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To:

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From: Anthony J. Izzo

Date: February 13, 2015

Re:

Proposed settlement agreement – 31 Central Avenue lawsuit

Attached for your review please find the proposed settlement agreement and release in the matter of Campilango v. KRDD, DeGraff, Bloom Custom Builders, and the City of Saratoga Springs. As you can see by the attached map this 2013 lawsuit resulted from a dispute between adjacent property owners. The plaintiff only included the City as a party because the City has an easement for drainage between the two properties.

The only concession the City needs to make to allow all parties to settle this matter is to relinquish the City's current easement over a narrow 3.25 foot wide strip of land along the border of one of the properties. I have spoken with Tim Wales and I believe it is appropriate for the City to participate in the settlement. You should be aware that there may be a need for a planning board action in the future to reconfigure the lot, but that procedure is not part of the settlement proposal. I will be recommending the settlement of this matter at your Tuesday night meeting.

Please call if you have any questions.