

The Honorable Jere Wood and Council Members  
38 Hill Street  
Suite 215  
Roswell, Ga. 30075



April 27, 2012

Dear Mayor Jere Wood and Council Members,

We, Howard and EllaRuth Hunnicutt, seek your understanding and protection as peaceful and law abiding neighbors of the City of Roswell. We have lived at 730 Grimes Bridge Road since 1968 and have been repeatedly disturbed by the presence of The Cottage School Business since they opened in 1985. We have experienced a few problems with the students or perhaps a lack of supervision of the students, such as, finding a trail on the back of our lot, some of our trees sprayed with orange paint, the remains of several campfires, and a lean-to fort, just to mention a few.

We are aware that The Cottage School has forceful plans to expand and have, in fact, expressed a desire to purchase our lot (to build a track/field for their student athletes). We have also been informed that The Cottage School tried to obtain another home on this side of the street after having acquired 1.3 acres of a lot where they built their gymnasium. Why do we mention this? Simply to help you understand that the integrity of our neighborhood has been compromised by a never ending business. Their ruthless policy to expand and break our neighborhood environment has escalated to the point that we can no longer bear it.

Now, The Cottage School wants to use our old neighbor's house, which from day one was inaccurately built 23 feet from our property line and whose driveway ends within 10 inches of our property line. We understand that the laws have changed but we are asking you to consider what we think are exceptional circumstances. We anticipate the proposed Vocational Rehabilitation Business next to our home will grow into a large business, just as The Cottage School grew from a small tutorial and after school program into approximately 200 students and a staff of 50.

The Planning Commission has approved the use of the house with a few conditions. They are:

1. The hours of operation shall be Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. only.
2. The maximum number of clients at one time at the house shall be six.
3. There shall be no more than four cars parked in the driveway at the house.
4. The applicant shall install a barrier fence of some type along the property line to the end of the shop indicated on the survey submitted on January 17, 2012 with the bearing distance of 401.41. The property line is at a location in the back abutting the property. The property here is 720 Grimes Bridge Road and staff has asked the applicant to install a fence back here along this property line.

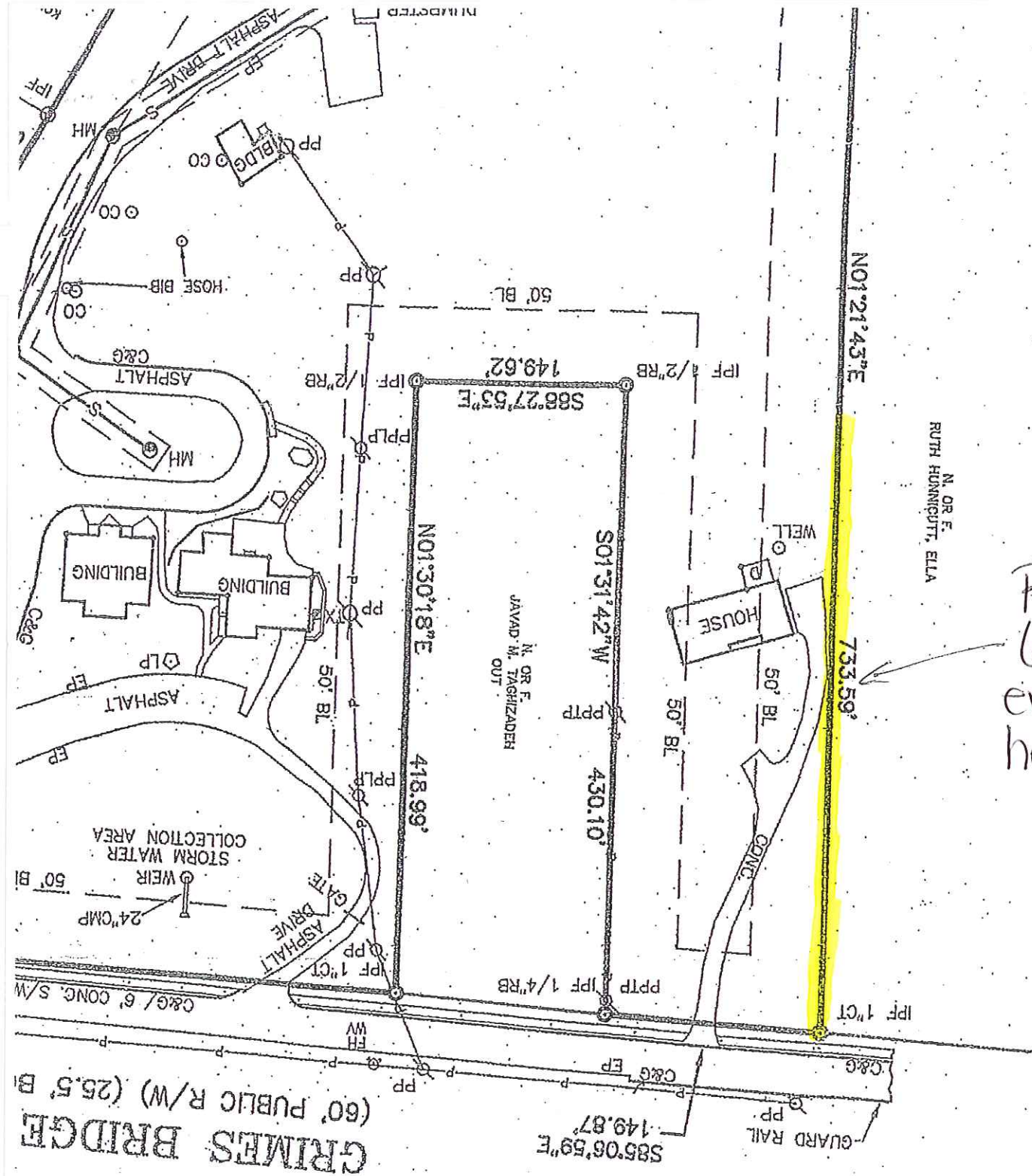
We think these conditions, if they are truly followed by the proposed Vocational Rehabilitation Business, are tolerable with one proposition. If you look at the map (see attached map), the area that most affects us is the land between the two properties (this is where the driveway ends within 10 inches of our property line). There are two problems here; 1) the increase of noise that will inevitably be created by this newly proposed Vocational Rehabilitation Business and 2) the fact that the vegetation/shrubbery growing between our house and the future business is deciduous, meaning that through the months of October, November, December, January, February, and March there will be no leaves on the trees. Therefore, we request that a 6 foot high evergreen hedge be planted from the street to the back of the proposed Vocational Rehabilitation Business.

Sincerely yours,

Howard and EllaRuth Hunnicutt







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Requested  
60 ft. high  
evergreen  
hedge

