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Hardship Variance Narrative
Section SZO 3.1.13.I.ii.c.

Project: 8 - 8a Melvin Street Renovations

8 – 8a Melvin Street
Somerville, MA

The following is an updated Narrative based on our latest hearing with the zoning board on August, 20th, 2025. This narrative update will briefly describe our request for a hardship variance and the changes we are proposing to make for the board's consideration as it relates to the installation of a new shed dormer at the third floor affordable housing dwelling unit for the property located at 8 – 8a Melving Street in Somerville.

Based on feedback in the hearing and discussions with the owner and contractor we are proposing to further reduce the dormer width down to 11'-7" wide which is reduced from 13'-1" wide as presented in the last hearing. This would put us in further compliance from our last hearing and bring the dormer width to where it was when originally approved by the building department.

As always, please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,
Rob Paccione, RA, LEED AP