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CITY OF CAMBRIDGE **MASSACHUSETTS BOARD OF ZONING APPEAL** 831 MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE CAMBRIDGE, MA 02139 617 349-6100

BZA APPLICATION FORM

Plan No:

BZA-017259-2020

GENERAL INFORMATION

The undersigned Special Permit :	hereby petition	ns the Board of Zoning App Variance :	eal for the fo √	<i>≥</i> ∞.	Appeal:
PETITIONER :	Honevcomb	Design + Build, LLC			
PETITIONER'S AI		540 Main Street, St			01890
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LOCATION OF PR	ROPERTY:	23 Myrtle Ave Cambr	rage, MA		
TYPE OF OCCUP	ANCY:		ZONI	NG DISTRICT :	Residence C-1 Zone
REASON FOR PE	TITION:				
	Additi	ons			
DESCRIPTION OF	PETITIONER'	S PROPOSAL :			
existing buil	ding footpr				ed floor, within the 2.10.20.
SECTIONS OF ZO	NING ORDINA	NCE CITED :			
Article 5.000)	Section 5.31 (Table	of Dimens:	ional Require	ements).
	8 4	Original Signatu	ль(s) :	Ym +	(Petitioner(s) / Owner) VILENTON (Print Name)
		Ad	dress: _	540 Main Stree	et, Suite 7
			_	Winchester MA	01890
		Tel	I. No. :	617.420.3113	
		E-I	Viail Address	hiveteam@	honeycombdesignbuild.com
Date: 2.20.	.20				

BZA APPLICATION FORM - OWNERSHIP INFORMATION

To be completed by OWNER, signed before a notary and returned to The Secretary of the Board of Zoning Appeals.

I/WE MICHELLE M. WARTAK, MARTIN A. WARTAK
Address: 20 Myrtle Ave, CAMBRIDGE MA 02138
State that I/We own the property located at 20 MyRIE AVE
which is the subject of this zoning application.
The record title of this property is in the name of WARTAK, MARTHA. AND MATE, MICHELLE M.
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*Pursuant to a deed of duly recorded in the date July 1,200%, Middlesex South
County Registry of Deeds at Book 7/170, Page 281; or
Middlesex Registry District of Land Court, Certificate No
Book
SIGNATURE BY LAND OWNER OR AUTHORIZED TRUSTEE, OFFICER OR AGENT*
*Written evidence of Agent's standing to represent petitioner may be requested.
Commonwealth of Massachusetts, County of
The above-name Martin Wortak & michelle Wartak personally appeared before me,
this <u>25</u> of <u>LUC</u> , 20 <u>20</u> , and made oath that the above statement is true.
My commission expires June 10, 2022 (Notary Seal).

If ownership is not shown in recorded deed, e.g. if by court order, recent deed, or inheritance, please include documentation.

(ATTACHMENT B - PAGE 3)

TELMA CAROLINA SALVADOR
Notary Public
Massachusetts
Commission Expires Jun 10, 2022

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH REGISTRY OF VITAL RECORDS AND STATISTICS

CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE

(State file number) CAMBRIDGE

(City or town making return)

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DIMENSIONAL INFORMATION

APPLICANT: Kent General Contracting /

PRESENT USE/OCCUPANCY:

TWO FAMILY RESIDENTIAL

Honeycomb Design + Build

LOCATION: 23 Myrtle Ave Cambridge, MA ZONE: Residence C-1 Zone

PHONE: REQUESTED USE/OCCUPANCY: TWO FAMILY RESIDENTIAL

					
		EXISTING CONDITIONS	REQUESTED CONDITIONS	ORDINANCE REQUIREMENTS	
TOTAL GROSS FLOOR ARI	EA:	1981	2152	2087	(max.)
LOT AREA:		2783	NC	NC	(min.)
RATIO OF GROSS FLOOR TO LOT AREA: 2	AREA	.71	.77	.75	(max.)
LOT AREA FOR EACH DWI	ELLING UNIT:	NA	NA	1500	(min.)
SIZE OF LOT:	WIDTH	41'	NC	50'	(min.)
	DEPTH	60.87'	NC	NA	
SETBACKS IN FEET:	FRONT	3.8'	3.8'	10'	(min.)
	REAR	21.3'	21'1.75"	20'	(min.)
	LEFT SIDE	12.3'	12.3'	7.5'	(min.)
	RIGHT SIDE	1.5′	1.5′	7.5'	(min.)
SIZE OF BLDG.:	HEIGHT	34.9'	34.9'	35'	(max.)
	LENGTH	34.7'	34.7'	NC	
	WIDTH	26.6'	26.6'	NC	
RATIO OF USABLE OPEN TO LOT AREA:	SPACE	34%	34%	30%	(min.)
NO. OF DWELLING UNIT	<u>s:</u>	2	2	NC	(max.)
NO. OF PARKING SPACE	<u>s:</u>	1	1	NC	(min./max)
NO. OF LOADING AREAS	<u>:</u>	0	0	NA	(min.)
DISTANCE TO NEAREST BLDG. ON SAME LOT:		NA NA	NA	NA	(min.)

Describe where applicable, other occupancies on same lot, the size of adjacent buildings on same lot, and type of construction proposed, e.g.; wood frame, concrete, brick, steel, etc.

New work will be wood frame construction and cast=in=place foundation. Existing structure is wood frame construction with brick foundation.

Scope includes conversion of half of existing covered front porch footprint into enclosed first floor living space, addition of same footprint on the second floor, and modification of half of the third floor roofline to convert eave space into living space.

- 1. SEE CAMBRIDGE ZONING ORDINANCE ARTICLE 5.000, SECTION 5.30 (DISTRICT OF DIMENSIONAL REGULATIONS).
- 2. TOTAL GROSS FLOOR AREA (INCLUDING BASEMENT 7'-0" IN HEIGHT AND ATTIC AREAS GREATER THAN 5') DIVIDED BY LOT AREA.
- OPEN SPACE SHALL NOT INCLUDE PARKING AREAS, WALKWAYS OR DRIVEWAYS AND SHALL HAVE A MINIMUM DIMENSION OF 15'.

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SUPPORTING STATEMENT FOR A VARIANCE

EACH OF THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS FOR A VARIANCE MUST BE ESTABLISHED AND SET FORTH IN COMPLETE DETAIL BY THE APPLICANT IN ACCORDANCE WITH MGL 40A. SECTION 10:

A) A Literal enforcement of the provisions of this Ordinance would involve a substantial hardship, financial or otherwise, to the petitioner or appellant for the following reasons:

The petitioner is requesting minor relief of the Cambridge Zoning dimensional requirements outlined in Table 5.1, for Zoning District C-1. Specifically, the request is for a GSF that greater than that established by the zoning ordinance by 65 GSF and a resulting GSF to Lot Ratio of .77.

The property has been owned and occupied by the same family since 2003. The Owners are undertaking a renovation that includes increasing the property's square footage in an effort to make the property match the their growing family's needs for long term occupancy.

B) The hardship is owing to the following circumstances relating to the soil conditions, shape or topography of such land or structures and especially affecting such land or structures but not affecting generally the zoning district in which it is located for the following reasons:

Not applicable.

C) DESIRABLE RELIEF MAY BE GRANTED WITHOUT EITHER:

1) Substantial detriment to the public good for the following reasons:

The public sidewalk right-of-way will be maintained and the footprint of the new street facing addition will be no larger than the existing front porch.

The private pedestrian level space adjacent to public pedestrian space will be improved with and enlarged paved entry stair landing and integrated landscaping features.

2) Relief may be granted without nullifying or substantially derogating from the intent or purpose of this Ordinance for the following reasons:

The relief requested is a minor allowance to the building CSF and CSF to LOT ratio, as noted in Item A above and on the Dimensional Form.

The relief will not negatively impact existing sight lines and pedestrian spaces for the surrounding community.

* If You have any questions as to whether you can establish all of the applicable legal requirements, you should consult with your own attorney.

CITY OF CAMBRIDG

Massachusetts BOARD OF ZONING APPEAL 831 Mass Avenue, Cambridge, MA. 617) 349-6100

April 15, 2020

Honeycomb Design + Build, LLC C/O Ann Fullerton 540 Main Street – Suite 7 Winchester, MA 01890

RE: <u>23 Myrtle Avenue – BZA-017259-2020</u>

Dear Ms. Fullerton,

I am writing to you in regard to your above up-coming Board of Zoning Appeal Hearing.

At this time the City will not be holding any non-essential public meetings due to the COVID-19 Pandemic and the City Manager's closure of all City buildings to non-essential business. On April 3, 2020, the Governor signed into law Chapter 53 of the Acts of 2020 ("Act"), which extends all land use permitting deadlines until after the State of Emergency is lifted. In light of the extensions provided for in the Act and the closure of City buildings, at this time the Board of Zoning Appeal will be rescheduling all public hearings in accordance with the extensions permitted under the Act. You will receive notice of the new date, once the hearing is rescheduled.

Thank you for your patience and understanding during this unprecedented time.

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Sincerely.

Maria Pacheco

Administrative Assistant



City of Cambridge

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BOARD OF ZONING APPEAL

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POSTING NOTICE - PICK UP SHEET

The undersigned picked up the notice board for the Board of Zoning Appeals Hearing.

Name: ANN FULER FON	Date: 04-10-20
Address: 23 mystle Ave	•
Case No. B7A-017759-2020	
Hearing Date: 4-30-20	

Thank you, Bza Members April 21, 2020

Cambridge City Hall Board of Zoning Appeal 831 Massachusetts Avenue Cambridge MA 02139

Ref: BZA-017259-2020

To whomever it may concern,

We are happily writing to express our strong support for our neighbors and friends Martin and Michelle Wartak at 23 Myrtle Ave in their variance petition.

We have known Martin and Michelle for over a decade since moving to Myrtle Ave in 2010 and they have been wonderful neighbors and friends. Specifically as it relates to their current project, they have been very transparent and forthcoming with their ideas and design. We believe the changes they are proposing to their property are fair, appropriate and even necessary for the needs of their growing family unit. And, having reviewed their proposals and drawings, we cannot think of any adverse impact to the street or neighborhood from their project.

If anything, the odd side of Myrtle Ave which is not uniform in its style in any event and has a newer condo development followed by a couple of triple-deckers with another much older structure sandwiched between them, would aesthetically benefit from the addition of a modern-looking residential structure.

In summary, we wholeheartedly support granting the variance requested and if need be we are available to answer any questions.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Keren and Ori Porat 24 Myrtle Ave Cambridge MA 02138

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Pacheco, Maria

From:

Brian Roughan <bri> srianroughan@gmail.com>

Sent:

Sunday, July 19, 2020 10:02 PM

To: Subject: Pacheco, Maria 23 Myrtle Ave

Maria,

I am writing this letter in support of the renovation plans for 23 Myrtle Ave. I am a directly adjacent neighbor of Martin and Michelle Wartak and support their efforts to improve the house and expand their footprint. I have seen the plans and have no issues or concerns at all.

Martin and Michelle are wonderful neighbors, longtime Cambridge residents, and are looking for an improved home and more space for their growing family as their second child is due within the next 10 days.

I hope the city will approve all the plans for 23 Myrtle and allow flexibility for families looking to stay in Cambridge and our neighborhood in particular.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you want more information or to speak live about this.

Best regards, Brian Roughan and Kerry McDonald 19 Myrtle Ave Cambridge MA 02138 617.645.0536

Brianroughan@gmail.com 6176450536



CITY OF CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

PLANNING BOARD

CITY HALL ANNEX, 344 BROADWAY, CAMBRIDGE, MA 02139

July 9, 2020

To:

The Board of Zoning Appeal

From:

The Planning Board

RE:

BZA cases to be heard on July 23, 2020.

The Planning Board have no comments on the cases listed on the BZA agenda.

Pacheco, Maria

From:

Sheraz Choudhary <sherazch@gmail.com>

Sent:

Monday, July 20, 2020 4:14 PM

To:

Pacheco, Maria

Subject:

Zoning Appeal for 23 Myrtle Ave.

Hi Maria,

Jessica and I live at 2 Myrtle Ave #3. Myrtle Ave is a wonderful street with wonderful neighbors. All the kids play outside on the street while all the parents watch. We are a very tightly knit community.

We are writing to you today to fully support the renovation project that Michelle and Martin are undertaking. They shared all the designs and ideas with us and we love them. We think that it will serve to further improve our already wonderful street.

We can't wait to welcome Michelle and Martin's second kid who should be arriving in eight days!

Please let me know if we can support this project in any other way.

Thank you, Sheraz, Jessica, Zak and Leo

Pacheco, Maria

From:

Frank Benesch-Lee <frank@benesch-lee.net>

Sent:

Monday, July 20, 2020 5:00 PM

To:

Pacheco, Maria

Subject:

Letter in support of Michelle and Martin Wartak, 23 Myrtle Ave

Dear Maria Pacheco,

My name is Frank Benesch-Lee and I live at 14 Myrtle Ave, Cambridge. I want to support Michelle and Martin Wartak with their renovation plans at 23 Myrtle Ave.

They have shared their plans and we fully support their project. They are using the space for their growing family, which includes their two-year-old son, and another child in 9 days.

They are nice neighbors and we want to offer our sincere support.

With best regards,

Frank Benesch-Lee.



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Case No. BZA-017259-2020	·
Hearing Date: $\frac{7/23/20}{}$	
Hearing Date: $\frac{7/23/20}{}$	

Thank you, Bza Members

MYRTLE ST GFA / LOT RATIO COMPARISION CHART

ADDRESS	TOTAL GFA	LOT AREA	RATIO OF GFA TO LOT	MAX. ALLOWABLE GFA	
EVEN SIDE OF STREET					
10 MYRTLE AVE	2160	2407	0.90	1805 TWO FAMILY	
17 MYRTLE AVE	0	0	#DIV/0!	NO INFO. 0 AVAILABLE	,
19 MYRTLE AVE	1697	1954	0.87	1466 SINGLE FAMILY	
23 MYRTLE AVE	1981	2783	0.71	2087 TWO FAMILY	
25 MYRTLE AVE	2316	2711	0.85	2033 TWO FAMILY	
31 MYRTLE AVE	3648	4594	0.79	3446 THREE FAMILY	
33-35 MYRTLE AVE	3666	3178	1.15	2384 THREE FAMILY	
39-41 MYRTLE AVE	3682	0	#DIV/0!	0 TWO U. CONDO	LAND AREA UNKNOWN
ODD SIDE OF STREET					
2-4 MYRTLE AVE	2519	0	#DIV/0!	0 THREE U. CONDO	LAND AREA UNKNOWN
6 MYRTLE AVE	1440	2407	0.60	1805 SINGLE FAMILY	OHHIOTH
10-12 MYRTLE AVE	2160	2407	0.90	1805 TWO FAMILY	
14-16 MYRTLE AVE	2160	2407	0.90	1805 SINGLE FAMILY	
18 MYRTLE AVE	2160	2407	0.90	1805 SINGLE FAMILY	
22-24 MYRTLE AVE	2160	2407	0.90	1805 TWO FAMILY	
28-30 MYRTLE AVE	2115	0	#DIV/0!	0 TWO U. CONDO	LAND AREA UNKNOWN
34 MYRTLE AVE	2299	2407	0.96	1805 THREE FAMILY	
36 MYRTLE AVE	2380	1822	1.31	1367 TWO U. CONDO	LAND AREA UNKNOWN
38-40 MYRTLE AVE	2346	0	#DIV/0!	0 TWO FAMILY	
45 MYRTLE AVE	0	0	#DIV/0!	0	



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GENERAL INFORMATION

Special Permit :	Variance :	1163-66		Appeal :
PETITIONER: Honeyco	omb Design + Build, L	LC - C/O	Ann Fullerton	
PETITIONER'S ADDRESS :	540 Main Street,	Suite 7 W	inchester, MA (01890
LOCATION OF PROPERTY :	23 Myrtle Ave Cam	bridge, MA		
TYPE OF OCCUPANCY:	,	zo	ONING DISTRICT :	Residence C-1 Zone
REASON FOR PETITION :	itions			
existing building foo	171 GSF of added are			
SECTIONS OF ZONING ORD Article 5.000	Section 5.31 (Tabl	e of Dime	nsional Require	ments).
	Original Sign	ature(s) :	Ann f	Peritioner(s) / Owner) VILENTON (Print Name)
	20	Address :	540 Main Stree	
		Tel. No. :	Winchester MA 617.420.3113	01890
		E-Mail Addre	ss: hiveteam@	honeycombdesignbuild.com
Date: 2.20.20				A.S.



The Board of Zoning Appeal

831 Mass Avenue

City of Cambridge

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Board of Zoning Appeal Waiver Form

hereby waives the required time limits for holding a public hearing as required by

Section 9 or Section 15 of the Zoning Act of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts,

Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40A. The Downer, Petitioner, or Representative further hereby waives the Petitioner's and/or Owner's right to a

Decision by the Board of Zoning Appeal on the above referenced case within the time period as required by Section 9 or Section 15 of the Zoning Act of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40A, and/or Section 6409 of the federal Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012, codified as 47 U.S.C.

§1455(a), or any other relevant state or federal regulation or law.

Date:	07.28.20		Sen	Thead	-in	
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1 2 (9:30 p.m.)3 Sitting Members: Constantine Alexander, Brendan Sullivan, 4 Janet Green, Jim Monteverde, Slater W. 5 Anderson 6 CONSTANTINE ALEXANDER: Okay. On the case that --7 I'm sorry, the Chair will now call Case Number 017259 -- 23 Myrtle Avenue. Anyone here wishing to be heard on this 8 9 matter? 10 ANNE FULLERTON: Yes, Hello, everybody. My name 11 is Anne Fullerton. I'm here representing Martin and Michele 12 Wartak who are the homeowners of 23 Myrtle Ave. And they're 13 actually on this call. So if they could be joined as a 14 participant as well, to be given the ability to speak, that 15 would be great, Sisia. 16 SISIA DAGLIAN: Can you repeat their names, 17 please? 18 ANNE FULLERTON: Martin and Michele Wartak, W-a-r-19 t-a-k. So Martin and Michele have owned their home since 20 2003. It's a two-family home, and it's owner-occupied for the full-time. And their family is growing. 21 22 looking to make some changes to allow to have an extra

bedroom within their space that's a usable bedroom within their unit.

And the overall square footage add that the proposal has is 171 gross floor area. The request for a variance is solely 65 square feet of gross floor area, which makes them a 0.77 ratio, as opposed to the 0.71 that they are currently.

All other elements are within the exact same footprint; same setbacks. Roofline height, the ridge height does not change. The roof line will change a bit, but the ridge height does not change.

And it is -- we did go through Historic

Commission, Conservation Commission for mid Cambridge. It

is -- their comments were nonbinding. The Wartaks prefer a

more contemporary aesthetic. Of course, the Conservation

Commission was really interested in maintaining a more

historic nature. So hence the nonbinding commentary.

But again, the whole variance is based on 66 square feet at this point.

CONSTANTINE ALEXANDER: You want to address the requirements for a variance, starting with Archer?

ANNE FULLERTON: I'm sorry, starting with Archer?

1 CONSTANTINE ALEXANDER: Well, you, sorry just for 2 my information, are you an attorney? 3 ANNE FULLERTON: No, I'm their architect. 4 CONSTANTINE ALEXANDER: Their architect. Well, to 5 get a variance, you need to -- there's a legal standard you 6 have to satisfy. And there are three parts, if you look at 7 the zoning ordinance. 8 You must demonstrate -- you must convince us that a literal enforcement of the provisions of the ordinance 9 10 would involve a substantial hardship, such hardship to the 11 petitioner -- that's one. 12 That the hardship is owing to circumstances 13 relating to the soil conditions, shape or topography of such 14 land or structures -- that's two. 15 And third, that the relief may be granted without 16 substantial detriment to the public good, or nullifying or 17 substantially derogating from the intent or purpose of the 18 ordinance. Those are the findings we have to make if you -if we were to grant the variance you're seeking. So you 19 20 have to --21 ANNE FULLERTON: Understood. 22 CONSTANTINE ALEXANDER: -- address them and tell

us why we should find that you satisfy those requirements.

ANNE FULLERTON: So there is not -- clearly there is not a soil -- or not clearly, but there is not a soil requirement. The hardship is that without that additional 65 square feet, they actually do not have the ability to turn an office into a bedroom. They -- what they have currently is an approximate 7 x 12 office space. That would be a very small bedroom.

So they're looking to make it into a standardsized bedroom that would allow them to be able to grow their family in their house.

constantine Alexander: That addresses the literal enforcement of the provisions of the ordinance would involve a substantial hardship, such hardship being that this is a growing family that needs more living space, and that's the reason why you're increasing the square footage of the house.

But I think you were the one who in your application said, "Not applicable" to the second requirement of the variance. It has to be applicable. If it's not applicable, you don't get the relief.

So let's think creatively as to why the hardship,

which is the lack of space, is owing to circumstances relating to the soil conditions -- I understand they don't satisfy that. How about shape of the current structure? Or the topography of the structure?

ANNE FULLERTON: So it is -- the topography of the structure -- the topography of the land is a flat site. But the topography of the structure -- the actual structure is, again, does not allow -- the existing envelope does not allow us to expand enough to have a normal-size bedroom.

And the goal is, again, to stay within the exact same footprint, so we're not creeping out beyond the existing footprint.

CONSTANTINE ALEXANDER: Good.

ANNE FULLERTON: But instead to enclose a portion of their first-floor porch, to add a powder room on their first floor, and then to actually add an extension on their second floor over the top of the porch -- the front porch.

CONSTANTINE ALEXANDER: Thank you. That's good.

And then I can help you on the third one. Relief may be granted without substantial detriment to the public good, or nullifying or substantially derogating from the intent and purpose of the ordinance.

1 As you have pointed out, the amount of additional space that's being added is quite small. It is supported by 2 3 what seems to be unanimous neighborhood support, and there 4 seems to be no other reasons not to grant the variance. 5 So we agree on that. Anything further you want to add to your presentation before we ask other questions, or 6 7 we open the matter up to public testimony? 8 ANNE FULLERTON: The only thing that I would add 9 is we did do a study of the GFA ratio in the neighborhood, to make sure that we weren't exceeding the norm. And I 10 11 believe Sisia added it to the back. 12 And the two GFAs ratios highlighted in green are 13 only two that currently conform, one of which is 23 Myrtle 14 Street, the property we're talking about. 15 The rest far exceed. And our 77 percent would 16 still be far below the norm in that neighborhood. And I 17 just wanted to make that point that the neighborhood is 18 already fairly dense. 19 CONSTANTINE ALEXANDER: Good. Thank you. 20 Questions from members of the Board? 21 BRENDAN SULLIVAN: No, well maybe a comment.

is Brendan Sullivan, and Anne, even though you mentioned

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that the Historical Commission mid Cambridge's comments were nonbinding, I for one take them very, very seriously, and we welcome their input of any of the historical committees and Planning Boards.

And so, I'm a little bit trouble by their not liking this, I guess to put it mildly. And there are also some letters in the file and some correspondence that is not fitting in the neighborhood. And so, anyhow, that's just one comment that I have.

ANNE FULLERTON: May I address?

BRENDAN SULLIVAN: Sure.

ANNE FULLERTON: We agree. I worked with Allison Crosby (phonetic) pretty extensively to sort of walk her through the project from an early phase and took her comments to heart, and actually modified some of the entryway pieces to make it a little bit more gracious and open.

And we actually presented a landscape planting plan as well to the Historic -- or to the Conservation Commission, because we wanted the Commission as well as the neighbors to understand what the public way especially would be like.

Because we know the house is different. The proposal is different than the current house aesthetically. That does not necessarily make it wrong. Certainly, the Conservation Commission was excited about their house initially because it had a lot of original sort of shingle detail that has not been maintained, and needs to be largely repaired.

And again, it's not the homeowner's aesthetic, a and they're long-term homeowners and they're looking to, you know, make the home they're going to stay in for quite a while.

So we did really try to compromise as much as possible, and it became pretty clear during the commission meeting that because of the nature of the current home that hadn't been vinyled over, that they weren't -- they couldn't make the turn easily to support us.

CONSTANTINE ALEXANDER: Okay. Any other members of the Board have any questions or comments you want to make at this point? Hearing none, I assume the answer is no. I'll open the matter up to public testimony, and we'll here from there are many letters of support in the file in writing, but I'll see if anyone wants to speak on this matter, pro or

1 con. 2 So any members of the public who to speak, now is the time. You have to click the icon at the bottom of your 3 4 Zoom screen that says, "Raise hand." If you are calling in 5 by phone, you can raise your hand by pressing *9 and unmute 6 or mute by pressing *6. 7 Anyone wishes to speak? We'll give it a few more 8 minutes just because it's slow. But apparently no one does 9 wish to speak. 10 ANNE FULLERTON: The homeowners might. 11 CONSTANTINE ALEXANDER: I'm sorry? 12 ANNE FULLERTON: The homeowners might as well. 13 CONSTANTINE ALEXANDER: All right. 14 SISIA DAGLIAN: You need to raise your hand. 15 CONSTANTINE ALEXANDER: Still no indication. So 16 I'm going to assume nobody wants to address this orally. As 17 I indicated we are in receipt of many letters from neighbors 18 in the neighborhood, all of which are in support of the 19 relief being sought. 20 Well, I'll close public testimony, and I think 21 it's time for a decision.

JIM MONTEVERDE: Can I --

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1 CONSTANTINE ALEXANDER: Question, or do you want 2 me to --3 JIM MONTEVERDE: Excuse me, Gus. 4 CONSTANTINE ALEXANDER: Go ahead, go ahead, Jim. 5 JIM MONTEVERDE: This is Jim Monteverde. 6 sorry, I -- my screen blacked out there a bit while you were 7 taking --8 CONSTANTINE ALEXANDER: Sure. JIM MONTEVERDE: -- Board questions, so may I ask 9 10 a question or make an observation? 11 CONSTANTINE ALEXANDER: Go ahead. 12 JIM MONTEVERDE: Thank you, if it's not too late. 13 So I share -- I think I heard Brendan's concern about the 14 other Commission's statements and their concerns. I kind of 15 share those concerns, or I shared those concerns. 16 And one curious little question I have is if I 17 take the existing elevation, street elevation, and I take your proposed street elevation, in essence the major piece 18 19 of the massing that changes is what happens on the third 20 floor, which -- if I squint my eyes, in essence it's a 21 dormer that's the entire length of the façade, which this 22 Commission would never allow, or the Zoning Board would

never allow.

So in terms of the -- and I'm just -- I'm pushing aside the issues of the stylistic materiality -- you know, whether the existing structure is reusable and repaintable and any value it has to the community.

I'm strictly looking at the massing that you're proposing. And again, I'm looking at the street-facing elevation for both the existing and the proposed.

Did I basically read that change in massing correctly? That in essence it's -- it amounts to what would be, were you to keep the original, the existing roof line, you would be adding a dormer that's the entire length of the building by whatever the height is?

Is that kind of what --

ANNE FULLERTON: I'm sorry, do you have more to your question?

JIM MONTEVERDE: No.

ANNE FULLERTON: Okay. So I think that we all know that part of the dormer requirements are like a setback from the main face of the house, as well as a width and length and height relationship to the rest of the house.

So essentially what we're looking at in the

proposal is a full third floor on the right-hand half of the house. It currently has occupied third-floor spaces, but it has significant eaves.

JIM MONTEVERDE: Correct.

ANNE FULLERTON: And so, what the proposal is, is to essentially make half of the third floor a full third floor height. I wouldn't call it a dormer, because we didn't propose a setback.

JIM MONTEVERDE: Yep.

ANNE FULLERTON: -- intentionally, we didn't propose a setback. We thought that it was inappropriate for the overall massing of the house.

And the house immediately to the right of it actually has the rear half of it has a roofline similar to what we're proposing. So we felt like it was in keeping with the aesthetics of for the built condition surrounding the house.

JIM MONTEVERDE: Yeah. I'm looking at the photo of the adjacent building. I'm not quite following the logic totally. But I understand your point. Yeah. You're not considering it a dormer. In essence, you're raising the roof on that section to get a full third-floor level

1 occupancy on that, as you said, right side of the building. 2 ANNE FULLERTON: Right. 3 JIM MONTEVERDE: So I have my concerns. Just --4 again, you're following the threads that go through the 5 various commissions, and couple letters that I read in the file, and then my own sense that it's that lifting of the 6 7 roof on that particular end. 8 I mean, I see the lifted roof adjacent to you to 9 the right, but --10 ANNE FULLERTON: It's substantial. 11 JIM MONTEVERDE: -- I think that -- yeah, I think 12 what you're proposing is just much more substantial, and I 13 can't say that I would be in support. Anyway, thank you. 14 That's my comment. 15 CONSTANTINE ALEXANDER: Thank you, Jim. Any other 16 comments or should I make a motion and we can vote on this 17 matter? 18 MICHELE WARTAK: Hi, this is Michele Wartak. If 19 we could just make a comment, would that be okay? 20 CONSTANTINE ALEXANDER: Go ahead. 21 MICHELE WARTAK: Oh, sure. So I'm Michele Wartak 22 and this is my husband, Martin Wartak. And we've lived here

for 17 years, and we continue -- want to continue to do so.

I'm actually right now you can't tell from this little Zoom window, but I'm 39 weeks pregnant, and we have a baby arriving next week, which is very exciting.

When we were thinking that we would do this, you know, hearing back in April it was a little bit of a different scenario.

But what we would like to say is just that we've been in support of this neighborhood. We are not thinking about moving, even though we're adding to our family. And the neighborhood as, you know, for children his just been amazing.

And we already have a 2-year-old son, and we were -- we're older parents, if you will, but, you know, the support of the neighborhood and the neighborhood overall is just warm and welcoming.

So we just wanted to explain that and say, you know, that we're hoping that, you know, this bedroom would be obviously, you know, have an occupant pretty quickly, so we're hoping that, you know, this could be, you know, at least supported, if you will. Thank you.

CONSTANTINE ALEXANDER: Thank you. Any other

1 comments from members of the Board? 2 BRENDAN SULLIVAN: I may have missed it Gus. Did 3 we have a sense of what the neighbor on the tall side of the house thought about the three-story side? 4 5 CONSTANTINE ALEXANDER: What's that neighbor's 6 name and address, and I'll go through the letters in our 7 file. I can ask the petitioner to give that answer. 8 MICHELE WARTAK: Yeah. I can tell you their 9 address, I believe, is 21. 10 MARTIN WARTAK: It should be Debra Bell. And I 11 think she might be at 23 or 25. Oh, we're 23 -- sorry, 12 we're 23. 13 CONSTANTINE ALEXANDER: You're 23. 14 MARTIN WARTAK: So she's not there. 15 MICHELE WARTAK: She's 25. 16 CONSTANTINE ALEXANDER: Well, we have letters in 17 the file from the person that lives at 14 Myrtle Avenue, 2 18 Myrtle Avenue #3, 19 Myrtle Avenue. 19 MARTIN WARTAK: We have a file, Gus. Yeah, I'm seeing a file from Deborah Bell, a letter, in opposition. 20 21 "I have lived at 27 Myrtle Ave. I'm writing to 22 urge you to prevent the proposed renovation to the house

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               CONSTANTINE ALEXANDER: I'M looking through the
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     letters.
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               JANET GREEN: Is she in the green house or the
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               ANNE FULLERTON: She's in the green house.
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               CONSTANTINE ALEXANDER: Oh, we have --
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               JANET GREEN: The light green?
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              ANNE FULLERTON: The one with the higher roof.
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               CONSTANTINE ALEXANDER: We do have a letter from
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    27 Myrtle Avenue. And he -- she I should say -- opposes
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    relief being sought.
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               JANET GREEN: So she's the neighbor. But it looks
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    like if she's in the greenhouse, it looks like a lot was
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              ANNE FULLERTON: Right.
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               JANET GREEN: Is that correct, or is it? So it's
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              ANNE FULLERTON: Significantly. She has a full
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    third story on the back half of her house, yeah.
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               JANET GREEN: It's an interesting street in many
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    ways, but because it obviously had many of the houses look
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1 the same on that street, and were built around the same 2 time. And then gradually over a period of time, this little bit's been added or that's been changed. And so there's 3 change in a fairly significant number of the houses. 4 5 Do you have, like would you say that half the houses in the neighborhood have had additions or changes to 6 7 the original architecture, or would you -- would that be a -8 - you know, would you just be adding to a small group, who -9 - you see what I mean, you see my question? 10 ANNE FULLERTON: I think about a third. Martin 11 and Michele, would you agree with that? That a third have 12 significant aesthetic changes to the architecture? 13 MICHELE WARTAK: Yes. 14 ANNE FULLERTON: Especially across the street? 15 JANET GREEN: Mm-hm. 16 ANNE FULLERTON: Yeah. Across the street, people 17 have added dormers, much less sort of like the mint green

JANET GREEN: Mm-hm. It's a very attractive house that you have, you know, from the outside. And the original architecture on the street had many houses like that, I think, before all of the changes happened.

house. And so, I would say probably about a third.

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But I guess I'm not sure that you should be responsible for maintaining a neighborhood that's in change, you know?

So I guess I would be in favor of your project.

I'm only one person on the Board, and it's a big -- what
you're asking is kind of a big deal. So I'm not sure how
that would go, but I'm in favor of it, given that things -the change in the entire neighborhood, not just looking at
your own house.

MICHELE WARTAK: Thank you.

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constantine Alexander: This is the Chair. I share a dislike of the architecture that's being proposed for this house. And there are letters I didn't read one from a cofounding partner of HMFH Architects, a noted Cambridge architectural firm, who strongly opposes the design, what you're doing in the house.

But I understand your need for the house, need for the addition you're proposing. I wish you got a better design than what you're submitting to us. But with a great deal of reluctance, I guess I would vote for it.

JANET GREEN: Mm-hm. And I know it's a big, it's a big thought to, like, think about the design a little bit

differently after hearing the comments.

And as I said, I'm in support of you having the project, but I wondered if you -- in listening to all of the comments that you're hearing, if you wanted to think about a design of it again, or if you want to go forward with this, as I say, I'm supportive of your project. So -- but I hear the comments.

BRENDAN SULLIVAN: This is Brendan Sullivan. I sympathize and agree with your need for additional space. I just don't like the envelope, the look of it. I think it is very inappropriate. And I would agree with the comments from the Cambridge Conservation District Commission.

CONSTANTINE ALEXANDER: Well, I just want to point out if we got to a vote, which we will shortly, and the vote is you don't get four votes -- you need four votes to get the approval -- so it's not a simple majority, and that's state law, it's a super majority.

And if we -- if you don't get the vote, you're going to -- you can't build, you can't come back for two years, unless you come back with a substantially different design, which may be the case if you get turned down, I don't know. But it's your call, petitioners, if you want to

1 put us to a vote now? You've heard comments from members of 2 the Board. 3 JANET GREEN: And how, I think Gus -- what the 4 Chair is saying that, you know, there's a possibility you 5 could say, "Well, maybe we would like to think it over a 6 little bit more before we go to a vote now." And then you 7 would come back with whatever changes you do or don't make. Or you could ask for us to vote tonight. But I 8 9 think you're hearing some real questions. 10 MICHELE WARTAK: So just for clarification, when you say, "voting" it's voting for just the 65 square feet? 11 12 JANET GREEN: No. 13 MICHELE WARTAK: Or you're also -- you're talking about the design of the whole structure? 14 CONSTANTINE ALEXANDER: I think it's both. 15 16 mean, it's the footage, the square footage, definitely. You can't divorce that from the design that's been submitted to 17 18 us. So, not much of an answer, but basically that. 19 I don't think -- I'm speaking for myself as the 20 Chair, but only for myself -- I don't think there's much 21 objection to the amount of space you're proposing to add.

think the crux of the matter is the design that's being

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presented to us. 1 2 MICHELE WARTAK: Okay, so just to clarify what 3 you're saying, you -- if this is voted down, then that means 4 that we cannot do this design either? 5 CONSTANTINE ALEXANDER: I'm sorry, I --6 SLATER ANDERSON: You could do this design if it 7 was in conformance with zoning. So for example, if you 8 didn't need a variance. So that's where there is a little 9 bit of a -- you know, it would be a shame to be voted down. 10 I mean, you could come back with a plan to conform that 11 didn't need a variance, and you could do this design, yes. 12 MICHELE WARTAK: But we couldn't come back for two 13 years, because if you vote this down now, we can't come back 14 for two years. Is that what -- it's? 15 MARTIN WARTAK: For that. 16 MICHELE WARTAK: If we can -- for a variance, but if we conform because we do have some of the square footage 17 left in our FAR, we can still continue with potentially a 18 19 variation of this design? 20 SLATER ANDERSON: Correct. 21 MICHELE WARTAK: Okay. 22 JANET GREEN: It sounds like there are questions

somewhat about the design, but it's also sort of the location of the footage, you know? But nobody is saying that you're trying to make it way too big.

MICHELE WARTAK: Yeah, yes, no, I understand. Thank you.

MARTIN WARTAK: We actually would have loved to have opened it up entirely, but that seemed a little bit gratuitous to --

MICHELE WARTAK: Yeah.

MARTIN WARTAK: -- to do so much. We kind of tried to balance it with -- I think we're leaving it at two children, we can't really have any more of them, but we kind of didn't want to present something that we were trying to be greedy with the space or anything like that. We've kind of tried to do it reasonably with kind of -- within the walls and not imposing too much on the neighbors or on the neighborhood and kind of trying to fit in.

For what it's worth, as Michelle said, we're not going anywhere. We're not trying to do this to then flip it or something like that. We've been here 17 years. I grew up in Cambridge. My parents over on Fenno Street. And so we're planning in staying here. We love the neighborhood.

We love the city.

And we love the house that we're in, it just -- it desperately needs to be updated. And we thought we would try to build the house that we loved. And most of our neighbors I think have been very supportive and love the house. The important thing is just being able to keep our family and our kids in this neighborhood. And that's kind of what we've tried to do.

And it's gotten a little bit with COVID and just kind of all of the scheduling getting pushed out, it's kind of been getting harder and harder to kind of keep pushing this out and keep modifying the plans. Because we're going to have to move out for six months or a year or something like that with the kids to somewhere else and then come back.

And so, we'd love to try to do that while the kids are kind of a little bit younger. We think it's going to be kind of a little bit easier to do.

So I'm inclined to -- hopefully it's not rolling the dice, but to roll the dice with you all and with the committee to hopefully that you all would -- well, if not overlook the design entirely, but just realize that what

we're trying to do is we're trying to accommodate hopefully everyone and the neighborhood and the city and ourselves with a small addition. Yeah, it'll be modern.

That's been one of the neat things growing up in Cambridge is seeing the changes and how the city kind of has evolved and everything like that. And you do see a lot of these modern houses and places, and they're kind of neat. And then you see some other renovations.

But I think that's been some of the great diversity in the city of seeing it not just in the people, but in the architecture of what's been going on. So we --well anyway, either way we thank everyone very much for listening to it, for the feedback about the design and we hope you could support it.

SLATER ANDERSON: Before you roll the dice, if that was the phrase, if -- I think from the -- if I kind of count in my little Hollywood Squares thing that's on my computer here, the Board members who've kind of spoken and voiced some concern, I have, I think Brendan has -- that's two. The numbers say you don't pass tonight.

MARTIN WARTAK: Oh, I see. Oh, there are five and we need four?

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               JIM MONTEVERDE: Four. So yeah, I just want to
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     help you with the rolling the dice routine.
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               MARTIN WARTAK: Okay, no, I appreciate it.
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               JIM MONTEVERDE: But it's more like driving off a
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               MARTIN WARTAK: Okay, no, that's fine.
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     actually very helpful, then. So it sounds like from what
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     I'm hearing then, that it's not going to pass.
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               JIM MONTEVERDE: Yeah, I'm just listening to the
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     conversation and I think --
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               MARTIN WARTAK: Okay, yeah.
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               JIM MONTEVERDE: -- that's the way I counted it.
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     So you don't want to do a Thelma and Louise unless you
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     really want to do it.
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               MARTIN WARTAK: Right. I haven't seen that movie,
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     but I think I know what you're saying.
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               SLATER ANDERSON: So my concern I would just weigh
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1 the highest height of the house. 2 I also, I don't see an elevation for that side of 3 the house. It would be the right side of the house. 4 ANNE FULLERTON: It is in the package. 5 SLATER ANDERSON: Is it? Okay. 6 ANNE FULLERTON: Yeah. 7 JIM MONTEVERDE: Yeah, I don't find it either. I'm doing it not on the -- I'm doing it online and I don't 8 find it. 9 10 SLATER ANDERSON: The one online didn't seem to 11 happen. 12 ANNE FULLERTON: Yeah, I --13 JIM MONTEVERDE: I think --14 MARTIN WARTAK: Yeah. 15 ANNE FULLERTON: It was in the package that we 16 submitted to Conservation. It's possible that it did not 17 get submitted to you as well because we submitted at the 18 same time. 19 I just thought from what I know as a more granular 20 commentary about the design, we have heard the Commission's 21 comments in that Michele Martin and I have had significant

conversations about whether or not the scale of materiality

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affects the perception of the relationship of this house to the rest of the neighborhood.

And initially we had been looking at possibly a metal panel, which is what is on your submission. And we are now looking at something more in line with, like, a 10 inch flat plan instead of the metal panel, where it would have a more residential scale of materiality. Doesn't change the envelope or the fenestration necessarily, but it does change the scale and texture.

So you have -- that is the driveway side, so not the neighbor who has -- that you noted.

JIM MONTEVERDE: It's the right elevation that I don't find in the online or in what's on the screen for all of us. But --

ANNE FULLERTON: I don't know how much this helps you for me to do this.

JIM MONTEVERDE: No, that's -- I can imagine what it is. I mean, I can read it on the plan, I can see the height of it in the front elevation, street-facing elevation. Personally, it doesn't help me.

ANNE FULLERTON: Well, I think part of her concern that she has expressed to Martin and Michele -- and I don't

know if this is outlined in her letter -- was privacy. And the only window change on that elevation is the addition of a window in the bathroom, which would be above eye level for privacy.

SLATER ANDERSON: Yeah. I mean we haven't seen, you know, a shadow study. I mean, that house -- so that tall side is on the south side of the neighbor who's concerned. So, like, the shadows, you know, you're building a substantial wall there that's going -- will block light.

I just -- it doesn't mean you need to have unanimous support from your neighborhood, but I'm not feeling that there was a dialogue between your clients. And I have less of an issue with the architectural design. I agree with your client's comments that, you know, Cambridge is eclectic in ways, and that.

But I have an issue with the massing of that side and not having, you know, evidence you've made an effort with that neighbor to, you know, work on a solution.

And it's over 65 feet -- you know, square feet, you know? And it's just a high risk venture for you guys to proceed. So that's my perspective.

CONSTANTINE ALEXANDER: This is Gus Alexander, the

Chairman. We've got to bring this to a conclusion. We've got some more cases to hear tonight. I think you're hearing petitioners from the Board. That's a lot of problems with - not fatal, maybe -- but a lot of problems with the design of this structure.

And I think it's time -- I think it would behoove you to go back to your neighbors, and also reflect on the comments you've heard tonight. And you can get a copy of the transcript so you can see exactly what was said, and think about this.

You might want to come back with the very same structure you have right now a couple of months from now when we would hear you again. But you may not. And you want to roll the dice, it's your call. But I think it might behoove you not to roll the dice tonight, but to take some time to think about what you heard, and talk to your neighbors, and then decide what to do.

MARTIN WARTAK: Could I ask what the objections were of -- that you all had -- it was just the aesthetic of it or the large third floor?

Because regarding Deborah, we've been talking to her for at least a year about this, and we've been entirely

neighbors -- not to say more about her personally -- that are just kind of a little bit intractable, and you can look kind of on other neighborhood issues, where Deborah has had the same stance on these things. So we're not overly surprised about this.

But we've tried to be as transparent as possible with her and every neighbor about it. We didn't treat her any differently, about exactly what we're doing and getting feedback and everything like that.

But I'm just curious about what the Committee would want us to do differently.

SLATER ANDERSON: That's helpful to hear, Martin. It wasn't clear to me that there was a dialogue.

MARTIN WARTAK: I just -- a lot, a lot, lot, lot of dialogue. I like Deborah -- we all do very much personally. Our son Tate sees her in the back yard, he says, "Debwa" it's very cute. But we've really tried to kind of -- I'm a little puzzled about kind of her letter.

By the way, after we talked to her, the first we heard of her opposition was the letter that she sent to the Historic Commission. That was kind of like -- there were a

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little bit of rumblings, "Oh, I'll think about it, I'll think about it," and then poof it happened.
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So I think you can kind of meet people where they are. But anyway, we tried very much to actively engage her. But I'm curious what we could do if we resubmitted that would be more agreeable to you all?

BRENDAN SULLIVAN: Well, this is Brendan Sullivan.

I don't mean to be cute, but we would know it when see it.

MARTIN WARTAK: Okay.

BRENDAN SULLIVAN: It's hard to --

MARTIN WARTAK: No, and that's fair.

BRENDAN SULLIVAN: -- you know, it's hard to say, "Do this, do that" or something like that. It's just that to me the façade of the building is radical. It is inappropriate with the neighborhood.

You know, and, you know, yes, I do go to Myrtle.

I live up at the other end of the city. You know, I go down

Myrtle Street every once in a while, up Broadway -- all that

other type of stuff.

And, you know, I do sometimes revisit some of the cases that we sat on just to see the end result of what we approved or whatever.

And I critique it. I critique, you know, why I voted for something and oh, maybe I should not have on second thoughts, you know, so on and so forth. Or you go by and you say, "Yeah, that's a nice-looking plan." And, you know, you're glad you were able to add to the streetscape, and also, to enhance people's lives.

But then some of the -- most of the time what I do is I put myself in the position of the person next door to you. What effect will this have on either side -- across the street, who will be looking at this all the time.

And some things have gone on in my own neighborhood that I look at. And again, my tastes should not be your taste. We'll have -- that's -- my father used to have an expression saying that's why Howard Johnson's has 28 flavors, because we all don't like vanilla, chocolate and strawberry.

So there is variety that is part of the Cambridge fabric. To me, I think this is a radical design which tears at the fabric of that lovely street, put it very simply.

And I just -- I, again sympathize with your need for more room, I have no problem with that. I think the amount of space is de minimis compared to, you know, the house and

what your needs are. But it's just -- it's a radical design, and I just go back to the mid Cambridge that I think it's inappropriate. So --

MARTIN WARTAK: My one -- and so, thank you for clarifying that. My one question is it sounds like the raising of the roof is partly the objection. But I don't know that we have any other place to gain more space.

SLATER ANDERSON: You may be better with a gable and a dormer effect, rather than a full third floor on one side. I think that that's kind of where the design fails.

JIM MONTEVERDE: This is Jim Monteverde. I'm just flipping between the -- I have this online. I'm looking at the drawings. I'm flipping between the existing third floor or the proposed third floor and just seeing, you know, what's the game, what's the rationale?

And, you know, you pick up on mechanical space.

You have a bathroom there, you revise the bathroom; you pick up on office, there is a closet, you pick up a bigger closet. It just -- it doesn't give me enough rationale to say that the existing, you know, roof profile should be obliterated.

You know, I can get beyond the façade treatment,

but I think what you've got as an existing piece of fabric - and I think that's what I'm reading from the Conservation
Commission and a couple of the other letters is it's a
classic.

It -- you know, people would hate to see it go, be obliterated. Which means the argument of, "Well I'm doing this within the same shell, I'm just giving it a new suit of clothes" is raising some objections.

And I think the bigger move that you're making massing wise, which you just talked about, Martin, of raising that roof on I guess is the right-hand side of the house, is the one that's causing me concern.

I'm not sure from what I see in your new thirdfloor plan, there wouldn't be a way to -- or I'd be curious
if there was a way to achieve this new space that you get by
a dormer or some other method within the existing, you know,
roof profile.

Maybe you can, maybe you can't, I don't know. But it would be that analysis that would basically say, "Ah, yeah, you know, by the way there is a method or there isn't." That's the part I can't follow at the moment, and I can't get there.

ANNE FULLERTON: Yeah. I think --

JIM MONTEVERDE: Because frankly, if the house were to burn down and this is the lot and you came back with this, it would be a whole different story. So part of it is just letting that existing fabric go.

ANNE FULLERTON: That's exactly the same commentary we ended the Conservation Commission with, was, you know, had this house not sort of held its place in time for so long, it would be a different story.

JIM MONTEVERDE: Yeah.

ANNE FULLERTON: But just to go back to your Chairman about the validity of the additional space on the third floor, a large amount of the reason that we need to raise the walls to accommodate the additional space for mechanical, and especially the office, is they're losing their office space on the second floor to the new bedroom for their second child.

JIM MONTEVERDE: Yeah.

ANNE FULLERTON: And Martin does work from home.

JIM MONTEVERDE: Yeah.

ANNE FULLERTON: And even in normal times. And so, that office space is essential to their family needs.

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And so, -- and the mechanical space really is essential to us serving the house appropriately for mechanical.
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 $\label{eq:continuous} \mbox{JIM MONTEVERDE: I hear you, but at the moment I'm} \\ \mbox{not swayed.}$

JANET GREEN: I hear --

ANNE FULLERTON: Yeah.

JANET GREEN: -- I don't think anybody's disagreeing with what you just said. But I'm not sure people feel that you've got it organized.

SLATER ANDERSON: I mean, there's a basement that seems to be, even in the new plans, seems to be underutilized. What's happening in the basement?

ANNE FULLERTON: It's a short basement and it's in a flood zone. And it would be incredibly expensive for them to actually use that as occupiable space, because it does flood.

SLATER ANDERSON: No, but I'm thinking mechanical.

I mean, you've got the mechanicals on the table.

ANNE FULLERTON: Oh, so the issue with the mechanical is their second floor, their second unit is really only on the second floor. And it's sort of bound between the eve space on the third floor and their living

space on the first floor. It doesn't have good heating and cooling service.

And to really effectively cool it and heat it without pushing ducts through their living space, we would do a ducted mini split from that space behind their master bedroom on the third floor.

SLATER ANDERSON: Okay. Gus?

CONSTANTINE ALEXANDER: It's decision time. Do we want to go -- does the petitioner want to go forward with a vote? And --

ANNE FULLERTON: No, we won't.

CONSTANTINE ALEXANDER: Sorry?

ANNE FULLERTON: We will not go forward with a vote.

CONSTANTINE ALEXANDER: Okay. So we'll continue this case. Give you time to talk to your neighbors, think about what you've heard tonight. I'd urge you to get a copy of the transcript when it's available in the weeks to come, so you'll have everything. You know, you might forget things you would have said, or you want to really reflect on what is said, to get it in the transcript.

ANNE FULLERTON: Okay.

1 CONSTANTINE ALEXANDER: Continue the case until --2 what date's the earliest date? 3 SISIA DAGLIAN: Probably October 8, when 4 everyone's here, right? 5 CONSTANTINE ALEXANDER: If we have room? 6 SISIA DAGLIAN: Yep. Yeah, we only have one other 7 case. I mean --8 CONSTANTINE ALEXANDER: Okay. So we would continue this case until October 8. And then we would --9 excuse me -- meet again. Is that acceptable to you? 10 11 ANNE FULLERTON: Yes. 12 CONSTANTINE ALEXANDER: October 8? 13 ANNE FULLERTON: Very much. 14 CONSTANTINE ALEXANDER: Okay. The Chair moves that we continue this case as a case heard until 7:00 p.m. 15 16 on October 8, subject -- at 7:00 p.m., not this late hour we 17 have right now, subject to the following conditions: 18 The first is that you sign a waiver of time for 19 decision. By law, if we don't decide a case quickly, relief 20 is granted. And so, when we continue cases, we're going to 21 trip that. 22 So the waiver just simply says that we have more

time to make a decision, which works in your favor as well as the city's. And that's -- it's a simple, standard document.

So you have to sign a waiver of time for decision. The condition on that is that you must do this within one week from tonight, and it will go to Inspectional Services

Department -- it's a simple one-page form -- and sign it.

You don't do that; the case will be dismissed. That's the first condition.

The second condition is that the posting sign that you have maintained for the 14 days, you'll need a new one for the new date, October 8, and that sign will have to be maintained for the 14 days before the hearing on that date.

And lastly, to the extent you want to come back with new plans or modified plans -- new plans, specifications, other specific statistical data or tangible data, that must in our files no later than -- our files being ISD, the Special Services Department -- no later than 5:00 p.m. on the Monday before October 8.

And that's to allow us and citizens of the city to go down there or go online and to review what you're now proposing. So -- and those are the conditions. All those

in favor of continuing the case on this basis -- Brendan? 1 2 BRENDAN SULLIVAN: Brendan Sullivan, in favor of 3 continuing. 4 CONSTANTINE ALEXANDER: Janet? 5 JANET GREEN: I'm in favor of continuing. 6 CONSTANTINE ALEXANDER: Jim? 7 JIM MONTEVERDE: Jim Monteverde, in favor of 8 continuing. 9 CONSTANTINE ALEXANDER: Slater? 10 SLATER ANDERSON: Slater Anderson, in favor of 11 continuing. 12 CONSTANTINE ALEXANDER: And I am in favor of 13 continuing as well. 14 [All vote YES] 15 So the case will be continued until October 8, and 16 we will see what happens then. Thank you very much. 17 COLLECTIVE: Thank you, goodbye. 18 19 20 21 22

Pacheco, Maria

From:

ann@honeycombdesignbuild.com

Sent:

Monday, September 28, 2020 9:16 AM

To:

Pacheco, Maria

Cc:

'Michelle Wartak'; 'Martin Wartak'

Subject:

23 Myrtle Ave, Cambridge - BZA continuance

Good morning Maria,

We would like to request an extension of the subject property BZA review continuance until an early November 2020 date.

The project is currently scheduled to appear in front of the Board again on October 8th, 2020.

Please confirm if you need any additional information from our team to change the schedule. Thank you.

ANN FULLERTON Partner, AIA LEED-AP 617.420.3113

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1 2 (7:27 p.m.)3 Constantine Alexander, Brendan Sullivan, 4 Janet Green, Andrea A. Hickey, Jim Monteverde 5 CONSTANTINE ALEXANDER: The Chair will now call Case Number 017259 -- 23 Myrtle Avenue. Anyone here wishing 6 to be heard on this matter? No one wishes to be heard; we 7 are in receipt of a letter, if I can find it, from the 8 9 architect or designer. 10 "We would like to request an extension of the 11 subject property -- BZA Review Continuance -- until an early 12 November 2020 date. The project -- " 13 Okay, the rest is tonight. We already have booked 14 up, I think, the nineteenth of November with three cases. 15 SISIA DAGLIAN: Well, we're -- no, we only have 16 two now. 17 CONSTANTINE ALEXANDER: We only have two? 18 SISIA DAGLIAN: Yeah, with 32 Highland, we only 19 have two. 20 CONSTANTINE ALEXANDER: Okay, then we can -- does 21 November 19 work? 22 SISIA DAGLIAN: Yep.

1 CONSTANTINE ALEXANDER: Okay. The Chair moves 2 that we continue this case -- I don't think we've ever heard 3 this case, have we? I don't recall ever sitting on this 4 case. 5 SISIA DAGLIAN: Same. 6 CONSTANTINE ALEXANDER: So it's not a case heard. 7 Okay, the Chair moves that we continue this case until |7:00 8 p.m. on November 19, subject to the following conditions: 9 That the petitioner sign a waiver of notice for time of decision -- and that's already been done in 10 connection with the current continued case --11 12 Two, that a new posting sign be posted and 13 maintained reflecting the new date, November 19, and the new 14 time, 7:00 p.m. And that any new, revised plans, specs, 15 dimensional forms, must be in our files no later than \$:00 16 p.m. on the Monday before November 19. 17 All those in favor of continuing the case on this basis? 18 19 JANET GREEN: Gus, this is Janet Green. I have a 20 question. 21 CONSTANTINE ALEXANDER: Yes. 22 JANET GREEN: I'm not sure if I'm on this case to

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    be continued, or if these are the --
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               CONSTANTINE ALEXANDER: Ah --
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               JANET GREEN: I just want to be sure.
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               SISIA DAGLIAN: Well, if it's not heard?
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               CONSTANTINE ALEXANDER: Your name is on here as
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    being --
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               JANET GREEN: Okay.
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               CONSTANTINE ALEXANDER: -- for tonight. And if
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     it's been a case heard --
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               JANET GREEN: Okay.
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               CONSTANTINE ALEXANDER: -- if it's not been a case
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    heard, you don't have to sit on the continued case. And I'm
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     not clear to me yet whether this is a case heard or not.
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               JANET GREEN: I can do it, but I just wanted to
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    make sure whether I should be doing it.
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               CONSTANTINE ALEXANDER: Well, there's no,
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     'should." If you can do it --
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               JANET GREEN: Well no, I can do it.
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               CONSTANTINE ALEXANDER: -- and you want to d\phi it,
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    that's fine.
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               JANET GREEN: Sure.
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               BRENDAN SULLIVAN: Is that it?
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1 JANET GREEN: Yep. 2 BRENDAN SULLIVAN: Is that the case? 3 CONSTANTINE ALEXANDER: All those in favor on the basis --4 5 BRENDAN SULLIVAN: Brendan Sullivan, yes to the continuance. 6 7 CONSTANTINE ALEXANDER: Jim? (sic) 8 ANDREA HICKEY: Andrea Hickey, yes to the 9 continuance. 10 JANET GREEN: Janet Green, yes to the continuance. 11 CONSTANTINE ALEXANDER: 12 JIM MONTEVERDE: Jim Monteverde, yes to the 13 continuance. 14 CONSTANTINE ALEXANDER: And the Chair votes yes as 15 well. 16 [All vote YES] 17 This case is continued as well until November 19. 18 We'll just take a brief break. Mr. Sullivan s 19 checking the file for something. We're just taking a prief recess while Brendan's reviewing the transcript from the 20 21 prior case. 22 [BREAK]

Pacheco, Maria

BIA - 017259-2020

From: Sent: Deborah Belle <debbelle@gmail.com> Sunday, November 15, 2020 2:50 PM

To:

Pacheco, Maria; Michelle Wartak; Martin Wartak

Subject:

Wartak renovation plans

Dear Ms. Pacheco and members of the Cambridge Zoning Board:

Michelle and Martin Wartak have been in touch with me as they have revised their renovation plans. I am very happy with their new design and write to you today to endorse their plans enthusiastically. The new design retains enough of the shape and feel of the original house to be pleasing to me. The design also does not encroach on my own space or result in the loss of my view of the sky from my garden.

I am grateful to the Board for taking my viewpoint into consideration, and I am especially grateful to Michelle and Martin for doing so during this planning process.

All the best, Deborah 27 Myrtle Avenue

Deborah Belle Professor Emerita Department of Psychological & Brain Sciences Boston University



Project Address : 23 Myrtle Ave, Cambridge MA November 16, 2020

Updated BZA Submission Documents

The attached documents represent the updated proposed project, original heard at the Cambridge BZA hearing on July 23rd, 2020.

- Updated BZA Application, including revised dimensional table and project description.
- Signed neighborhood petition supporting the homeowner's proposal.
- GFA Comparison Table for Myrtle Ave.
- 23 Myrtle Ave survey with the proposed footprint overlaid.
- Updated proposed plans and elevations, with existing conditions attached.
- Updated 3d model views.
- Shadow study for the proposed project.

Dear Board Members.

Michelle and Martin Wartak, the long time owners of 23 Myrtle Ave, heard your commentary regarding appropriateness of the previous proposal clearly, and as a result have worked very diligently to develop an updated proposal that we believe addresses those concerns, but still allows them to create a home that will fit their long term needs and represents their personal style.

The updated proposal maintains the existing roofline, and creates much of their needed additional square footage in the rear of the property, within the allowable rear yard setbacks, and maintaining the existing side yard setback.

We have also worked hard to find a representative palette of materials that would meet the client's aesthetic, and also define the 'classic modern' style appreciated in successful newer Cambridge residential constructions. We are using the material properties of 20 Madison St, Cambridge as our aesthetic benchmark.

It is our hope that the Board of Appeals is supportive of this updated proposal and we are able to move forward with creating this family's dream home.

Sincerely,

Michelle and Martin Wartak, and The Honeycomb Team



CITY OF CAMBRIDGE MASSACHUSETTS BOARD OF ZONING APPEAL 831 MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE CAMBRIDGE, MA 02139 617 349-6100

BZA APPLICATION FORM

		GENERAL INFOR		an No:	BZA-017259-2020
Special Permit :	hereby petition	ns the Board of Zoning Appeal for the Variance : √	_	opeal :	
PETITIONER:	Honeycomb	Design + Build, LLC - C/O	Ann Fullerton		
PETITIONER'S AD	DRESS:	540 Main Street, Suite 7 W	inchester, MA 018	890	
LOCATION OF PR	OPERTY:	23 Myrtle Ave Cambridge, M.	A		
TYPE OF OCCUPA	ANCY:	Two family Z	ONING DISTRICT :	Reside	nce C-1 Zone
REASON FOR PE	TITION :	Addition to front and rear	of the existing	prope	cty.
DESCRIPTION OF	PETITIONER'	S PROPOSAL :			
proposed from footprint is a setbacks. Pro	t footprint an enlarger ject was st eared befor NING ORDINA	52 GSF of added area on the t is with in the existing but ment of the existing additional additiona	nilding footprint on footprint, wit onservation Commi	thin al	proposed rear lowable rear
		Original Signature(s) :	Ann Fulle	erton (Print	(s) / Owner) Name)
		Address :	540 Main Street		. 7
		~	Winchester MA 617.420.3113	01890	
		Tel. No. :	01,11000110		

E-Mail Address:

ann@honeycombdesignbuild.com

Original submission 2.20.20

Revised submission 11.16.20

BZA APPLICATION FORM

DIMENSIONAL INFORMATION

APPLICANT:_	Martin & Michelle Wartak	PRESENT USE/OCCUPANCY:		JPANCY:_	Multi-family Residential	
LOCATION: 23 Myrtle Ave, Cambridge MA 0		138	ZONE:_	C-1		
PHONE:	617.513.6952	REQUESTED U	SE/OCCUPANCY: No	Change		
		EXISTING CONDITIONS	REQUESTED CONDITIONS		RDINANCE REQUIREMENT	<u>s</u> ¹
TOTAL GROSS	S FLOOR AREA:	3,229	3,781		2,087	(max.)
LOT AREA:		2,783	_	_	5,000	(min.)
RATIO OF GETO LOT AREA	ROSS FLOOR AREA	1.16	1.36		.75	_ (max.)
LOT AREA FO	OR EACH DWELLING UNIT:	N/A	N/A		1,500	(min.)
SIZE OF LOT	T: WIDTH	41'-0" / 43.33'		_	50'-0"	(min.)
	DEPTH	60.87' / 74.88'				
Setbacks in	<u>n</u> FRONT	3.8'	3.8'		10'	(min.)
Feet:	REAR	21.3'	20'		20'	(min.)
	LEFT SIDE	12.3'	12.3'		7.5'	(min.)
	RIGHT SIDE	1.5'	1.5'		7.5'	_ (min.)
SIZE OF BLI	OG.: HEIGHT	35.2'	35.2'		35'	(max.)
	LENGTH	39'	42.5'			
	WIDTH	26.6'	26.6'			
	SABLE OPEN SPACE					
TO LOT AREA	<u>4: ")</u>	34%	31%		30%	(min.)
NO. OF DWEI	LLING UNITS:	2	2			(max.)
NO. OF PARE	KING SPACES:	1	1		(m	in./max)
NO. OF LOAI	DING AREAS:	0	0		N/A	_ (min.)
	NEAREST BLDG.	N/A	N/A		N/A	_ (min.)
ON SAME LOT	<u>'':</u>					

Describe where applicable, other occupancies on same lot, the size of adjacent buildings on same lot, and type of construction proposed, e.g.; wood frame, concrete, brick, steel, etc.

Modification of half of existing covered front porch footprint into enclosed first floor living space, addition of the same footprint on the second floor.

Enlargement of rear addition footprint to create code conforming stair to rental unit and new living space on three floors. Cast-in-place foundation and wood frame construction for all areas of new construction.

^{1.} SEE CAMBRIDGE ZONING ORDINANCE ARTICLE 5.000, SECTION 5.30 (DISTRICT OF DIMENSIONAL REGULATIONS).

^{2.} TOTAL GROSS FLOOR AREA (INCLUDING BASEMENT 7'-0" IN HEIGHT AND ATTIC AREAS GREATER THAN 5') DIVIDED BY LOT AREA.

^{3.} OPEN SPACE SHALL NOT INCLUDE PARKING AREAS, WALKWAYS OR DRIVEWAYS AND SHALL HAVE A MINIMUM DIMENSION OF 15'.

BZA APPLICATION FORM

SUPPORTING STATEMENT FOR A VARIANCE

EACH OF THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS FOR A VARIANCE MUST BE ESTABLISHED AND SET FORTH IN COMPLETE DETAIL BY THE APPLICANT IN ACCORDANCE WITH MGL 40A, SECTION 10:

A) A Literal enforcement of the provisions of this Ordinance would involve

a substantial hardship, financial or otherwise, to the petitioner or appellant for the following reasons:

The petitioner is requesting minor relief of the Cambridge Zoning dimensional requirements outlined in Table 5.1, for Zoning District C-1. Specifically, the request is for a GSF that greater than that established by the zoning ordinance by **552 GSF** and a resulting GSF to **Lot Ratio of 1.36, which is below the average ratio on the street.**

The property has been owned and occupied by the same family since 2003. The Owners are undertaking a renovation that includes increasing the property's square footage in an effort to make the property match the their growing family's needs for long term occupancy.

B) The hardship is owing to the following circumstances relating to the

soil conditions, shape or topography of such land or structures and especially affecting such land or structures but not affecting generally the zoning district in which it is located for the following reasons:

The long term owners (18 years!) need a larger space for their growing family's needs. The modest proposed project creates a new larger code conforming stair for the existing one bedroom rental unit, and creates the necessary owner's unit spaces, without modifying the existing roofline shown in the previous BZA submission.

No soil / topography issues.

C) DESIRABLE RELIEF MAY BE GRANTED WITHOUT EITHER:

1) Substantial detriment to the public good for the following reasons:

The public sidewalk right-of-way will be maintained and the footprint of the new street facing addition will be no larger than the existing front porch.

The private pedestrian level space adjacent to public pedestrian space will be improved with and enlarged paved entry stair landing and integrated landscaping features.

All existing trees on the lot will be maintained.

2) Relief may be granted without nullifying or substantially derogating from the intent or purpose of this Ordinance for the following reasons:

The relief requested is a minor allowance to the building GSF and GSF to Lot Ratio, as noted in Item A above and on the Dimensional Form.

The relief will not negatively impact existing sight lines and pedestrian spaces for the surrounding community.

Please note the attached GFA comparision document for Myrtle Ave, which highlights that the proposed project will be below most of the existing properties Lot Ratio.

* If You have any questions as to whether you can establish all of the applicable legal requirements, you should consult with your own attorney.

BZA APPLICATION FORM

SUPPORTING STATEMENT FOR A SPECIAL PERMIT

Please describe in complete detail how you meet each of the following criteria referring to the property and proposed changes or uses which are requested in your application. Attach sheets with additional information for special permits which have additional criteria, e.g.; fast food permits, comprehensive permits, etc., which must be met.

Granting the Special Permit requested for 23 Myrtle Ave Cambridge, MA (location)

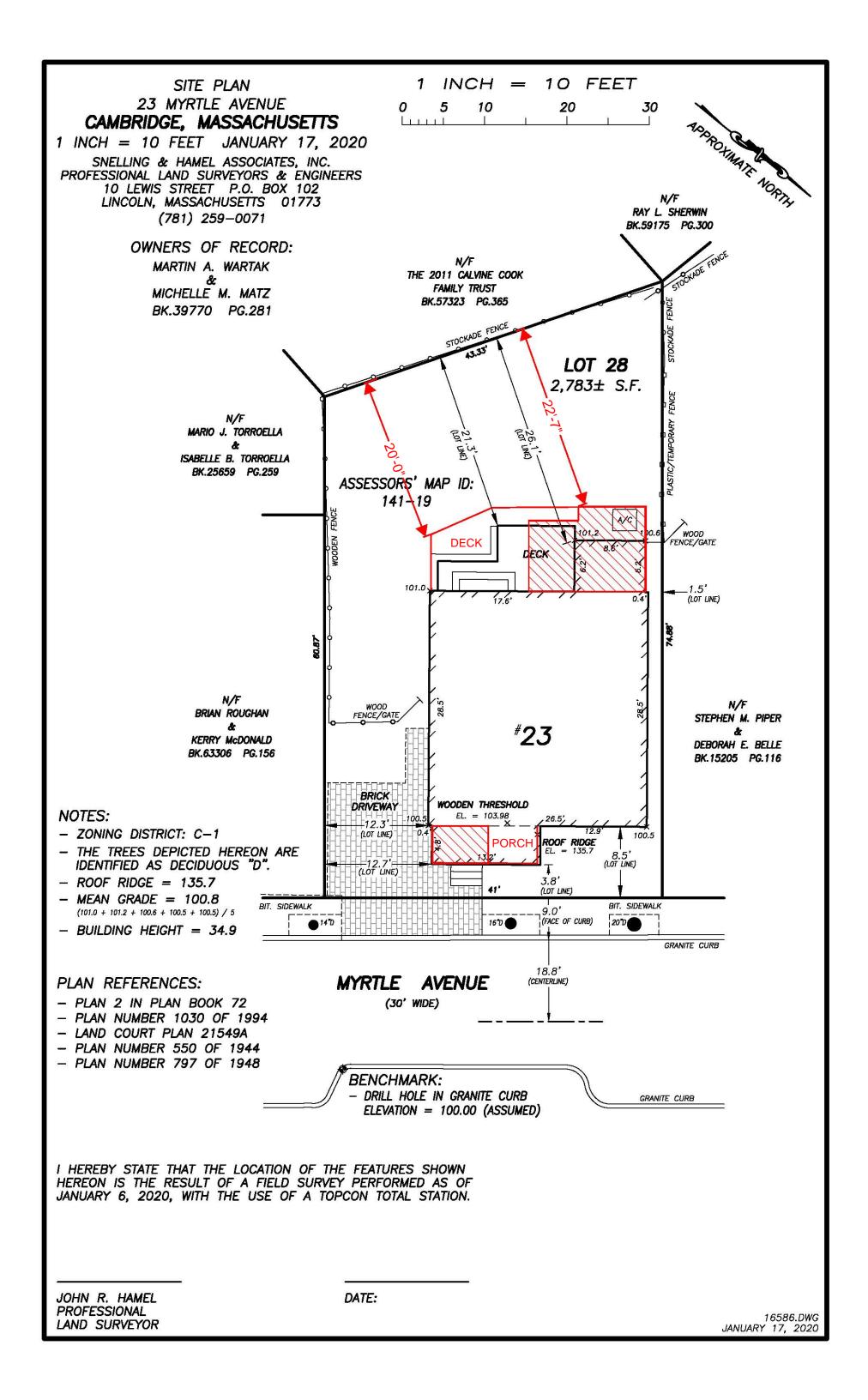
	would not be a detriment to the public interest because:
<i>A</i>)	Requirements of the Ordinance can or will be met for the following reasons:
В)	Traffic generated or patterns of access or egress would not cause congestion hazard, or substantial change in established neighborhood character for the following reasons:
C)	The continued operation of or the development of adjacent uses as permitted in the Zoning Ordinance would not be adversely affected by the nature of the proposed use for the following reasons:
D)	Nuisance or hazard would not be created to the detriment of the health, safety and/or welfare of the occupant of the proposed use or the citizens of the City for the following reasons:
E)	For other reasons, the proposed use would not impair the integrity of the district or adjoining district or otherwise derogate from the intent or purpose of this ordinance for the following reasons:

To the City of Cambridge Board of Zoning Appeals,

We the undersigned have reviewed the drawings, prepared by Honeycomb Design Build, for the proposed additions and renovations for the Wartak Residence (Michelle and Martin) at 23 Myrtle Avenue, Cambridge, Massachusetts. We support the plans for the proposed additions and their application for a Zoning Variance.

Name (printed) Name (signed)	Address
Deborah Belle Autore Bulle	27 Myrtle Aul.
Kerry Modonald Kungaman	19 Myrtle Ave
Brankoughan R. R. r	19 myrste Der
JERRY From M	18 MYRTE ME
Or: & Keren Bret	22-24 My-41e Ave
David Boddy David Bolt	31 Mytle Ave. #3
Jua BAINA ABin	28 Myrs GAUL
Michierussen Massem	28 Myrtle Ave
Karro'Conull 26 out	30 mysle Are
Frank Beneschtee	14 Mystle Ave
Rhonda Roseli Blown Proli	12 Myrue Due
SHERAZ CHOUDHARY SheroyChoudhay	2 MYRTLE AVE #3
JESSICA BAPTISTA SBAPTISTA	2 Myrtle Ave #3

MYRTLE ST GFA / LOT	TATIO OOMI AI	COOL OLIVIC			HAS BEEN UPDATE	FROM PREVIOUS VERSION
ADDRESS	TOTAL GFA	LOT AREA	RATIO OF GFA TO LOT (CODE = .75)	MAX. ALLOWABLE GFA PER CODE	NOTES	
ODD SIDE OF STREET						
13-15 MYRTLE AVE	3120	1906	1.64	1430	SINGLE FAMILY	
19 MYRTLE AVE	3112	1954	1.59	1466	TWO FAMILY	
23 MYRTLE AVE	3229	2783	1.16	2087	TWO FAMILY	PROJECT PROPERTY EXISTING CONDITION
25-27 MYRTLE AVE	3551	2711	1.31	2033	TWO FAMILY	
31-31A MYRTLE AVE	5021	4594	1.09	3446	THREE FAMILY	
31A MYRTLE AVE	3958	7254	0.55	5441	TWO FAMILY	
33-35 MYRTLE AVE	5259	3178	1.65	2384	THREE FAMILY	
39-41 MYRTLE AVE	0	0	-	0	TWO U. CONDO	GSF AND LAND AREA UNKNOWN
EVEN SIDE OF STREET						
2-4 MYRTLE AVE	-	0	-	0	THREE U. CONDO	GSF AND LAND AREA UNKNOWN
6 MYRTLE AVE	2880	2407	1.20		SINGLE FAMILY	
10-12 MYRTLE AVE	3716	2407	1.54	1805	TWO FAMILY	
14-16 MYRTLE AVE	3488	2407	1.45	1805	SINGLE FAMILY	
18 MYRTLE AVE	3716	2407	1.54	1805	SINGLE FAMILY	
22-24 MYRTLE AVE	3674	2407	1.53	1805	TWO FAMILY	
28-30 MYRTLE AVE	0	0	-	0	TWO U. CONDO	GSF AND LAND AREA UNKNOWN
34 MYRTLE AVE	3646	2407	1.51	1805	THREE FAMILY	
36 MYRTLE AVE	0	0	-	0	TWO U. CONDO	GSF AND LAND AREA UNKNOWN
38-40 MYRTLE AVE	3784	1822	2.08	1367	TWO FAMILY	
	AVG. RATIO	ON EXTG STREET	1.42			
PROPOSED PROJECT						
23 MYRTLE AVE	3781	2783	1.36	2087	TWO FAMILY	
PROPOSED PROJECT : SQUA	RE FOOTAGE BREAKD	OWN				
Area	New LSF	New GSF				
first front	31	0				
second front	63	63				
irst rear includes new apt. stair)	136	136				
second rear (includes new apt. stair)	136	136				
third fl rear	111	111				
first floor rear deck	0	106				
	477	552				
extg SF	1916	3229				
total SF	2393	3781				



WARTAK RESIDENCE : CAMBRIDGE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS SET

21 - 23 MYRTLE AVE, CAMBRIDGE, MA

*SECOND SUBMISSION

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ZONING ANALYSIS

INFORMATION PER CAMBRIDGE CITY ZONING REGULATIONS

ZONING DISTRICT : C-1

PROPERTY USE: MULTI - FAMILY RESIDENTIAL

	EXISTING	LIMIT	PROPOSED	NOTE5
MAX. RATIO OF GSF TO LOT AREA	1.16	0.75 MAX.	1.36	
LOT SIZE	2,783 SF	5,000 SF MIN.	NO CHANGE	EXISTING NON-CONFORMING
LIVING AREA 5F	1,916 5F	थहर	2,393 5F	
LOT WIDTH	41¹	50' MIN.	NO CHANGE	EXISTING NON-CONFORMING
FRONT SETBACK	9'-2"	I O' FT MIN. TO STREET	NO CHANGE	EXISTING NON-CONFORMING
SIDE SETBACK	2.5	7.5' FT MIN.	NO CHANGE	EXISTING NON-CONFORMING
REAR SETBACK	23'	20' FT MIN.	20'	TO DECK
MAXIMUM HEIGHT	35'	35'	NO CHANGE	7
RATIO OF USEABLE OPEN SPACE TO LOT AREA	34%	30% MIN.	31%	

ABBR.	DESCRIPTION	ABBR.	DESCRIPTION	ABBR.	DESCRIPTION
Adj.	Adjustable	Hdr.	Header	PPL	Polypropylene
Alum.	Aluminum	Hdwe.	Hardware	Pvmt.	Pavement
Арргох.	Approximate	Horiz.	Honzontal	Reinf.	Reinforced
Avg.	Average	Ht.	Hieght	Reqid.	Required
Brng.	Bearing	Htg.	Heating	Rar	Riser
СН	Ceiling Height	HVAC	Heating, ventilation # air conditioning	5	Switch
СМИ	Concrete masonry unit	HW	Hot watwer	53	Three-way Switch
Conc.	Concrete	ln.	Inch	5.F.	Square Foot
Cont.	Continuous	Int.	Intenor	T. ¢ G.	Tongue and Groove
Cu.Ft.	Cubic Foot	Inst.	Installation	٧	Volt
DW	Dish Washer	Insul.	Insulation	w	Wire
Ea.	Each	LED	Light emitting diode	%	Percentage
Ext.	Exterior	Lt.Ga.	Light gauge	@	At
Fir.	Floor	Max.	Maximum	+	And
Fdn.	Foundation	MDF	Medium-density fiberboard		Inch
Ft.	Foot	Min.	Minimum	(F)	Foot
Ftg.	Footing	O.C.	On center	£.	Centerline
Purn.	Furniture	QSB	Oriented strand board	#	Number
Ga.	Gauge	Pc.	Pieces	-	
GWB	Gypsum wall board	Pl.	Plate		
нн	Header Height	Ply.	Plywood		

SD	Smoke Detector	φ	Single receptacle outlet	Φ	Ceiling light
Ø	CO ₂ Detector	₩	Four-Plex receptacle outlet	0	Recessed ceiling light
①	Thermostat	Φ	Double receptacle outlet		Scone light/ Wall light
(A)	Alarm	40	Double lamp flood light	+	Pendant Light
©	Cable Service		Exhaust Fan	Δ	Telephone Jack
(A)	Dryer Vent	\boxtimes	A/C Register	A	Computer Data/ LAN outlet
		R-#	Radiator - (size if known)	$\frac{\nabla}{\nabla}$	Track light
				PC	Pull Chain Control
				JB	Junction Box



Project Address

Wartak Residence 23 Myrtle Ave. Cambridge, MA 02138

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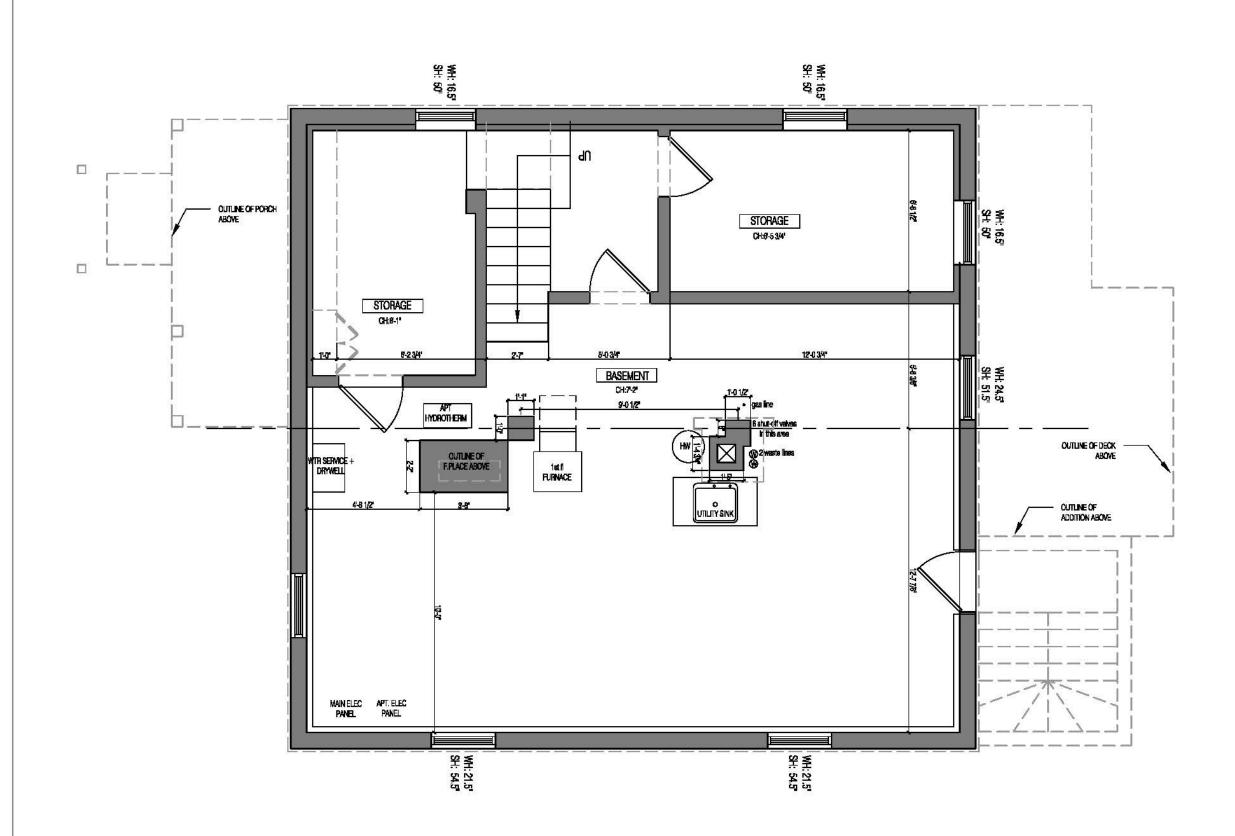
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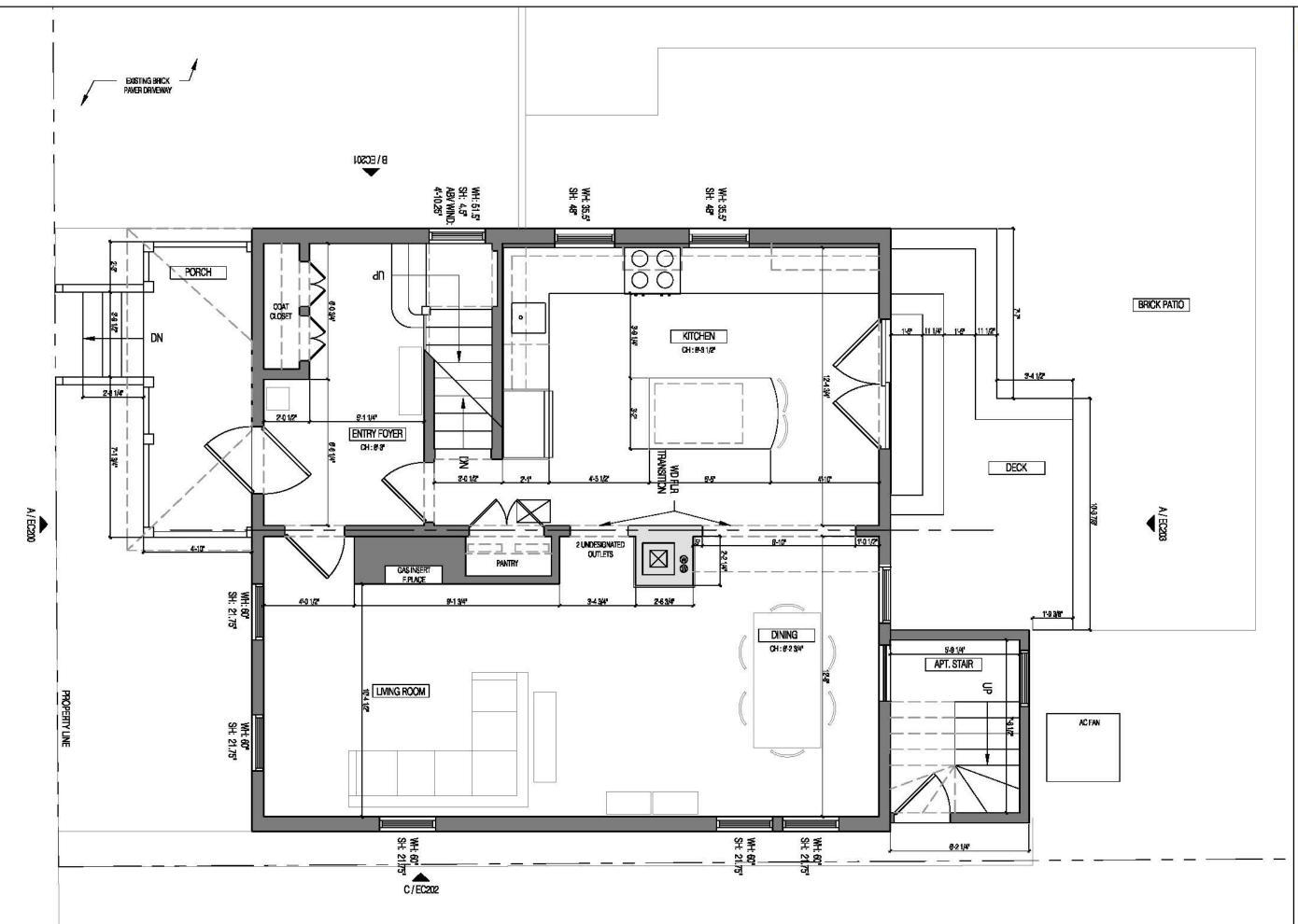
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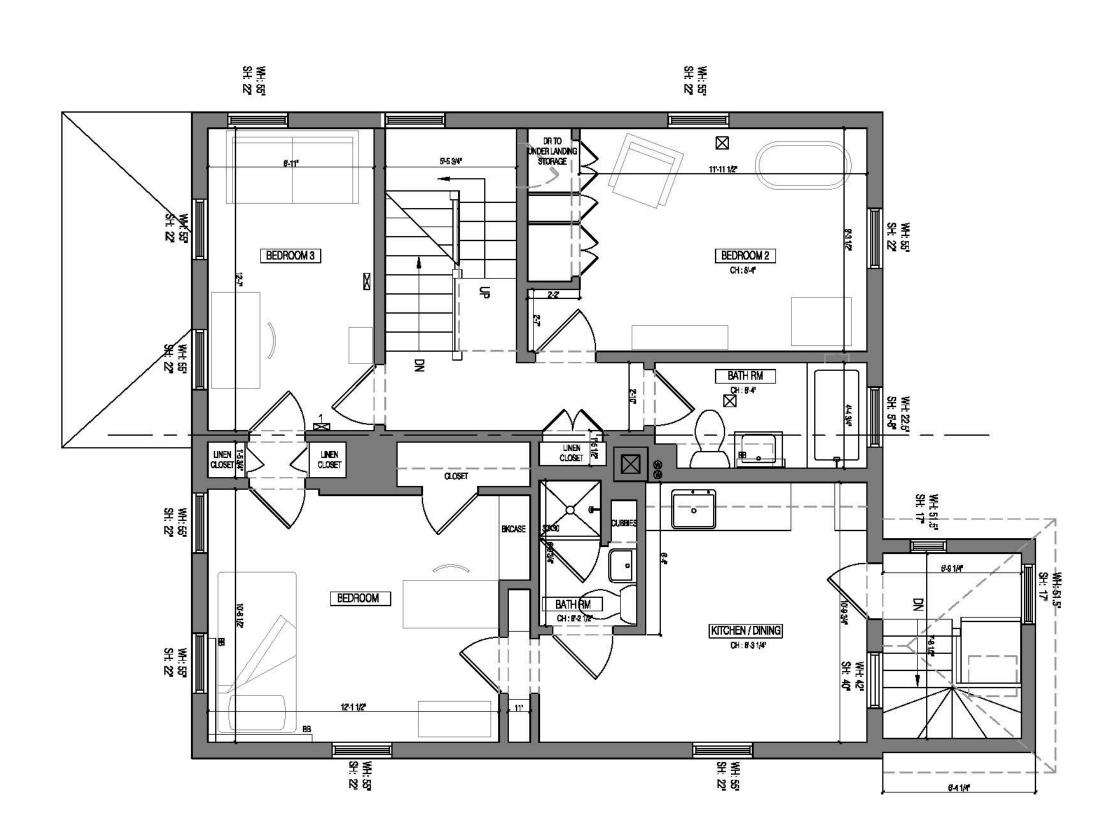
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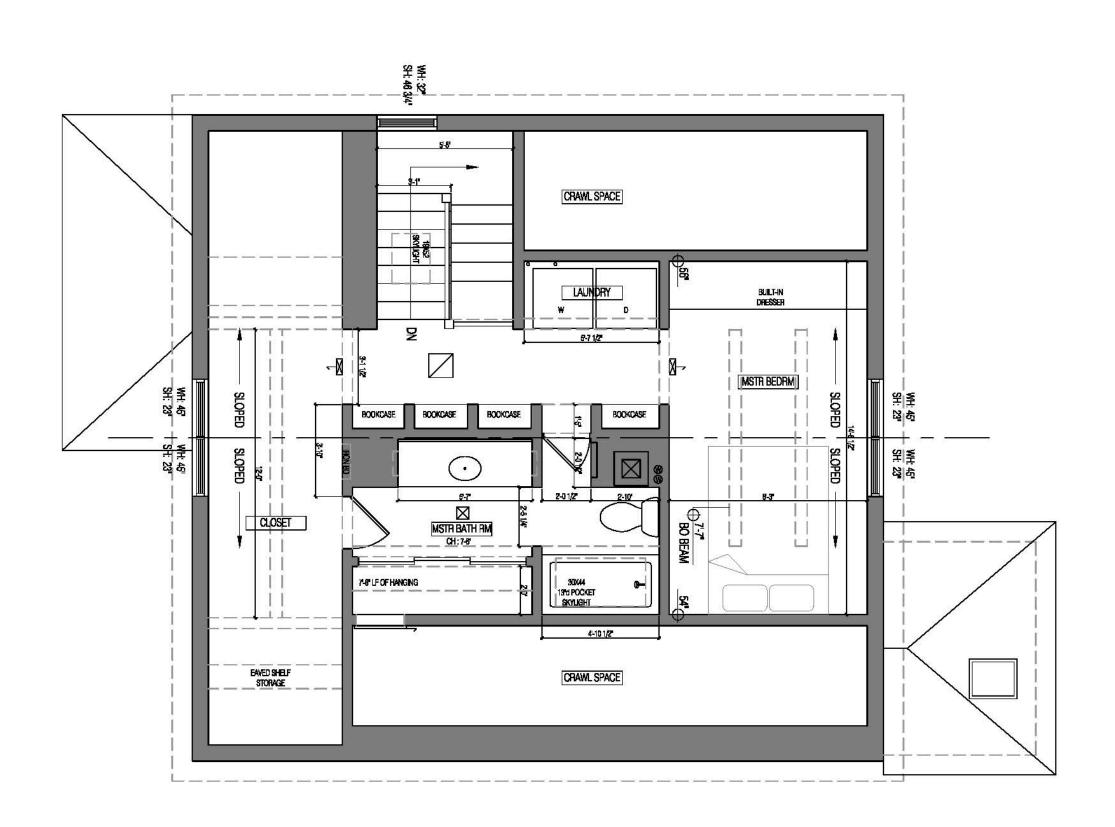
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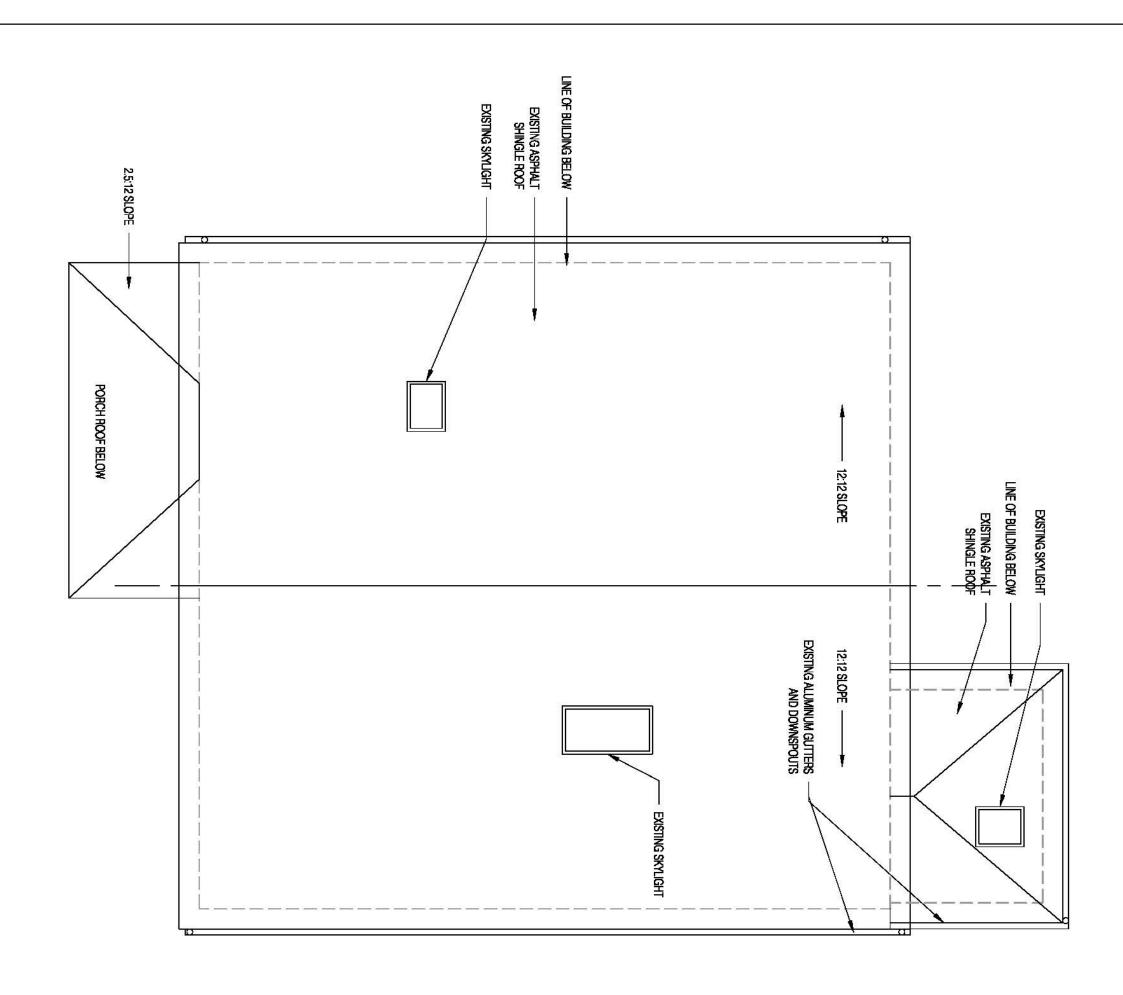
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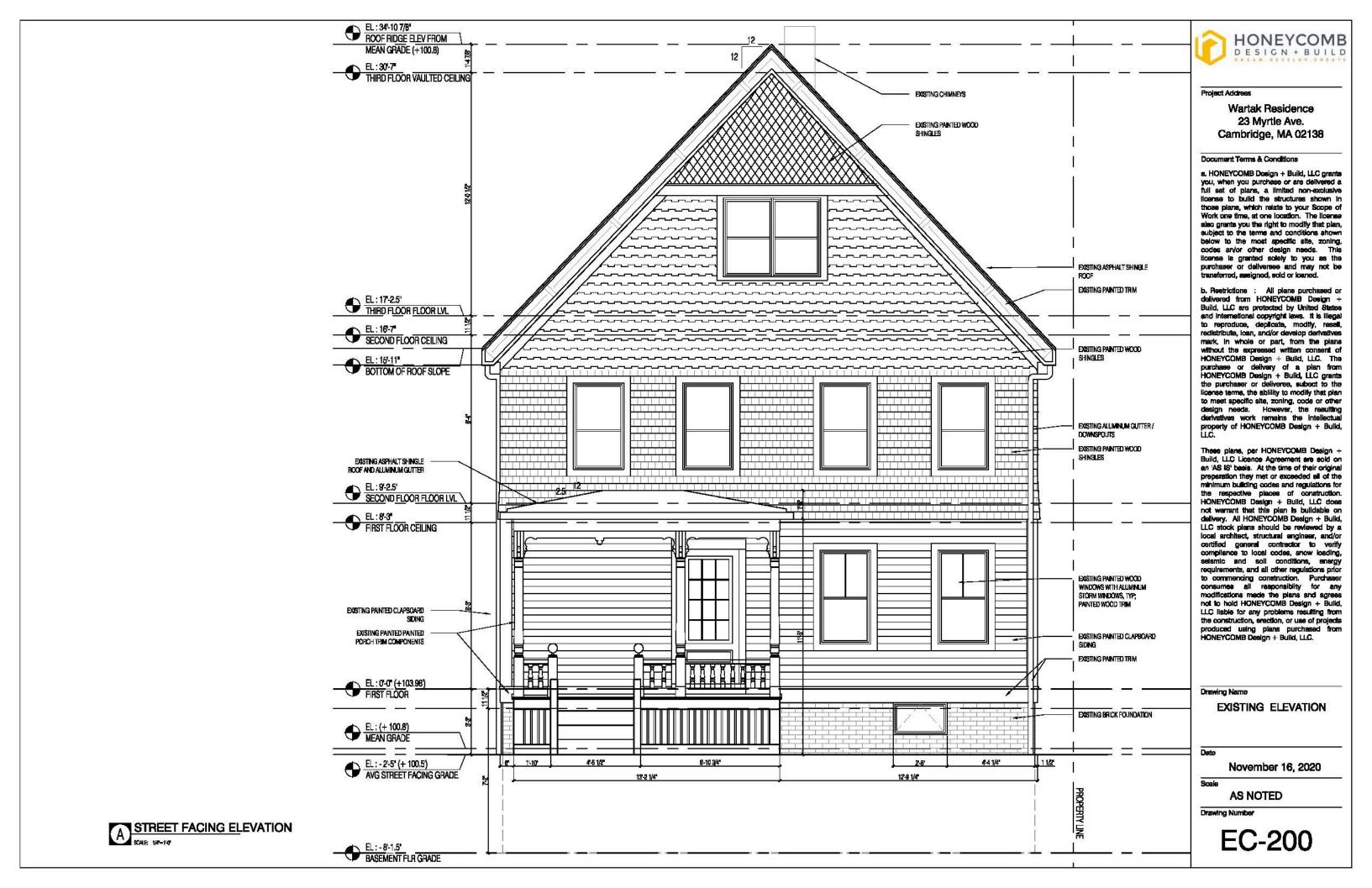
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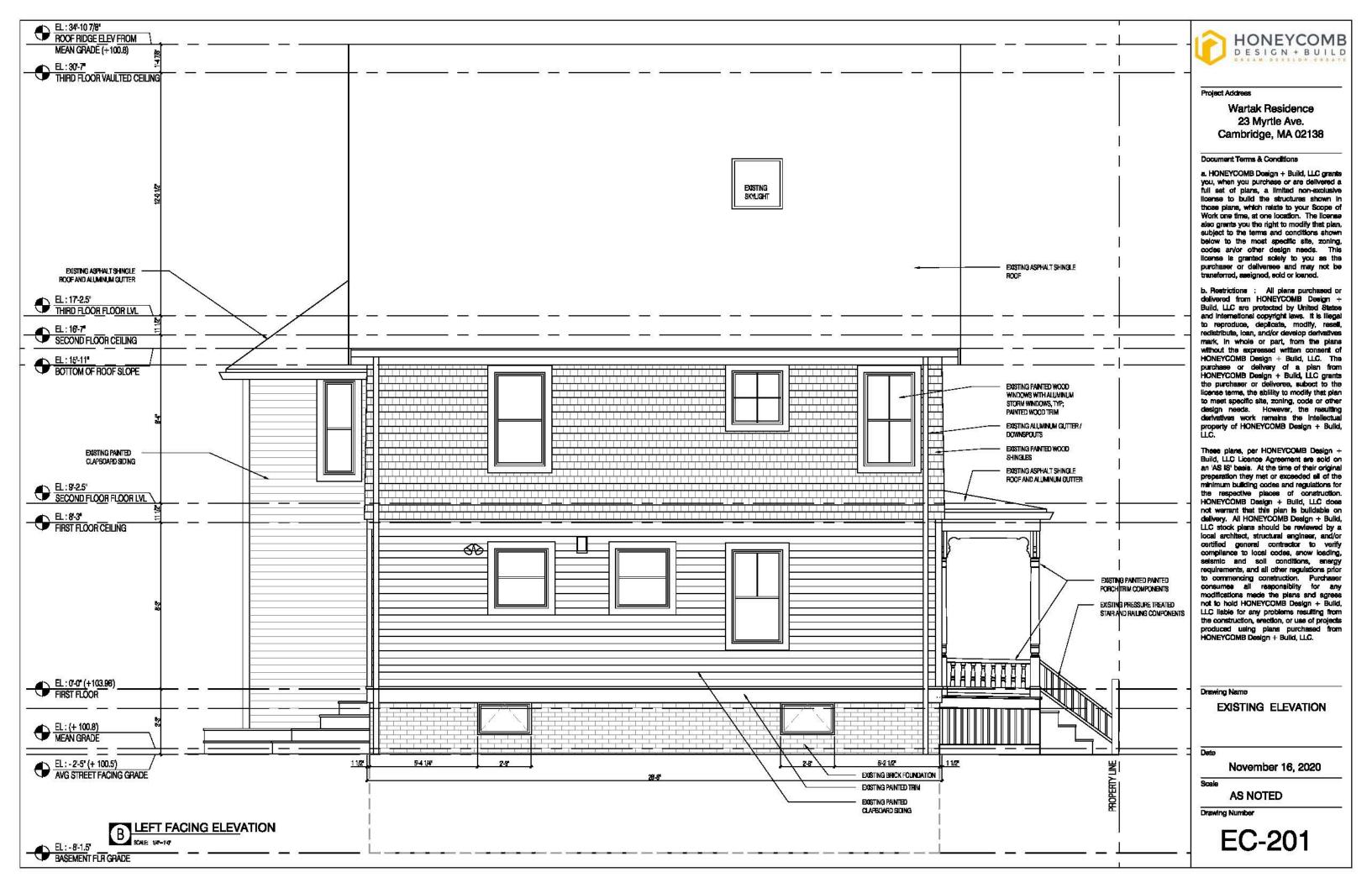
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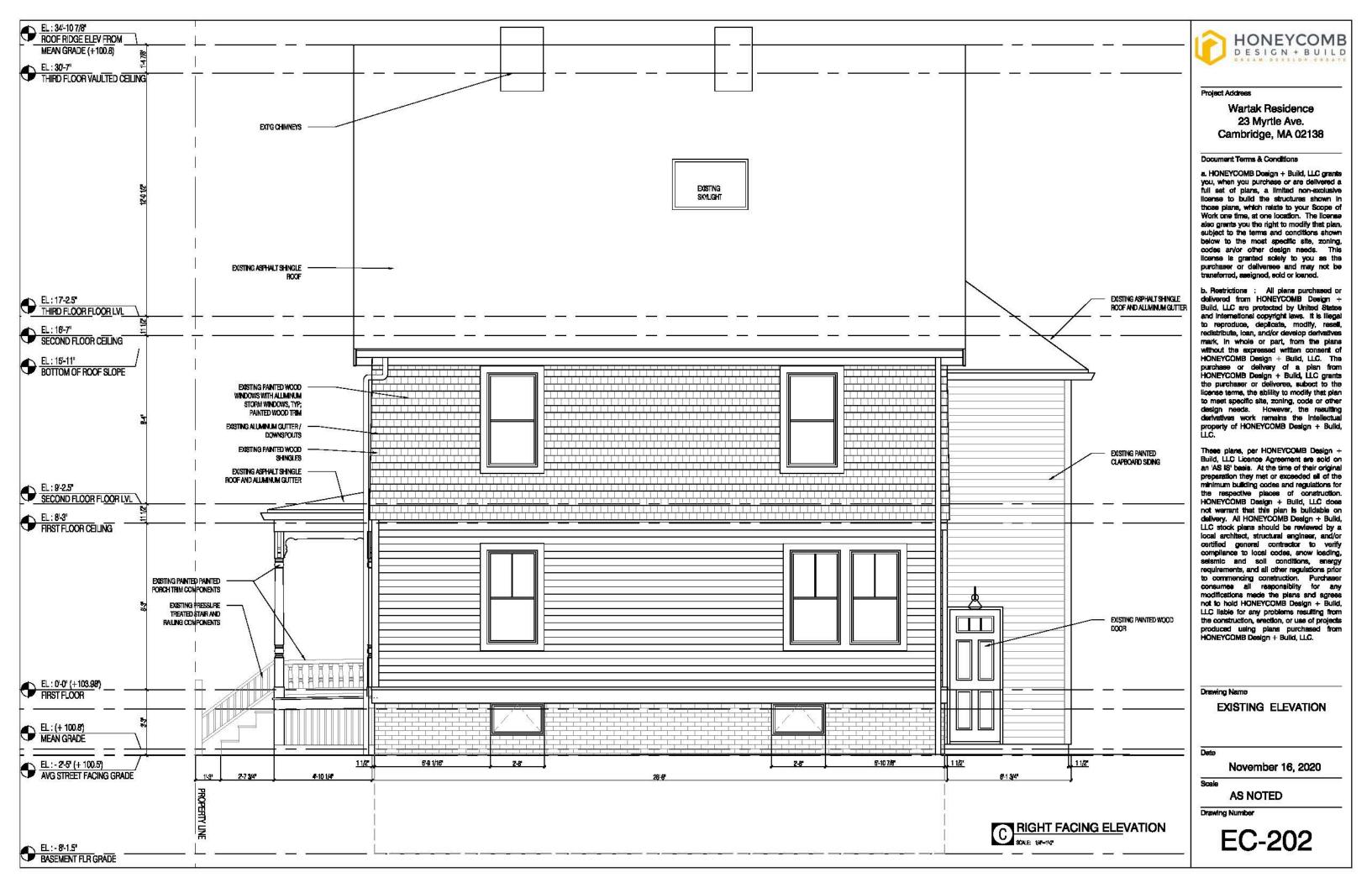
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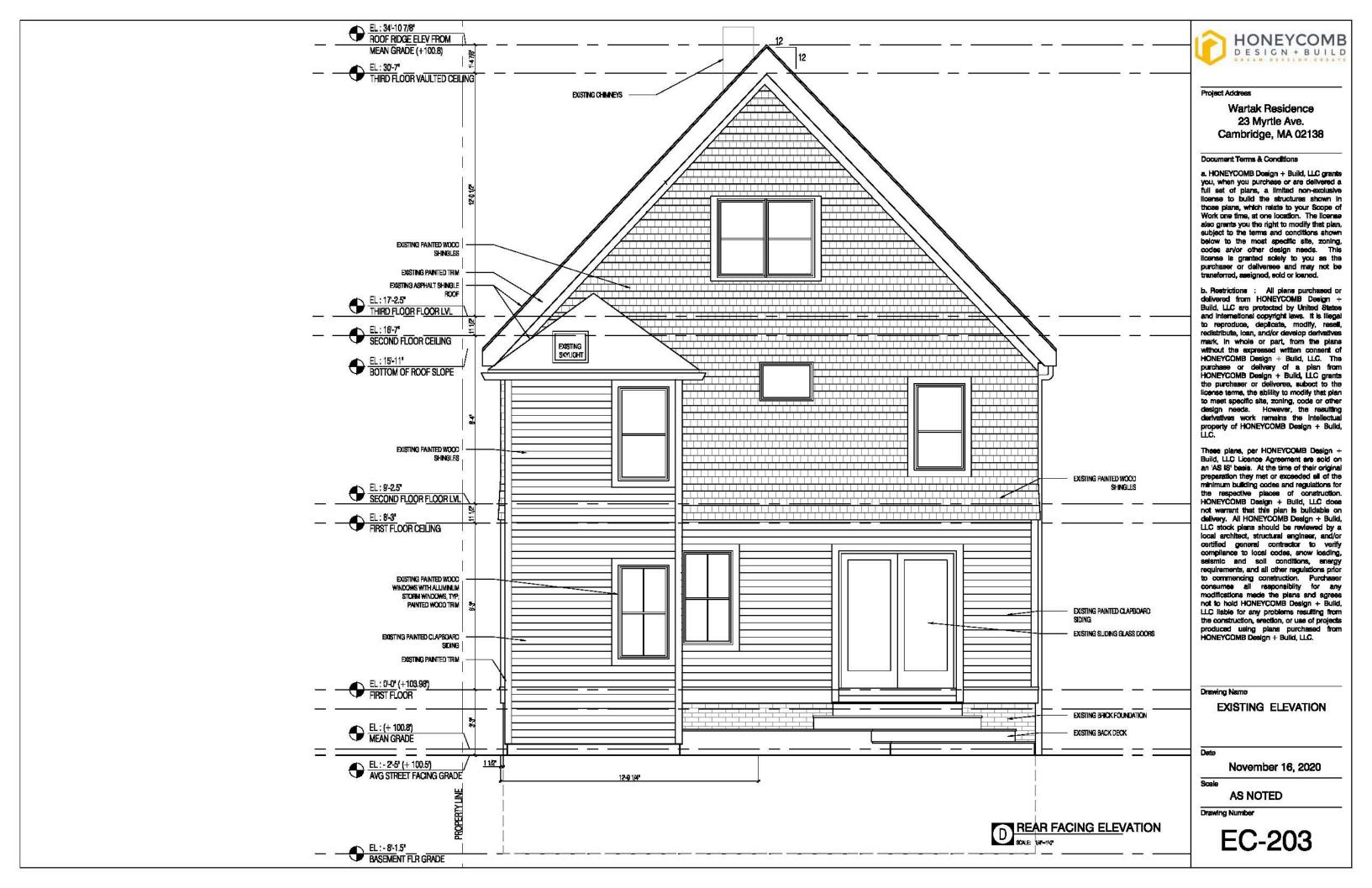
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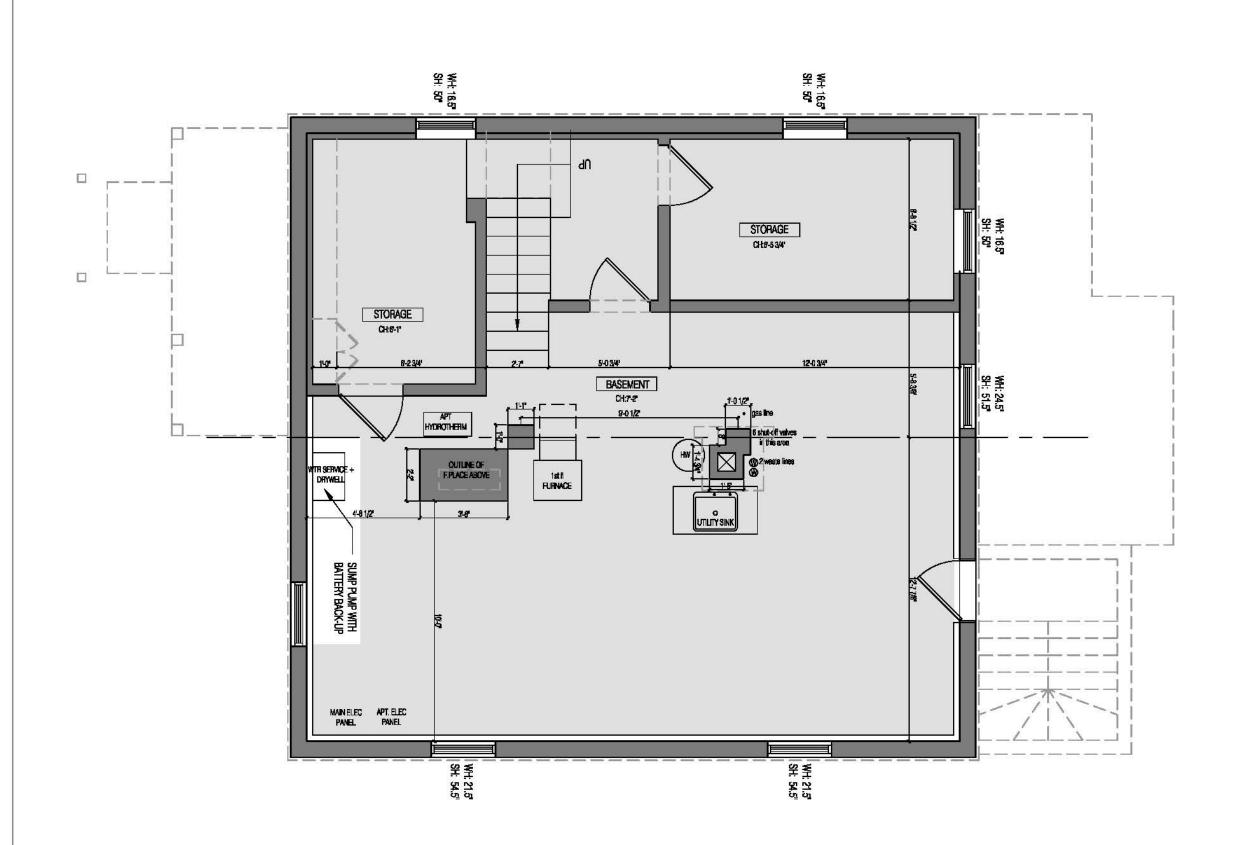
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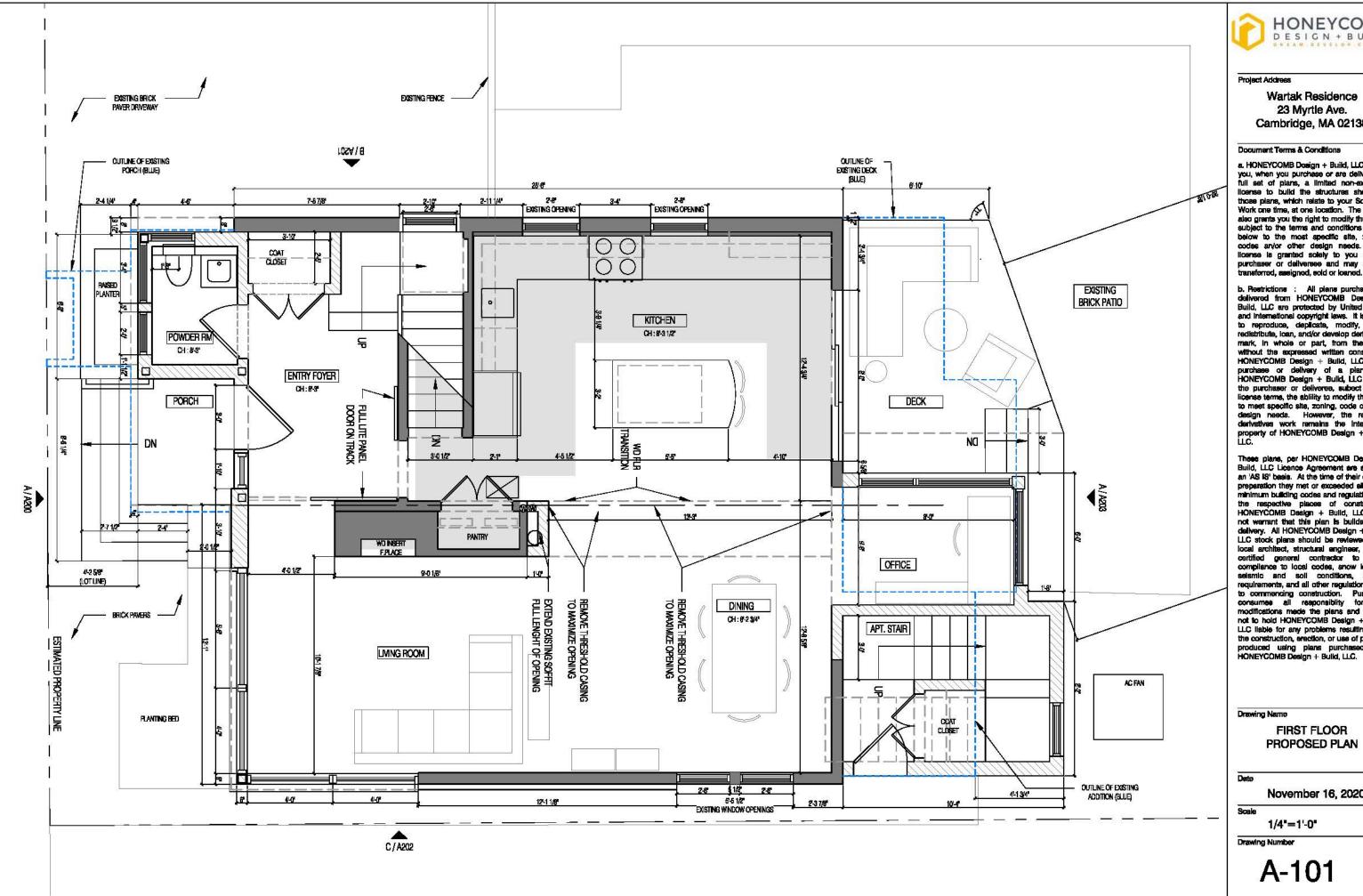
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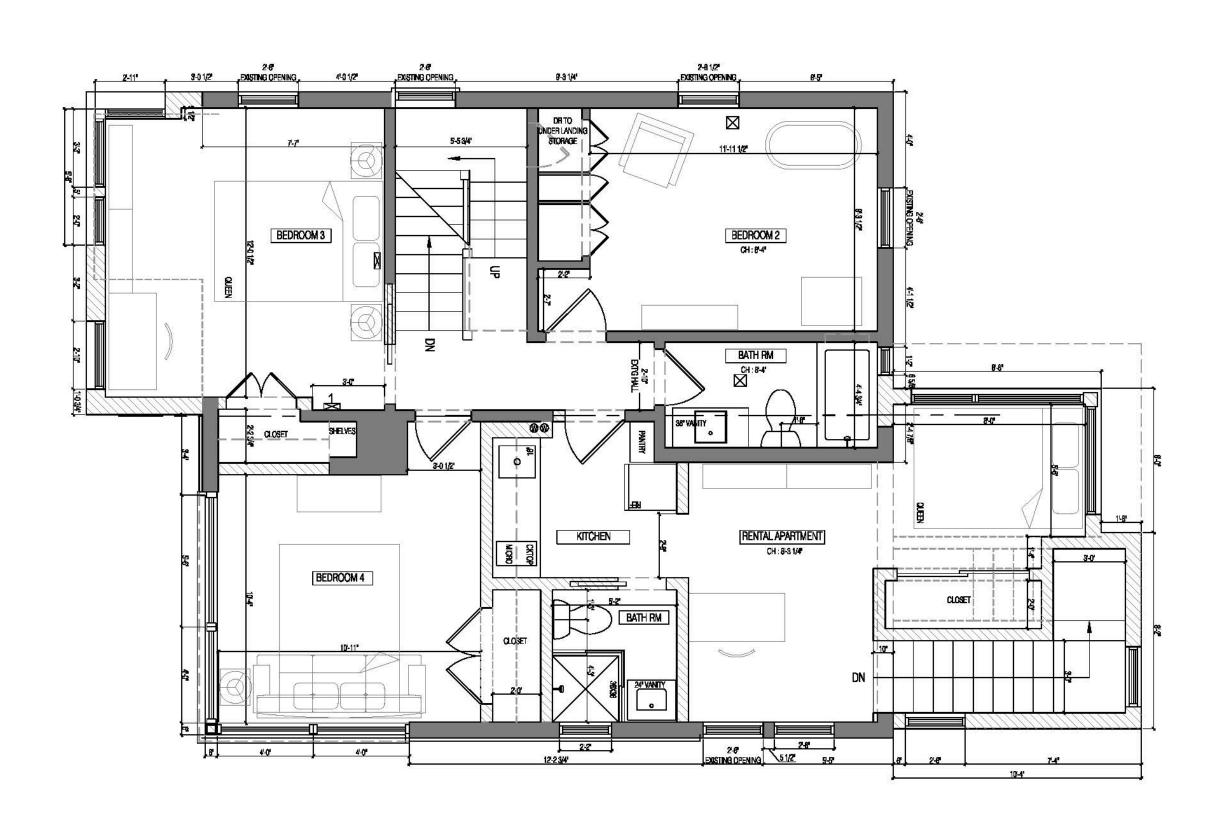
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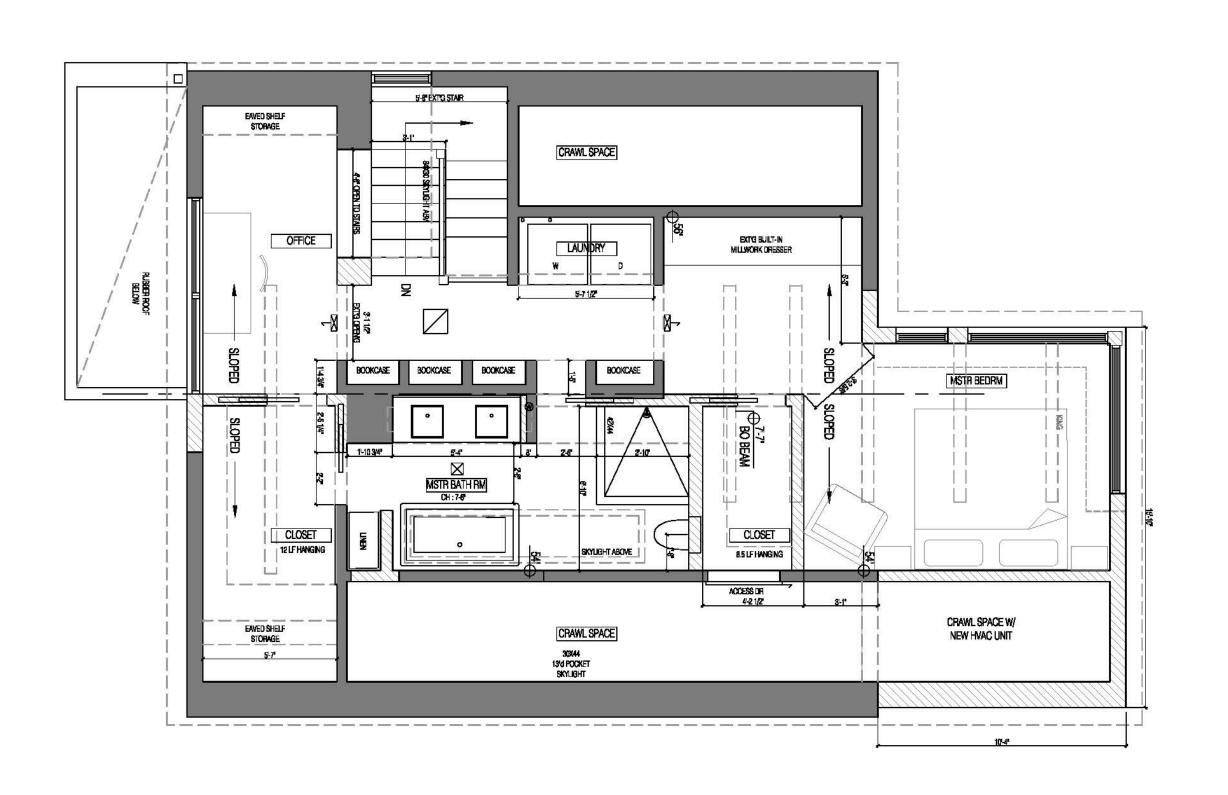
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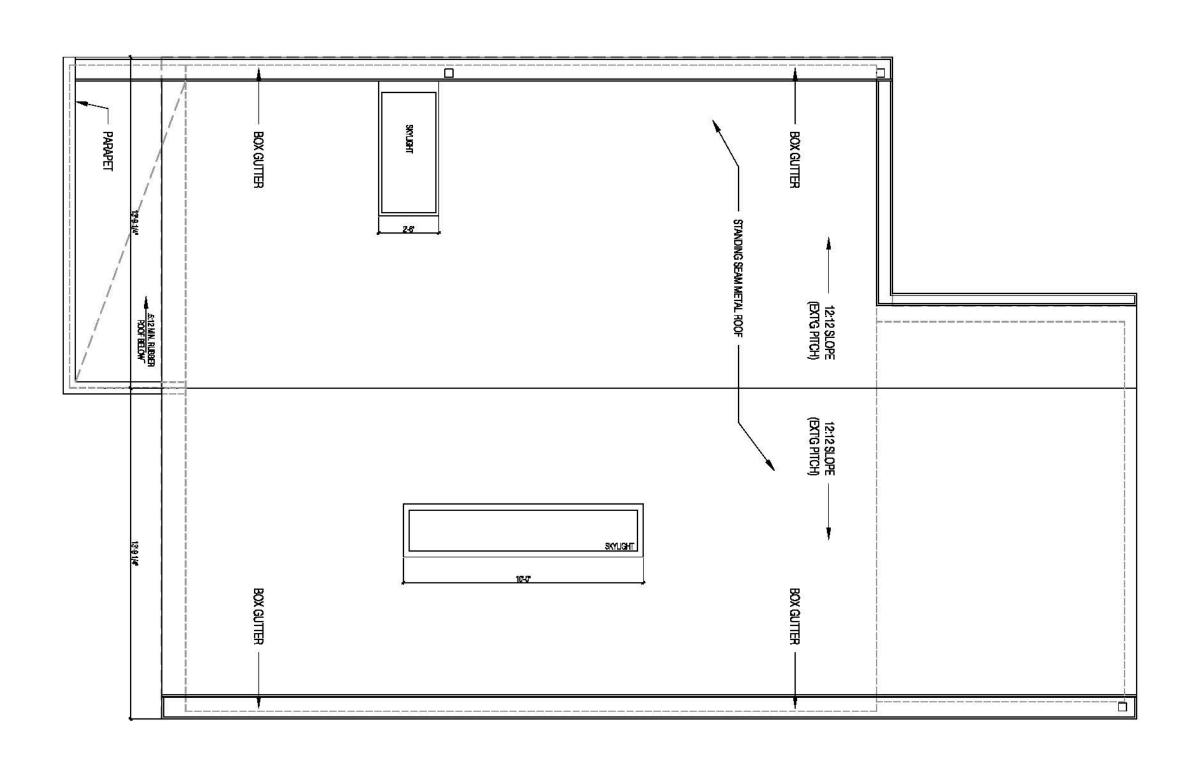
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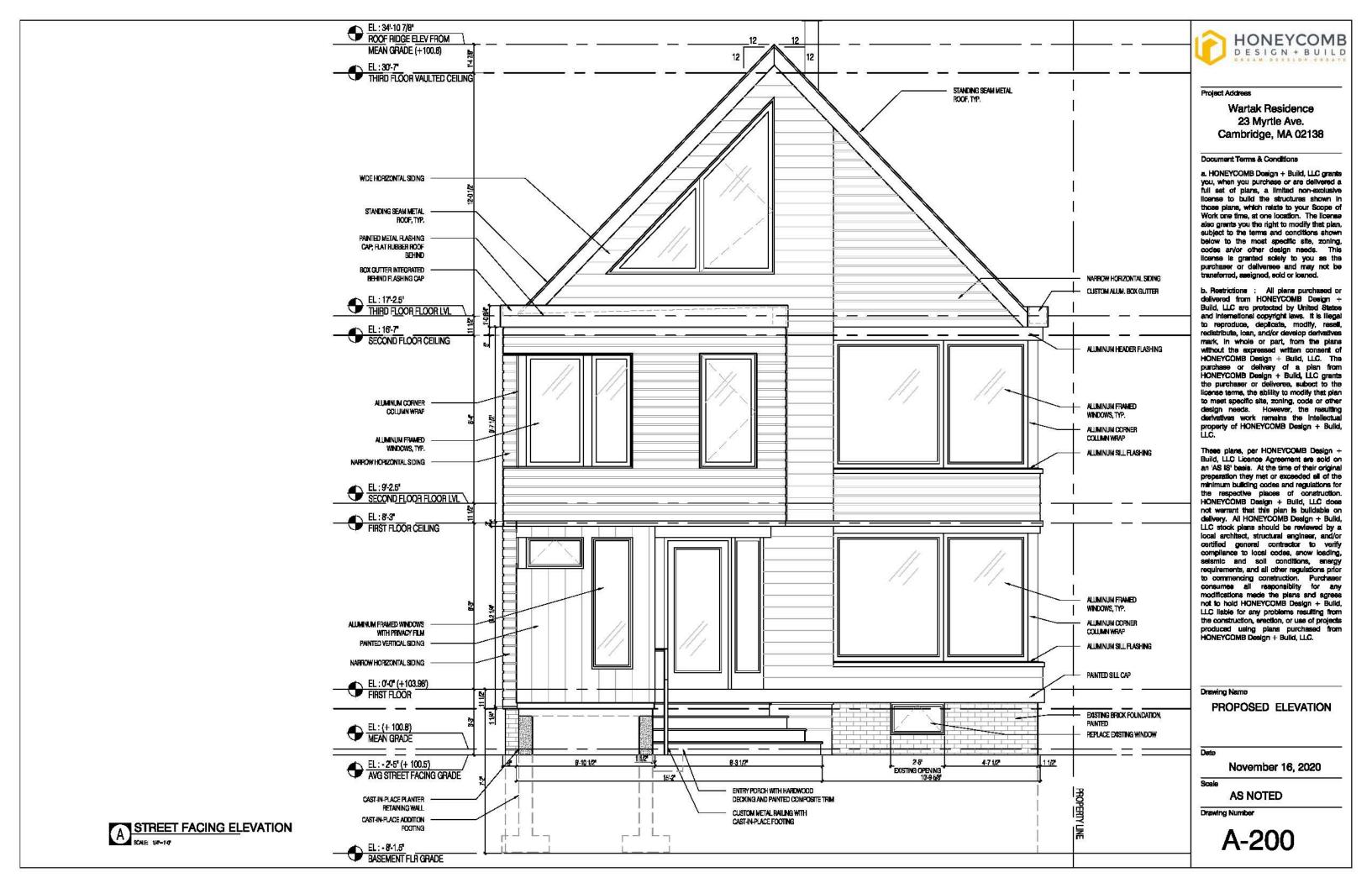
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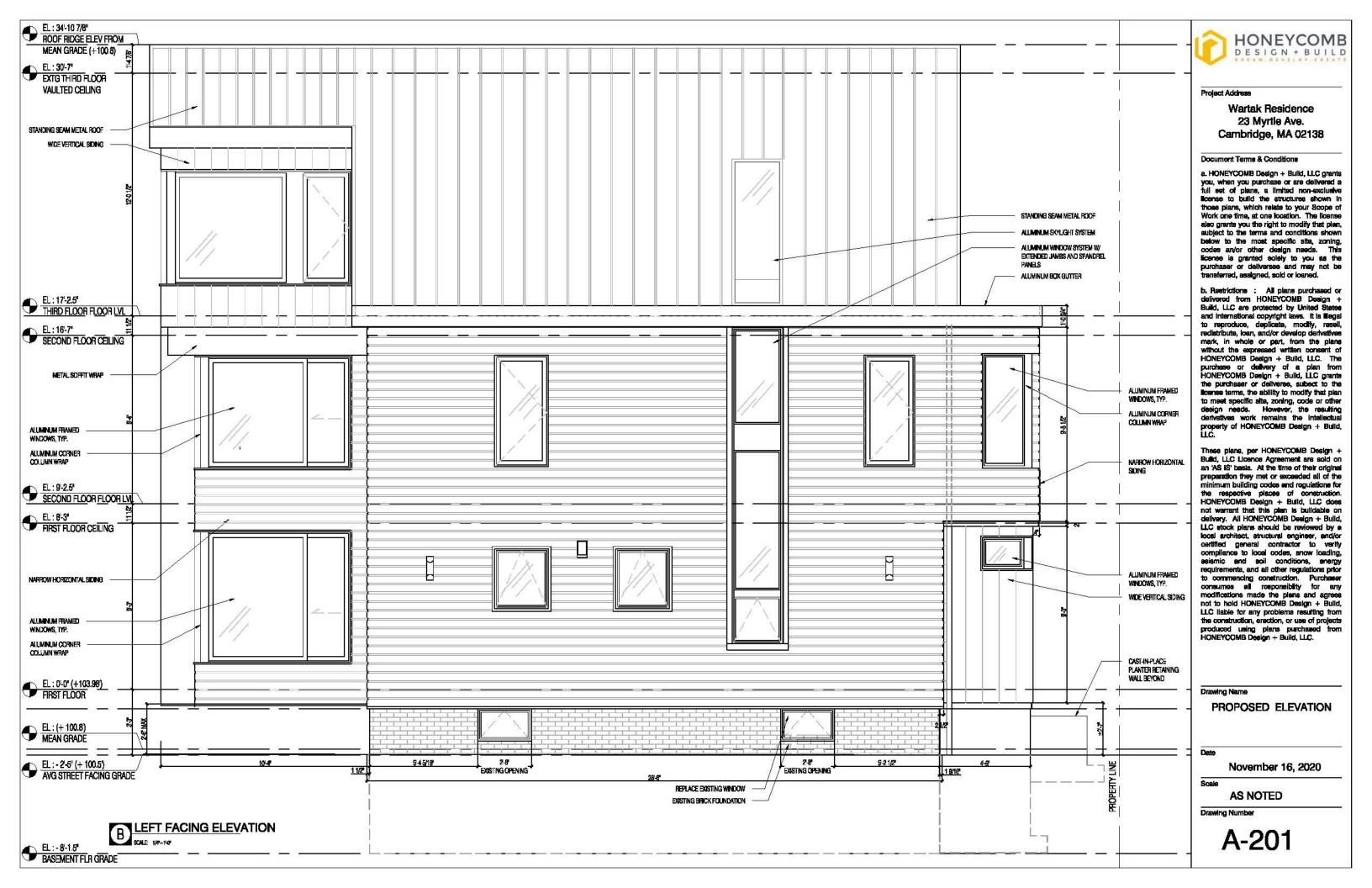
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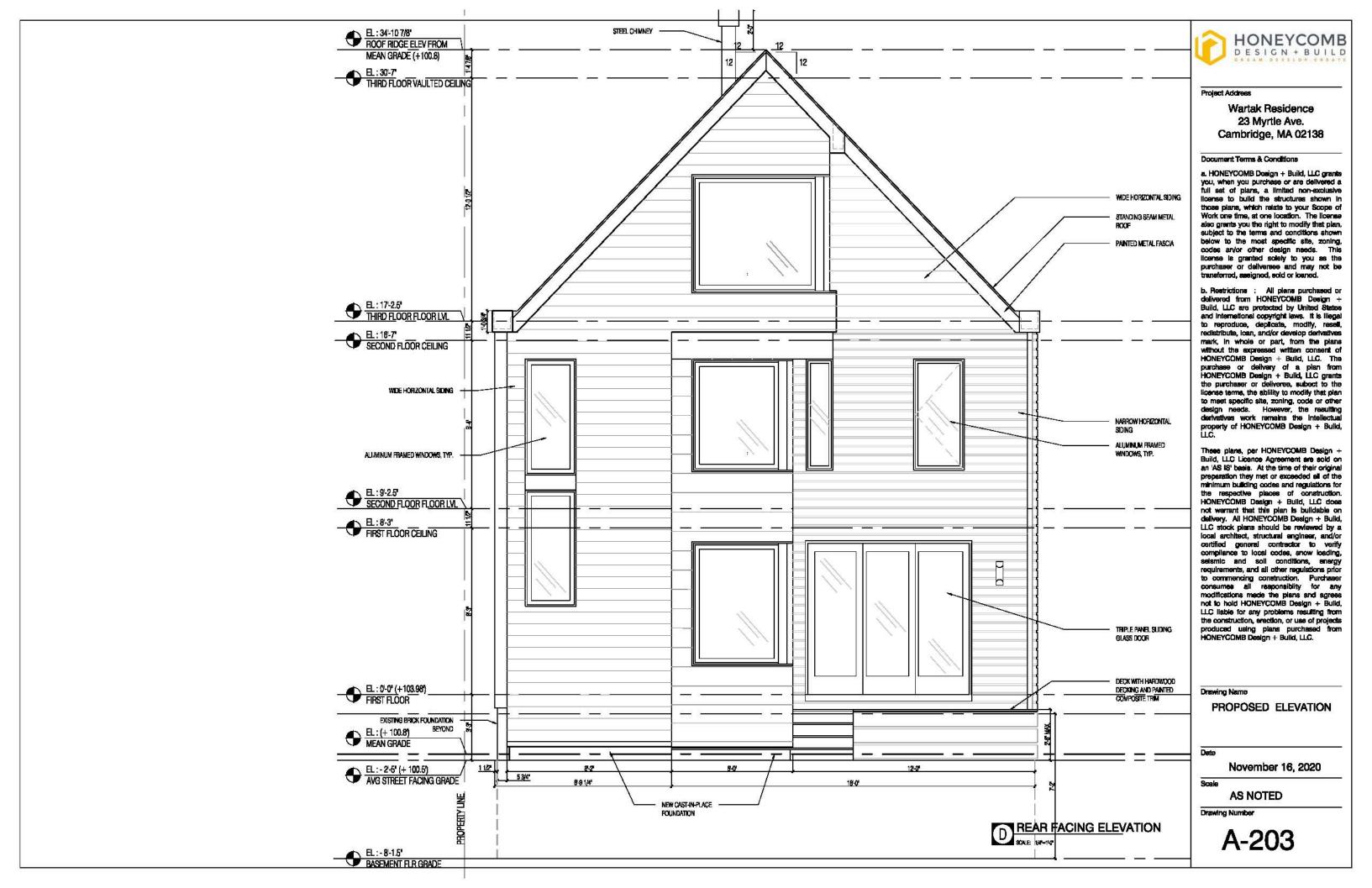
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VIEW OF EXISTING STREET FACING ELEVATION

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CONTEXT VIEW: WITH NEIGHBORING HOUSES

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CONTEXT VIEW A: WITH EXISTING STREET TREES

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CONTEXT VIEW A: EXISTING STREET TREES HIDDEN

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CONTEXT VIEW B: WITH EXISTING STREET TREES

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Shadow Study

The attached documents represent the shadow impact analysis of the proposed project, as requested at our BZA hearing on July 23rd, 2020.

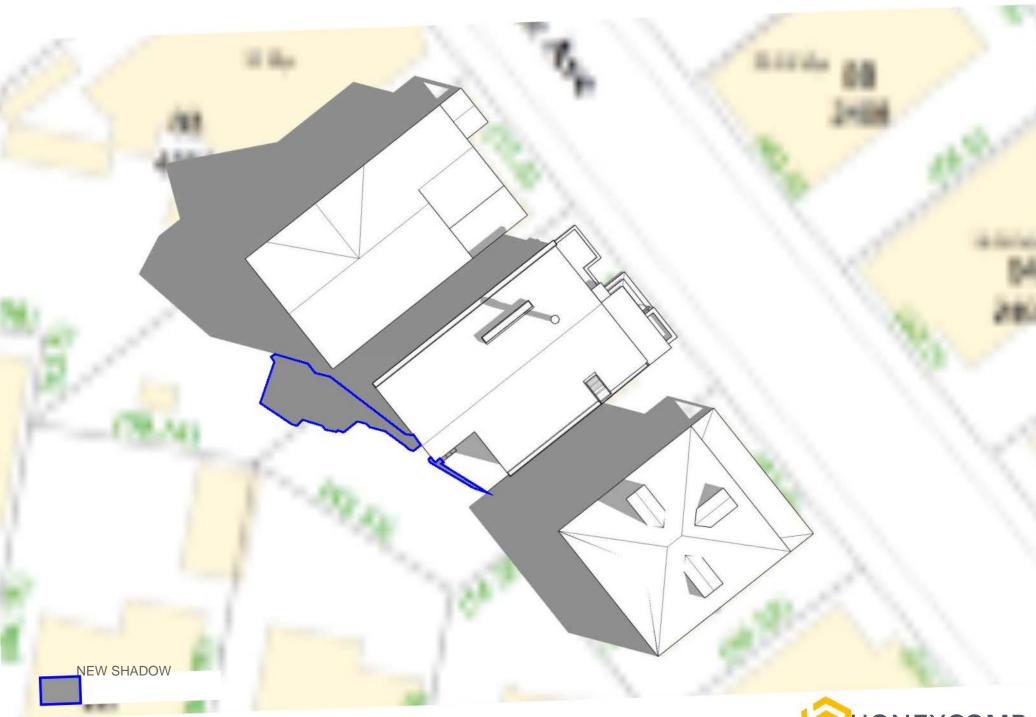
It is important to recognize that the shadow analysis solely addresses the built forms, and does not address the substantial existing tree coverage, which is intended to remain intact.

A Google Maps view of the proposed project parcel is included in this package, to describe the condition and add frame of reference.

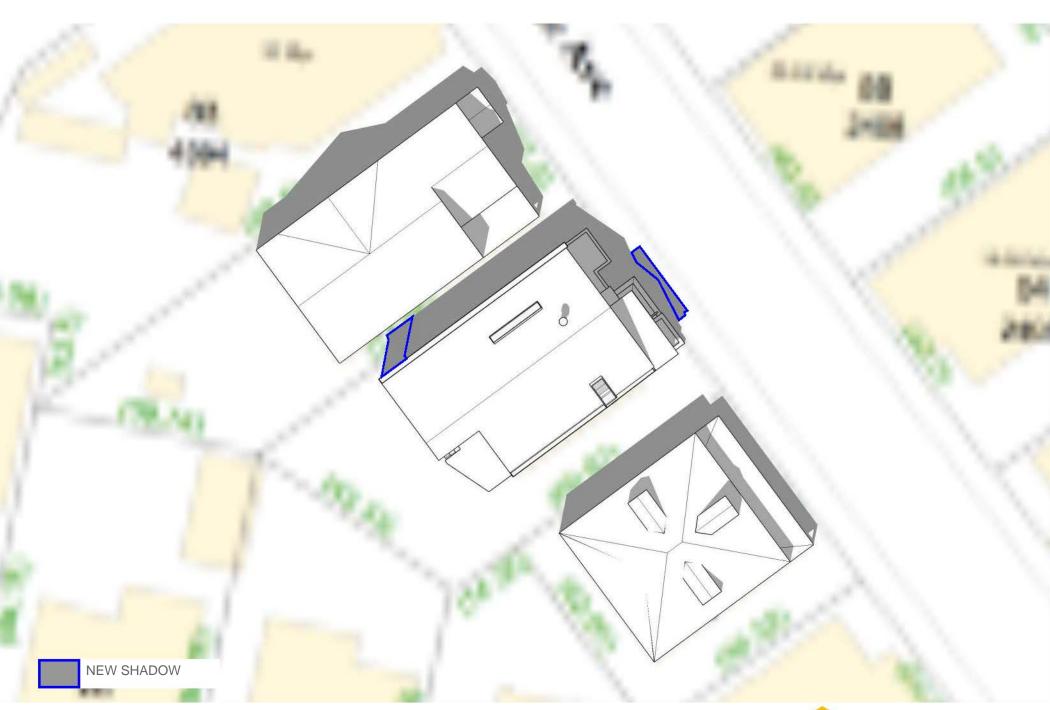
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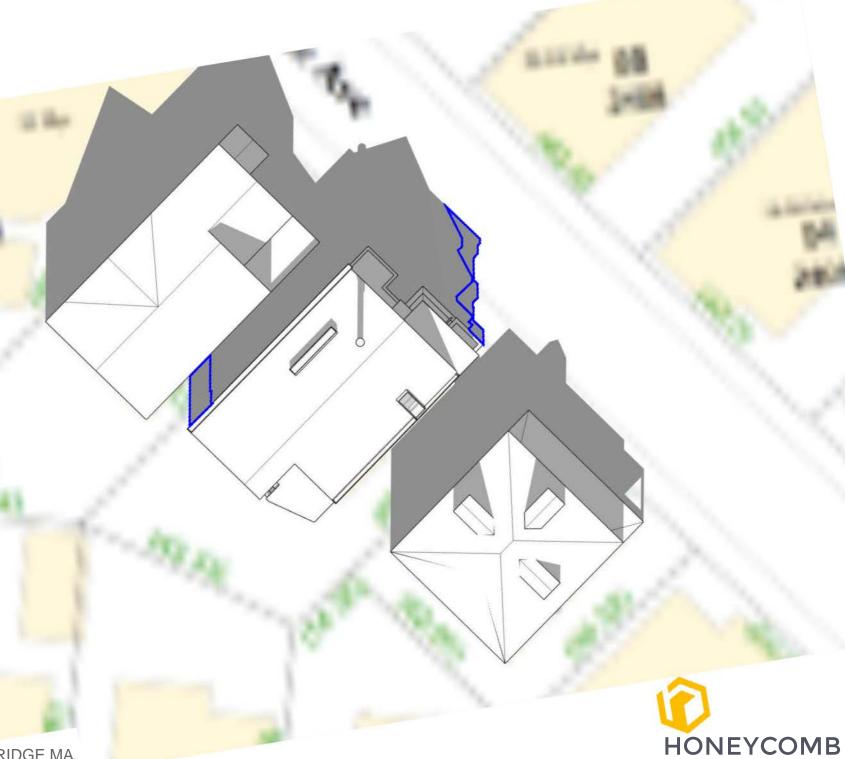














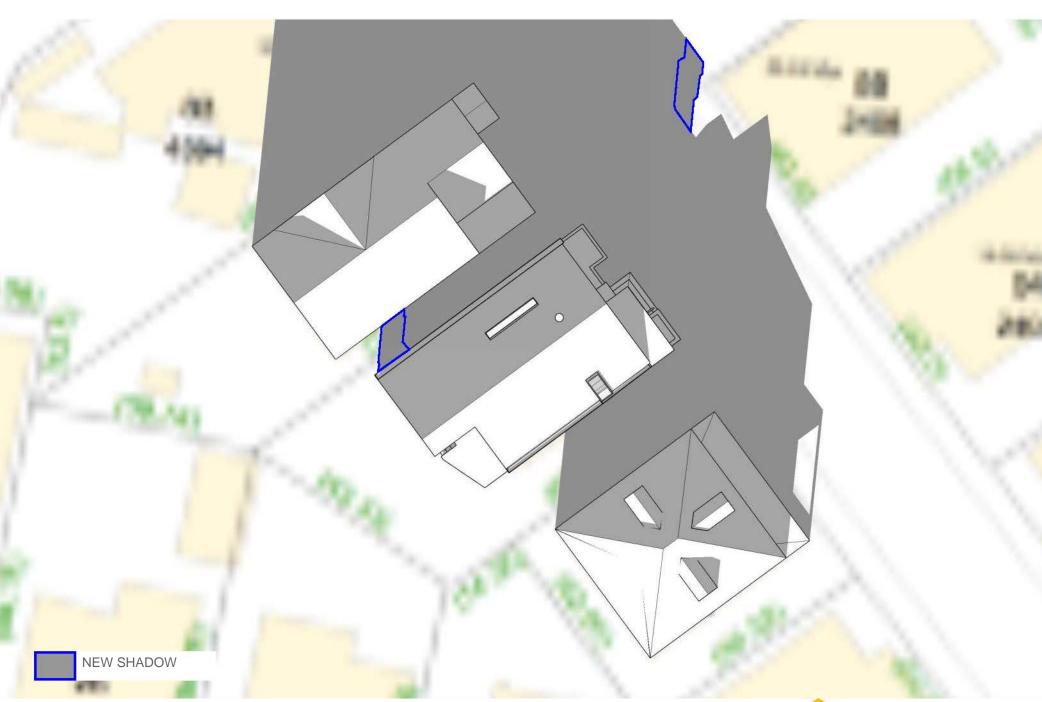
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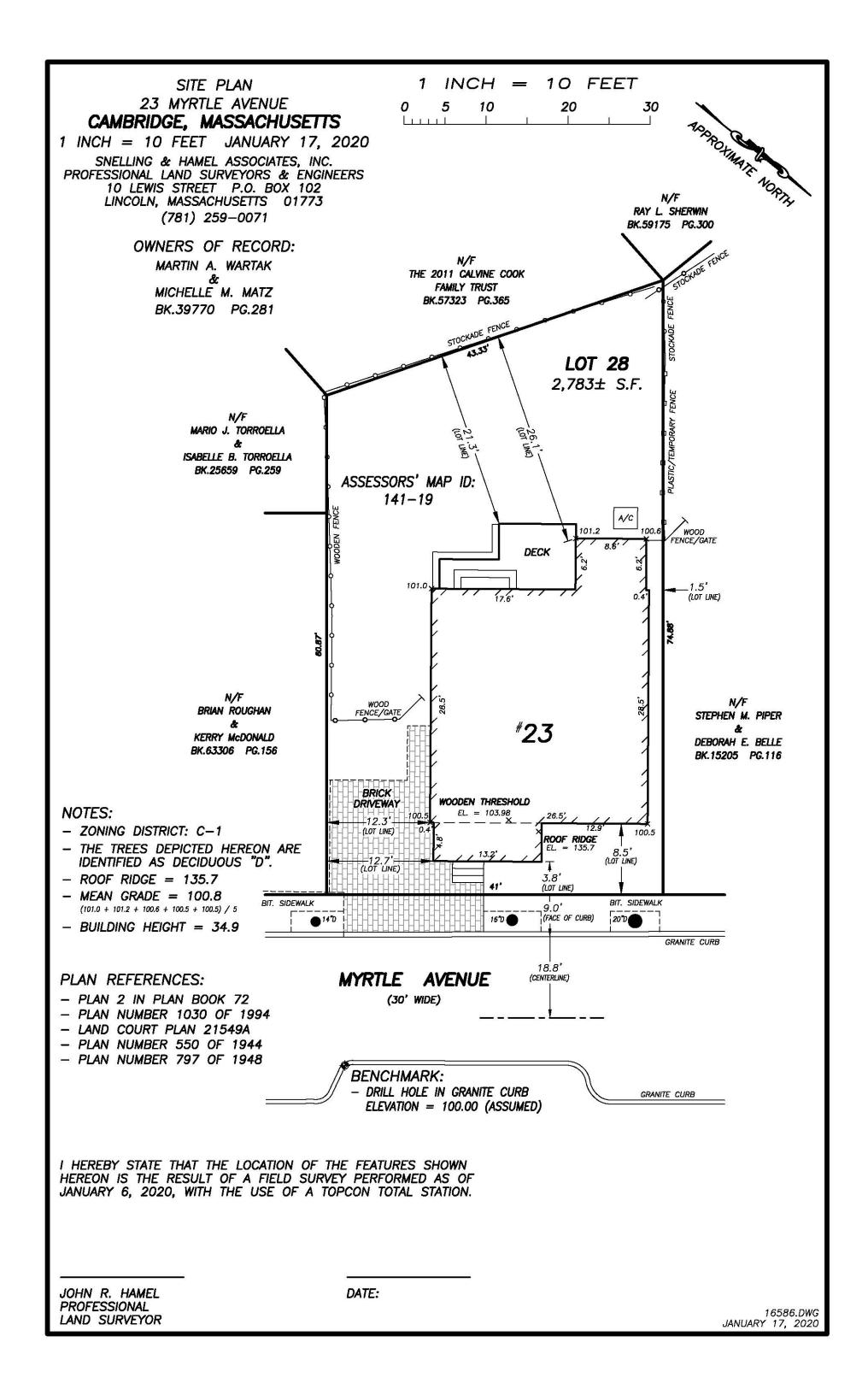












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LOT SIZE	2,783 SF	5,000 SF MIN.	NO CHANGE	EXISTING NON-CONFORMING
GSF	1,981 SF	-	2,152 SF	ADDITION OF 171 GSF, INCLUDES ENTRY PORCH
LOT WIDTH	411	50' MIN.	NO CHANGE	EXISTING NON-CONFORMING
FRONT SETBACK	91-211	10' FT MIN. TO STREET	NO CHANGE	EXISTING NON-CONFORMING
SIDE SETBACK	2.5	7.5' FT MIN.	NO CHANGE	EXISTING NON-CONFORMING
REAR SETBACK	23'	20' FT MIN.	20'	TO DECK
MAXIMUM HEIGHT	35'	35'	NO CHANGE	
RATIO OF PRIVATE OPEN SPACE TO LOT AREA	34%	30% MIN.	NO CHANGE	

ABBR.	DESCRIPTION	ABBR.	DESCRIPTION	ABBR.	DESCRIPTION
Adj.	Adjustable	Hdr.	Header	PPL	Polypropylene
Alum.	Aluminum	Hdwe.	Hardware	Pvmt,	Pavement
Approx.	Approximate	Horiz.	Horizontal	Reinf.	Reinforced
Avg.	Average	Ht.	Hieght	Req'd.	Required
Brng.	Bearing	Htg.	Heating	Rsr	Riser
СН	Ceiling Height	HVAC	Heating, ventilation \$ air conditioning	5	Switch
CMU	Concrete masonry unit	HW	Hot watwer	53	Three-way Switch
Conc.	Concrete	In.	Inch	5.F.	Square Foot
Cont.	Continuous	Int.	Interior	T.¢G.	Tongue and Groove
Cu.Ft.	Cubic Foot	Inst.	Installation	V	Volt
DW	Dish Washer	Insul.	Insulation	W	Wire
Ea.	Each	LED	Light emitting diode	%	Percentage
Ext.	Exterior	Lt.Ga.	Light gauge	@	At
Flr.	Floor	Max.	Maximum	\$	And
Fdn.	Foundation	MDF	Medium-density fiberboard	w	Inch
Ft.	Foot	Mın.	Minimum	9	Foot
Ftg.	Footing	O.C.	On center	٩	Centerline
Furn.	Furniture	OSB	Oriented strand board	#	Number
Ga.	Gauge	Pc.	Pieces		
GWB	Gypsum wall board	PI.	Plate		
НН	Header Height	Ply.	Plywood		

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SYM	BOLS				
(SD)	Smoke Detector	φ	Single receptacle outlet	Φ	Ceiling light
©	CO ₂ Detector	•	Four-Plex receptacle outlet	0	Recessed ceiling light
①	Thermostat	φ	Double receptacle outlet	Ψ	Scone light/ Wall light
A	Alarm	₩	Double lamp flood light	-	Pendant Light
©	Cable Service		Exhaust Fan	Δ	Telephone Jack
0)	Dryer Vent	\bowtie	A/C Register	A	Computer Data/ LAN outlet
	E	R-#	Radiator - (size if known)	<u> </u>	Track light
		8		PC	Pull Chain Control
				JB	Junction Box



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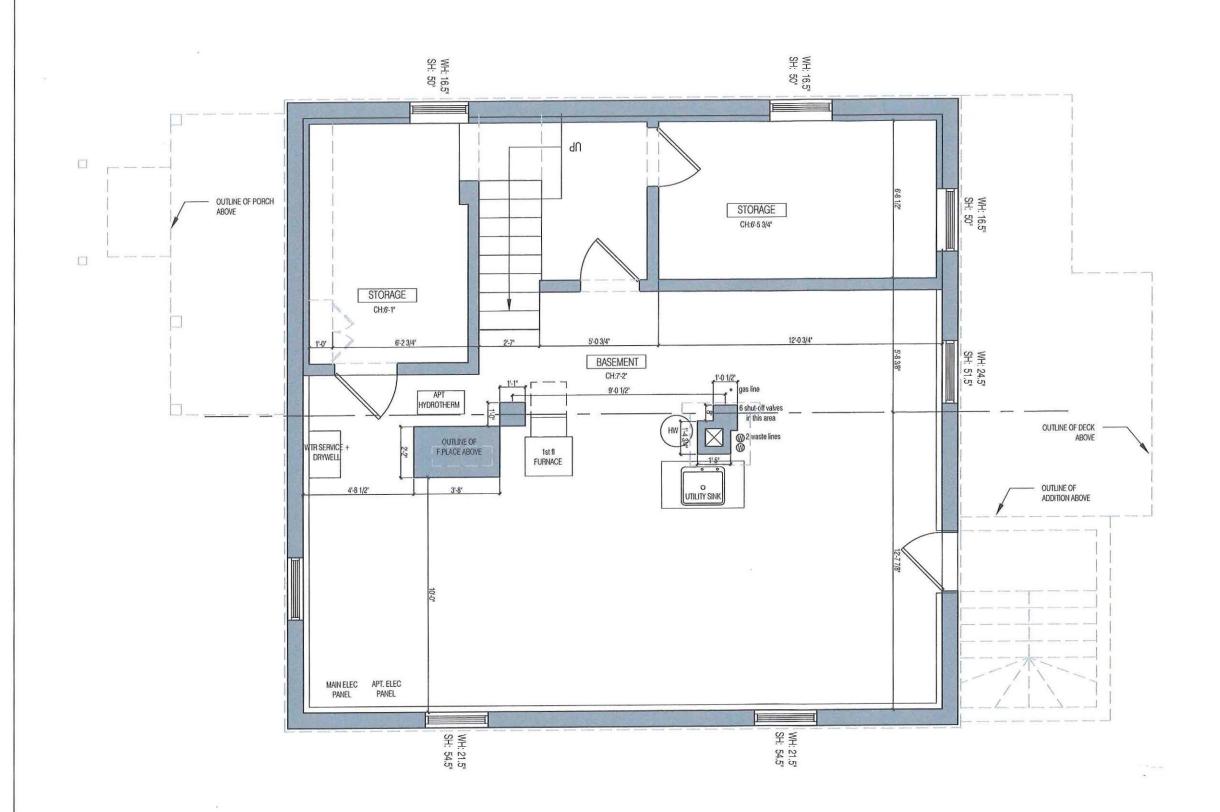
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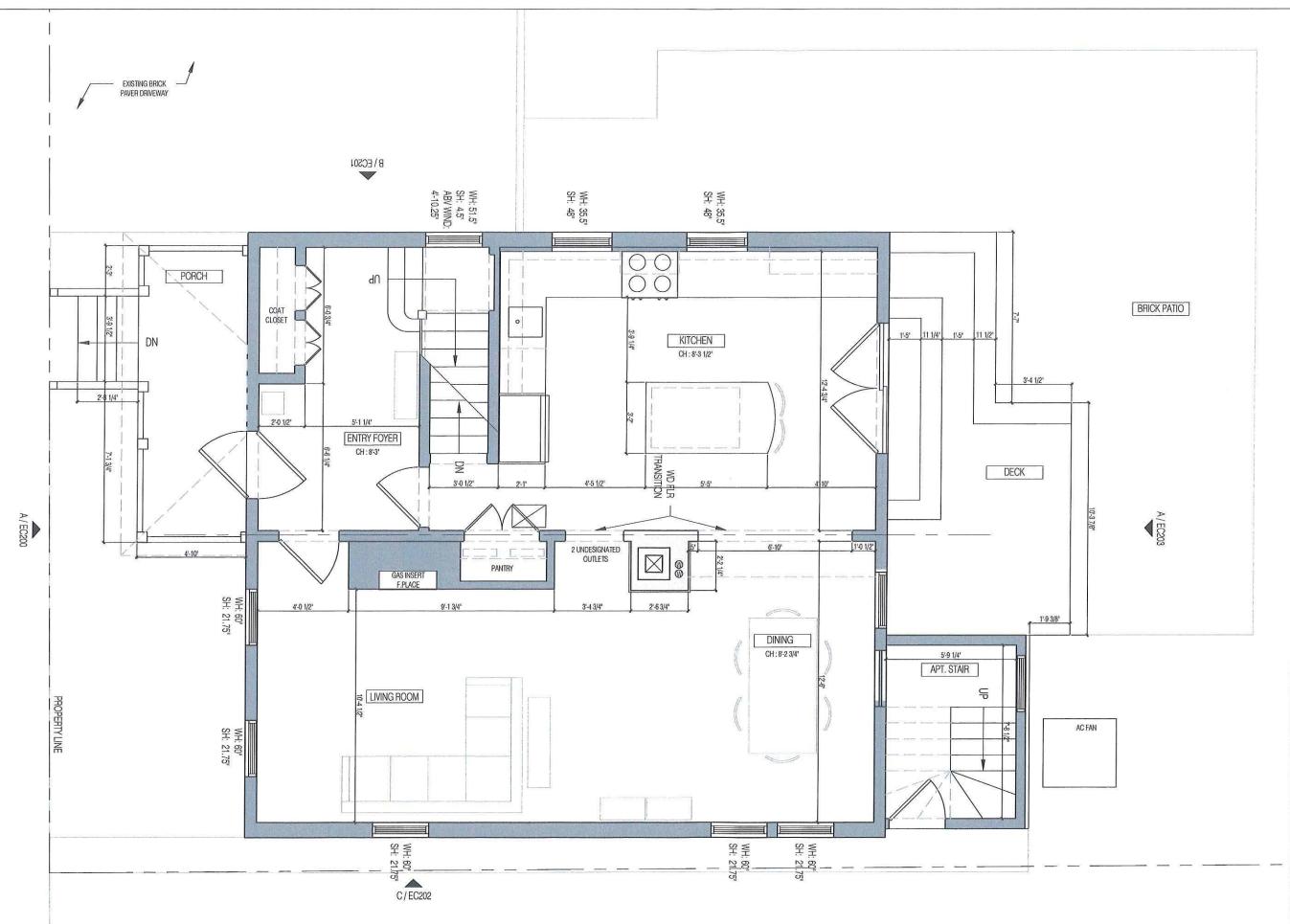
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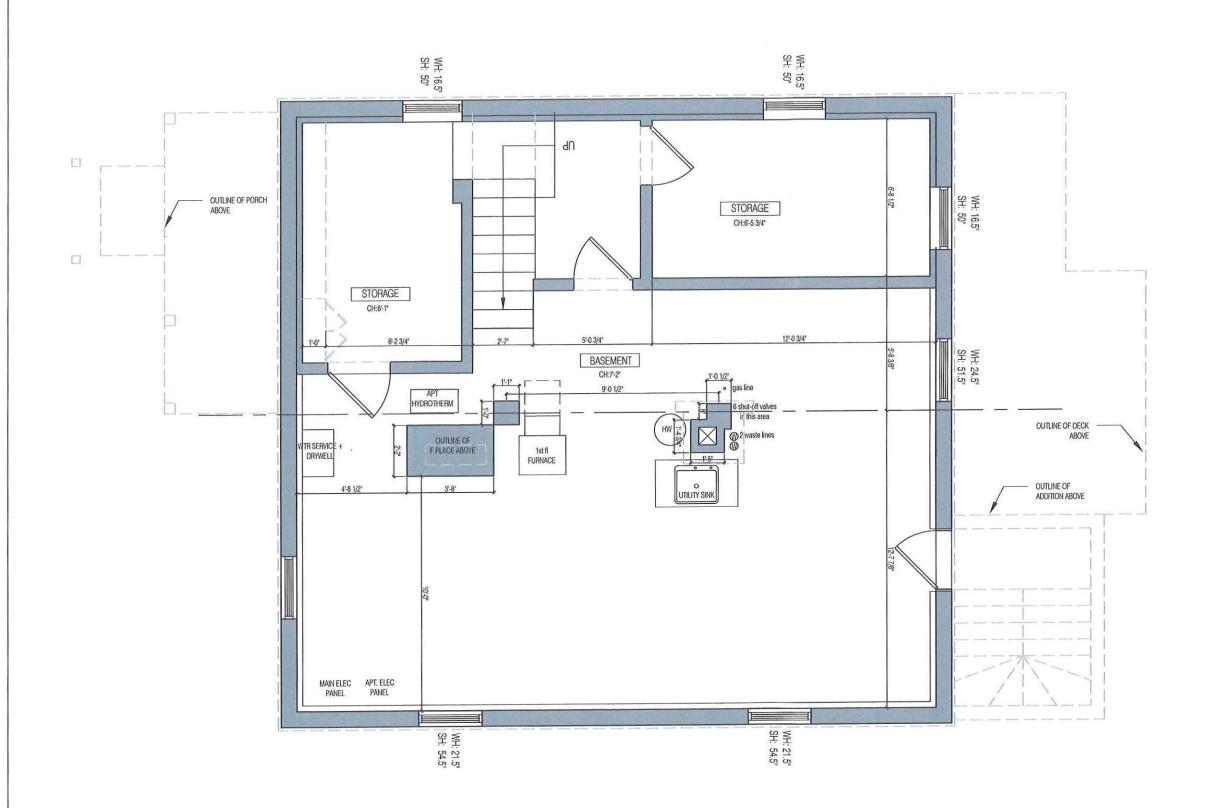
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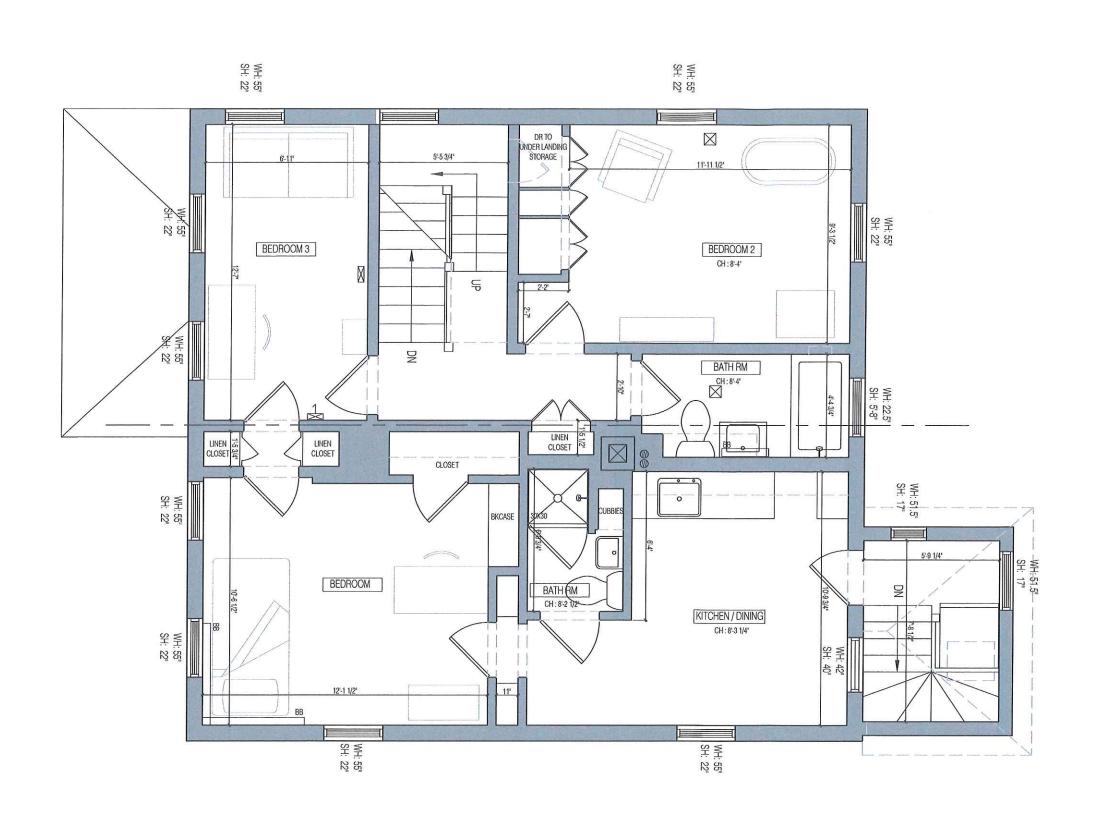
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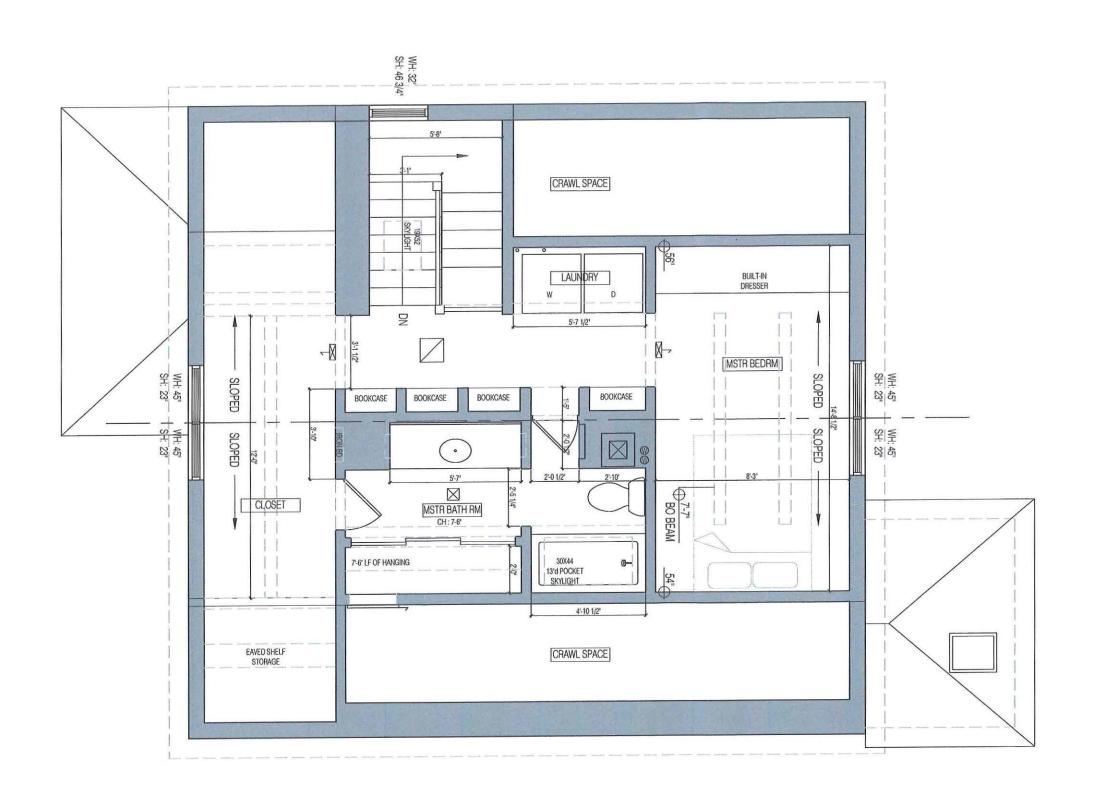
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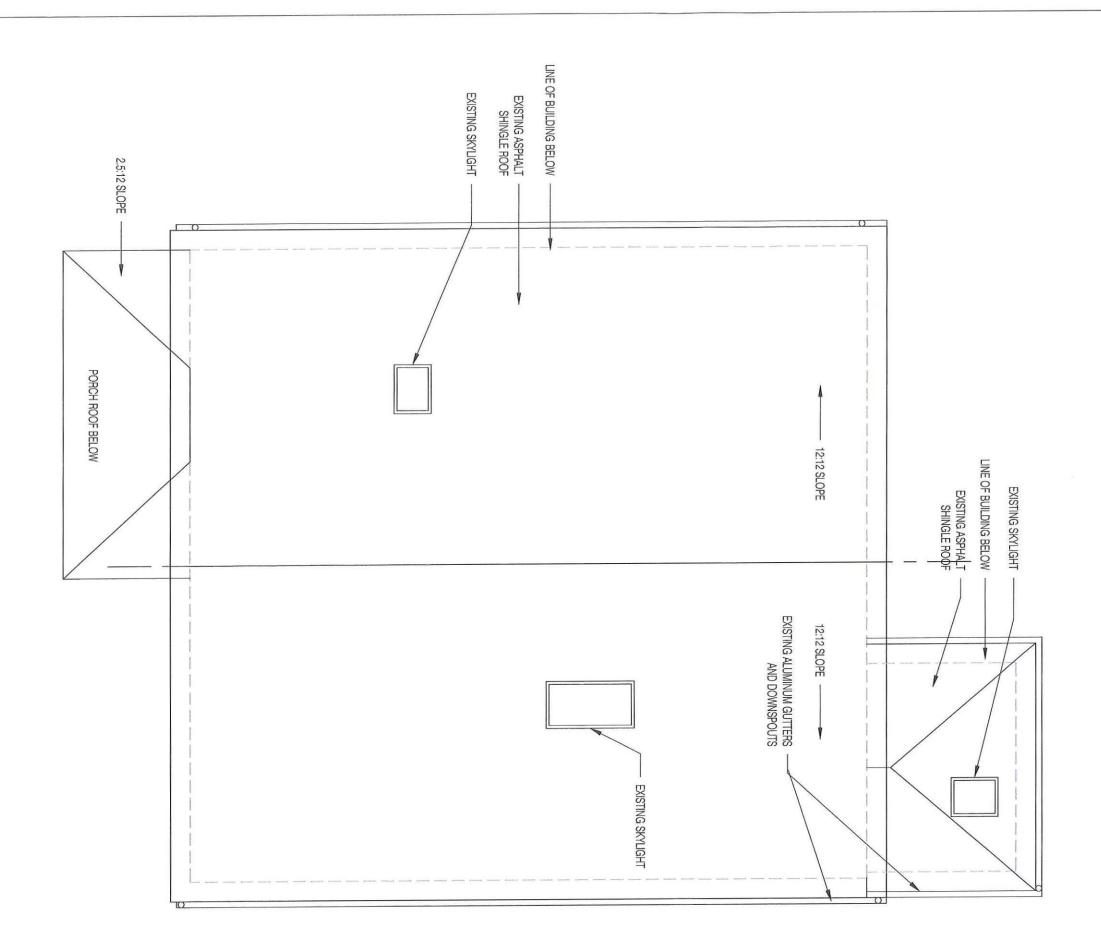
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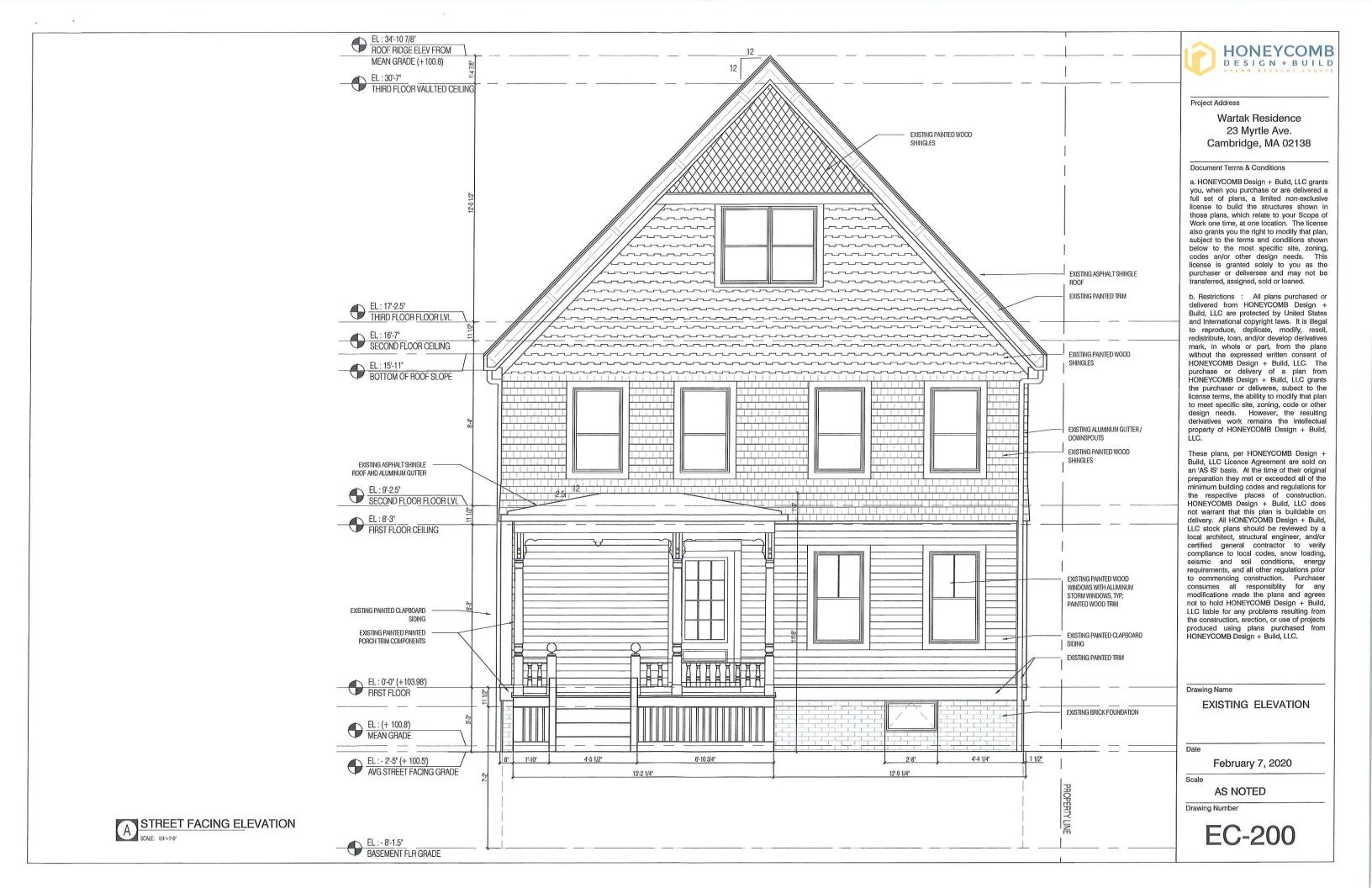
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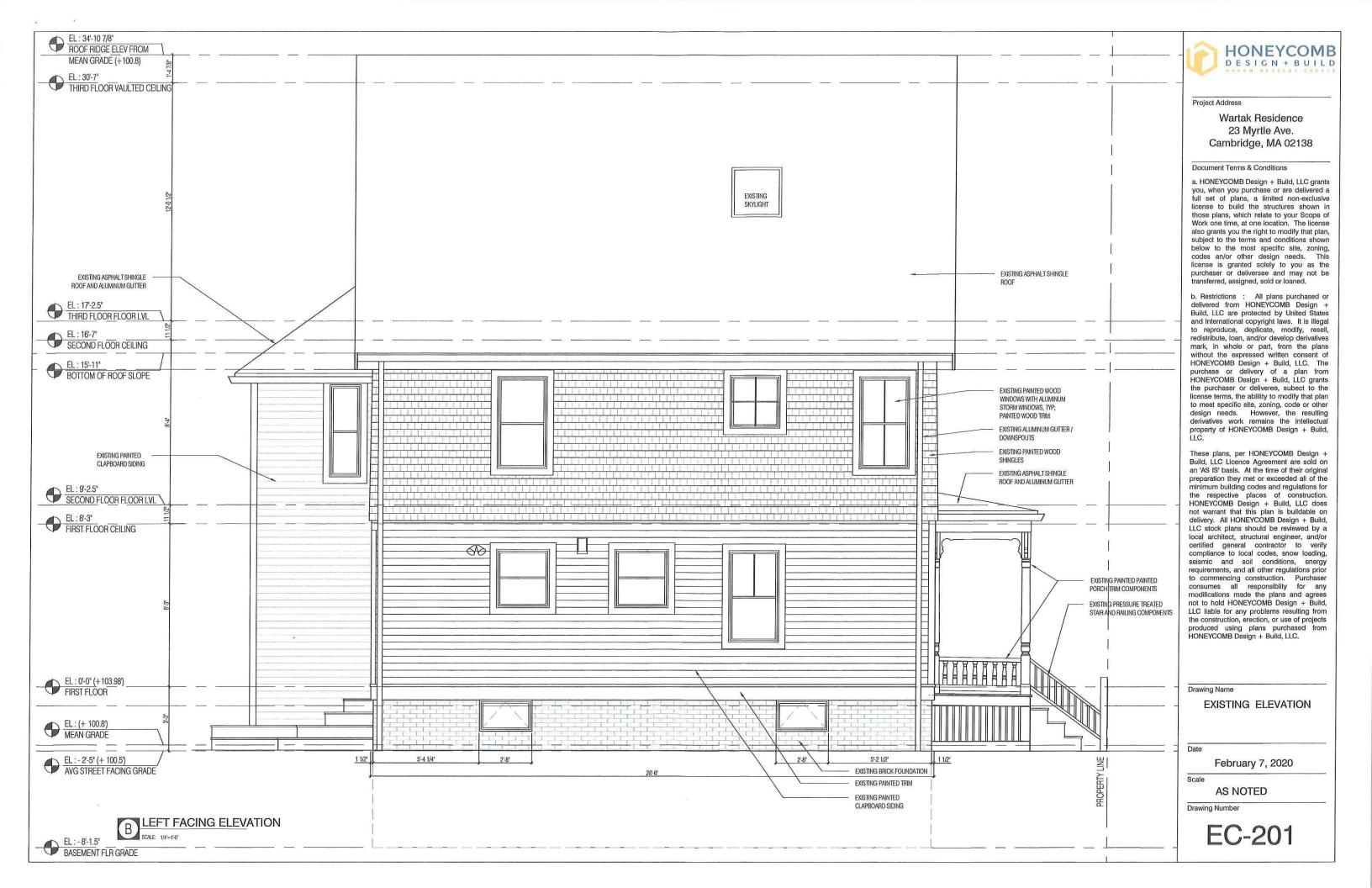
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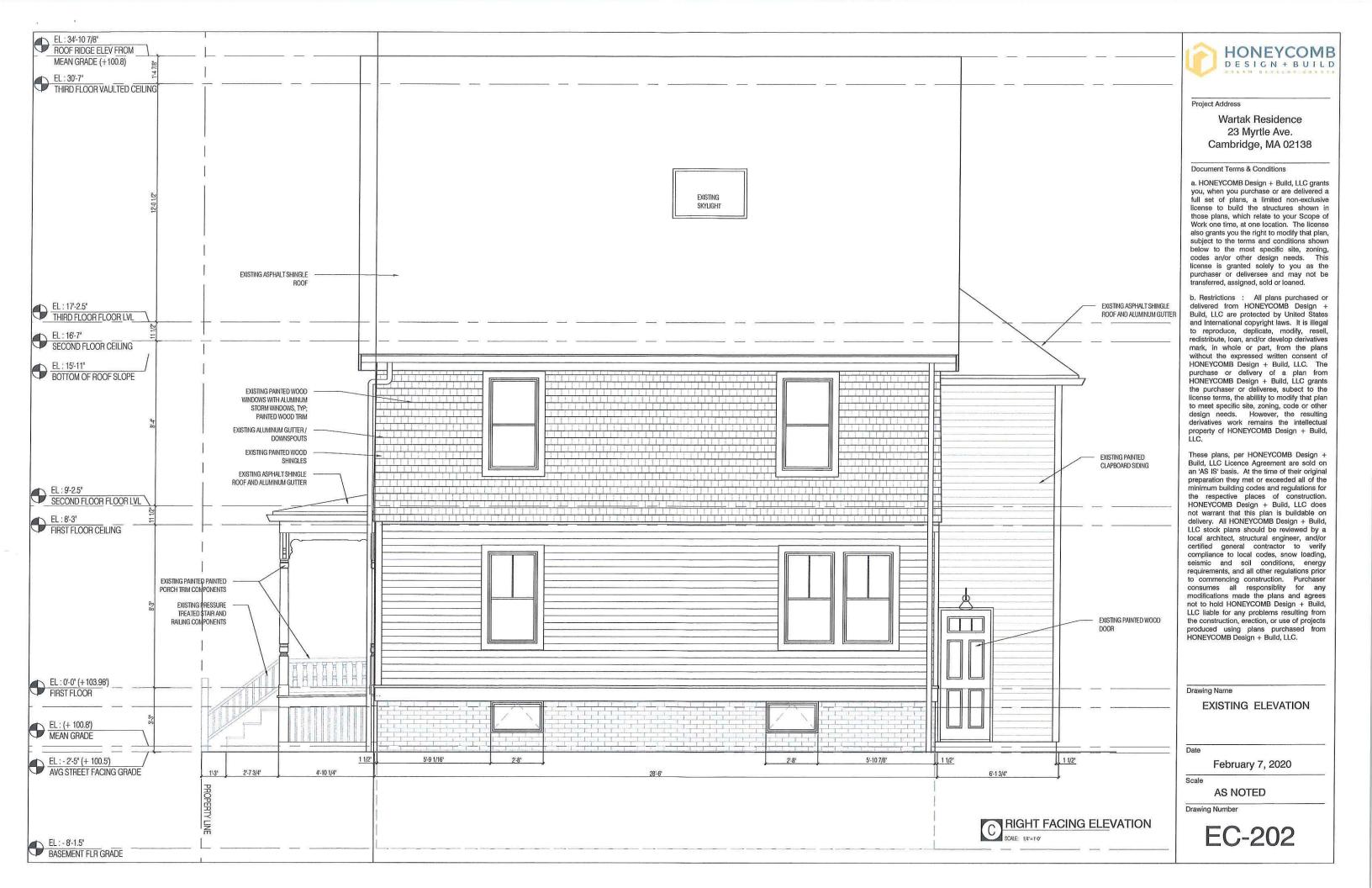
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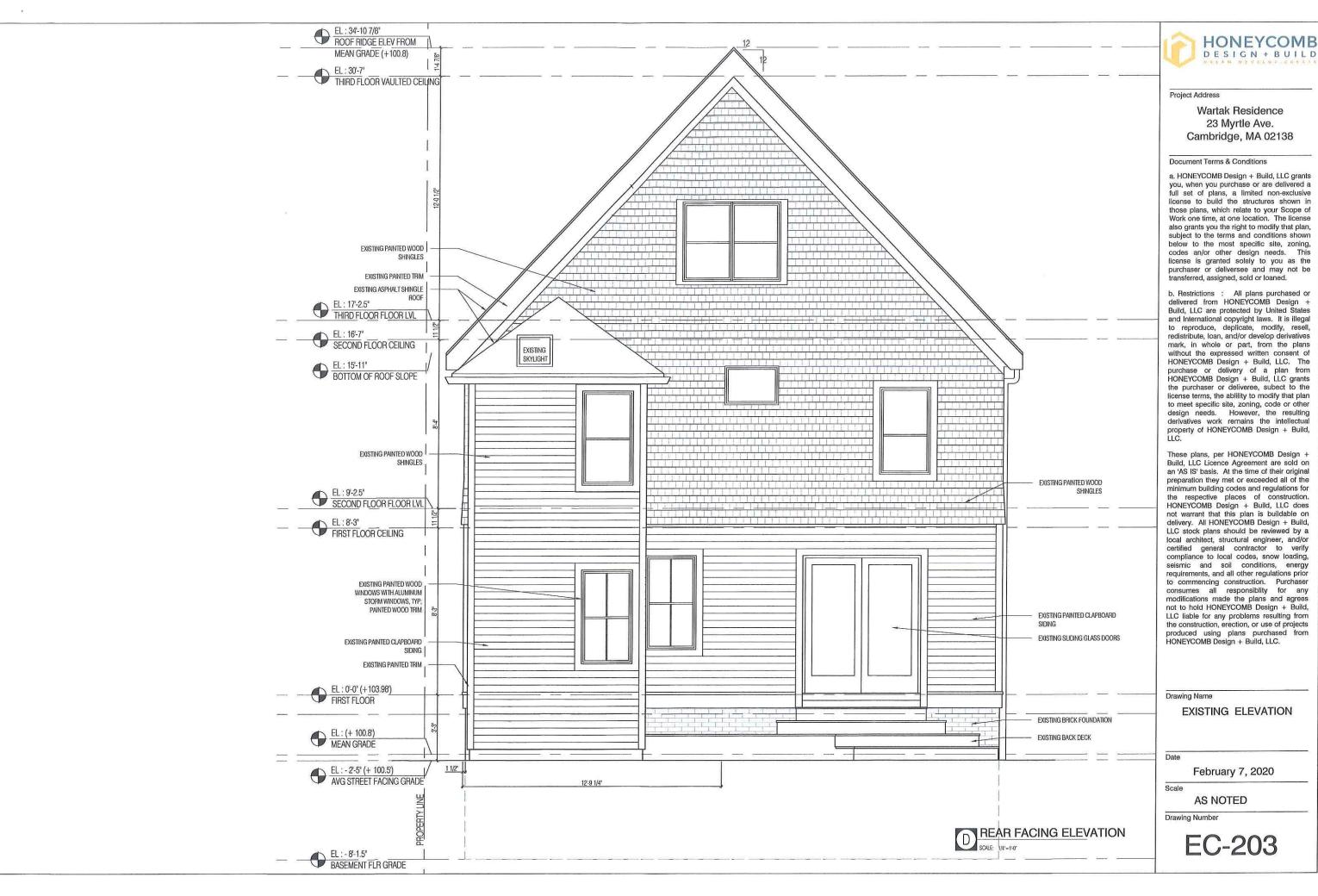
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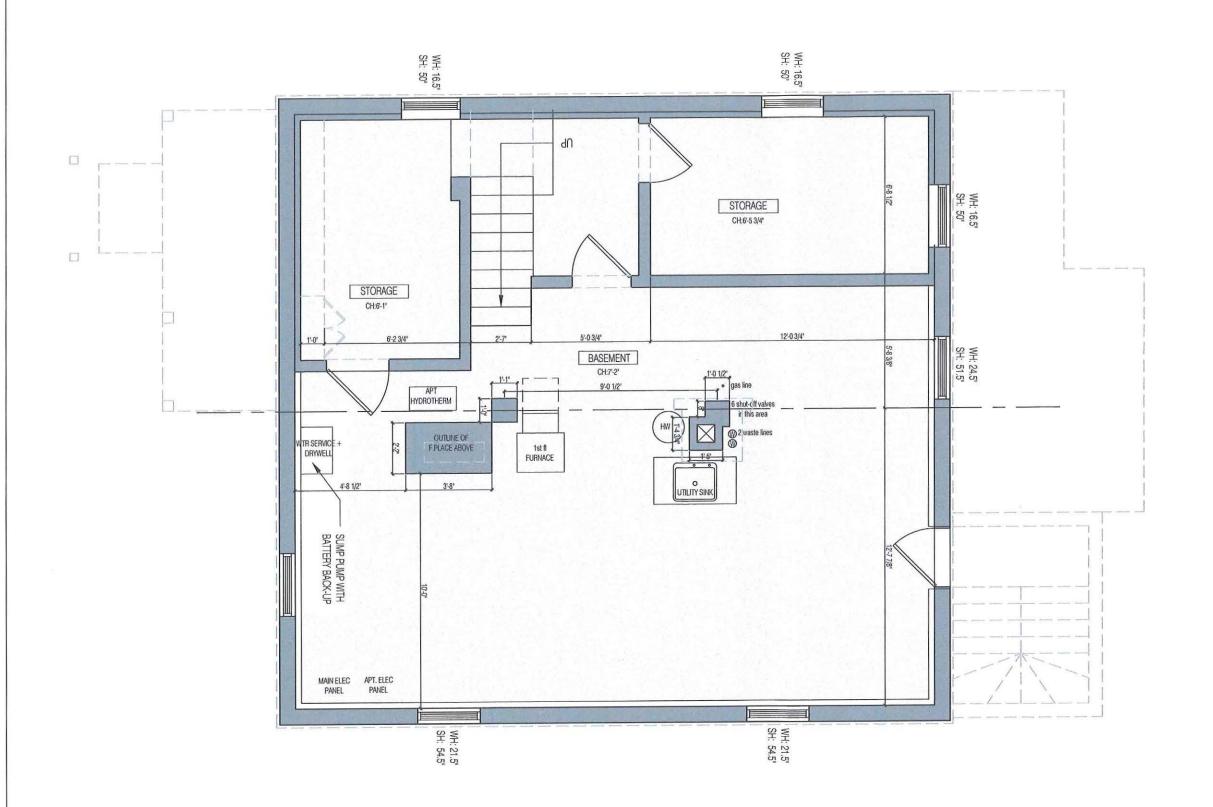














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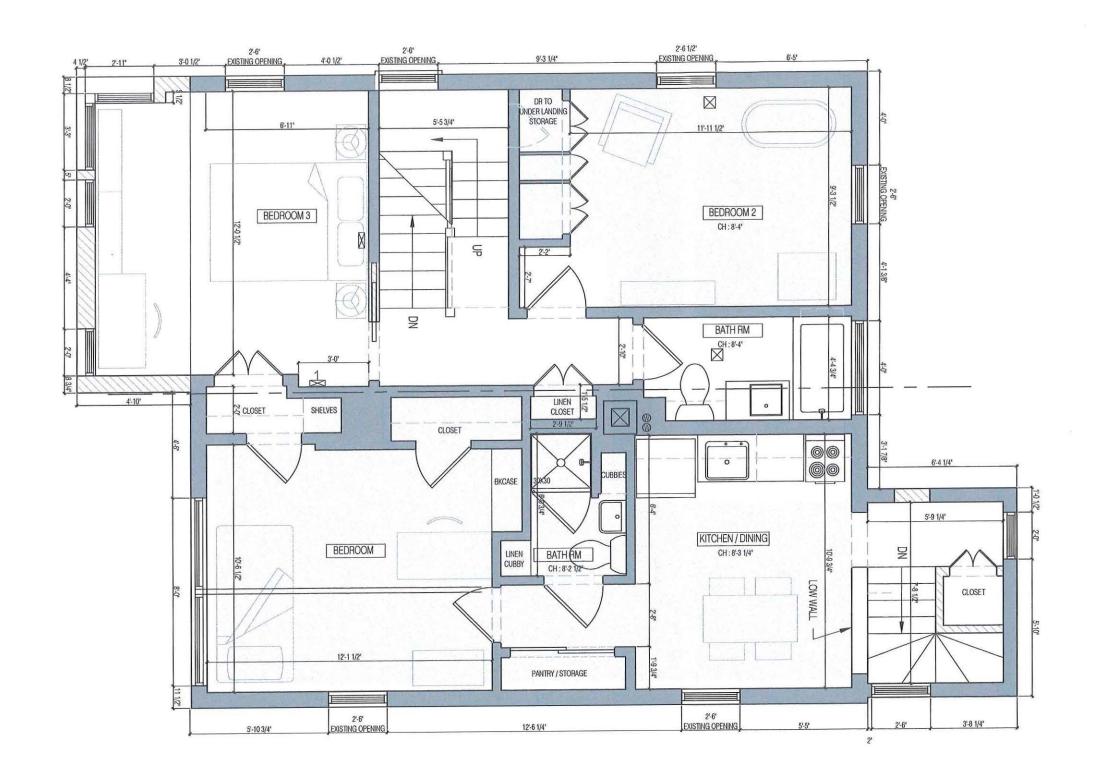
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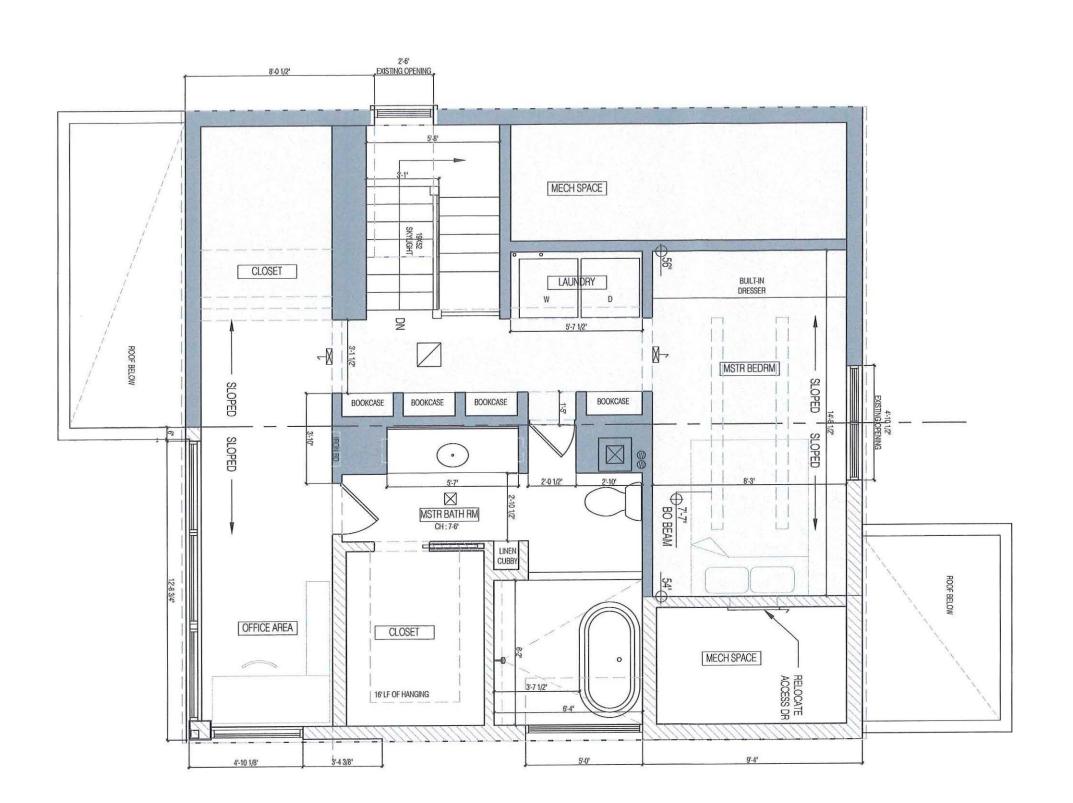
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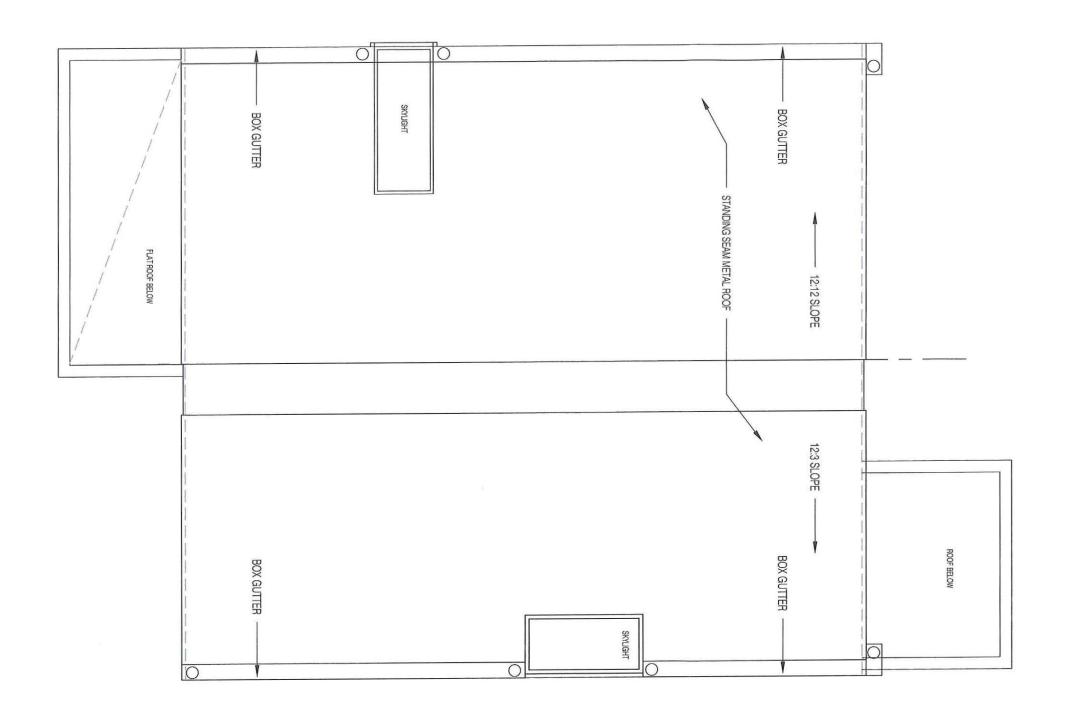
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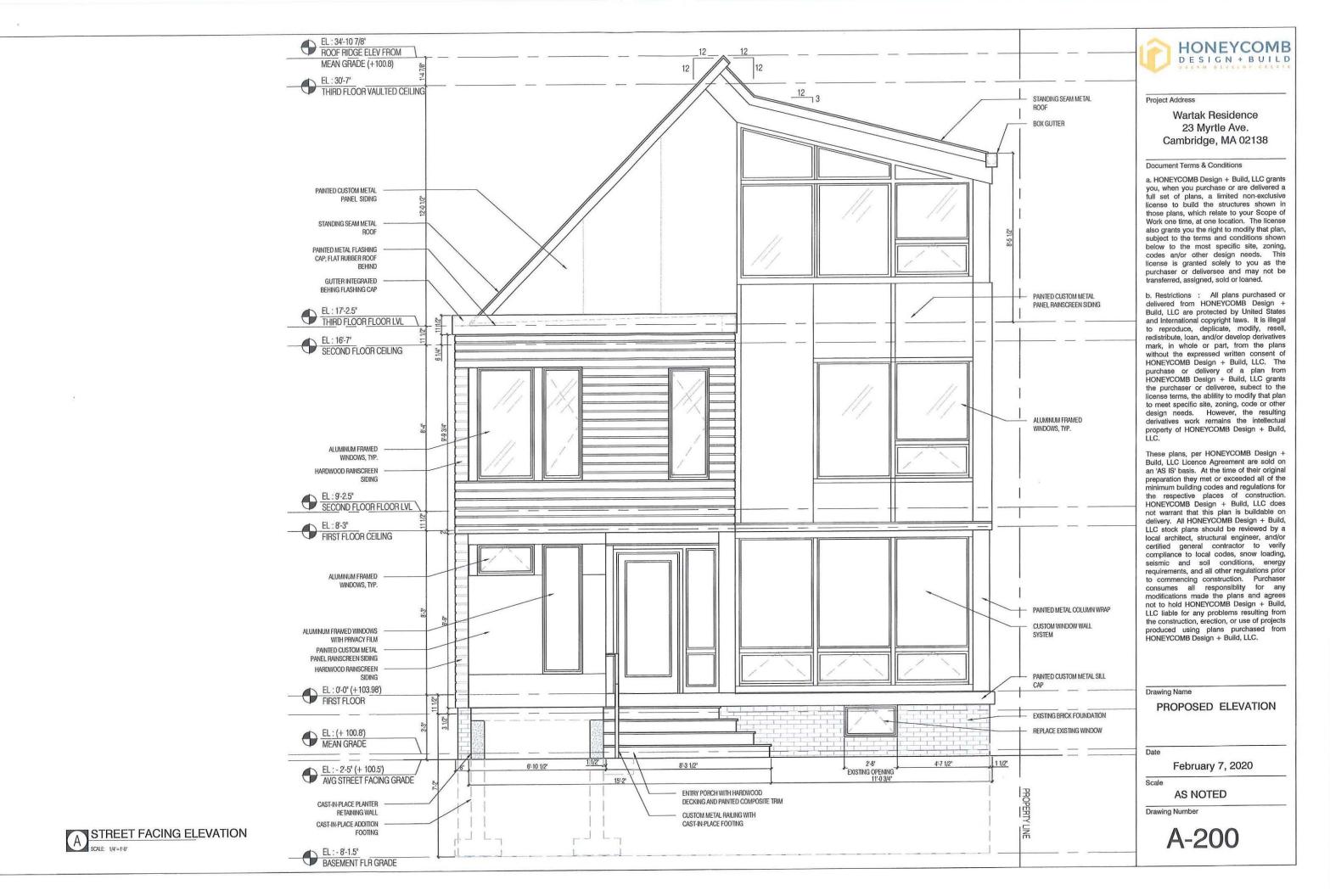
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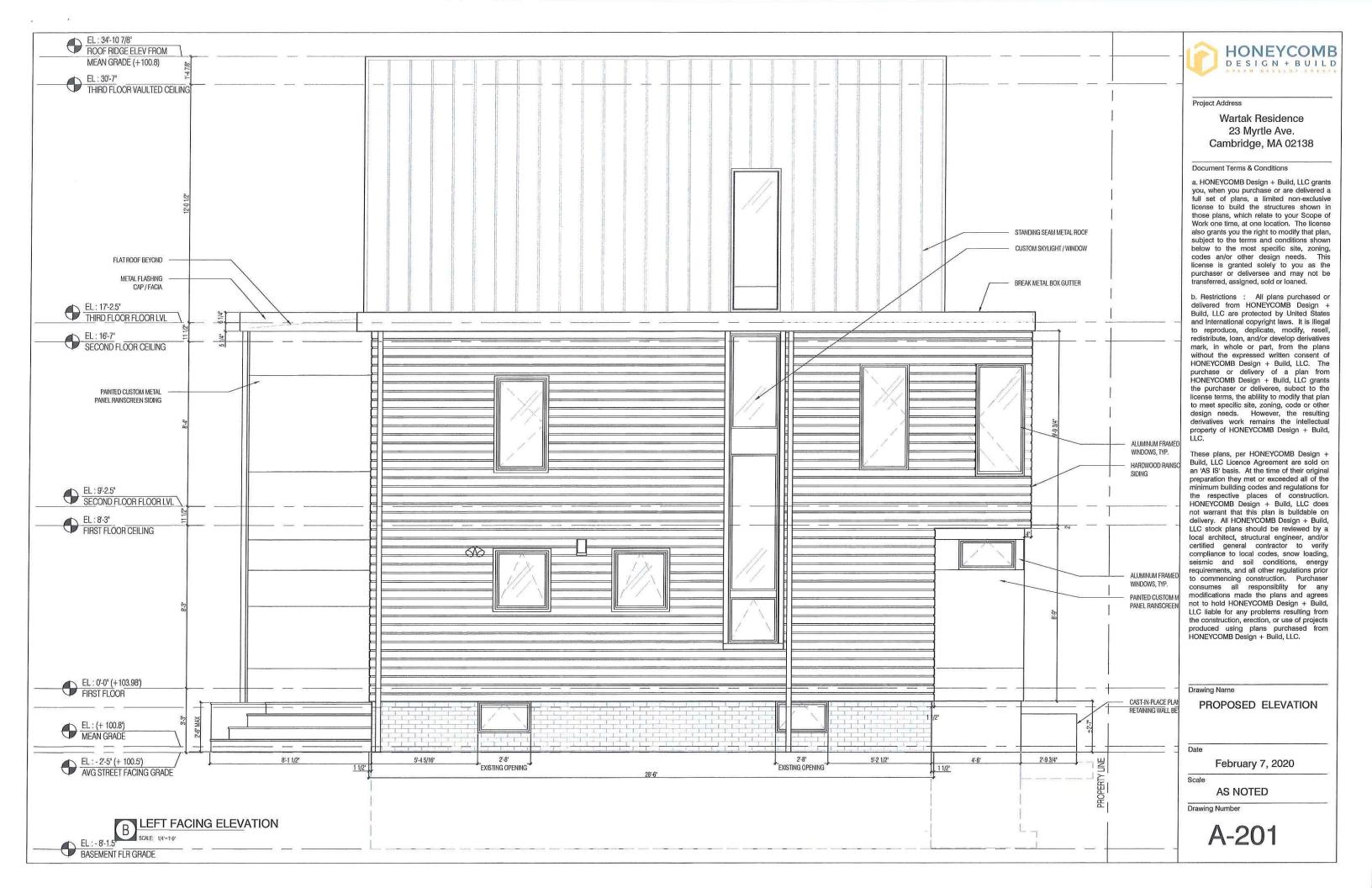
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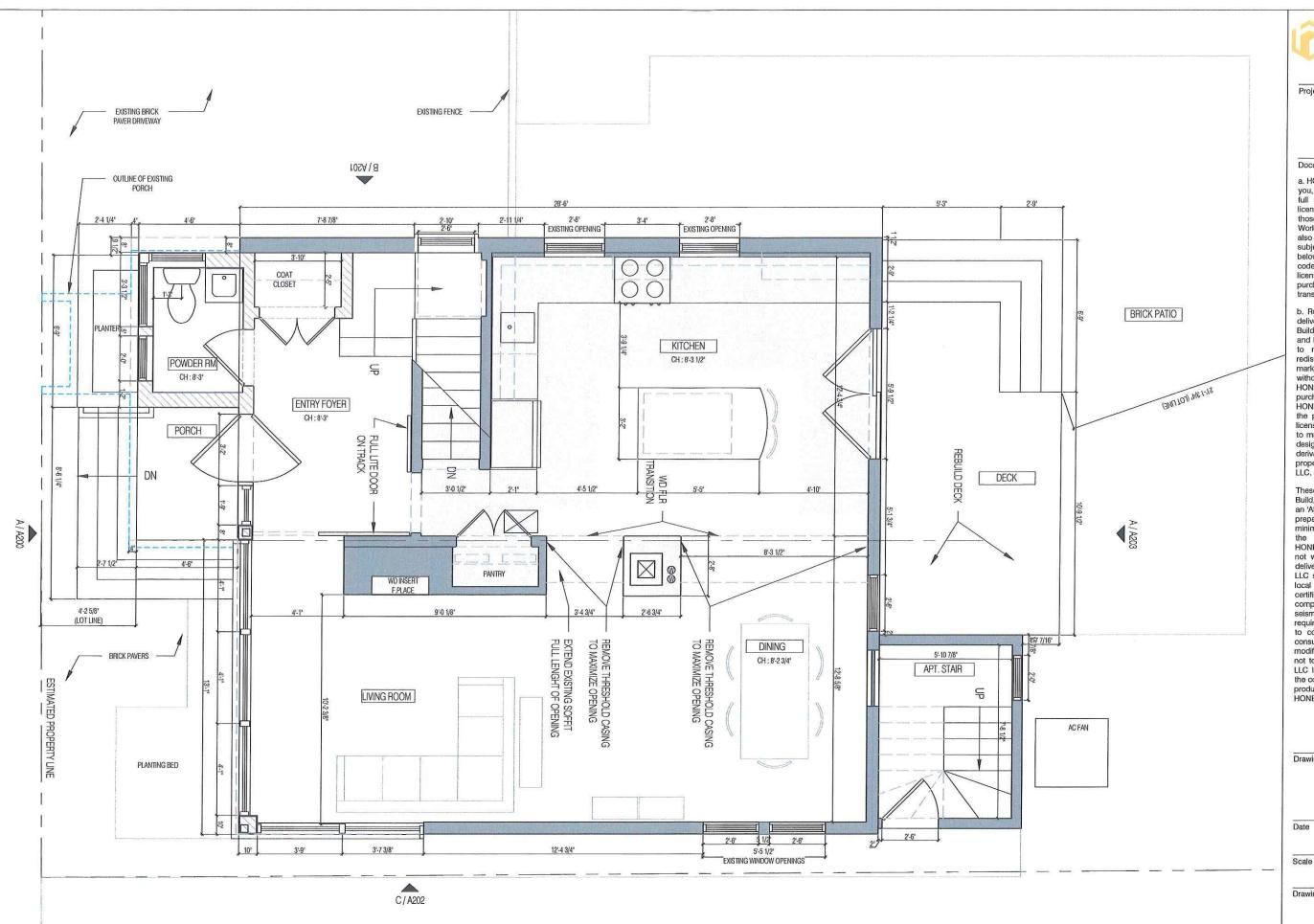
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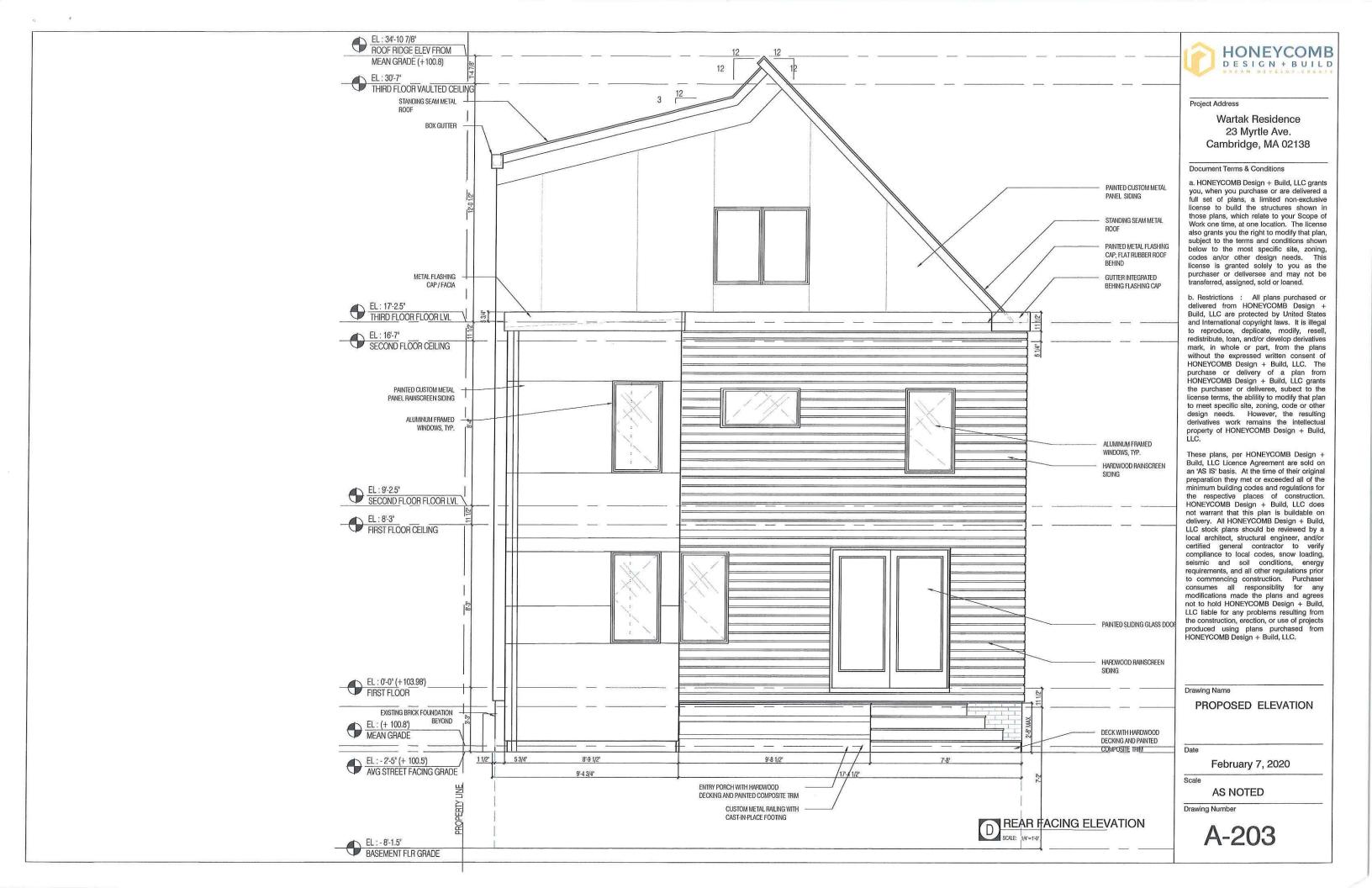
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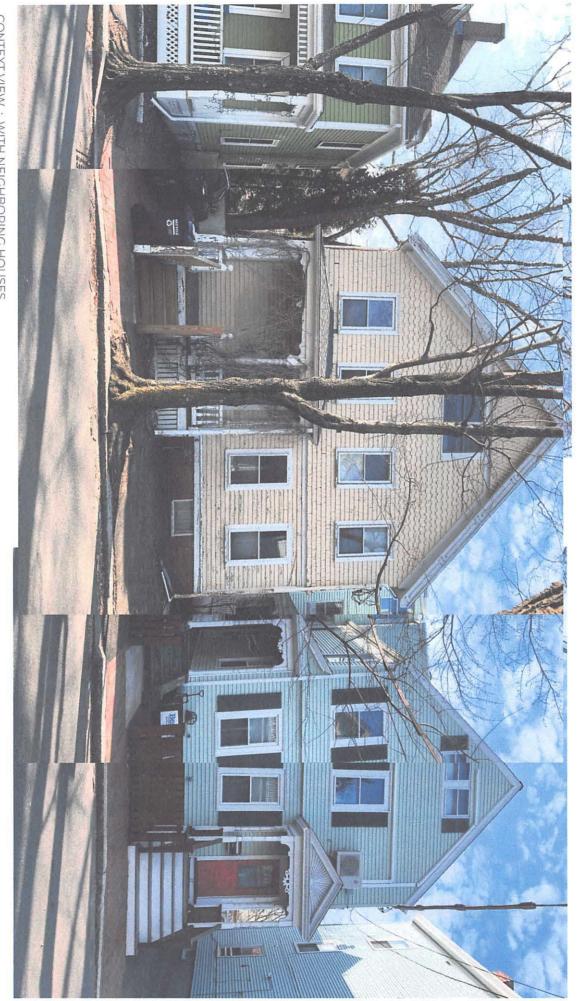
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CONTEXT VIEW: WITH NEIGHBORING HOUSES



CONTEXT VIEW A: WITH EXISTING STREET TREES

WARTAK RESIDENCE : 23 MYRTLE AVE, CAMBRIDGE MA PROPOSED PROJECT: MODEL VIEWS





CONTEXT VIEW A : EXISTING STREET TREES HIDDEN

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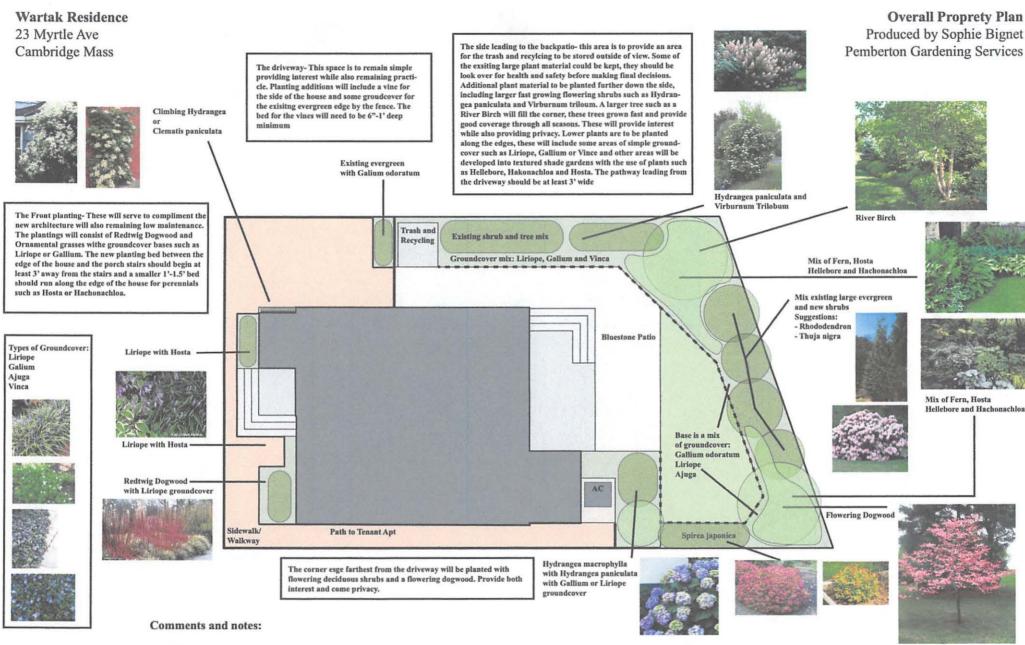
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PROPOSED PROJECT: MODEL VIEWS





- The front is to remain simple ising shrubs, grasses and groundcover to provide low maintenance and effective sidewalk appeal
- Hardscape to be done in brick but could be another material. This plan proposes continuing the material into the parking and again down the pathway to the tenant entrance
- The design for the back is primarily for play and privacy. The Patio would begin at the gate to the driveway and by the AC unit at the end of the porch.
- A lawn will go in byt the patio to provide play space for the children. This would be complimented with a cobblestone border to provide a tidy edge between planting beds and the lawn.
- The planting for the back will keep many of the existing plants adding primarily some shrubs for additional interest and privacy while also ensuring the establishment of groundcover in all beds. The groundcover will provide more green to the space and help the soil retain both nutrients and water.



Ms. Maria Pacheco Administrator Cambridge Zoning Board City of Cambridge 831 Massachusetts Avenue, 2nd Fl. Cambridge, MA 02139 March 9, 2020

Dear Ms. Maria Pacheco and the Zoning Board:

I am writing in reference to the renovation of 23 Myrtle Ave. in Cambridge, 02138 who as an abutter, I want to present my strong disapproval of its design.

Being a co-founding partner of HMFH Architects and partner in charge of design, now retired, and a Fellow of the AIA, I find the above project not in accordance with many of the standards set by the Cambridge Zoning Board and the Cambridge Historical Commission.

At present, the house is a most pleasant building classical of its period; Early 20th century if not as far back as the turn of the 19th century. In its present condition, rather of a certain negligence, it still is the "anchor" of that neighborhood. It fits in with the urban fabric and it brings attention to itself thanks to its quiet sobriety, proportions and detailing.

My wife and I have lived in the neighborhood since 1973 when we bought 17 Myrtle Ave. which at the time came with an empty piece of land. We kept both 17 Myrtle and the piece of land when we moved to 19 Myrtle. Greatly appreciating the neighborhood, I designed our present home, 30 Magnolia, which abbots 23 Myrtle in the back, on that empty piece of land. This was in 1989, and in 1996 our house was honored by the Boston Society of Architecture with its Domestic Excellence in Design Award. Prior to this, in 1975, the 133 Brattle St. house, known as the Falxa house, received the same award.

I say all of the above to indicate that I know of what I speak of when I discuss architecture. In addition, these two homes were designed in two Cambridge historical districts. Therefore, I am sure that 23 Myrtle Ave. can receive a good design which respects its exterior appearance, fits into a historical environment and still is able to house modern day facilities. I might also add that with good thinking, one can expand to the back and therefore respecting its existing front appearance.

Thanking you for your patience in reading this letter, I offer my best regards.

Mario Torroella, FAIA 30 Magnolia Ave.

Cambridge, MA 02138

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INSPECTIONAL SERVICES March 6, 2020

Ms. Maria Pacheco Cambridge Zoning Board City of Cambridge 831 Mass. Ave. Cambridge, MA 02139

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Re: 23 Myrtle Avenue proposed renovations

Dear Ms. Pacheco:

I am writing to urge you to prevent the proposed renovations to the house next door to mine, 23 Myrtle Avenue.

I have lived at 27 Myrtle Avenue since 1983, and I love our short street, or "avenue." Much of its charm, I think, lies in the architectural similarities that bind the houses together, with sufficient points of difference to be interesting. I have always thought that the house next door to mine 23 Myrtle Avenue, was particularly lovely and almost a visual anchor on the street. I moved in when the house was owned by landscape architect Michael Van Valkenburgh and his wife, Carol. At that time the house was beautifully maintained and there was a beautiful garden.

Today the house is much deteriorated because routine maintenance has been postponed for years, but the house is still beautiful. I had looked forward to its being restored to its former beauty and was saddened to see the proposal that we have. In the architect's drawings the house is unrecognizable to me. Any connection to the past is severed. The materials, the size and shape of the house, let alone the architectural details of the existing house are all changed, and not for the better.

The house also expands to remove part of the sky from view and it creates a more crowded street-front. When I sit in my own backyard, I can see part of the sky over 23 Myrtle Avenue, including some branches of one of the beautiful maple trees Michael Van Valkenburgh planted in front of the house. If the house is allowed to expand, I will lose that beautiful sight and my special piece of the sky. I also worry that expansion of the house in front will damage the roots of Michael's maple trees.

I hope the Cambridge Zoning Board will rule decisively against this renovation.

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Sincerely,

Deborah Belle

27 Myrile Avenuë Cambridge, MA 02138 March 6, 2020

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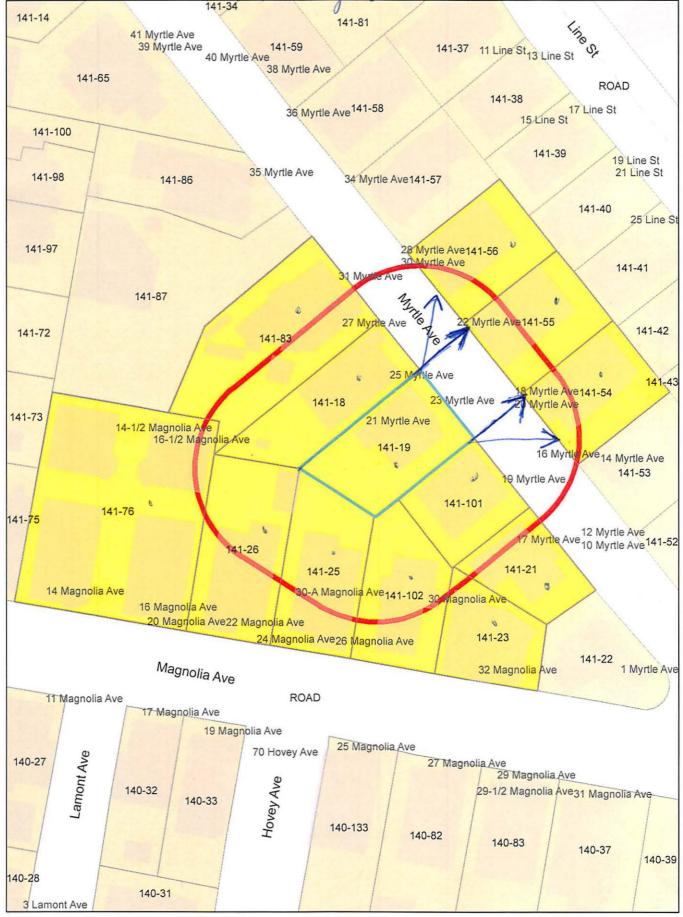
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Jurisdiction Advice

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To the Owner of Property at 23 Myrtle Avenue
The above-referenced property is subject to the jurisdiction of the Cambridge Historical Commission (CHC) by reason of the status referenced below:
Old Cambridge Historic District Fort Washington Historic District (M.G.L. Ch. 40C, City Code §2.78.050) Avon Hill Neighborhood Conservation District Half Crown – Marsh Neighborhood Conservation District Harvard Square Conservation District X_ Mid Cambridge Neighborhood Conservation District The application for a Certificate of Nonapplicability was denied by the Mid Cambridge NCD Commission. However, their jurisdiction in this case was non-binding. Please see Denial of Certificate for more information Designated Landmark Property is being studied for designation: (City Code, Ch. 2.78., Article III, and various City Council Orders) Preservation Restriction or Easement (as recorded) Structure is fifty years or more old and is therefore subject to CHC review of any application for a demolition permit, if one is required by ISD. (City Code, Ch. 2.78, Article II). See the back of this page for definition of demolition No jurisdiction: not a designated historic property and the structure is less than fifty years old No local jurisdiction, but the property is listed on the National Register of Historic Places; CHC staff is available for consultation, upon request Staff comments:
The Board of Zoning Appeal advises applicants to complete Historical Commission or Neighborhood Conservation District Commission reviews before appearing before the Board.
If a line indicating possible jurisdiction is checked, the owner needs to consult with the staff of the Historical Commission to determine whether a hearing will be required.
CHC staff initialsSLB DateApril 10, 2020
Received by <u>Emailed to ISD</u> Date <u>April 10, 2020</u> Relationship to project <u>BZA 017259-2020</u>
cc: Applicant Inspectional Services Commissioner

Demolition Delay Ordinance and Application Information

The Demolition Delay Ordinance (Chapter 2.78, Article II of the Cambridge Municipal Code) was adopted by the City Council in 1979 to afford public review of demolition permit applications for potentially significant buildings. When the Historical Commission determines that a building is significant and should be preserved, demolition will be delayed for up to six months so that solutions can be sought to preserve the building indefinitely. The Ordinance covers all buildings over 50 years old, city-wide. The Historical Commission archives provide dates of construction for all properties in the City.

Demolition is defined in the ordinance as "the act of pulling down, destroying, removing or razing a building or commencing the work of total or substantial destruction with the intent of completing the same." The Inspectional Services Commissioner has provided further guidelines to outline what actions require a demolition permit. In addition to complete demolition of a building, the following actions may require a demolition permit,

- removal of a roof,
- removal of one side of a building,
- gutting of a building's interior to the point where exterior features (windows, etc.) are impacted, and
- removal of more than 25% of a structure.

Please contact the building inspector or a staff member of the Historical Commission if you have questions about whether a demolition permit is required for a particular project.

Demolition permit applications can be obtained from the Inspectional Services Department. The completed application should be submitted to the Historical Commission, where the staff will review the application. If the Executive Director of the Historical Commission makes an initial determination that the building is significant, a public hearing will be scheduled with Historical Commission. If the staff makes an initial determination that the building is not significant, the application is released for further review by the Building Commissioner.

More information about the demolition permit application procedures is available on the Historical Commission's web site or by calling or dropping by the Historical Commission office.

July 2003

Cambridge Historical Commission 831 Massachusetts Ave., 2nd Fl. Cambridge, MA 02139 Ph: 617/349-4683 or TTY: 617/349-6112 http://www.cambridgema.gov/Historic



Mid Cambridge Neighborhood Conservation District Commission

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March 2, 2020

Martin Wartak and Michelle Matz 23 Myrtle Avenue Cambridge, MA 02138

Re: Case MC-5888: 23 Myrtle Avenue

Mr. Wartak and Ms. Matz,

The Mid Cambridge Neighborhood Conservation District Commission, which had a non-binding review of the above case at a public hearing on March 2, 2020, voted to deny your application for a Certificate of Appropriateness to remove the front porch and partially enclose the space and build out on the second floor, alter the roof and window configuration, install new window openings, replace the roof with a metal standing seam roof, replace original wood shingle and clapboard siding with metal panels, hardwood siding, and aluminum framed windows, and the demolition of 1 or more chimneys. The proposal to remove all existing exterior features and build-out of the front façade was found to be inappropriate to the preservation of the original character of the structure as well as the setting and character of the surrounding neighborhood. The Commission recommended maintaining the front façade and focusing the renovation at the rear of the house in order to preserve the historic character of the structure as viewed from the public right of way.

Because the review in this case is non-binding, you may proceed with the work as initially proposed if you so choose. Please call me at 617 349-4686 if you have any questions or would like to schedule a time to meet.

Sincerely,

Allison A. Crosbie Preservation Administrator

cc:

City Clerk, please file this decision

Ranjit Singanayagam, Inspectional Services

Case Number: MC-5888 Date: March 2, 2020

Attest: A true and correct copy of Neighborhood Conservation District		170	the Mid Cambridge
ByTony Hsiao/aac	, Vice Chair		
Twenty days have elapsed since the		appeal has been filed	.
Appeal has been filed	Date	, City Clerk	