

Cristina Battista

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Sent: Friday, September 24, 2021 10:14 AM
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Subject: Zoning Code Review

Re: Zoning Code Review - Application # ALT 158-21

- Location: 33 Elm Rock Road
- SBL: 9./1/2.A
- Applicant Name: Weber, Nathaniel
- Applicant Address: 33 Elm Rock Road
Bronxville, NY 10708

The undersigned owner and residents of 10 Oriole Ave., Bronxville, NY 10708 object to granting the above requested variance. The issue is to avoid decreasing the existing level of safety for all parties.

Granting this variance would negatively impact the safety of our neighborhood, in particular children and elderly pedestrians. Installation of the proposed 6'+- hedgerow would eliminate the line of sight necessary to maintain safety at this hazardous, complicated, offset intersection of Elm Rock and Oriole Avenue/Lee Place. Pedestrians walking on Oriole toward Elm Rock would have difficulty seeing traffic approaching from the east on Elm Rock. Similarly, drivers would have difficulty seeing pedestrians approach Elm Rock as they are about to either turn onto Oriole or continue to drive through the intersection. As evidenced by the center yellow double lines, Elm Rock is a major thoroughfare for the Village. Granting this variance would be in direct contravention of what the village is trying to accomplish, namely "Making our Streets Safer and more Walkable." This article by Mayor Marvin published in the the September 22 edition of MyHometownBronxville states "...our number one priority this fall is to make our streets safer and neighborhoods more walkable." Granting this variance would do just the opposite. The article goes on to discuss "...the Route 22 corridor down to the school via Elm Rock to Oriole to Orchard to Beechwood to Masterton to school...part of our Safe Routes to School..."

Clearly, the safety of the residents of 33 Elm Rock Road is also important. Presumably they could install a robust, effective and compliant hedgerow safety barrier surrounding their front yard along Oriole Avenue and Elm Rock Road similar to what exists across the street at 29 Elm Rock.

The photographs of other residences and intersections in Bronxville submitted in this variance request, while interesting, in no way justify approval of a new material safety hazard for our community and pedestrians, including children on their way to and from school.

Based on the foregoing, we respectfully request that this variance request be denied.

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