# TOWN OF NISKAYUNA ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

One Niskayuna Circle Niskayuna, New York 12309

The Zoning Board of Appeals of the Town of Niskayuna will conduct a regular meeting on WEDNESDAY, June 14, 2023 at 7:00 P.M. in the Town Board Meeting Room, Town Hall, One Niskayuna Circle, Niskayuna, New York to consider the following:

- 1. Appeal by Benjamin Twait for a variance from Section 220-25 B (1) (a) of the Zoning Ordinance of the Town of Niskayuna as it applies to the property at 2041 Morrow Avenue, Niskayuna, New York, located in the R-2: Medium Density Residential Zoning District, to construct a six (6) foot fence which exceeds the height limit in the side yard. Section 220-25 B (1) (a) permits the maximum height for fences located in the front and side yards, to be four (4) feet. As proposed, a six (6) foot high fence will be located in the side yard; therefore, a two (2) foot fence height variance is required.
- 2. Appeal by John and Karen Splendido for a variance from Section 220-25 B (1) (a) of the Zoning Ordinance of the Town of Niskayuna as it applies to the property at 930 St Davids Lane, Niskayuna, New York, located in the R-1: Low Density Residential Zoning District, to construct a five (5) foot high fence which exceeds the height limit in the front and side yard. Section 220-25 B (1) (a) permits the maximum height for fences located in the front and side yards, to be four (4) feet. As proposed, a five (5) foot high fence is located in the front yard, along St. David's Lane, and the side yard; therefore, a one (1) foot fence height variance is required.
- 3. Appeal by Todd Birmingham for a variance from Section 220-4, Section 220-13, Schedule I-B and Section 220-15 D of the Zoning Ordinance of the Town of Niskayuna as it applies to the property at 2260 Pinehaven Drive, Niskayuna, New York, located in the R-1: Low Density Residential Zoning District, to construct a 12' x 14' deck partially within the rear yard setback. Section 220-4 defines a corner lot as a lot at the intersection of two streets. The property is a corner lot at the intersection of Pinehaven Drive and Fernwood Drive. Also, "Each street line shall be considered a front lot line. The interior lot line most nearly parallel to the rear of the principal structure shall be deemed to be the rear lot line. The other interior lot line shall be deemed to be the side line and the rear and side yard requirements shall be calculated accordingly. Section 220-13, Schedule I-B requires a twenty (20) foot minimum side yard setback. Section 220-15 D states for corner lots, "front yard minimums shall be required of both yards facing a street on a corner lot. Side yard minimums shall be required of the remaining two yards for properties located in the R-1 and R-2 Zoning Districts." As proposed, the deck would be located fifteen (15) feet from the property line; therefore, a five (5) foot setback variance is required.
- 4. Appeal by Don and Molly Anthony for a variance from Section 220-18 B (3) (b) and Section 220-13 Schedule I-B of the Zoning Ordinance of the Town of Niskayuna as it applies to the property at 918 Birchwood Lane, Niskayuna, New York, located in the R-1: Low Density Residential Zoning District, to construct an addition to an existing shed partially within the side and rear yard setbacks. Section 220-18 B (3) (b) states that "the required side and rear yard dimensions for major accessory structures shall be the same as applies to the principal building." As defined, major accessory structures are "detached accessory buildings or other structures in excess of 120 square feet." The shed, with the proposed addition, will measure 258 square feet, and is a major accessory structure. Section 220-13 Schedule I-B establishes a side setback minimum of twenty (20) feet and rear setback minimum is twenty five (25) feet. As proposed, the shed will be located seven (7) feet from the side property line and ten (10) feet from the rear property line. Therefore; a thirteen (13) foot side yard setback variance and a fifteen (15) foot rear setback variance are required.
- 5. Appeal by Steven and Katie McCutcheon for a variance from Section 220-53 B and Section 220-13, Schedule I-C of the Zoning Ordinance of the Town of Niskayuna as it applies to the property at 1461 Clifton Park Road, Niskayuna, New York, located in the R-2: Medium Density Residential Zoning District, to construct an addition partially within the side yard setback. Section 220-53 B allows an addition to a nonconforming residential structure which brings the addition into a nonconforming side or rear yard no nearer to a side or rear property line than the existing structure and no nearer than half the distance specified in a particular residential zoning district. Section 220-13, Schedule I-C requires a side yard setback of fifteen (15) feet. The existing house is 6' 6" from the side line; therefore, 7' 6" becomes the minimum required side setback. As proposed, the addition will be 6' 6" from the side property line; therefore, a one (1) foot side yard setback variance is required.

NEXT MEETING: July 19, 2023 at 7 PM

# TOWN OF NISKAYUNA ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS One Niskayuna Circle Niskayuna, New York 12309 (518) 386-4530

June 2, 2023

#### TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

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**DATE:** June 14, 2023

**TIME:** 7:00 P.M.

PLACE: Town Hall, One Niskayuna Circle, Niskayuna, New York

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**ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS** 

## TOWN OF NISKAYUNA ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

One Niskayuna Circle Niskayuna, NY 12309 (518) 386-4530

May 19, 2023

Benjamin Twait 2041 Morrow Ave Niskayuna, NY 12309

Dear Mr. Twait,

At its regularly scheduled meeting held on May 17, 2023, the Zoning Board of Appeals ("the Board") reviewed the following case:

Appeal by Benjamin Twait for a variance from Section 220-25 B (1) (a) of the Zoning Ordinance of the Town of Niskayuna as it applies to the property at 2041 Morrow Avenue, Niskayuna, New York, located in the R-2: Medium Density Residential Zoning District, to construct a six (6) foot fence which exceeds the height limit in the side yard. Section 220-25 B (1) (a) permits the maximum height for fences located in the front and side yards, to be four (4) feet. As proposed, a six (6) foot high fence will be located in the side yard; therefore, a two (2) foot fence height variance is required.

It was the decision of the Board to adjourn this case until the next meeting of the Board to be held on June 14, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

The Board based its decision on the findings of fact set forth in the applicant's appeal and the discussion between the applicant (or the applicant's representative) and the Board members during the meeting. You can view a video of the meeting at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bs8mgYmfOQE&list=PLfof 9Ej2RfcNoJbueLoRmi35Si39n5hVl&index=33.

Sincerely,

Keith Frary / LMS Keith Frary Chairperson

cc: Town Clerk

**Building Department** 

**ZBA** File

# TOWN OF NISKAYUNA ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS One Niskayuna Circle Niskayuna, New York 12309 (518) 386-4530

May 5, 2023

#### TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

A regular meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals will be held on:

**DATE:** May 17, 2023

**TIME:** 7:00 P.M.

PLACE: Town Hall, One Niskayuna Circle, Niskayuna, New York

### AT THIS TIME THE BOARD WILL CONSIDER THE REQUEST OF:

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**ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS** 

# **ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS Application and Procedures For A Variance**

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TO: ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

FROM: Benjamin Twai

Niskayuna Building Dept.

Signature of Owner (if different from Agent)

Date\_4//13/23

Short Environmental Assessment Form, Project Information, as applicable for use variance

Telephone Number: 585-690- 4395

Signature of Agent:

Email Address: Benjamin . twa. tag gma, 1. com

Additional information as specified by the Zoning Enforcement Officer

For an area variance: Before an area varia	nce can be granted, State Law requires that
the ZBA take into consideration the benefit t	o the applicant if the variance is granted, as
weighed against the detriment to the health,	safety and welfare of the neighborhood or
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Niskayuna Building Dept.

To grant an area variance, the ZBA must balance the benefits to the applicant and the health, safety, and welfare of the neighborhood and community, taking into consideration the following:

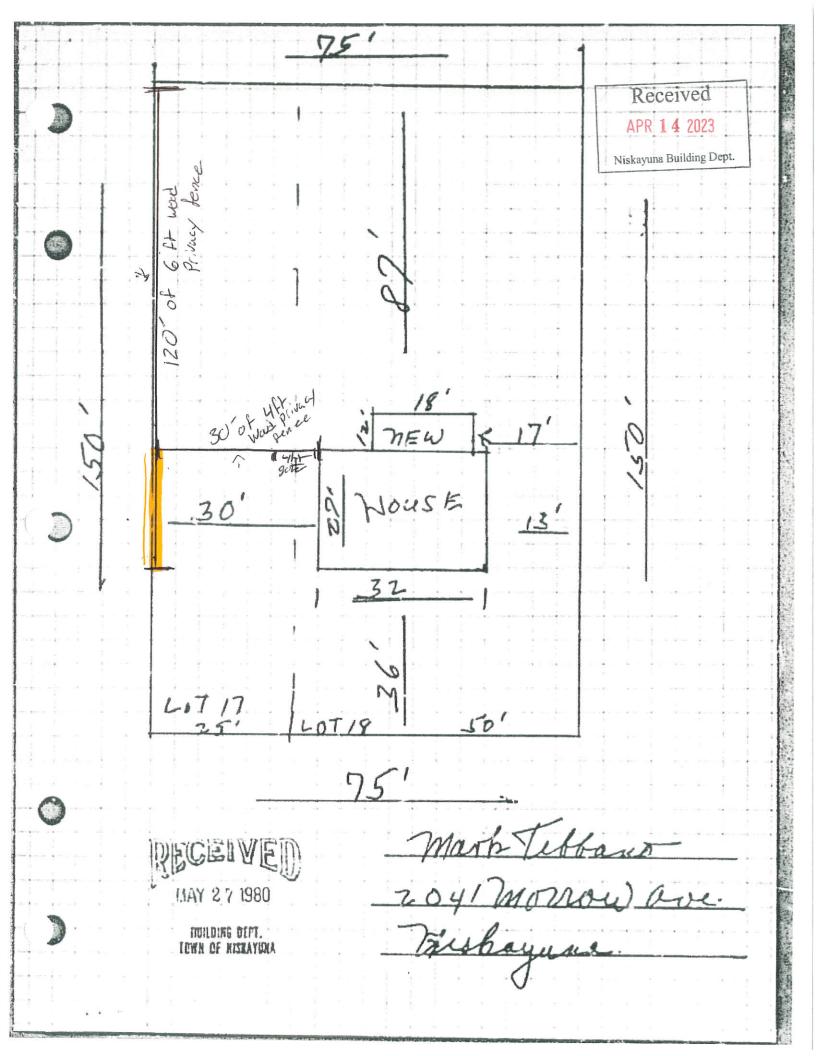
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2. Whether the granting the variance will produce an undesirable change in the character of the neighborhood or a detriment to nearby properties. Granting the variance will not create a detriment to nearby properties or an undesirable change in the neighborhood character for the following reasons:

I am trying to Replace an existing bence that is
falling apart. The fence is currently 6 feet tall
from Start to end. My neighbor has an 6ft privacy Sence
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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] 2041 Morrow Ave Fence variance 5/17 hearing date

From: <u>benjamin.twait@gmail.com</u>

**Sent:** 4/28/2023 9:41:31 AM

**To:** <u>building@niskayuna.org</u>;

**Attachments:** image0.jpeg; image1.jpeg; image4.jpeg; image5.jpeg

To whom it may concern,

I have attached some photos of the section of fence I am requesting a 2 foot variance for. These photos show the existing fence that I am replacing, my neighbors fence that ties into the existing fence and view of the fence from the street to support my claim the the variance would not be substantial. Please let me know if there is any other information that you require.

Best,

Benjamin Twait

<u>Benjamin.twait@gmail.com</u>

585-690-4395

2041 Morrow Ave











# **TOWN OF NISKAYUNA**

### **BUILDING DEPARTMENT**

One Niskayuna Circle Niskayuna, New York 12309-4381 (518) 386-4522 FAX: (518) 386-4556 EMAIL: building@niskayuna.org

Kenneth P. Hassett Building Inspector

# **Building and Zoning Permit Denial**

Address: 2041 Morrow Ave.

**Application Date: 4/5/23** 

Benjamin Twait 2041 Morrow Ave. Niskayuna, NY 12309

Dear Sir:

You are hereby notified, as required by Section 220-67 F of the Zoning Ordinance of the Town of Niskayuna, that your application to construct a six (6) foot fence on the property noted above has been denied by reason of Section 220-25 B (1) (a) of the Zoning Ordinance. The property is located in the R-2: Medium Density Residential Zoning District.

Fence: Section 220-25 B (1) (a) permits the maximum height for fences located in the front and side yards, to be four (4) feet. As proposed, a six (6) foot high fence will be located in the side yard; therefore, a two (2) foot fence height variance is required.

Under the provisions of Section 220-69 of the Zoning Ordinance of the Town of Niskayuna you may appeal this decision to the Zoning Board of Appeals and the undersigned within 60 days.

Date

Zoning Enforcement Officer



# TOWN OF NISKAYUNA APPLICATION FOR BUILDING AND ZONING PERMIT

One Niskayuna Circle Niskayuna, New York 12309

Phone: 518-386-4522 Fax: 518-386-4592

Email: building@niskayuna.org

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APPLICATION IS HEREBY MADE to the Town of Niskayuna Building Department for the vissuance of a building and zoning permit pursuant to Town Code and the New York State Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code. Application is hereby made for the construction of new buildings and accessory structures, additions and alterations to all buildings and structures, signage installation, drainage, excavation, fill and grading work, and replacement, removal and demolition projects, as herein described. The Applicant or Owner agrees to comply with all applicable laws, ordinances, regulations and all conditions expressed on this application which are part of these requirements, and will also allow or arrange for inspectors to enter the premises for inspections.

BUILDING SITE ADDRESS 2041 Morrow Ave, Nis	skayuna NY 1	2309			
DESCRIBE WORK APPLIED FOR Replace existing Fence and adding fence to completley fence in the back yard					
ESTIMATED VALUE OF ALL WORK (labor and materials):	Т	OTAL \$2,000.00			
Please submit three sets of plans with this application.					
APPLICANT Benjamin Twait	Г	OAY PHONE (585) 690-4395			
CHECK ONE: CONTRACTOR		ATT THOREE T			
HOMEOWNER					
OTHER (explain)					
ADDRESS 2041 Morrow Ave					
<sub>CITY</sub> Niskayuna	STATE NY	ZIP 12309			
EMAIL ADDRESS benjamin.tawit@gmail.com					
CONTRACTOR	Г	OAY PHONE			
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Note: Proof of insurance is required. Please review of contractors and homeowners have filed all appropriate do					
PROPERTY OWNER Benjamin Twait	D	AY PHONE (585) 609-4395			
ADDRESS (if different than above)					
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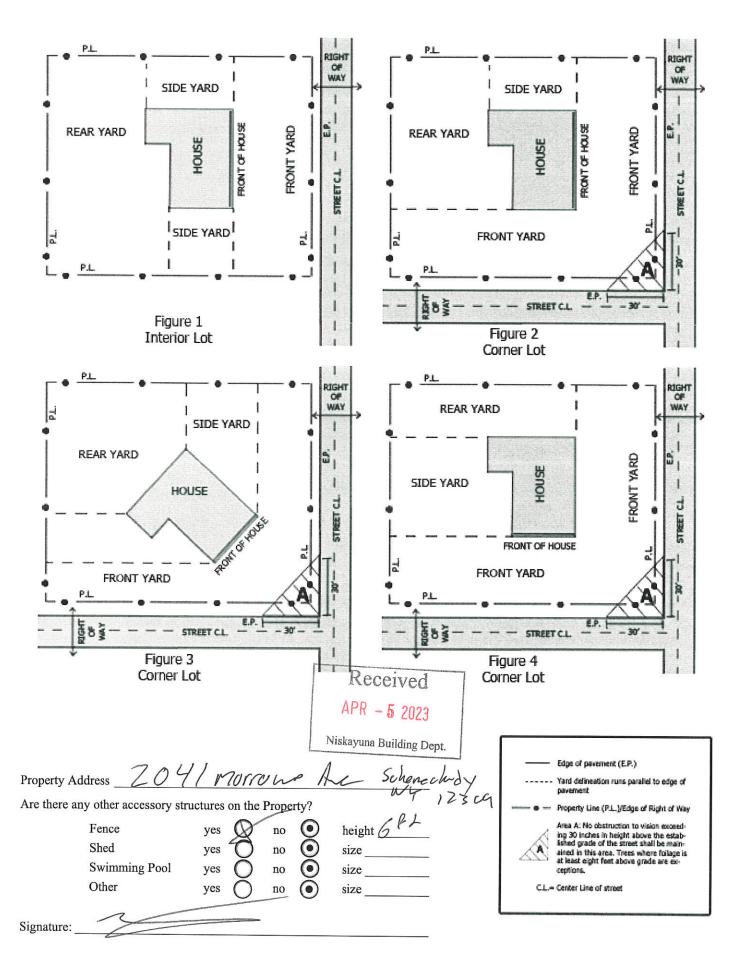
The <u>applicant</u> has reviewed and fully understands the requirements and conditions listed on this application. Article II, Section 75.5B of the Code of the Town of Niskayuna requires that where such application is made by a person other than the owner, it shall be accompanied by an affidavit of the owner or applicant that the proposed work is authorized by the owner and that the applicant is authorized to make such application.

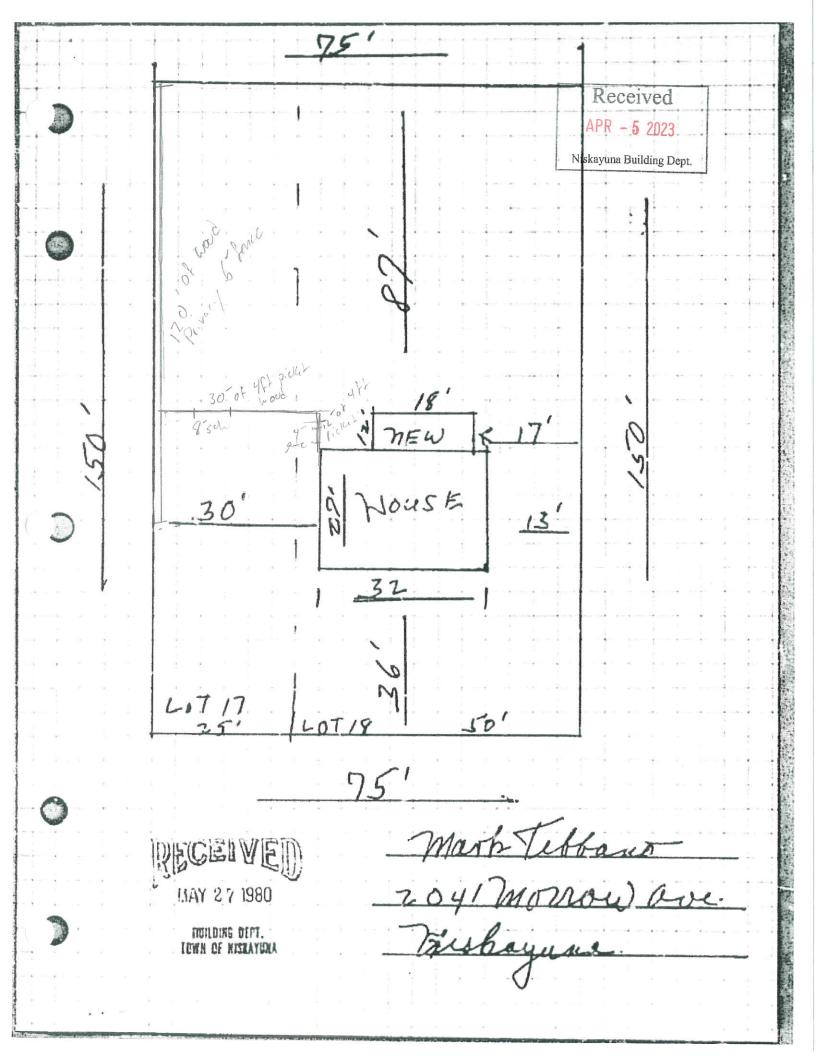
# Applicants who are the owners of the property DO NOT need to have this application notarized.

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# TOWN OF NISKAYUNA ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS One Niskayuna Circle Niskayuna, New York 12309 (518) 386-4530

June 2, 2023

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**ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS** 

# ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS **Application and Procedures For A Variance**

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Niskayuna Building Dept. TO: ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS FROM: John & Karen Splendido RE: Property at 930 St Davids Lane <sub>I.</sub> John Splendido , the (owner) (agent of the owner) of the property located at 930 St Davids Lane in the Town of Niskayuna, New York, hereby petition the Zoning Board of Appeals to review the decision of the Zoning Enforcement Officer on the above-referenced application and to grant a variance from Section(s) of the Zoning Ordinance in order to permit the proposed construction shown on the accompanying drawings. I, also certify that I have provided the items listed below as required documents in my application for a variance before the Zoning Board of Appeals. I further acknowledge that omission of any of these items may result in delay in the Board's hearing of my application.

CHECKLIST OF REQUIRED ITEMS				
One (1) copy of plot plans				
One (1) copy of construction plans, if applicable				
Appeal fee (see application procedures for details)				
Appeal statement (see application procedures for details)				
Short Environmental Assessment Form, Project Information, as applicable for use variance				
Additional information as specified by the Zoning Enforcement Officer				
Signature of Agent:				
Signature of Owner (if different from Agent)				
Telephone Number: 518-496-3323				
Email Address: jsplendido@rjmurray.com				

**For an area variance**: Before an area variance can be granted, State Law requires that the ZBA take into consideration the benefit to the applicant if the variance is granted, as weighed against the detriment to the health, safety and welfare of the neighborhood or community by such grant.

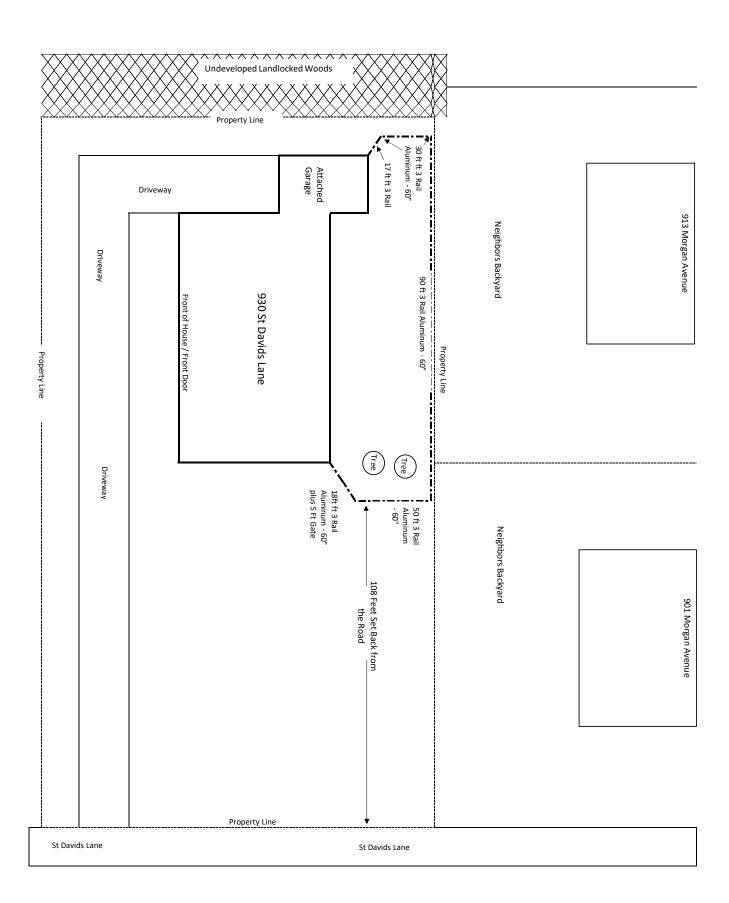
To grant an area variance, the ZBA must balance the benefits to the applicant and the health, safety, and welfare of the neighborhood and community, taking into consideration the following:

- 1. Whether the benefit sought by the applicant can be achieved by other feasible means. Identify what alternatives to the variance have been explored (alternative designs, attempts to purchase land, etc.) and why they are not feasible. We wanted to have the fence come straight off the back of the house, and remain 100% in our backyard (sideyard), but there are two large healthy matured trees in the way (see picture) that we do not want to remove. We are requesting a 5 foot fence to balance: 1) keeping our dogs safe along with 2) to be reasonably close to the town code. Most rescue organizations and breeders now require you to have a fenced in area before they will adopt/sell you a dog. They suggest 6 ft, but 5 foot will keep our two dogs. 4ft is too easy to for dogs to jump.
- 2. Whether the granting the variance will produce an undesirable change in the character of the neighborhood or a detriment to nearby properties. Granting the variance will not create a detriment to nearby properties or an undesirable change in the neighborhood character for the following reasons:

  The fence we selected matches fencing in use on many other homes in and around the Hexam Garden neighborhoods. It is a 3 rail black aluminum fence. It does not provide privacy.

  It blends into the surroundings and is mostly see through, therefore will not change the aesthetic of the neighborhood. My home is set far back (~120ft) from St Davids Lane. I technically have no backyard. The proposed fence would be in the area we consider our backyard. If my house was situated in the usual location on a parcel the whole fence would be in my backyard. The potion that is considered to be in my sideyard butts up against my neighbors backyards. My neighbors could install a 6 foot fence along the same property line without obtaining a variance. The fence will be a very long distance from the back of my neighbors homes. See images provided.

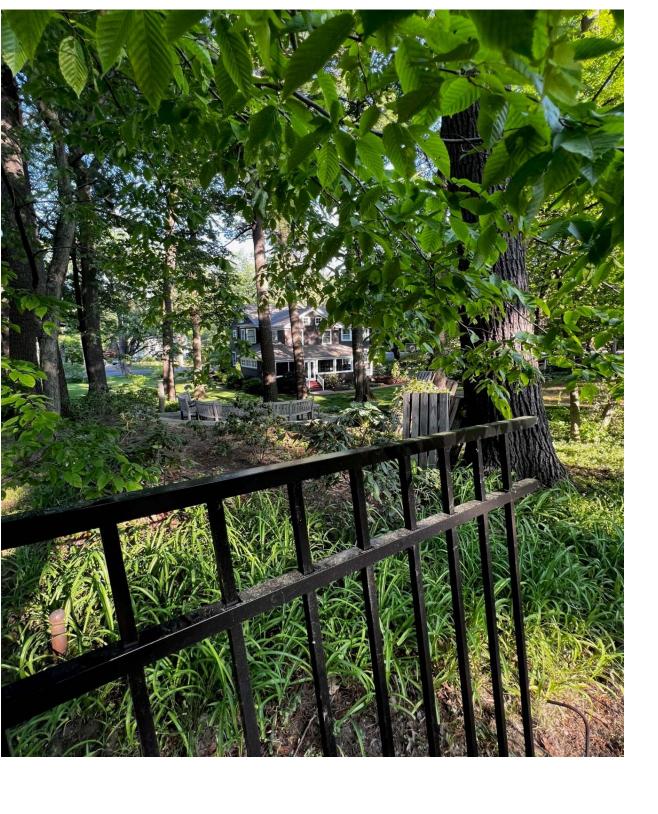
3.	Whether the variance is substantial. The requested variance is not substantial for the following reasons:  This request is not substantial. I am requesting a 5ft see-through fence to be installed 108 ft from the St Davids Lane.							
	St Davids Lane a is a busy double yellow line road. 6ft high fence variances along double yellow line roads in Niskayuna							
	is not unheard of. I am only requesting 5 ft., not the 6ft max. The portion that is considered in my side yard property butts							
	up against my neighbors' back yards. My neighbors could install a 6 foot fence without a variance along the same property line.							
	The variance I am requesting is unique to my property due to 1) the placement and orientation of my home on							
	the property and 2) the orientation of my neighbors homes and their homes distance from the property line.							
4.	Whether the variance will have adverse physical or environmental effects on the neighborhood or district. The requested variance will not have an adverse physical or environmental effect on the neighborhood or district for the following reasons:							
	We are requesting a variance for the height. The allowance of a fence is not							
	in question. It does not pose an adverse physical or environmental effect.							
5.	Whether the alleged difficulty was self-created (although this does not necessarily preclude the granting of an area variance.) Explain whether the alleged difficulty was or was not self-created:							
	The alleged difficulty is not self-created. There are two trees keeping me from							
	coming straight off the back (side) of my home thus the front yard variance request.							
	The sideyard variance request results from the placement and orientation of my home on my							
	parcel of landback in 1933. A normal placement on my parcel would have this whole fence in my backyard.							





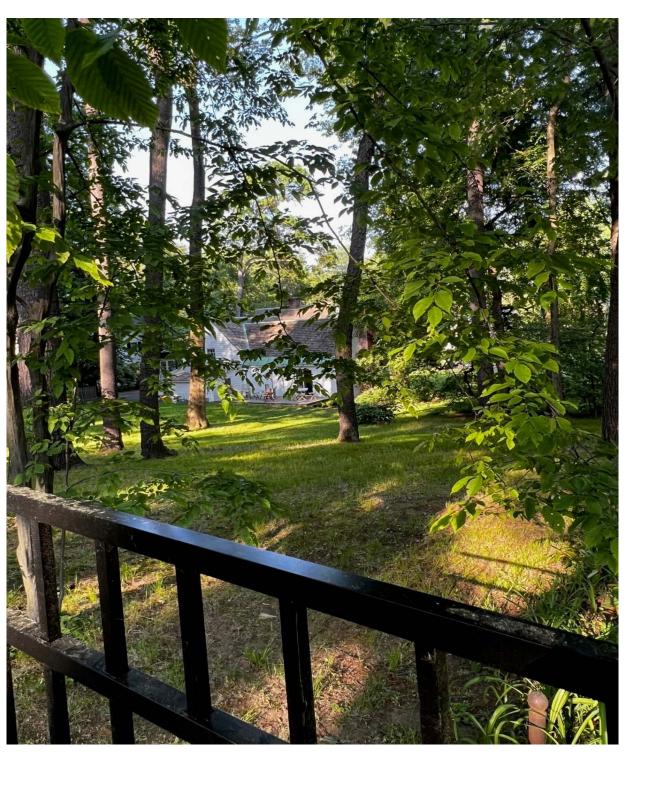
In Red Rectangle = My 15 Year Old Daughter Holding up 2 sections of Fence 108ft from St Davids Lane.

The Front Yard Fence is Very Far Away from Road, and is See-Through. You can barely see it in the picture. You can see the hammock behind it.



Distance from
Fence to
neighbor at 901
Morgan Ave

That is the back or their house. They could install a 6 foot fence along this same property line without a variance.



Distance from
Fence to
neighbor at 913
Morgan Ave

That is the back or their house. They could install a 6 foot fence along this same property line without a variance.



If the fence came straight off the back (or side) of our house it would hit these 2 trees. Thus why the fence turns into our front yard.



The 2 family members this variance will help keep safe.



# **TOWN OF NISKAYUNA**

### BUILDING DEPARTMENT

One Niskayuna Circle Niskayuna, New York 12309-4381 (518) 386-4522 FAX: (518) 386-4556 building@niskayuna.org

Kenneth P. Hassett **Building Inspector** 

**Application Date: 5/3/23** 

# **Building and Zoning Permit Denial**

Address: 930 St. David's Lane

Mr. John Splendido

930 St. David's Lane Niskayuna, NY 12309

Dear Sir:

You are hereby notified, as required by Section 220-67 F of the Zoning Ordinance of the Town of Niskayuna, that your application for the installation of a fence on the property noted above has been denied by reason of Section 220-25 B (1) (a) of the Zoning Ordinance. The property is located in the R-1: Low Density Residential Zoning District.

Section 220-25 B (1) (a) permits the maximum height for fences located in the front and side yards, to be four (4) feet. As proposed, a five (5) foot high fence is located in the front, along St. David's Lane, and the side yard, therefore, a one (1) foot fence height variance is required.

Under the provisions of Section 220-69 of the Zoning Ordinance of the Town of Niskayuna you may appeal this decision to the Zoning Board of Appeals and the undersigned within 60 days.

Date

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Ken Hassett

Zoning Enforcement Officer

Application # B23-218



# TOWN OF NISKAYUNA APPLICATION FOR BUILDING AND ZONING PERMIT

One Niskayuna Circle Niskayuna, New York 12309

Phone: 518-386-4522 Fax: 518-386-4592

Email: building@niskayuna.org

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Niskayuna Building Dept.

APPLICATION IS HEREBY MADE to the Town of Niskayuna Building Department for the issuance of a building and zoning permit pursuant to Town Code and the New York State Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code. Application is hereby made for the construction of new buildings and accessory structures, additions and alterations to all buildings and structures, signage installation, drainage, excavation, fill and grading work, and replacement, removal and demolition projects, as herein described. The Applicant or Owner agrees to comply with all applicable laws, ordinances, regulations and all conditions expressed on this application which are part of these requirements, and will also allow or arrange for inspectors to enter the premises for inspections.

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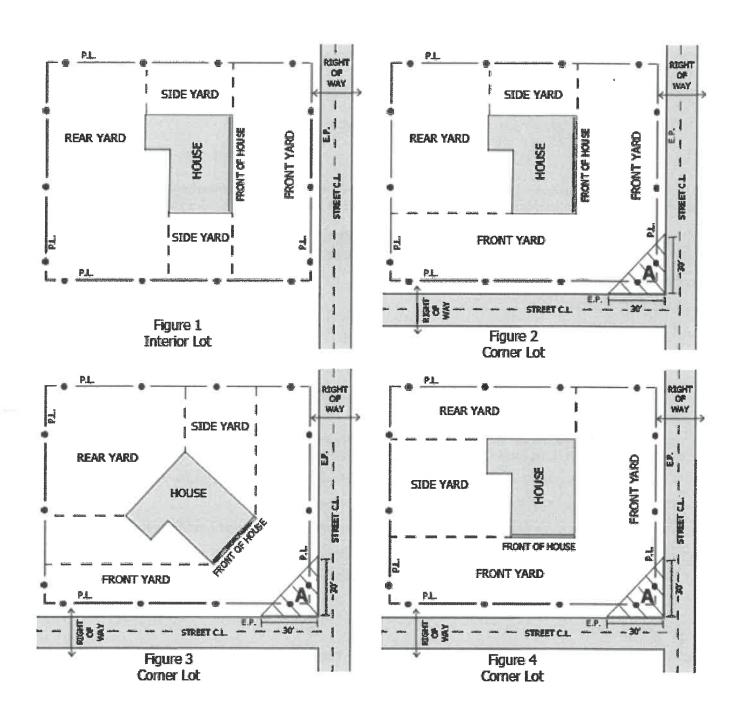
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The <u>applicant</u> has reviewed and fully understands the requirements and conditions listed on this application. Article II, Section 75.5B of the Code of the Town of Niskayuna requires that where such application is made by a person other than the owner, it shall be accompanied by an affidavit of the owner or applicant that the proposed work is authorized by the owner and that the applicant is authorized to make such application.

# Applicants who are the owners of the property DO NOT need to have this application notarized.

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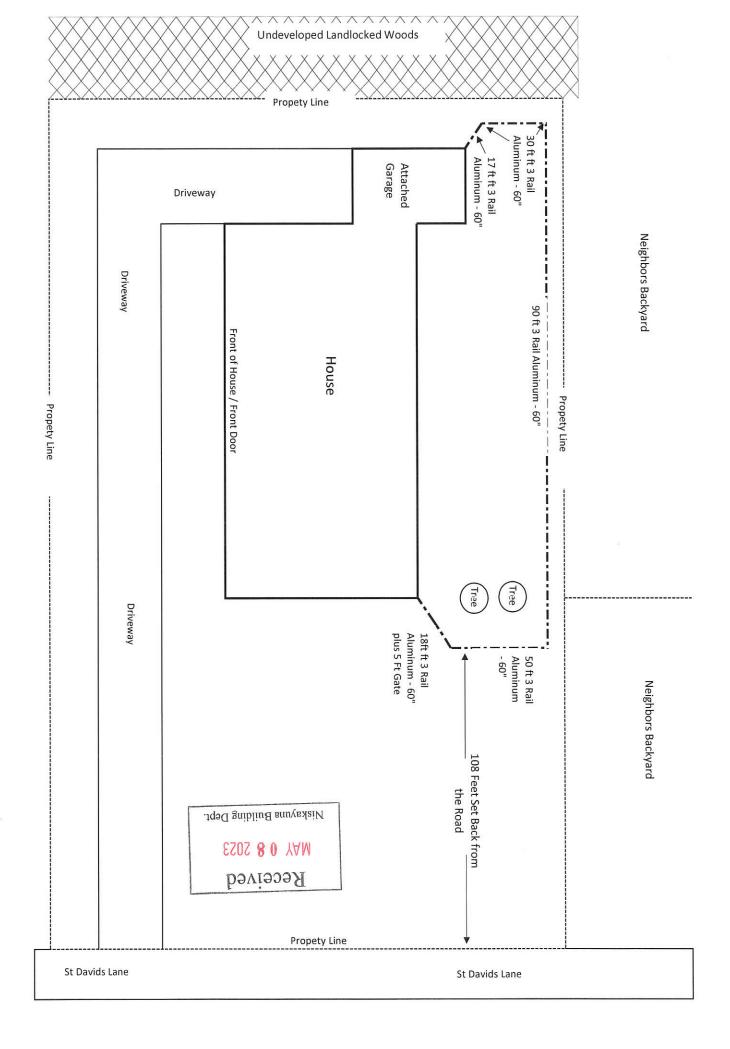
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# ACCESSORY STRUCTURE SUPPLEMENT TO PERMIT APPLICATION

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R-1	2,250 sq. ft. or less if lot is less than 18,000 sq. ft.	5 feet	20 feet	25 feet	no closer than wall of house
R-2, R-3 or R-P	1,350 sq. ft. or less if lot is less than 9,000 sq. ft.	5 feet	15 feet	20 feet	no closer than wall of house
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## TOWN OF NISKAYUNA ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

One Niskayuna Circle Niskayuna, New York 12309 (518) 386-4530

June 2, 2023

#### TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

A regular meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals will be held on:

**DATE:** June 14, 2023

**TIME:** 7:00 P.M.

PLACE: Town Hall, One Niskayuna Circle, Niskayuna, New York

## AT THIS TIME THE BOARD WILL CONSIDER THE REQUEST OF:

Appeal by Todd Birmingham for a variance from Section 220-4, Section 220-13, Schedule I-B and Section 220-15 D of the Zoning Ordinance of the Town of Niskayuna as it applies to the property at 2260 Pinehaven Drive, Niskayuna, New York, located in the R-1: Low Density Residential Zoning District, to construct a 12' x 14' deck partially within the rear yard setback.

Section 220-4 defines a corner lot as a lot at the intersection of two streets. The property is a corner lot at the intersection of Pinehaven Drive and Fernwood Drive. Also, "Each street line shall be considered a front lot line. The interior lot line most nearly parallel to the rear of the principal structure shall be deemed to be the rear lot line. The other interior lot line shall be deemed to be the side line and the rear and side yard requirements shall be calculated accordingly.

Section 220-13, Schedule I-B requires a twenty (20) foot minimum side yard setback.

Section 220-15 D states for corner lots, "front yard minimums shall be required of both yards facing a street on a corner lot. Side yard minimums shall be required of the remaining two yards for properties located in the R-1 and R-2 Zoning Districts."

As proposed, the deck would be located fifteen (15) feet from the property line; therefore, a five (5) foot setback variance is required.

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ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

# ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS Application and Procedures For A Variance Received

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Revised 12/28/21

TO: ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS Niskayuna Building Dept.
FROM: Todd Birmingham
RE: Property at 2260 Pinehauen Drive
I, Todd Birmingham, the (owner) (agent of the owner) of the property located at 2260 Pinchaves Onive
in the Town of Niskayuna, New York, hereby petition the Zoning Board of Appeals to review the decision of the Zoning Enforcement Officer on the above-referenced application and to grant a variance from Section(s) of the Zoning Ordinance in order to permit the proposed construction shown on the accompanying drawings.
I, also certify that I have provided the items listed below as required documents in my application for a variance before the Zoning Board of Appeals. I further acknowledge that omission of any of these items may result in delay in the Board's hearing of my application.
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<u>For an area variance</u>: Before an area variance can be granted, State Law requires that the ZBA take into consideration the benefit to the applicant if the variance is granted, as weighed against the detriment to the health, safety and welfare of the neighborhood or community by such grant.

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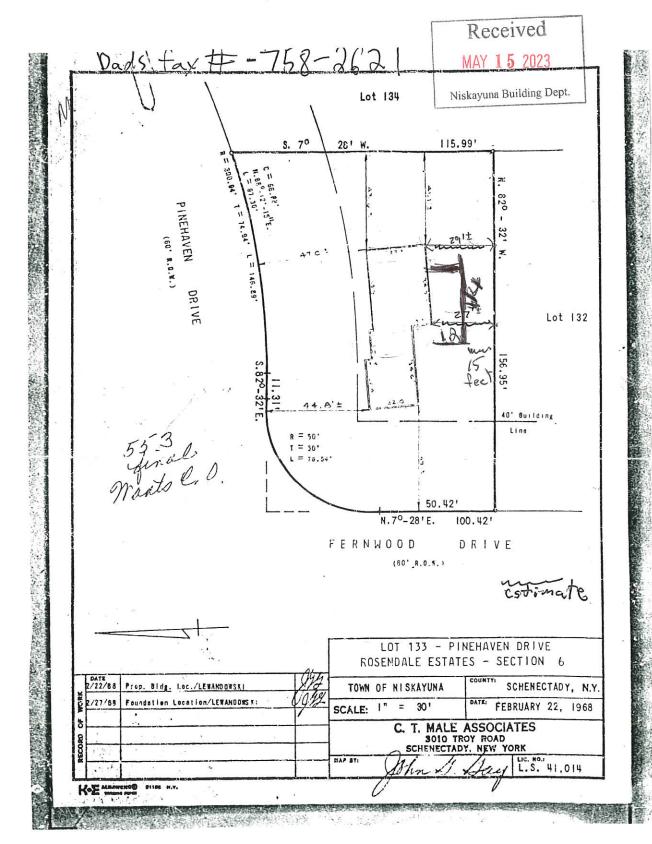
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To grant an area variance, the ZBA must balance the benefits to the applicant and the health, safety, and welfare of the neighborhood and community, taking into consideration the following:

1. Whether the benefit sought by the applicant can be achieved by other feasible means. Identify what alternatives to the variance have been explored (alternative designs, attempts to purchase land, etc.) and why they are not feasible.

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# TOWN OF NISKAYUNA BUILDING DEPARTMENT

One Niskayuna Circle Niskayuna, New York 12309-4381 (518) 386-4522 FAX: (518) 386-4556 building@niskayuna.org

Kenneth P. Hassett Building Inspector

### Building and Zoning Permit Denial

Address: 2260 Pinehaven Drive

**Application Date: 5-12-23** 

TO: Todd Birmingham

2260 Pinehaven Drive Niskayuna, NY 12309

Dear Sir:

You are hereby notified, as required by Section 220-67 F of the Zoning Ordinance of the Town of Niskayuna, that your application for construction of a 12' x 14' deck on the property, has been denied by reason of Section 220-4, Section 220-13, Schedule I-B and Section 220-15 D of the Town of Niskayuna Zoning Ordinance. The property is located in the R-1: Low Density Residential Zoning District.

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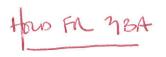
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Application # B23-248



# TOWN OF NISKAYUNA APPLICATION FOR BUILDING AND ZONING PERMIT

One Niskayuna Circle Niskayuna, New York 12309

Phone: 518-386-4522 Fax: 518-386-4592

Email: building@niskayuna.org

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APPLICANT Todd Birmingham	DAY PI	HONE 518-225-9816
CHECK ONE: CONTRACTOR		
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CITY Viskayuna	STATE	ZIP <u>1230</u> 9
EMAIL ADDRESS birmyalive.	com	,
contractor TB3 Landsca	ping Frences DAY PH	1 HONE <u>518-470-0</u> 14
ADDRESS 1791 Mariaville Sc	atch Church	Road
CITY Pattersonville	STATE NY	ZIP /2/37
Note: Proof of insurance is required. Please revie contractors and homeowners have filed all appropriate		
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## Applicants who are the owners of the property DO NOT need to have this application notarized.

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### DECK SUPPLEMENT TO PERMIT APPLICATION

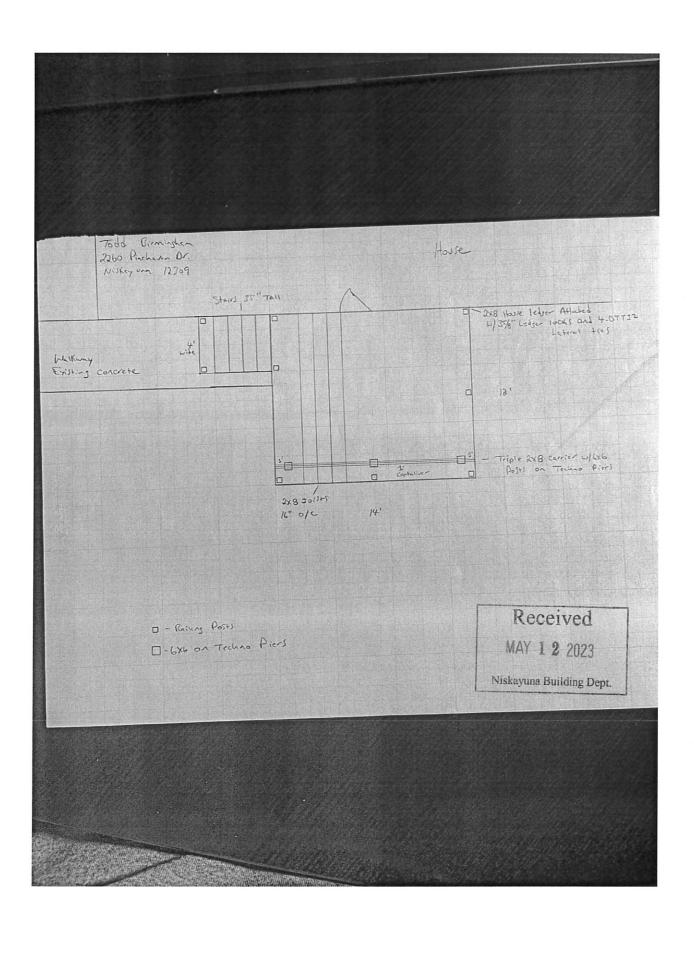
While not all inclusive, the previous comments should be used as a general guide to code compliance. Complete and accurate information will expedite the plan review process.

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Section 220-18 B (3) (b) states that "the required side and rear yard dimensions for major accessory structures shall be the same as applies to the principal building." As defined, major accessory structures are "detached accessory buildings or other structures in excess of 120 square feet." The shed, with the proposed addition, will measure 258 square feet, and is a major accessory structure. Section 220-13 Schedule I-B establishes a side setback minimum of twenty (20) feet and rear setback minimum of twenty five (25) feet. As proposed, the shed will be located seven (7) feet from the side property line and ten (10) feet from the rear property line. Therefore; a thirteen (13) foot side yard setback variance and a fifteen (15) foot rear setback variance are required.

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### ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS Application and Procedures For A Variance

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TO: ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
FROM: Don + Molly Anthony
RE: Property at 918 Birchwood Lane Niskayuna NY 1230
I, Molly Anthony, the (owner) (agent of the owner) of the property located at 918 Birchwood Lane in the Town of Niskayuna, New York, hereby petition the Zoning Board of Appeals to review the decision of the Zoning Enforcement Officer on the above-referenced application and to grant a variance from Section(s) of the Zoning Ordinance in order to permit the proposed construction shown on the accompanying drawings.
I, also certify that I have provided the items listed below as required documents in my application for a variance before the Zoning Board of Appeals. I further acknowledge that omission of any of these items may result in delay in the Board's hearing of my application.
CHECKLIST OF REQUIRED ITEMS
One (1) copy of plot plans
One (1) copy of construction plans, if applicable
Appeal fee (see application procedures for details)
Appeal statement (see application procedures for details)
Short Environmental Assessment Form, Project Information, as applicable for use variance
Additional information as specified by the Zoning Enforcement Officer
Signature of Agent: Molly Anthony Date 5/16/23 Signature of Owner (if different from Agent)
Telephone Number:
Email Address:

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For an area variance: Before an area variance can be granted, State Law requires that the ZBA take into consideration the benefit to the applicant if the variance is granted, as weighed against the detriment to the health, safety and welfare of the neighborhood or community by such grant.

To grant an area variance, the ZBA must balance the benefits to the applicant and the health, safety, and welfare of the neighborhood and community, taking into consideration the following: 1. Whether the benefit sought by the applicant can be achieved by other feasible means. Identify what alternatives to the variance have been explored (alternative designs, attempts to purchase land, etc.) and why they are not feasible. see attrahod 2. Whether the granting the variance will produce an undesirable change in the character of the neighborhood or a detriment to nearby properties. Granting the variance will not create a detriment to nearby properties or an undesirable change in the neighborhood character for the following reasons: see attacheo

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Whether the variance is substantial. The requested variance is not substantial for the following reasons:
see attached
Whether the variance will have adverse physical or environmental effects on the neighborhood or district. The requested variance will not have an adverse physical or environmental effect on the neighborhood or district for the
following reasons:
see attached
Whether the alleged difficulty was self-created (although this does not necessarily preclude the granting of an area variance.) Explain whether the alleged difficulty was or was not self-created:
see attached

Answers to variance

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Shed Zoning Variance Appeal for 918 Birchwood Lane, Application Date 5/2/2023

For Area Variance:

1 Re: Whether the benefit sought by the applicant can be achieved by other feasible means.

The benefit sought is to provide storage room for a new full size show blower. Enlarging the custom shed is the best alternative for permanent housing for the snow blower. The house has 1 car garage, which is already occupied by a car. The intent is to preserve the general look of the shed so it remains in the character of the yard and neighborhood.

Re: Whether the granting the variance will produce an undesirable change in the character of the neighborhood or a detriment to nearby properties.

The intent is to preserve the general look of the shed so it remains in the character of the yard and neighborhood. The shed is located in the backyard and in the northeast corner and is barely visible from the street.

The closest neighbor on the north side already has a row of tall bushes along their side of the property line to provide privacy for their in-ground pool. This mostly hides their view of the shed. The neighbor on the east side primarily views the back the of existing shed. The increase at the front of the shed will not significantly change their view. The neighbor on the south side may look across our back yard and view the shed through several trees, but their view of the shed is already somewhat obscured.

3 Re: Whether the variance is substantial.

The requested variance is not substantial for the following reasons: As noted above, it does not significantly alter the view for neighbors.

It will not result in any increase in backyard noise.

It does not significantly reduce green space or require removal of any trees. It does not impact any water flow or significantly change existing water drainage.

4) Whether the variance will have adverse physical or environmental effects on the neighborhood or district. The requested variance will not have an adverse physical or environmental effect on the neighborhood or district for the following reasons:

It will not result in any increase in backyard noise or additional visitors to the property. No substantial change in lighting is planned.

It does not significantly reduce green space or require removal of any trees. It does not impact any water flow or significantly change existing water drainage.

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5) Whether the alleged difficulty was self-created (although this does not necessarily preclude diding Dept. the granting of an area variance.) Explain whether the alleged difficulty was or was not self-created:

The existing shed already houses typical yard maintenance equipment items, such as an electric mower and a wagon and several boxes of small tools and a collection of hoses, shovels, etc. For safety, flammable items are stored there, such as a spare propane tank for the grill (yes, we grill in January). In winter there are recreational items, such as a bicycle. The limitation of having only a 1 car garage limits the amount of storage available in the garage. A small snow thrower, stored there, has been in use for many years, which is good for dry snow. It has difficulty with the heavy, sloppy type of winter precipitation more common in this area now (possibly due to changing weather patterns). This is driving the need for a full-size snow thrower and the need to increase the storage capacity in the shed.

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Build addition on existing garden shed construction + Style Typical of existing shed

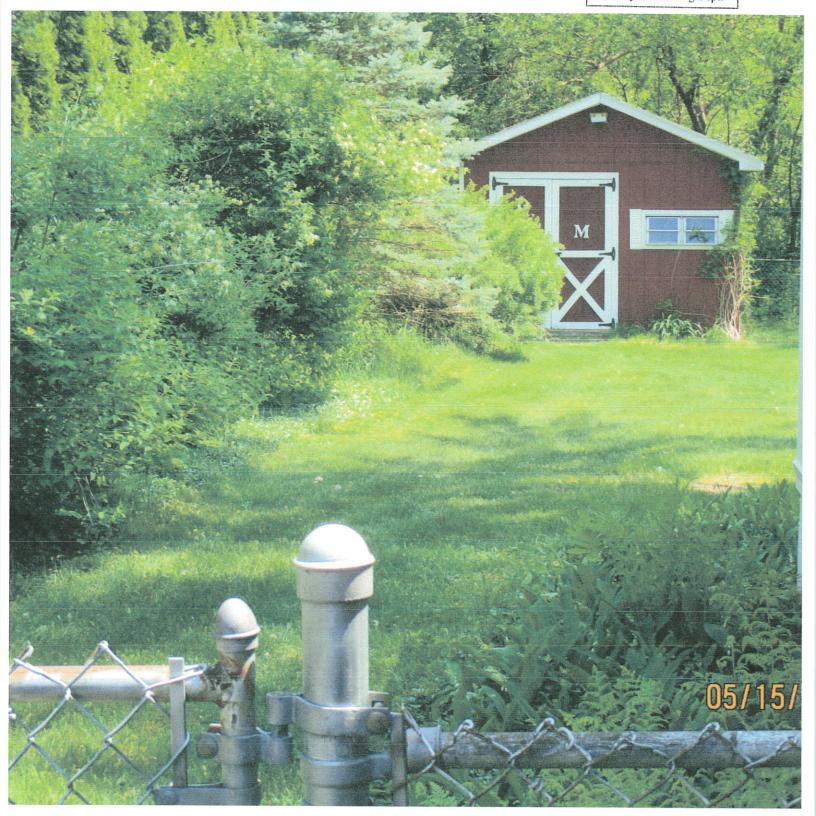
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Hoffmann trees + property 10 ft (one direction only) 05//02//

Do not want to take down trees

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## Short Environmental Assessment Form Part 1 - Project Information

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### **Instructions for Completing**

Part 1 – Project Information. The applicant or project sponsor is responsible for the completion of Part 1. Responses become part of the application for approval or funding, are subject to public review, and may be subject to further verification. Complete Part 1 based on information currently available. If additional research or investigation would be needed to fully respond to any item, please answer as thoroughly as possible based on current information.

Complete all items in Part 1. You may also provide any additional information which you believe will be needed by or useful to the lead agency; attach additional pages as necessary to supplement any item.

Part 1 – Project and Sponsor Information				
918 Birchwood Lane, Niskayuna, NY, Don and Molly Anthony  Name of Action or Project:				
Shed Enlargement				
Project Location (describe, and attach a location map):				
918 Birchwood Lane, Niskayuna, NY 12309				
Brief Description of Proposed Action:				
Enlarge shed				
Name of Applicant or Sponsor:				
	Telephone: 518-786-1860	)		
Molly Anthony	E-Mail:			
Address:				
918 Birchwood Lane				
City/PO:	State:	Zip Co	de:	
Niskayuna	NY	12309		
1. Does the proposed action only involve the legislative adoption of a plan, loca administrative rule, or regulation?	I law, ordinance,		NO	YES
If Yes, attach a narrative description of the intent of the proposed action and the en	nvironmental resources that	at	$\Box$	П
may be affected in the municipality and proceed to Part 2. If no, continue to ques				
2. Does the proposed action require a permit, approval or funding from any other of Yes, list agency(s) name and permit or approval:	er government Agency?		NO	YES
if ites, list agency(s) name and permit or approvar.			~	П
3. a. Total acreage of the site of the proposed action?	About 0.5 acres			
	ess than acres			
c. Total acreage (project site and any contiguous properties) owned or controlled by the applicant or project sponsor?	About 0.5 acres			
of controlled by the applicant of project sponsor?	About 0.5 acres			
4. Check all land uses that occur on, are adjoining or near the proposed action:				
☐ Urban ☐ Rural (non-agriculture) ☐ Industrial ☐ Commercia	al Residential (subur	ban)		
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Parkland	,			
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5. Is the proposed action,	MAY 1 6 2023	NO	YES	N/A	
a. A permitted use under the zoning regulations?	Niskayuna Building Dept.		V	П	
b. Consistent with the adopted comprehensive plan?	The second of the second of the second secon		一	~	
6 Is the prepared action consistent with the predominant shows story	of the eviction by its annual way	110	NO	YES	
6. Is the proposed action consistent with the predominant character	of the existing built of natural	randscape?	П	~	
7. Is the site of the proposed action located in, or does it adjoin, a st	tate listed Critical Environmen	tal Area?	NO	YES	
If Yes, identify:					
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8. a. Will the proposed action result in a substantial increase in tra	affic above present levels?		NO	YES	
b. Are public transportation services available at or near the si	ite of the proposed action?		V	H	
c. Are any pedestrian accommodations or bicycle routes availa	able on or near the site of the p	proposed	<b>V</b>		
action?  9. Does the proposed action meet or exceed the state energy code re	·-		NO	VEC	
If the proposed action will exceed requirements, describe design feature	1		NO	YES	
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10. Will the proposed action connect to an existing public/private wa	ater supply?		NO	YES	
If No, describe method for providing potable water:					
11 No, describe medica for providing potable water.			4		
11. Will the proposed action connect to existing wastewater utilities?			NO	YES	
If No, describe method for providing wastewater treatment:			V		
12. a. Does the project site contain, or is it substantially contiguous to			NO	YES	
which is listed on the National or State Register of Historic Places, or Commissioner of the NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic P			V		
State Register of Historic Places?					
b. Is the project site, or any portion of it, located in or adjacent to	o an area designated as sensitiv	e for	V		
archaeological sites on the NY State Historic Preservation Office (SH	IPO) archaeological site invent	cory?			
13. a. Does any portion of the site of the proposed action, or lands a wetlands or other waterbodies regulated by a federal, state or local state of the proposed action and the state of the proposed action, or lands a wetlands or other waterbodies regulated by a federal, state or local state of the proposed action, or lands a wetlands or other waterbodies regulated by a federal, state or local state of the proposed action and the state of the proposed action are stated by the proposed action and the stated by the proposed action are stated by the proposed action and the proposed action are stated by the propose	adjoining the proposed action, al agency?	contain	NO	YES	
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b. Would the proposed action physically alter, or encroach into, any existing wetland or waterbody?					
If Yes, identify the wetland or waterbody and extent of alterations in square feet or acres:					
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14. Identify the typical habitat types that occur on, or are likely to be found on the project site. Check all that apply!	AY 16	2023
☐ Shoreline ☐ Forest ☐ Agricultural/grasslands ☐ Early mid-successional	ayuna Bui	11. 5
☐ Wetland ☐ Urban ☑ Suburban	ayuna Bui	Iding Del
15. Does the site of the proposed action contain any species of animal, or associated habitats, listed by the State or	NO	YES
Federal government as threatened or endangered?		
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16. Is the project site located in the 100-year flood plan?	NO	YES
	V	
17. Will the proposed action create storm water discharge, either from point or non-point sources?	NO	YES
If Yes,	~	
a. Will storm water discharges flow to adjacent properties?	V	
b. Will storm water discharges be directed to established conveyance systems (runoff and storm drains)?	V	
If Yes, briefly describe:		
18. Does the proposed action include construction or other activities that would result in the impoundment of water	NO	YES
or other liquids (e.g., retention pond, waste lagoon, dam)?  If Yes, explain the purpose and size of the impoundment:		
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19. Has the site of the proposed action or an adjoining property been the location of an active or closed solid waste management facility?	NO	YES
If Yes, describe:		
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20.Has the site of the proposed action or an adjoining property been the subject of remediation (ongoing or completed) for hazardous waste?	NO	YES
If Yes, describe:		
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I CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION PROVIDED ABOVE IS TRUE AND ACCURATE TO THE B MY KNOWLEDGE	EST OF	
Applicant/sponsor/name: Abl Molly Anthony Date: 5/16/	123	
Signature: Title: CO-owner	F	

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# TOWN OF NISKAYUNA BUILDING DEPARTMENT

One Niskayuna Circle Niskayuna, New York 12309-4381 (518) 386-4522 FAX: (518) 386-4556 building:@niskayuna.org

Kenneth P. Hassett Building Inspector

### **Building and Zoning Permit Denial**

Address: 918 Birchwood Lane

Application Date: 5/2/23

Ms. Molly Anthony 918 Birchwood Lane Niskayuna, NY 12309

Dear Ms. Anthony:

You are hereby notified, as required by Section 220-67 F of the Zoning Ordinance of the Town of Niskayuna, that your application to construct an addition to an existing shed on the property noted above has been denied by reason of Section 220-18 B (3) (b) and Section 220-13 Schedule I-B, of the Town of Niskayuna Zoning Ordinance. The property is located in the R-1: Low Density Residential Zoning District.

Section 220-18 B (3) (b) states that "the required side and rear yard dimensions for major accessory structures shall be the same as applies to the principal building." As defined, major accessory structures are "detached accessory buildings or other structures in excess of 120 square feet." The shed, with the proposed addition, will measure 258 square feet, and is a major accessory structure. Section 220-13 Schedule I-B establishes a side setback minimum of twenty (20) feet. As proposed, the shed will be located seven (7) feet from the side property line. Therefore; a thirteen (13) foot side yard setback variance is required. The rear setback minimum is twenty five (25) feet. As proposed, the shed will be located ten (10) feet from the rear property line. Therefore; a fifteen (15) foot rear setback is also required.

Under the provisions of Section 220-69 of the Zoning Ordinance of the Town of Niskayuna you may appeal this decision to the Zoning Board of Appeals and the undersigned within 60 days.

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Date

Ken Hassett

Zoning Enforcement Officer



# TOWN OF NISKAYUNA APPLICATION FOR BUILDING AND ZONING PERMIT

One Niskayuna Circle Niskayuna, New York 12309

Phone: 518-386-4522 Fax: 518-386-4592

Email: building@niskayuna.org

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APPLICATION IS HEREBY MADE to the Town of Niskayuna Building Department to Republication and Building Code. Application is hereby made for the construction of new buildings and accessory structures, additions and alterations to all buildings and structures, signage installation, drainage, excavation, fill and grading work, and replacement, removal and demolition projects, as herein described. The Applicant or Owner agrees to comply with all applicable laws, ordinances, regulations and all conditions expressed on this application which are part of these requirements, and will also allow or arrange for inspectors to enter the premises for inspections.

BUILDING SITE ADDRESS 918 BIrch woo	dlane	
DESCRIBE WORK APPLIED FOR Shed re	enovation	
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ESTIMATED VALUE OF ALL WORK (labor and materials):	TOTAL \$ 6	000,00
Please submit three sets of plans with this application.		
	DAY PHONE	518 786 1860
CHECK ONE: CONTRACTOR HOMEOWNER OTHER (explain)		
ADDRESS 918 Birchwood Lane	ر	
ADDRESS 918 Birchwood Lane CITY NISKAYUNA	STATE NY	ZIP 12309
EMAIL ADDRESS	*	
contractor Arne Weisgerber ADDRESS 55 Fox Ave CITY Schenectady	DAY PHONE _	518 312 9179
CITY Schenectady	STATE NY	ZIP 12304
Note: Proof of insurance is required. Please review of contractors and homeowners have filed all appropriate doc	ur <b>Insurance Requirements</b> uments with the Building Dep	document to ensure partment.
PROPERTY OWNER Don + Molly Anth ADDRESS (if different than above)	nony day phone	518 786 1860
CITY	STATE	ZIP

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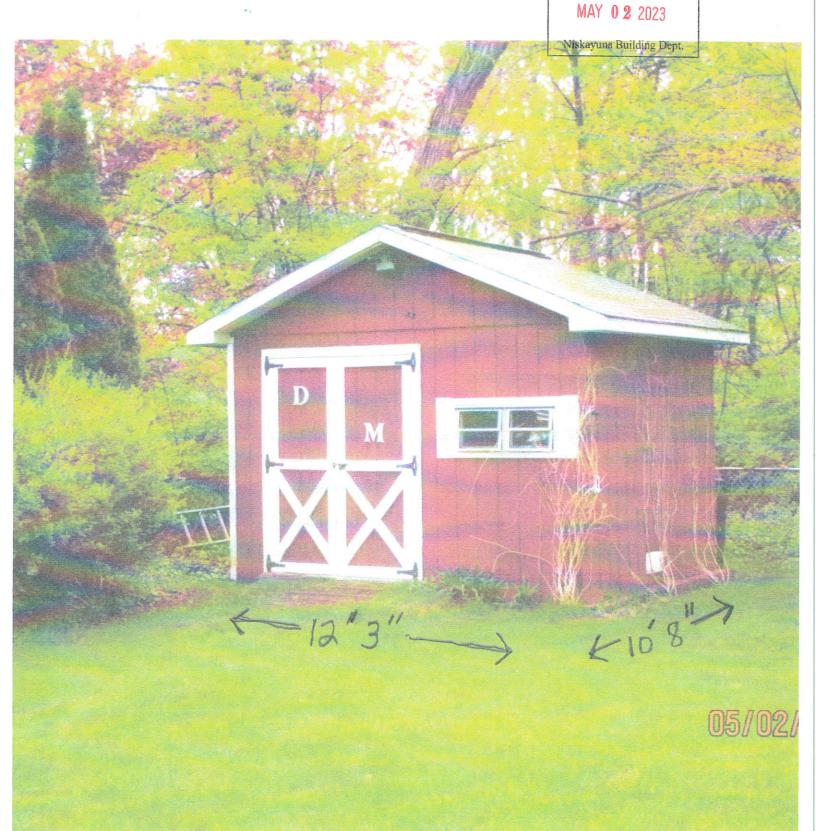
The <u>applicant</u> has reviewed and fully understands the requirements and conditions listed on this application. Article II, Section 75.5B of the Code of the Town of Niskayuna requires that where such application is made by a person other than the owner, it shall be accompanied by an affidavit of the owner or applicant that the proposed work is authorized by the owner and that the applicant is authorized to make such application.

### Applicants who are the owners of the property DO NOT need to have this application notarized.

Sworn to me on this day of, Molly anthony
Signature of Applicant
MOLLY ANTHONY
Printed Name
5/2/23
Notary Public, State of New York  Date
(FOR OFFICE USE ONLY BELOW)
BUILDING SITE ADDRESS
KNOWN EASEMENTS: WATER SEWER DRAINAGE OTHER
PERMIT FEE DUE \$ BASED ON
COMMENTS
ZONING DISTRICT SECTION-BLOCK-LOT
REQUIRED INSPECTIONS:
1. FOOTING FORMS AND REINFORCING PRIOR TO POURING OF CONCRETE
2. FOUNDATION LOCATION PROVIDED AND STONE DRIVEWAY BASE INSTALLED PRIOR TO FOUNDATION INSPECTION
3. FOUNDATION WALL AND DRAIN TILE INCLUDING LATERAL PRIOR TO BACKFILLING
4. FIREPLACE INSPECTION AT BOX AND AT HALF STACK
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8. INSULATION INCLUDING PROPER VENTILATION
9. FINAL PLUMBING
10. FINAL ELECTRICAL
11. FINAL BUILDING INSPECTION
12. FINAL GRADING AND SOIL EROSION CONTROL
13. (ADDITIONAL INSPECTIONS)
APPROVED BY DATE

Lot 100' x 200'

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## ACCESSORY STRUCTURE SUPPLEMENT TO PERMIT APPLICATION

Plans (three sets) and all of the following information are required with accessory structure permit applications.									
a.	are Direct								
b.	o. Size of accessory structure 10 0" L Same width (12'3")								
c.	Distance to property lines:								
	Side 1	7ft (same a	s existing)		Rec	eived			
	Side 2	80 ft	3/			<b>2</b> 2023			
	Rear	10 ft.				Building Dept.			
	Other _				Niskayuna	Building Dept.			
d.	Are there a	any other accessory structures or							
	Fence yes no height 48 chain link  Shed yes no size expanding this one.								
	Shed	yes no	size 👤	xpandin	q this	one			
	Swimm	ing pool yes no			)				
	Other	yesno	size						
e.	Height of a	accessory structure 10 6	"			3			
f.	Type of for	undation for structure (if any) _	wood						
Zoning District maximum total coverage of accessory structures side & rear setback if 120 sq. ft. or less side setback rear setback street									
R-R		NA	5 feet	35 feet	40 feet	no closer than wall of house			
	R-1	2,250 sq. ft. or less if lot is less than 18,000 sq. ft.	5 feet	20 feet	25 feet	no closer than wall of house			
R-2,	R-3 or R-P	1,350 sq. ft. or less if lot is less than 9,000 sq. ft.	5 feet	15 feet	20 feet	no closer than wall of house			
App	Applicant's Signature: Molly anthony Date: 5/2/23								
		O	(For office use only)			-			
Area	a of lot								
Max	imum acces	sory structure coverage allowed	<u> </u>						
Tota	Total accessory structure coverage actual								
Max	Maximum lot coverage allowed								
	Total lot coverage actual								

# TOWN OF NISKAYUNA ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

One Niskayuna Circle Niskayuna, New York 12309 (518) 386-4530

June 2, 2023

### TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

A regular meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals will be held on:

**DATE:** June 14, 2023

TIME: 7:00 P.M.

PLACE: Town Hall, One Niskayuna Circle, Niskayuna, New York

### AT THIS TIME THE BOARD WILL CONSIDER THE REQUEST OF:

Appeal by Steven and Katie McCutcheon for a variance from Section 220-53 B and Section 220-13, Schedule I-C of the Zoning Ordinance of the Town of Niskayuna as it applies to the property at 1461 Clifton Park Road, Niskayuna, New York, located in the R-2: Medium Density Residential Zoning District, to construct an addition partially within the side yard setback.

Section 220-53 B allows an addition to a nonconforming residential structure which brings the addition into a nonconforming side or rear yard no nearer to a side or rear property line than the existing structure and no nearer than half the distance specified in a particular residential zoning district. Section 220-13, Schedule I-C requires a side yard setback of fifteen (15) feet. The existing house is 6' 6" from the side line; therefore, 7' 6" becomes the minimum required side setback. As proposed, the addition will be 6' 6" from the side property line; therefore, a one (1) foot side yard setback variance is required.

A copy of the permit application and appeal is available for inspection at the Niskayuna Building Department in the Niskayuna Town Office Building and will be available at the public hearing. A copy of the agenda packet for the above referenced meeting date, which will include information for this variance request, will be available online after 5pm the Friday before the meeting at <a href="https://www.niskayuna.org/node/1606/agenda/2023">https://www.niskayuna.org/node/1606/agenda/2023</a>.

IF YOU WISH TO EXPRESS AN OPINION REGARDING THE PROPOSED CHANGE, YOU MAY DO SO AT THE ABOVE-MENTIONED TIME AND PLACE. IF YOU CANNOT BE PRESENT, YOU MAY REQUEST A VIRTUAL LOGIN TO THE MEETING BY EMAILING LRobertson@Niskayuna.org OR CALLING 518-386-4530 OR YOU MAY SET FORTH YOUR APPROVAL OR OBJECTION IN A LETTER WHICH WILL BE MADE PART OF THE PERMANENT RECORD.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

# ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS Application and Procedures For A Variance

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Niskayuna Building Dept.

TO: ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

FROM: Steven and Katie McCutcheon

RE: Property at 1461 Clifton Park Road, Niskayuna, NY 12309

I, Steven and Katie McCutcheon , the (owner) (agent of the owner) of the property located at 1461 Clifton Park Road, Niskayuna, NY 12309

in the Town of Niskayuna, New York, hereby petition the Zoning Board of Appeals to review the decision of the Zoning Enforcement Officer on the above-referenced application and to grant a variance from Section(s) of the Zoning Ordinance in order to permit the proposed construction shown on the accompanying drawings.

I, also certify that I have provided the items listed below as required documents in my application for a variance before the Zoning Board of Appeals. I further acknowledge that omission of any of these items may result in delay in the Board's hearing of my application.

CHECKLIST OF REQUIRED ITEMS
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One (1) copy of construction plans, if applicable
Appeal fee (see application procedures for details)
Appeal statement (see application procedures for details)
Short Environmental Assessment Form, Project Information, as applicable for use variance
Additional information as specified by the Zoning Enforcement Officer
Signature of Agent: Date May 18, 2023
Signature of Owner (if different from Agent) Steven McCutcheon Kath
Telephone Number: 401-952-9170
Email Address: stevenmccutcheon@gmail.com

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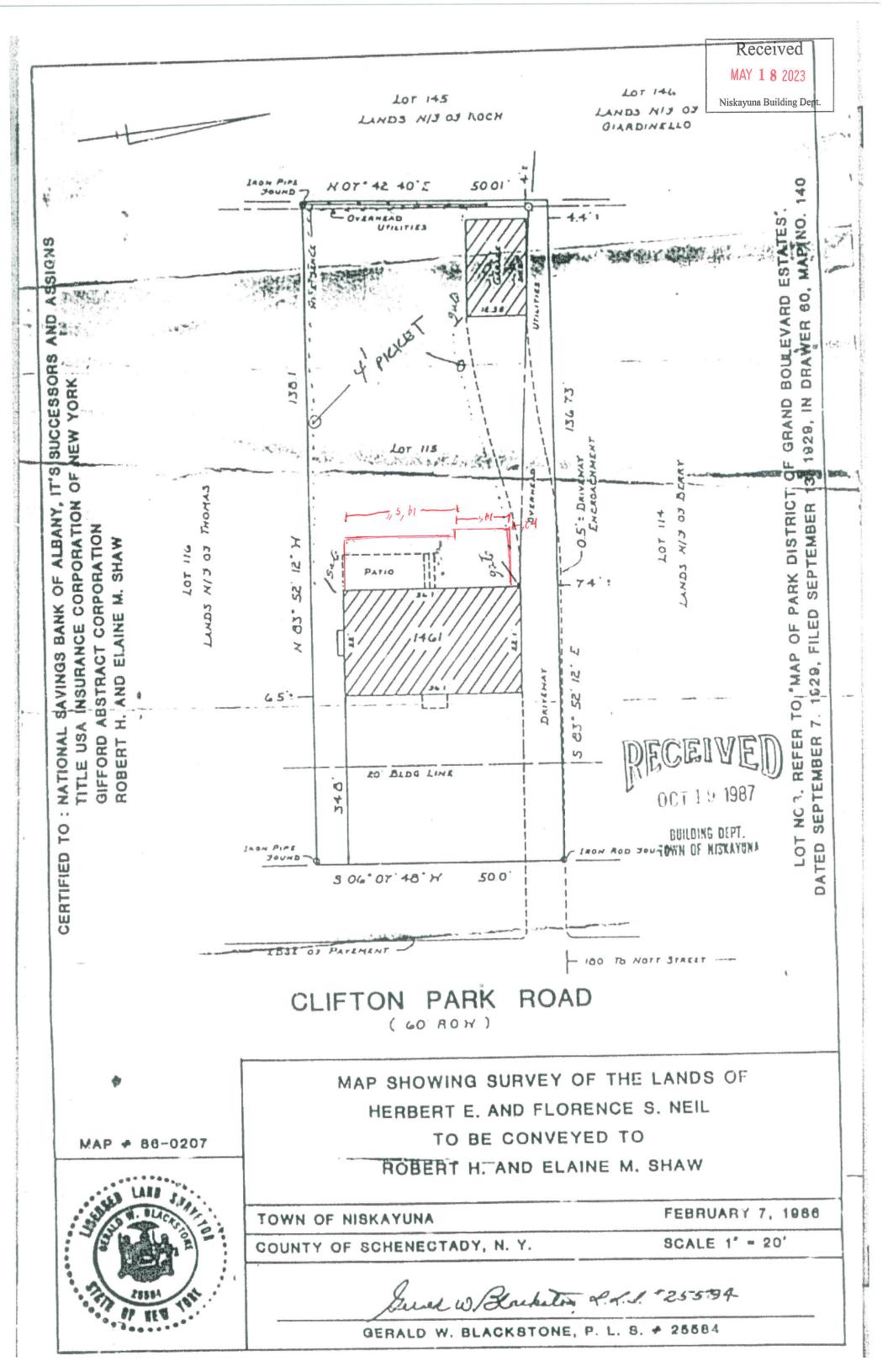
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To grant an area variance, the ZBA must balance the benefits to the applicant and the health, safety, and welfare of the neighborhood and community, taking into consideration the following: Whether the benefit sought by the applicant can be achieved by other feasible means. Identify what alternatives to the variance have been explored (alternative designs, attempts to purchase land, etc.) and why they are not feasible. The alternatives have already been achieved by moving the addition inward on the right side of the house due to the preexisting power lines and an This alteration has already reduced the addition's size. Any impassable driveway. further reduction in size would make the addition untenable. Whether the granting the variance will produce an undesirable change in the character of the neighborhood or a detriment to nearby properties. Granting the variance will not create a detriment to nearby properties or an undesirable change in the neighborhood character for the following reasons: No changes will be produced that would create an undesirable change to the character of the neighborhood since the addition does not extend past the existing setback of the house.

Received 3. Whether the variance is substantial. The requested variance is not substantial for the following reasons: MAY 1 8 2023 This addition is not substantial because we are requesting a one foot side yardiskayuna Building Dept. setback. The one foot side yard set back does not push closer to the property line. And, the neighboring structure also has less of a non-conforming set back due to a recent addition, after being granted a variance to construct their addition which is substantially larger than ours. Whether the variance will have adverse physical or environmental effects on the neighborhood or district. The requested variance will not have an adverse physical or environmental effect on the neighborhood or district for the following reasons: Because it is consistent with the physical and environmental layout of the current house and neighborhood. Whether the alleged difficulty was self-created (although this does not necessarily preclude the granting of an area variance.) Explain whether the alleged difficulty was or was not self-created: This was not self-created and the requested addition would not be pushing past the existing house set back. The original property lines which pre-dated our ownership

ownership of the house were crooked. We are simply extending straight off the back

of our pre-existing house.





# TOWN OF NISKAYUNA BUILDING DEPARTMENT

One Niskayuna Circle Niskayuna, New York 12309-4381 (518) 386-4522 FAX: (518) 386-4556 building@niskayuna.org

Kenneth P. Hassett Building Inspector

### **Building and Zoning Permit Denial**

Address: 1461 Clifton Park Road Application Date: 4/27/23

Capital Building Company, LLC. (agent) 10 Michigan Avenue Troy, N.Y. 12180

Dear Sirs:

You are hereby notified, as required by Section 220-67 F of the Zoning Ordinance of the Town of Niskayuna, that your application to construct a 430 square foot rear addition on the property noted above has been denied by reason of Section 220-53 B and Section 220-13, Schedule I-C of the Zoning Ordinance. The property is located in the R-2: Medium Density Residential Zoning District.

Section 220-53 B allows an addition to a nonconforming residential structure which brings the addition into a nonconforming side or rear yard no nearer to a side or rear property line than the existing structure and no nearer than ½ the distance specified in a particular residential zoning district. Section 220-13, Schedule I-C requires a side yard setback of fifteen (15) feet. The existing house is 6' 6" from the side line; therefore, 7' 6" becomes the minimum required side setback. As proposed, the addition will be 6' 6" from the side property line; therefore, a one (1) foot side yard setback variance is required.

Under the provisions of Section 220-69 of the Zoning Ordinance of the Town of Niskayuna you may appeal this decision to the Zoning Board of Appeals and the undersigned within 60 days.

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Date	Zoning Enforcement Officer

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Application # B23-200



## TOWN OF NISKAYUNA APPLICATION FOR BUILDING AND ZONING PERMIT

One Niskayuna Circle Niskayuna, New York 12309

Phone: 518-386-4522 Fax: 518-386-4556

Email: building@niskayuna.org

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Niskayuna Building Dept.

APPLICATION IS HEREBY MADE to the Town of Niskayuna Building Department for the issuance of a building and zoning permit pursuant to Town Code, the NYS Uniform Code, and the NYStretch Energy Code. Application is hereby made for the construction of new buildings and accessory structures, additions and alterations to all buildings and structures, signage installation, drainage, excavation, fill and grading work, and replacement for involving and demolition projects, as herein described. The Applicant or Owner agrees to comply with all applicable laws, ordinances, regulations and all conditions expressed on this application which are part of these requirements, and will also allow our arrange for inspectors to enter the premises for inspections.

BUILDING SITE	ADDRESS 1961	Clitton	park K	øl i	
DESCRIBE WORK	APPLIED FOR	onstruction	of 4	16 Sq ft.	addition
on rear of	existing hous	e. F411 6	asement.	1 bathroom	n d living area
ESTIMATED VAL	UE OF ALL WORK (1	abor and material	s):	TOTAL \$ /	65,000
Please submit thr	ee copies of the plan	as with this app			
APPLICANT C	apital Buildin	ComPany	466.	DAY PHONE	(518)450-8993
CHECK ONE:	CONTRACTO	R			
	HOMEOWNE				
	OTHER (expla				
ADDRESS 10	Michigan	Ave			
CITY Troy	, , , ,	•	STATE	NY	ZIP 12180
EMAIL ADDRESS	TCONVI'M 1	4 @ ama	il care		ZIP <b>12/80</b>
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			STATE _		ZIP
contractors and ho	meowners have filed	all appropriate	documents wi	th the Building D	ts document to ensure epartment.
ADDRESS (if differ	rent than above) 14	(1 Clifton	Park 1	ad	
CITY Niskay	una		STATE _	NY	ZIP 12309
EMAIL ADDRESS	Stevenmco	utcheon @	gmail.c	om	ZIP <b>†2 309</b>

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Section 75-5 B of the Code of the Town of Niskayuna requires that where such application is made by a person other than the owner, it shall be accompanied by an affidavit of the owner or applicant that the proposed work is authorized by the owner and that the applicant is authorized to make such application.

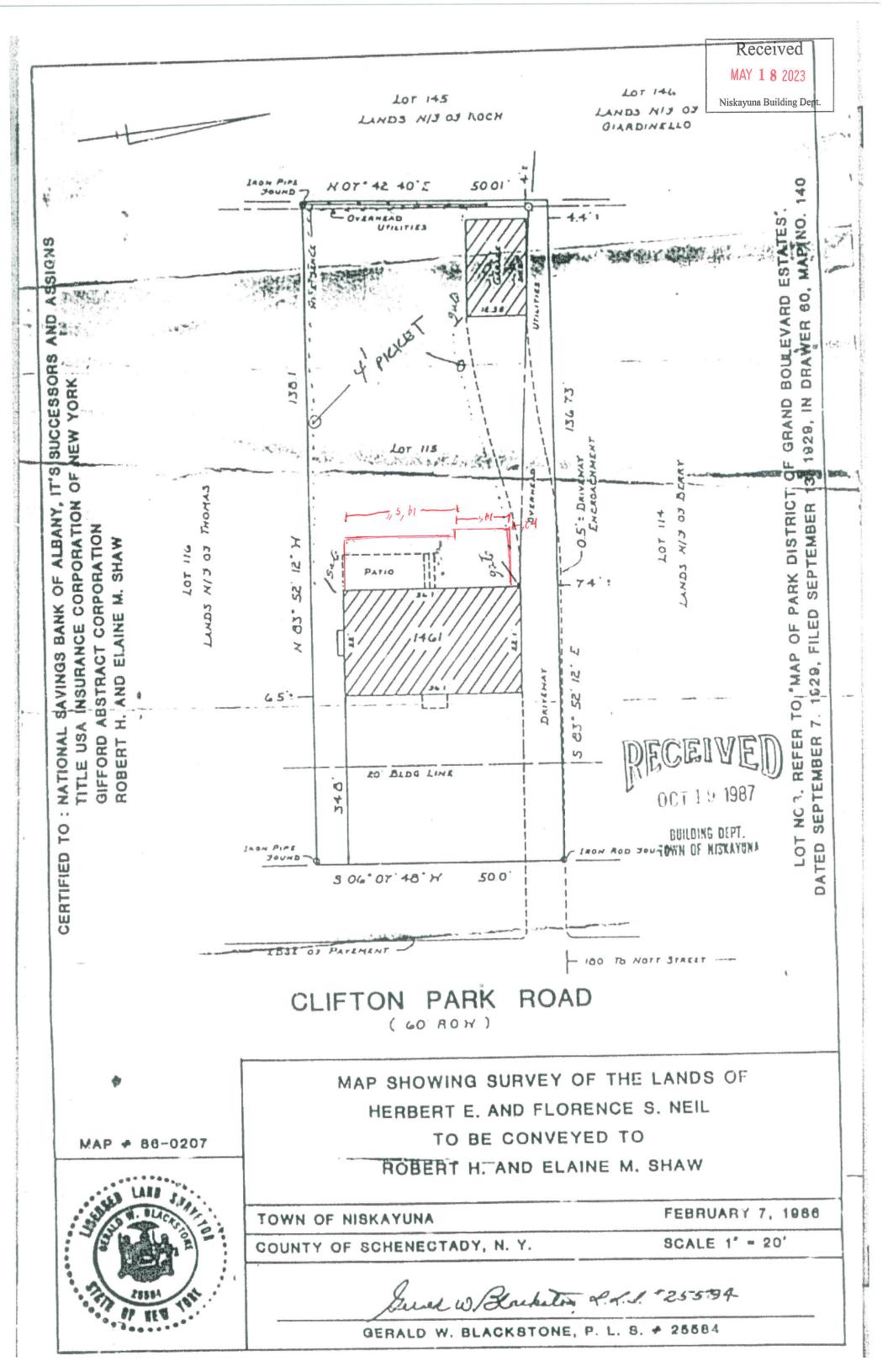
Applicants who are the owners of the property DO NOT need to have this application notarized. Non-owner applicant's notarized signature affirms adherence to the Code.

The applicant has reviewed and fully understands the requirements and conditions of this application. The undersigned hereby swears that the information provided on this application is true, correct and accurate. Sworn to me on this 27<sup>th</sup> day of APril , 2023 DOMINICK LEO BAKER Notary Public, State of New York Qualified in Schenectady County Reg. No. 01BA6404524 Commission Expires February 24, 2024 otary Public, State of New York (FOR OFFICE USE ONLY BELOW) BUILDING SITE ADDRESS WATER KNOWN EASEMENTS: and the second section of the second PERMIT FEE DUE \$\_\_\_\_\_\_BASED ON COMMENTS REQUIRED INSPECTIONS: 1. INITIAL SOIL EROSION CONTROL 2. FOOTING FORMS AND REINFORCING PRIOR TO POURING OF CONCRETE 3. FOUNDATION LOCATION PROVIDED AND STONE DRIVEWAY BASE INSTALLED PRIOR TO FOUNDATION INSPECTION 4. FOUNDATION WALL AND DRAIN TILE INCLUDING LATERAL PRIOR TO BACKFILLING 5. FIREPLACE INSPECTION AT BOX AND AT HALF STACK 6. ROUGH PLUMBING 7. ROUGH ELECTRICAL 8. ROUGH FRAMING INSPECTION INCLUDING TRUSS CERTIFICATES AND ROUGH GRADING **ESTABLISHED** 9. INSULATION INCLUDING PROPER VENTILATION 10. FINAL PLUMBING 11. FINAL ELECTRICAL 12. FINAL BUILDING INSPECTION 13. FINAL GRADING 14. FINAL STABILIZATION (SEC) 15. (ADDITIONAL INSPECTIONS)

3-2023

APPROVED BY \_\_\_\_\_

DATE





## Generated by REScheck-Web Software **Compliance Certificate**

Project

rear addition-1461 cliftonpark rd

**Energy Code:** 

2020 NYStretch - 2018 IECC

Location:

Niskayuna, New York

Construction Type:

Single-family

Project Type:

Addition 5 (6894 HDD)

Climate Zone: Permit Date:

Permit Number:

Construction Site: 1461 clifton park rd

niskayuna, ny

Owner/Agent:

mc cultcheon

same

Designer/Contractor:

de raven design 333 kingsley rd

burnt hills, ny

### Compliance: Passes using UA trade-off

Compliance: 0.0% Better Than Code

Maximum SHGC: 0.00 Your SHGC: 0.33

The % Better or Worse Than Code Index reflects how close to compliance the house is based on code trade-off rules.

It DOES NOT provide an estimate of energy use or cost relative to a minimum-code home.

Slab-on-grade tradeoffs are no longer considered in the UA or performance compliance path in REScheck. Each slab-on-grade assembly in the specified climate zone must meet the minimum energy code insulation R-value and depth requirements.

## **Envelope Assemblies**

Assembly	Gross Area or Perimeter	Cavity R-Value	Cont. R-Value	Prop. U-Factor	Req. U-Factor	Prop. UA	Req. UA
Ceiling: Flat Ceiling or Scissor Truss	429	38.0	0.0	0.030	0.026	13	11
Wall: Wood Frame, 16" o.c.	553	21.0	0.0	0.057	0.045	23	18
Door 2: Glass Door (over 50% glazing) SHGC: 0.33	63			0.240	0.270	15	17
Window 2: Vinyl Frame SHGC: 0.33	79			0.240	0.270	19	21
Basement Wall: Solid Concrete or Masonry Wall height: 7.0' Depth below grade: 5.3' Insulation depth: 6.7'	411	0.0	19.0	0.044	0.050	18	21

Compliance Statement: The proposed building design described here is consistent with the building plans, specifications, and other calculations submitted with the permit application. The proposed building has been designed to meet the 2020 NYStretch - 2018 IECC requirements in REScheck Version: REScheck linspection

Project Title: rear addition-1461 cliftonpark rd

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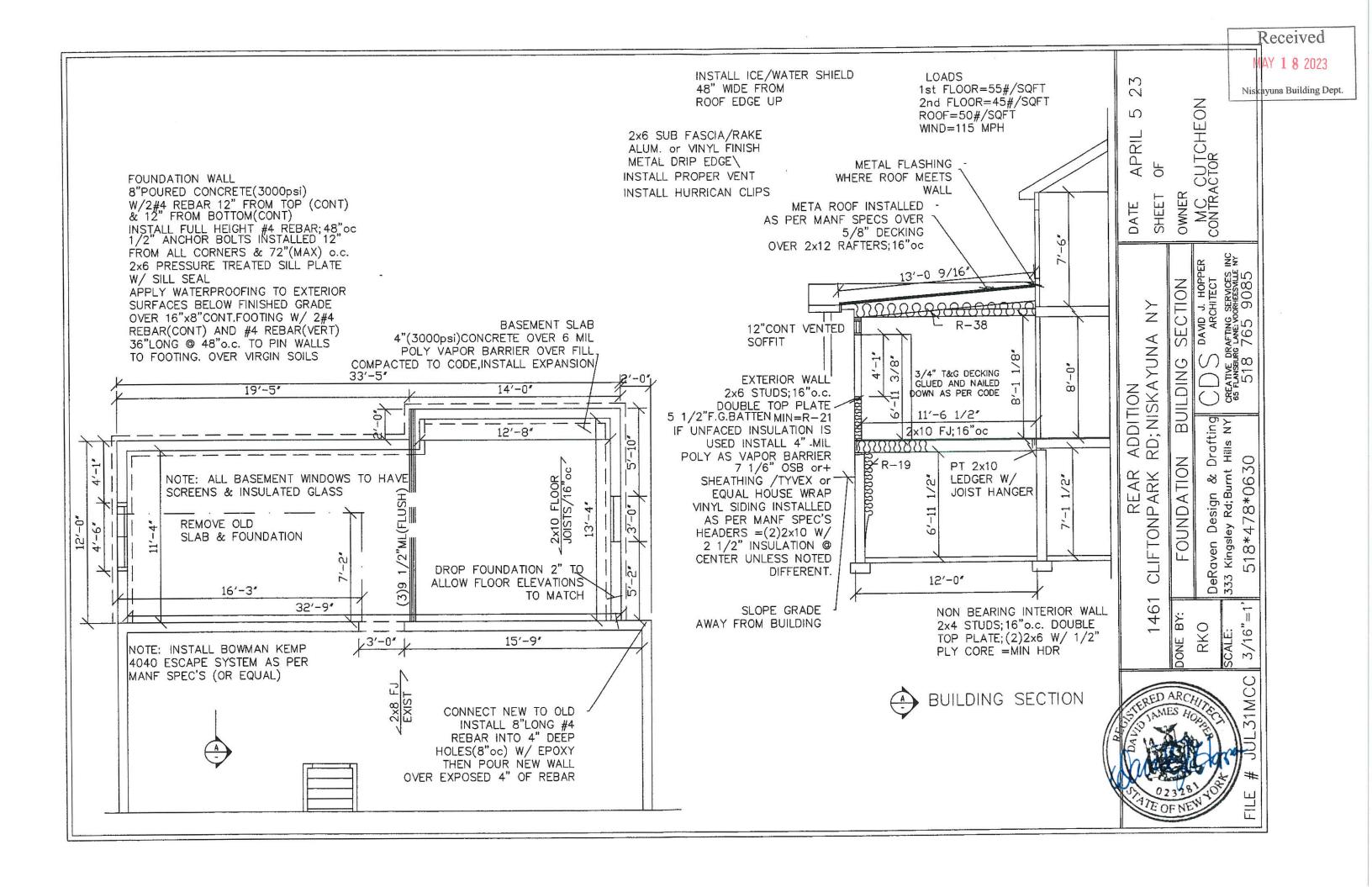


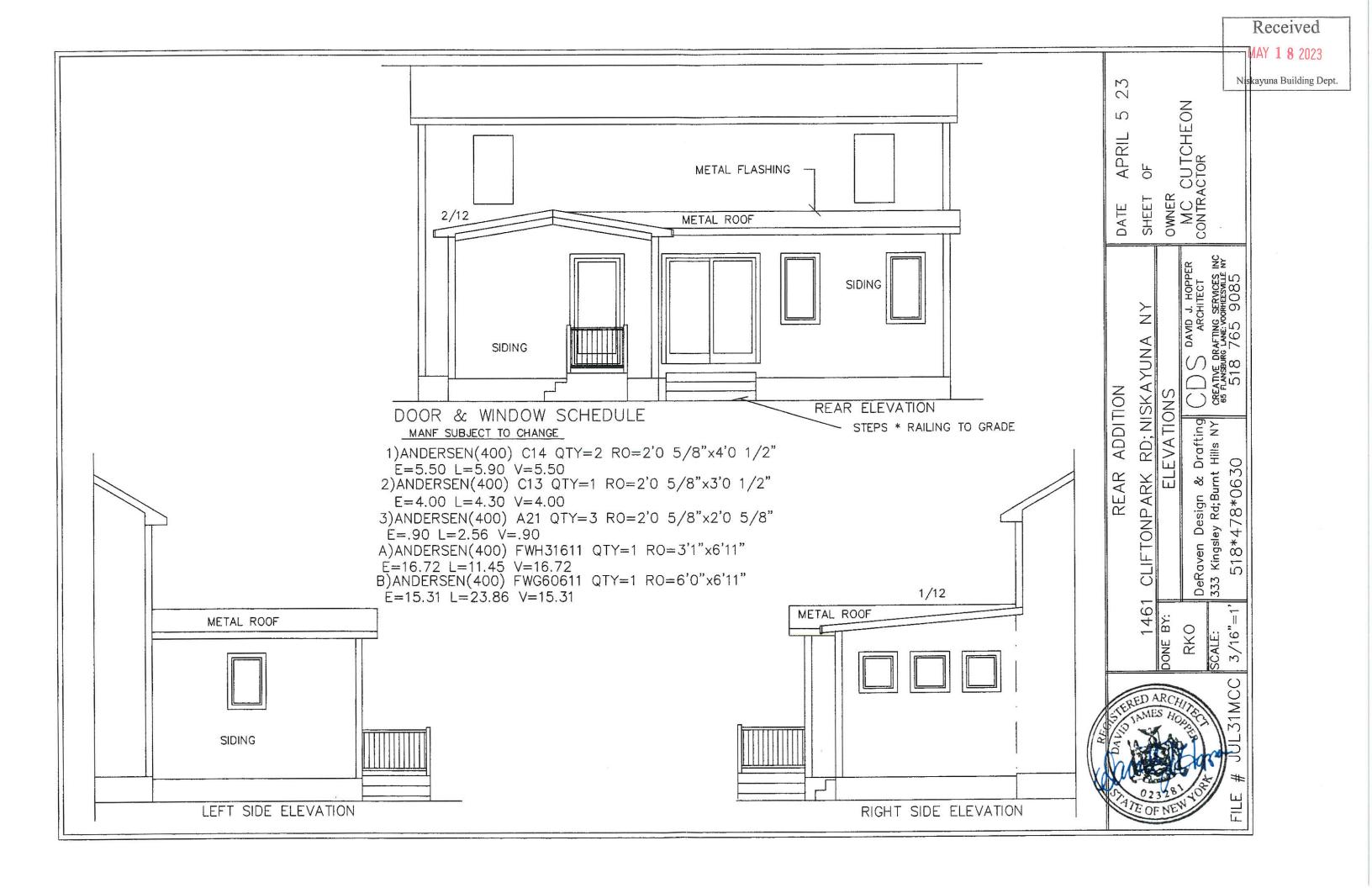
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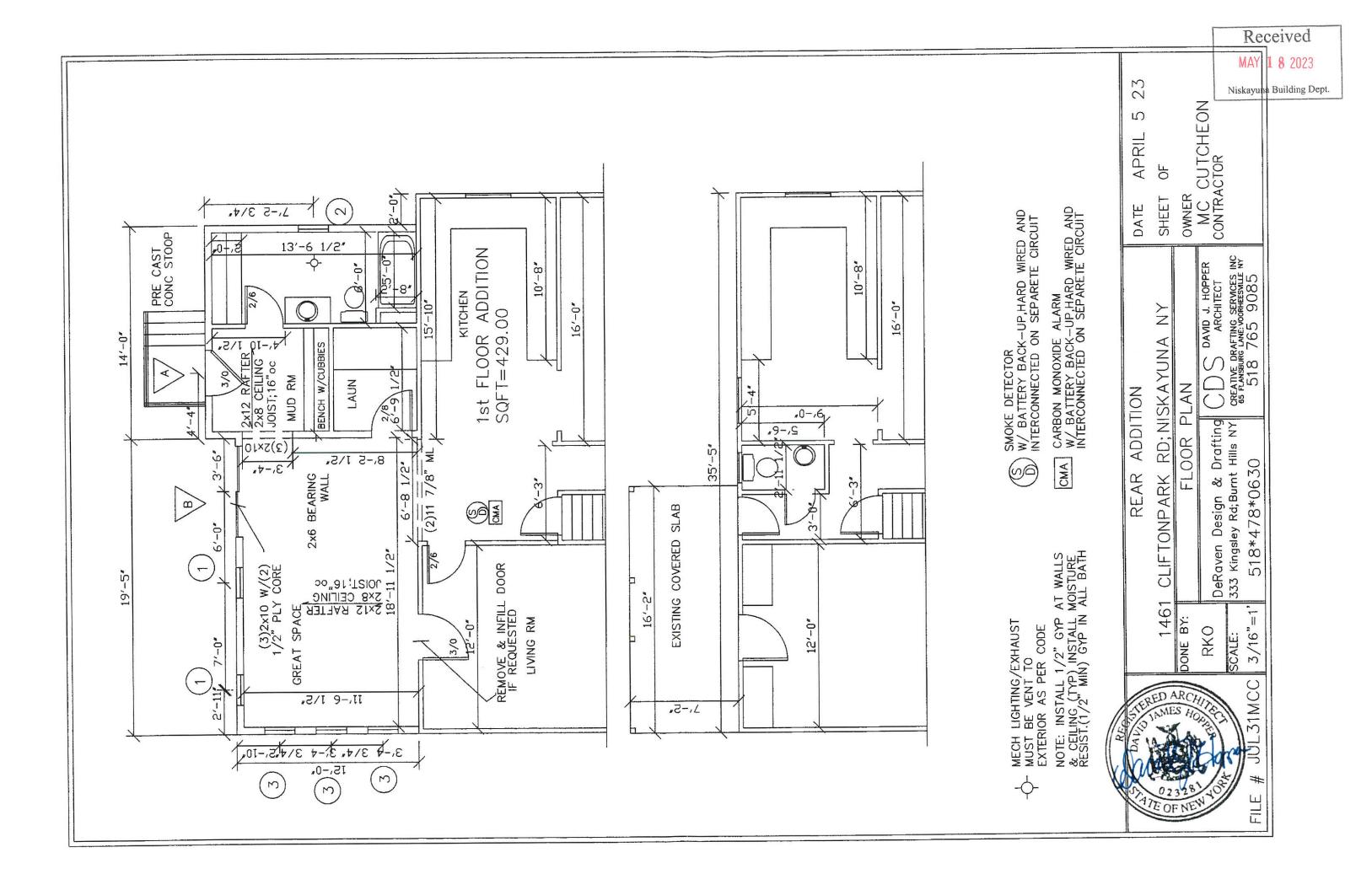
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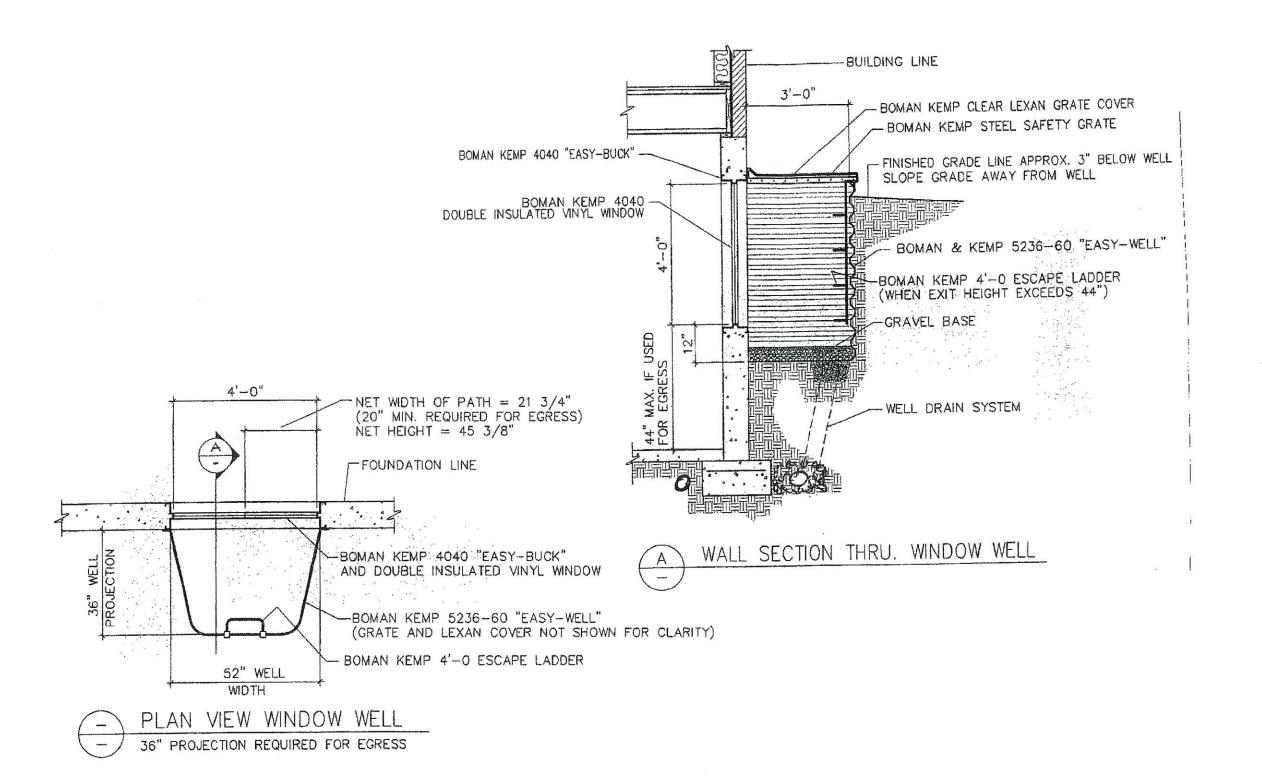
Insulation Rating	R-Value	
Above-Grade Wall	21.00	
Below-Grade Wall	19.00	
Floor	0.00	
Ceiling / Roof	38.00	
Ductwork (unconditioned spaces):		
Glass & Door Rating	U-Factor	SHGC
Window	0.24	0.33
Door	0.24	0.33
Heating & Cooling Equipment	Efficiency	
Heating System:		
Cooling System:	_	
Water Heater:		
Name:	Date:	
Comments		











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### TIMBER HEAD SCHEDULE

SPAN	HEADER	JACK STUDS
UP TO 3'-6"	(2) 2 X 6	ONE EACH END
UP TO 4'-6"	(2) 2 X 8	TWO EACH END
UP TO 6'-0"	(2) 2 X 10	TWO EACH END
UP TO 7'-6"	(2) 2 X 12	TWO EACH END
UP TO 10'-0"	(2) 2 X 12*	TWO EACH END
OVER 10'-0" SEE	FRAMING PLANS	
	OOD PLATE BETWE	EEN TIMBERS

USE THIS CHART ONLY IF HEADER SIZE IS NOT SHOWN ON PLAN(S)

### **PLUMBING CHART**

**FOUNDATION NOTES:** 

FIXTURE	DRAINAGE	VENT	MUSELUKS	SUPPLY
WATER CLOSET	3"	3"		3/8"
LAVATORY	1-1/2"	1-1/2"		3/8"
BATH TUB	1-1/2"	1-1/2"		1/2"
KITCHEN SINK	1-1/2"	1-1/2"		1/2"
SHOWER	2"	1-1/2"		1/2"
HOSE BIB	-			1/2"
WASHER	1-1/2"	1-1/2"		1/2"

#### 2016 INTERNATIONAL RESIDENTIAL CODE"

1) POURED CONCRETE SHALL HAVE THE FOLLOWING MINIMUM STRENGTH AT 28 DAYS. (FOOTINGS; 2500 PSI. WALLS; 3500 PSI, SLABS 4000 PSI), CONCRETE SHALL BE PORTLAND CEMENT; ASTM C 150 TYPE I.

> 2) ALL WOOD FRAMING WITHIN 6" OF FINISHED GRADE SHALL BE PRESSURE TREATED LUMBER, WOOD PLATES SHALL BE SECURED WITH 1/2" DIA, X 8" ANCHOR BOLTS AT 72" MAX. O.C. AND 12" EACH WAY FROM CORNERS. UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE.

- 3) ALL CONCRETE FOOTINGS SHALL BEAR ON UNDISTURBED SOIL, (AS DETAILED).
- 4) CENTER ALL FOOTINGS UNDER FOUNDATION WALLS AND COLUMNS, UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE.
- 5) ALL POURED CONCRETE SLABS SHALL BE PLACED OVER COMPACTED GRANULAR FILL.
- 6) ALL FOUNDATION WALLS OF THICKNESS NOTED ON THE FOUNDATION PLAN ARE POURED CONCRETE WITH DOUBLE ROW OF #4 BARS HORIZ. AT 12" FROM TOP OF
- 7) INSTALL 4' PERFORATED PVC FOUNDATION DRAIN AT SAME DEPTH OF FOOTINGS AROUND PERIMETER OF ENTIRE BUILDING AND PITCH PIPE TO DRAIN TO DAYLIGHT OR CONNECT TO APPROVED SUMP.
- 8) INSTALL SUMP PIT TO DRAIN TO EXTERIOR. FIELD VERIFY LOCATION.
- 9) MAINTAIN 4 FEET MINIMUM DEPTH OF ALL EXTERIOR CONCRETE FOOTINGS BELOW FINISHED GRADE. STEP FOOTINGS DOWN AS REQUIRED.
- 10) DO NOT PLACE FOOTINGS IN WATER OR ON FROZEN GROUND, DO NOT ALLOW GROUND BELOW FOOTINGS TO FREEZE, PRIOR TO PLACEMENT OF CONCRETE.
- 11) LAP FOOTING AND HORIZONTAL WALL REINFORCING BARS 24" AT SPLICE UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE.

### **GENERAL NOTES**

1) THE CONTRACTOR SHALL APPLY FOR AND PROPERLY POST REQUIRED BUILDING PERMITS AS WELL AS ARRANGE FOR ALL F.EQUIRED INSPECTIONS BY THE LOCAL BUILDING DEPARTMENT AND/OR ANY OTHER AGENCY HAVING JURISDICTION. 2) ALL CONSTRUCTION SHALL CONFORM TO APPLICABLE STATE/LOCAL BUILDING CODE REQUIREMENTS AND SHALL BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RESIDENTIAL CODE OF NEW YORK STATE. 3) CONTRACTORS SHALL PERFORM ALL MISC. REMOVALS, MODIFICATIONS, CONSTRUCTION AND CLEANUP REQUIRED TO COMPLETE THE GENERAL SCOPE OF THIS PROJECT. 4) CONTRACTOR SHALL PROVIDE ALL REQUIRED MATERIAL AND

COMPONENTS NECESSARY, (SUCH AS NAILS, SCREWS, SEALANT, FLASHING ETC...) TO PROVIDE A STRUCTURALLY SOUND AND WEATHER TIGHT BUILDING.

5) CONTRACTOR IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL MEANS, METHODS. TECHNIQUES, SEQUENCES, OR PROCEDURES AND SAFETY PRECAUTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE WORK.

6) CONTRACTORS SHALL INDEMNIFY THE OWNER AND HIS AGENTS THROUGH ADEQUATE INSURANCE COVERAGE AGAINST ANY CLAIMS ARISING FROM INJURIES DURING CONSTRUCTION OR FAILURE TO MAINTAIN SAFE CONDITIONS ON THE CONSTRUCTION SITE. 7) CONTRACTOR SHALL VERIFY ALL CONDITIONS, DIMENSIONS, ROUGH-OPENING SIZE, ROOF PITCHES, ETC., AT THE SITE PRIOR TO BEGINNING CONSTRUCTION. NOTIFY THE ARCHITECT OF ANY DISCREPANCIES AND/OR DEVIATION FROM THESE DRAWINGS FOR REVIEW AND/OR CORRECTION BEFORE PROCEEDING WITH WORK. CONTRACTOR SHALL ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR ERROR WHICH ARE NOT REPORTED.

8) UNAUTHORIZED ALTERATIONS TO THESE DRAWINGS IS A VIOLATION OF NYS EDUCATION LAW ARTICLE 145, SECTION 7209. 9) DIMENSIONS ARE GIVEN FROM FACE OF EXTERIOR FRAMING TO FACE OF INTERIOR FRAMING (TYPICALLY) UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE, DO NOT SCALE DRAWINGS FOR DIMENSIONS.

DIMENSIONS SHALL BE READ OR CALCULATED AND SHALL BE FIELD VERIFIED BY THE BUILDER.

10) ANY STRUCTURAL MEMBER SUBJECT TO CUTTING, DRILLING OR NOTCHING SHALL BE REINFORCED, REPAIRED AND / OR REPLACED, AND LEFT IN A SAFE, STRUCTURALLY SOUND CONDITION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE NYS BUILDING

11) ALL ELECTRICAL WORK SHALL CONFORM TO THE NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CODE REQUIREMENTS.

12) ALL PLUMBING SHALL BE INSTALLED PER STATE PLUMBING CODE AND ALL APPLICABLE LOCAL PLUMBING REGULATIONS.

13) DESIGN LOADS: 1st FLOOR LOAD 55PSF, 2nd FLOOR LOAD 45 PSF, ROOF LIVE LOADS 60 SF, WIND LOADS (EAVES) 115 mph. WALLS LIVE LOAD 15 PSF

14) STANDARD FRAMING LUMBER SHALL BE NO. 2 EASTERN WHITE PINE (OR BETTER), WITH FB=950 PSI AND E = 1,100,000 PSI 15) METAL CONNECTORS SHALL NOT BE LESS THAN 0.036" THICK COATED THICKNESS, GALVANIZED SHEET STEEL; ASTM A 448, GRADE A COATING G60.

16) MICROLLAM LUMBER SHALL BE STRUCTURALLY RATED AS FOLLOWS: FB = 2900 PSI, E = 2,000,000 PSI,

17) INSTALL 2X4 SOLID WOOD BLOCKING AT MID HEIGHT OF ALL WALLS OVER 8' IN HEIGHT.

18) INSTALL DOUBLE FLOOR JOISTS UNDER PARALLEL PARTITIONS 6' OR MORE IN LENGTH.

19) ALL COLUMNS AND OTHER SOLID FRAMING SHALL EXTEND DOWN THROUGH ALL LEVELS AND TERMINATE AT THE FOUNDATION LEVEL AND BE SUPPORTED BY THE CONCRETE FOUNDATION WALLS AND FOOTINGS.

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