from the American Academy of Audiology. I think you'll agree that the noise created by the unit is not of a deafening nature.

In terms of the weekly engine trial, which is for a duration of ten minutes, I will be glad to schedule that on the weekends or at a time when there most likely will be no children in the area.

Obviously, I can't make any commitments about timing and duration of operation when the power is out, but if it is a general outage I suspect the entire area would be impacted.

I am available for a call and can also meet you at the house on Monday morning if that is convenient. I live and work in Connecticut, so we aren't there very often, which is the primary reason for having the generator.

I hope this information addresses your concerns.

Regards,

Brian Steele

On Jun 8, 2022, at 11:23 PM, Arthur Lisi <alisi@monsignorclarkeschool.org> wrote:

Hi Mr Steele,

Thank you for your email. Yes, we are aware of your request to the town to install a generator very close to our property line. Please know that while I am the principal and oversee the school, the Diocese of Providence owns the building and land and they, of course, are obligated to protect the property. We work together to ensure that the property line is intact.

When the variance request was sent to me, we did go out back to see where exactly the generator would be located. However, we could not find the boundary marker and thus the inquiry to the town.

Monsignor Clarke certainly wants to be good neighbors as well, and we appreciate our bus being allowed to park where it is. To be truthful, our concern is that we are looking into building tennis courts /pickle ball courts on the south side of the property. This may be something your family may be interested in if you are players! However, we are concerned that a generator that close to the courts, when it fired up, could be detrimental to young kids.

I would enjoy chatting about both our projects. On this email I am also including the director of facilities for the Diocese, as well as operations manager here at MCS. It is my hope that we can all meet soon and talk about next steps.

Again, thank you for reaching out.

Dr. Lisi
Principal

On Tue, 7 Jun 2022, 3:43 pm Steele, <bjsteele@comcast.net> wrote:

Dr. Lisi,

My name is Brian Steele. My wife and I have installed a pool and will be locating the pool equipment along the property line. You may be aware that we have also applied for a variance to locate a generator at the location of the pool equipment.

As is required by the Town, I sent a copy of the variance notice to the Archdiocese, which is listed as the property owner.

Our contractor shared with us that someone either from the school or the Archdiocese had visited our property and may have a concern about our variance request.

If it would be possible to address any concerns in advance of the Zoning meeting, I would like the opportunity to do that.

We want to be good neighbors and certainly don't want any hard feelings with the school or the Archdiocese. As an example, we are aware that your school bus is parked on our property, but we've thus far not asked you to relocate it so as not create any hard feelings.

Would you or another school official be able to meet with me or call me to discuss this potential matter?

My cell phone number is 860.331.3406.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Regards,

Brian Steele