

CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

BOARD OF ZONING APPEAL

831 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge MA 02139

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BZA Application Form

BZA Number: 174035

General Information

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The undersigned	I hereby petition	ns the Board of Zoning	Appeal for the following:
Special Permit: _	X	Variance:	Appeal:
PETITIONER: E	<u> Fric Anton Verp</u>	loegen and Virginia Spa	<u>noudaki</u>
PETITIONER'S	ADDRESS: 25	Hillside Avenue, Camb	ridge, MA 02140
LOCATION OF F	PROPERTY: 25	6 Hillside Ave , Unit 2 ,	Cambridge, MA
TYPE OF OCCU	IPANCY: Resid	ential / Two Family	ZONING DISTRICT: Residence A-2 Zone
REASON FOR P	PETITION:		
/Change existing	deteriorated s	unroom with one that is	43 SF larger/
DESCRIPTION	OF PETITIO	NER'S PROPOSAL:	
To remove/replacedoors.	ce sunroom and	d roof deck with guardra	ils. The sunroom will be enlarged with large windows and
SECTIONS OF 2	ONING ORDII	NANCE CITED:	
Article: 8.000 Article: 10.000		2.2.d (Special Permit for 10 (Special Permit)	enlargement of a non-conforming structure)
		Original Signature(s):	(Petitioner (s) / Owner)
			Virginia Spanoudati Eriz Verdoegen (Print Name)

6179475193

Address:

Tel. No.

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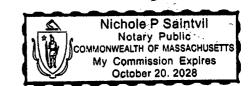
25 Hillside Ave, Uni+2, Cambridge HA 02140

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 Eric Anton Verploegen and Virginia Spanoudaki
Address: 25 Hillside Avenue, Unit 2, Cambridge, MA 02140
State that I/We own the property located at 25 Hillside Avenue, Unit 2, Cambridge, MA 02140 which is the subject of this zoning application.
The record title of this property is in the name of Eric Anton Verploegen and Virginia Spanoudaki
*Pursuant to a deed of duly recorded in the date $\frac{10/24/2019}{402}$, Middlesex South
County Registry of Deeds at Book 73518 , Page 492 ; or
Middlesex Registry District of Land Court, Certificate No. 164664 Book 73518 Page 492
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 MiddleSex
The above-name Exic Verploegen & Virginia Spanowakpersonally appeared before me,
this <u>25</u> of <u>April</u> , 20 <u>32</u> , and made oath that the above statement is true. Makh P Santvil Notary
My commission expires October 20, 2028 (Notary Seal).

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



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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 <u>25 Hillside Ave</u>, <u>Unit 2</u>, <u>Cambridge</u>, <u>MA</u> (location) would not be a detriment to the public interest because:

A) Requirements of the Ordinance can or will be met for the following reasons:

The request to replace and slightly enlarge a degrading sunroom at the top floor of 25 Hillside Ave, Unit 2, is in accordance with Article 8 (non-conformity), section 8.20 (non-conformance), paragraph 8.22.2.d of the Cambridge Zoning Ordinance that states that "if an alteration or addition to a lawful preexisting non-conforming single and two-family dwelling increases an existing dimentional nonconformity, but does not create any new dimensional nonconformities, the property owner is only required to obtain a special permit for the alteration or addition, and not a variance". The current sunroom is a legally established structure approved by a 1998 variance (case 7712) that is non-conformant in that it exceeds rear setback and FAR limits. The proposed replacement sunroom is larger by 43 sq.ft and increases the existing FAR non-conformity.

Traffic generated or patterns of access or egress would not cause congestion hazard, or substantial change in established neighborhood character for the following reasons:

The proposed structure does not result in any additional traffic generated (the sunroom is intended for the existing approved residential use) or patterns of access or egress (the proposed sunroom will have the same access/egress patterns as the existing one).

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:

The proposed use and the current use of the dwellings in 25 Hillside Ave (residential use - two family) is the same.

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:

The proposed work will not create any nuisance or hazards for the occupants or the citizens of Cambridge, but in fact will significantly increase both safety and quality of life for the occupants by replacing a degrated sunroom that has repeatedly resulted in leaks with a structuraly sound sunroom that is waterproof, visually pleasant to the neighbors and conformant to the historic character of the neighborhood.

For other reasons, the proposed use would not impair the integrity of the district or adjoining district

E) or otherwise derogate from the intent or purpose of this ordinance for the following reasons:

The replacement of the existing sunroom with a new one will not change the intended use of the dwelling which is residential and therefore does not impair the integrity of the district in any way.

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

E-Mail Address: v.spanoudaki@gmail.com

Date: <u>05-18-2022</u>

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DIMENSIONAL INFORMATION

Applicant: Eric Anton Verploegen and Virginia Spanoudaki

Present Use/Occupancy: Residential / Two Family

Location: 25 Hillside Ave , Unit 2 , Cambridge, MA

Zone: Residence A-2 Zone

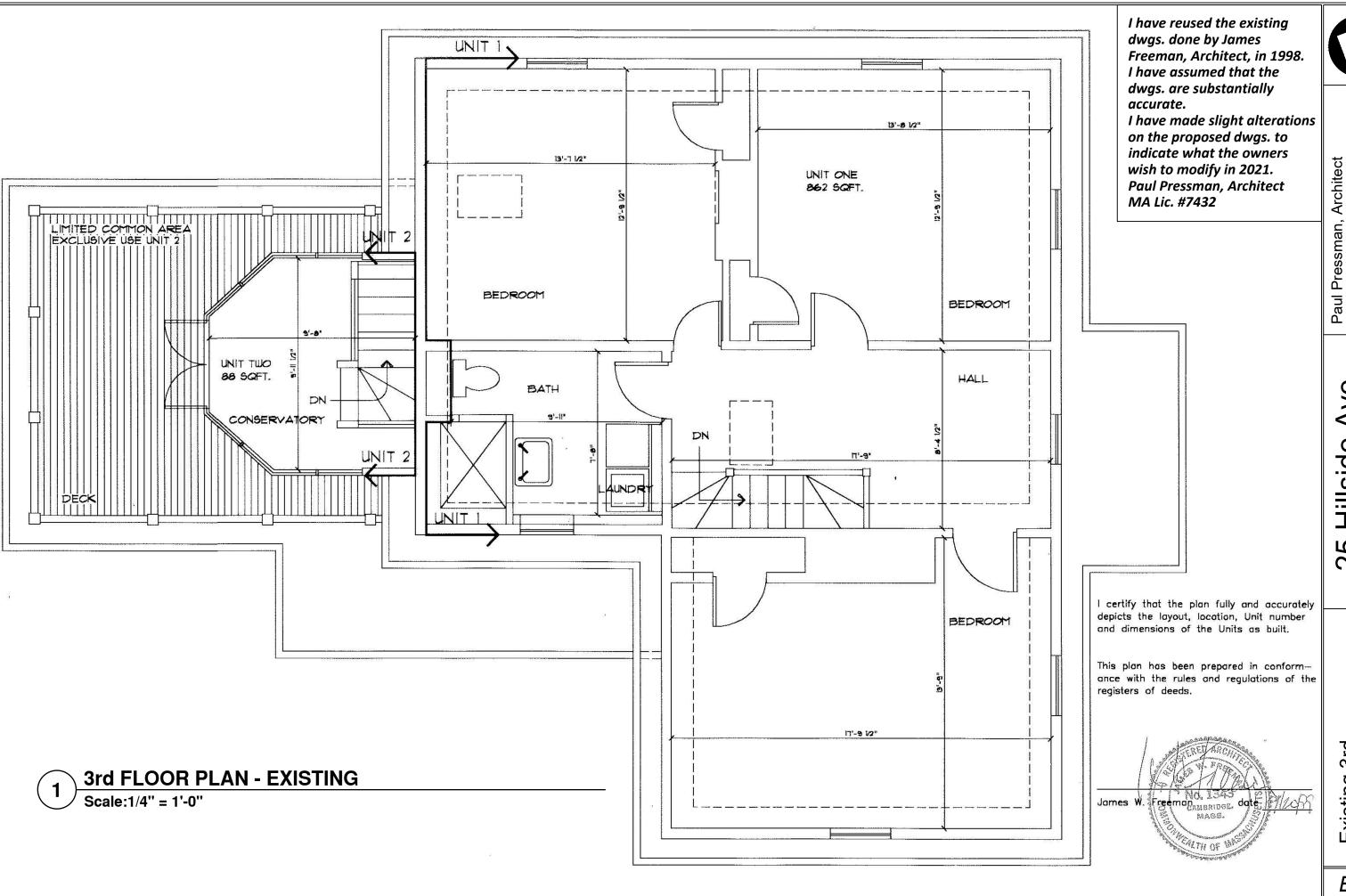
Phone: 6179475193

Requested Use/Occupancy: Residential / Two Family

		Existing Conditions	Requested Conditions	Ordinance Requirements	
TOTAL GROSS FLOOR AREA:		1247	1290	-	(max.)
LOT AREA:		6264	same	6000 min	(min.)
RATIO OF GROSS FLOOR AREA TO LOT AREA: ²		0.62	0.63	0.5	
LOT AREA OF EACH DWELLING UNIT		3132	same	4500 min	
SIZE OF LOT:	WIDTH	77.33	same	65 min	
	DEPTH	81	same	<u>.</u>	
SETBACKS IN FEET:	FRONT	14 to covered porch	same	 20	
	REAR	19.5	same	25	
	LEFT SIDE	10	same	 10	
	RIGHT SIDE	30-6in	same	10	
SIZE OF BUILDING:	HEIGHT	34-6in	same	35	
	WIDTH	57	same	•	
RATIO OF USABLE OPEN SPACE TO LOT AREA:		0.7	0.7	0.25 min	
NO. OF DWELLING UNITS:		2	same	allowable	
NO. OF PARKING SPACES:		0	same	none	
NO. OF LOADING AREAS:		0	same	none	
DISTANCE TO NEAREST BLDG. ON SAME LOT		20	same	20	

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

Wood frame construction, no other buildings on the same lot. The front unit is occupied by different owners

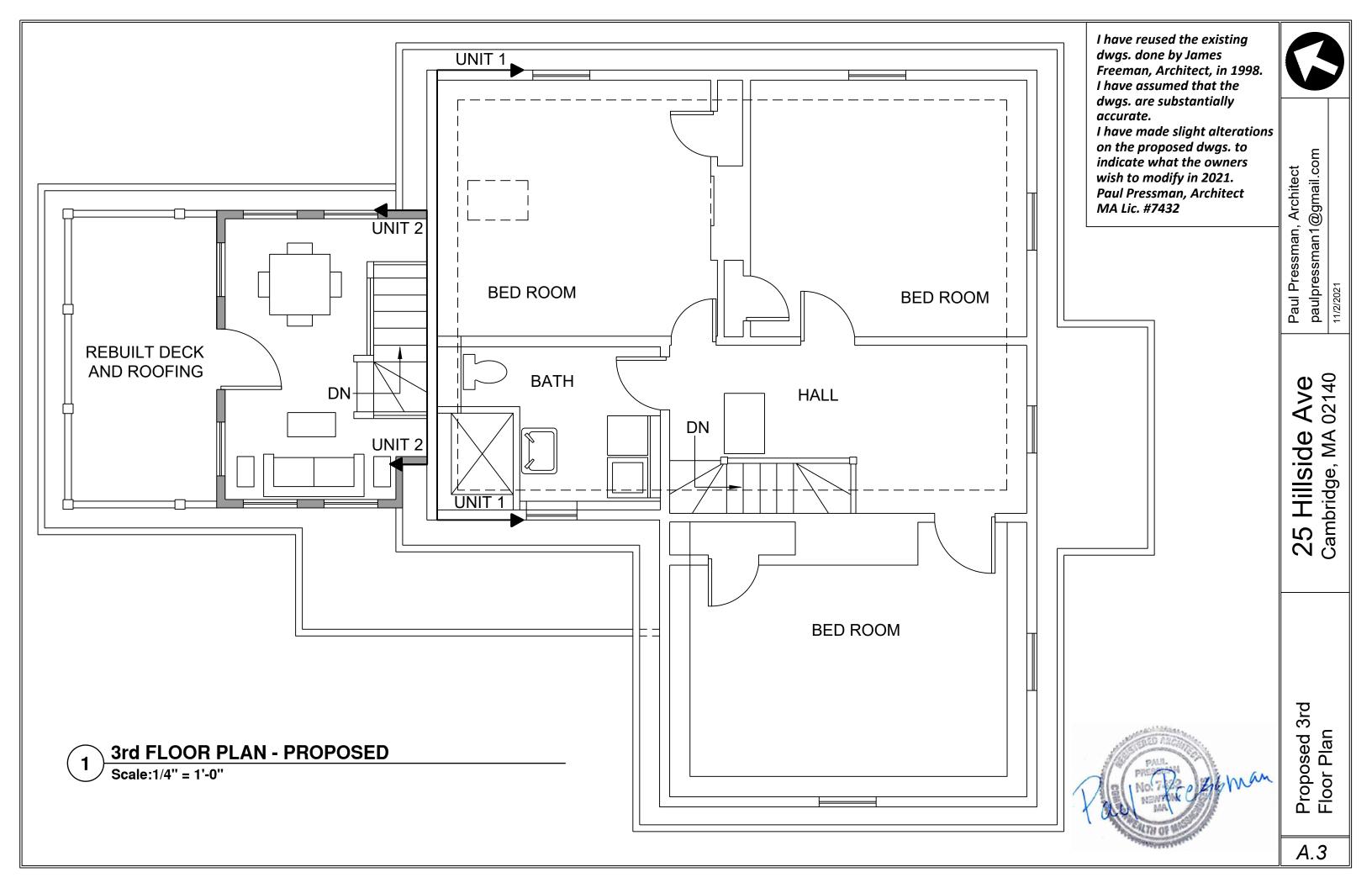


paulpressman1@gmail.com Paul Pressman, Architect

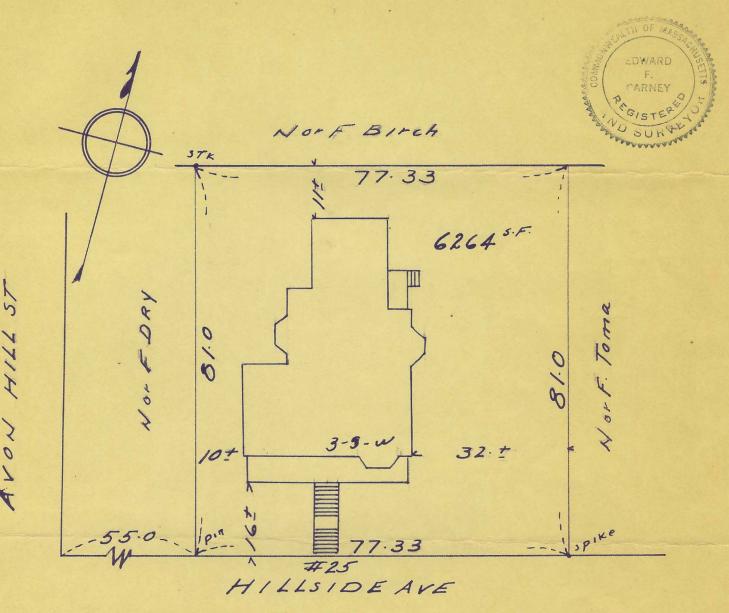
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Existing 3rd Floor Plan

EX.3



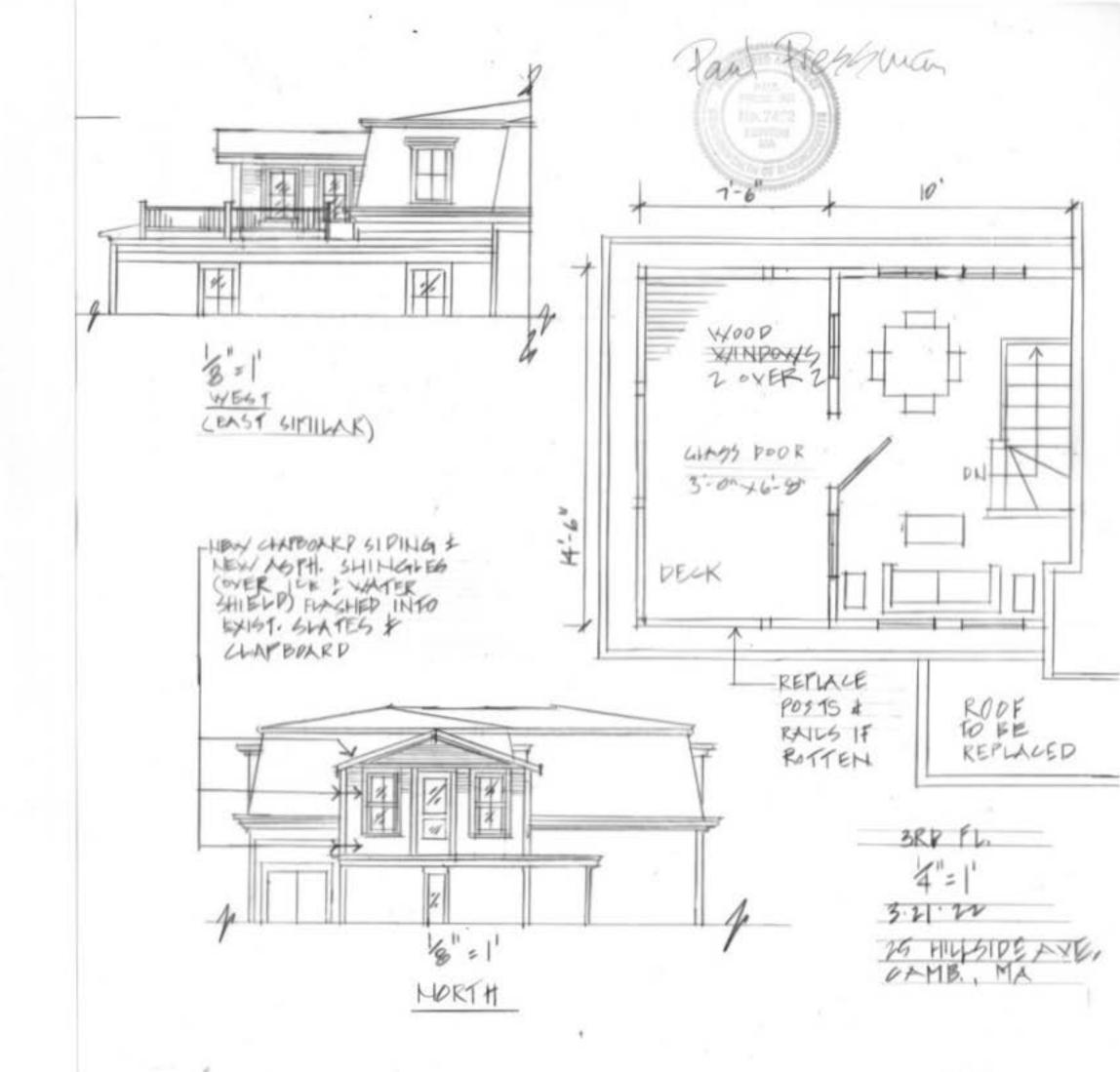
LOCATION-25 HILLSIDE AVE, CAMBRIDGE Scale 1"=20" Nov22, 1961

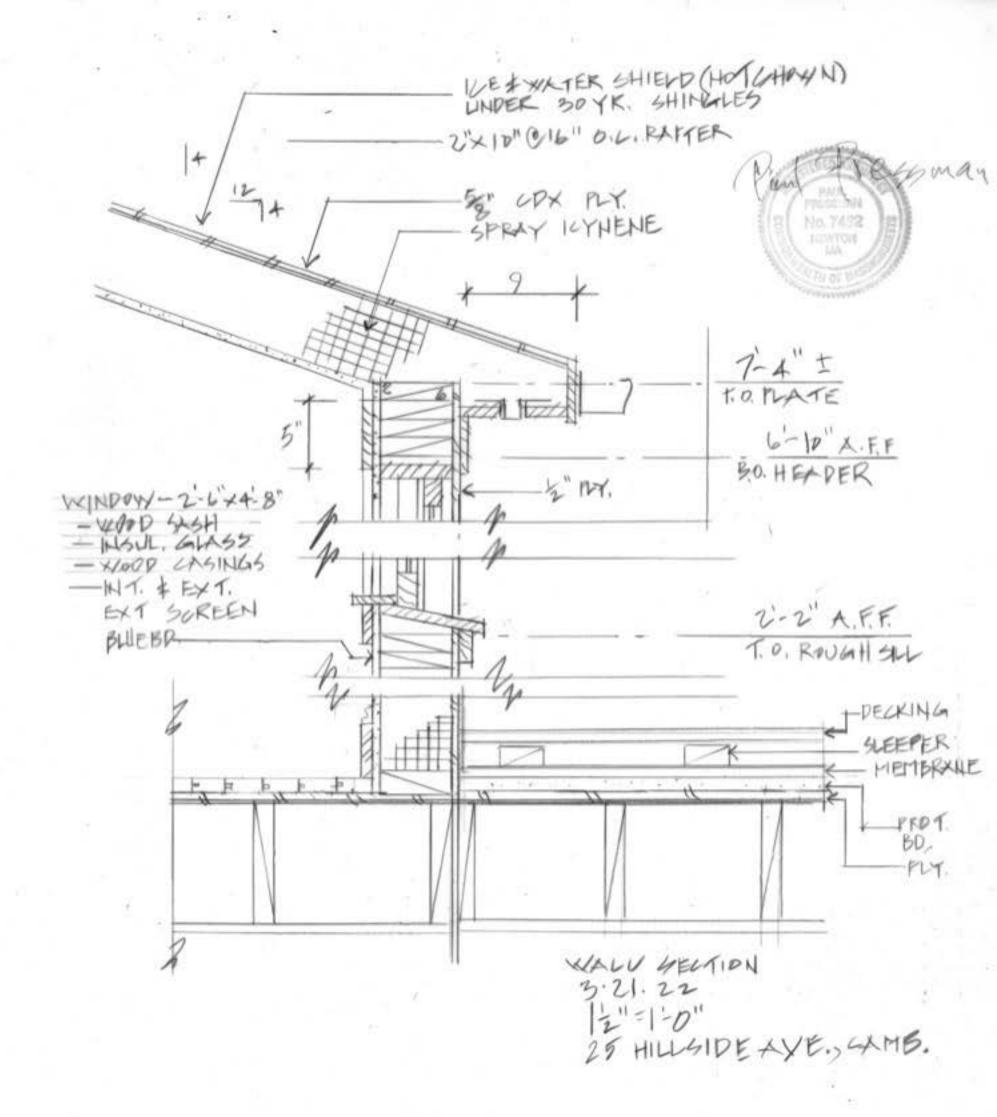


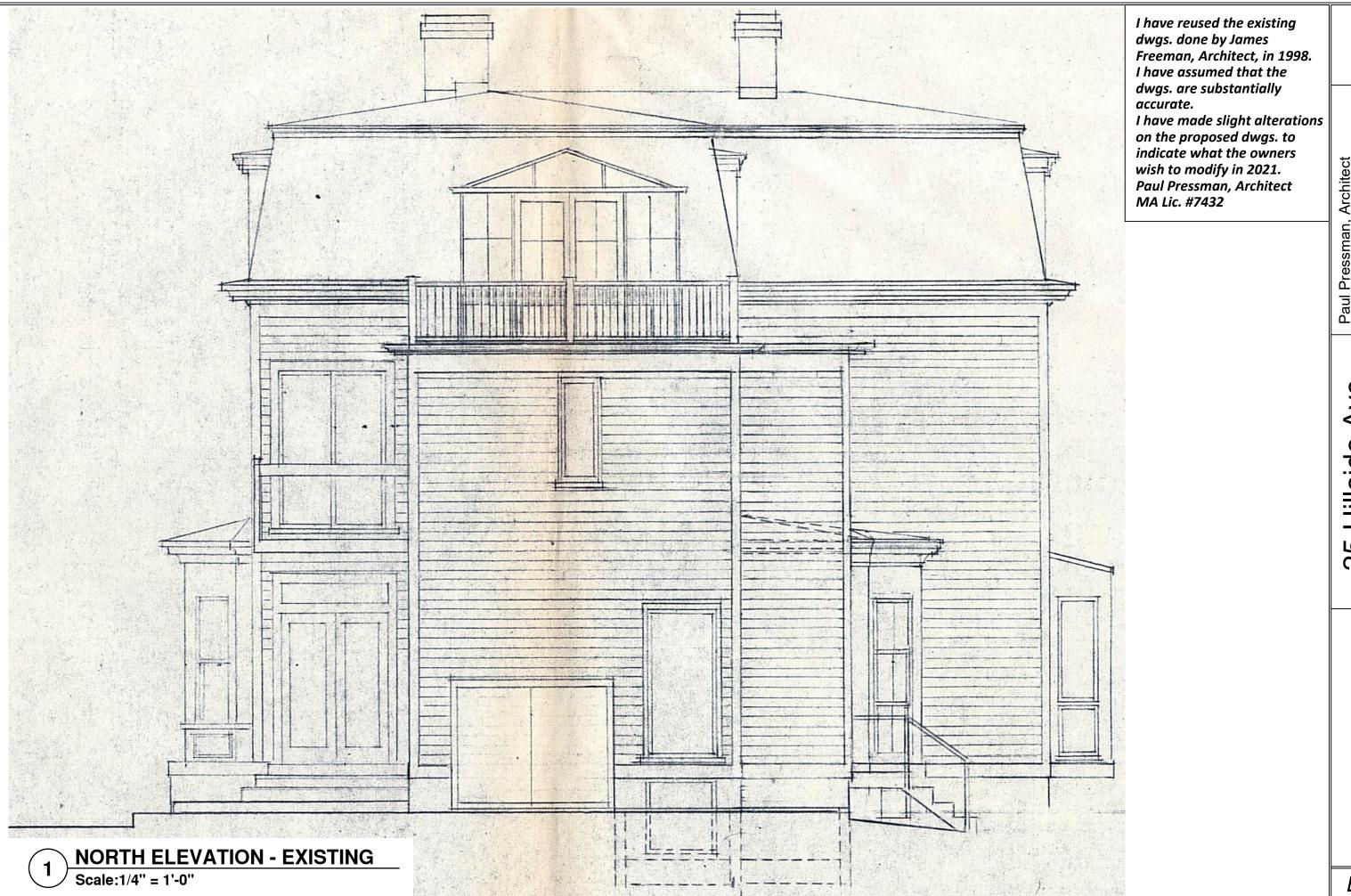
I hereby certify that the building shown on this plan is approximately located on the ground as shown thereon and that it conformed to the zoning and building laws of the City of an hi-1 did when constructed and to restrictions on record.

Edward Frame Reg. Surveyor

This plan is not to be recorded.





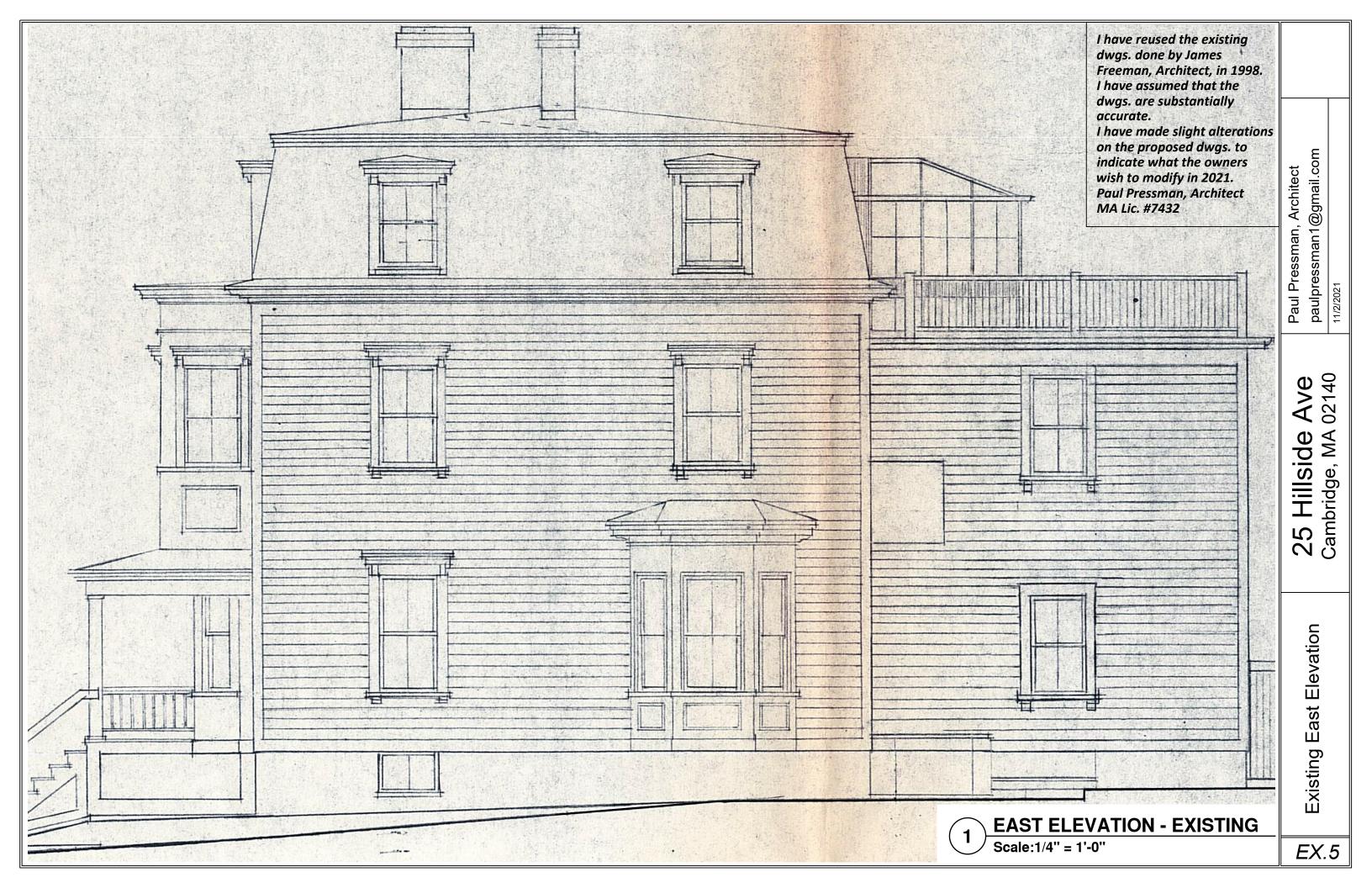


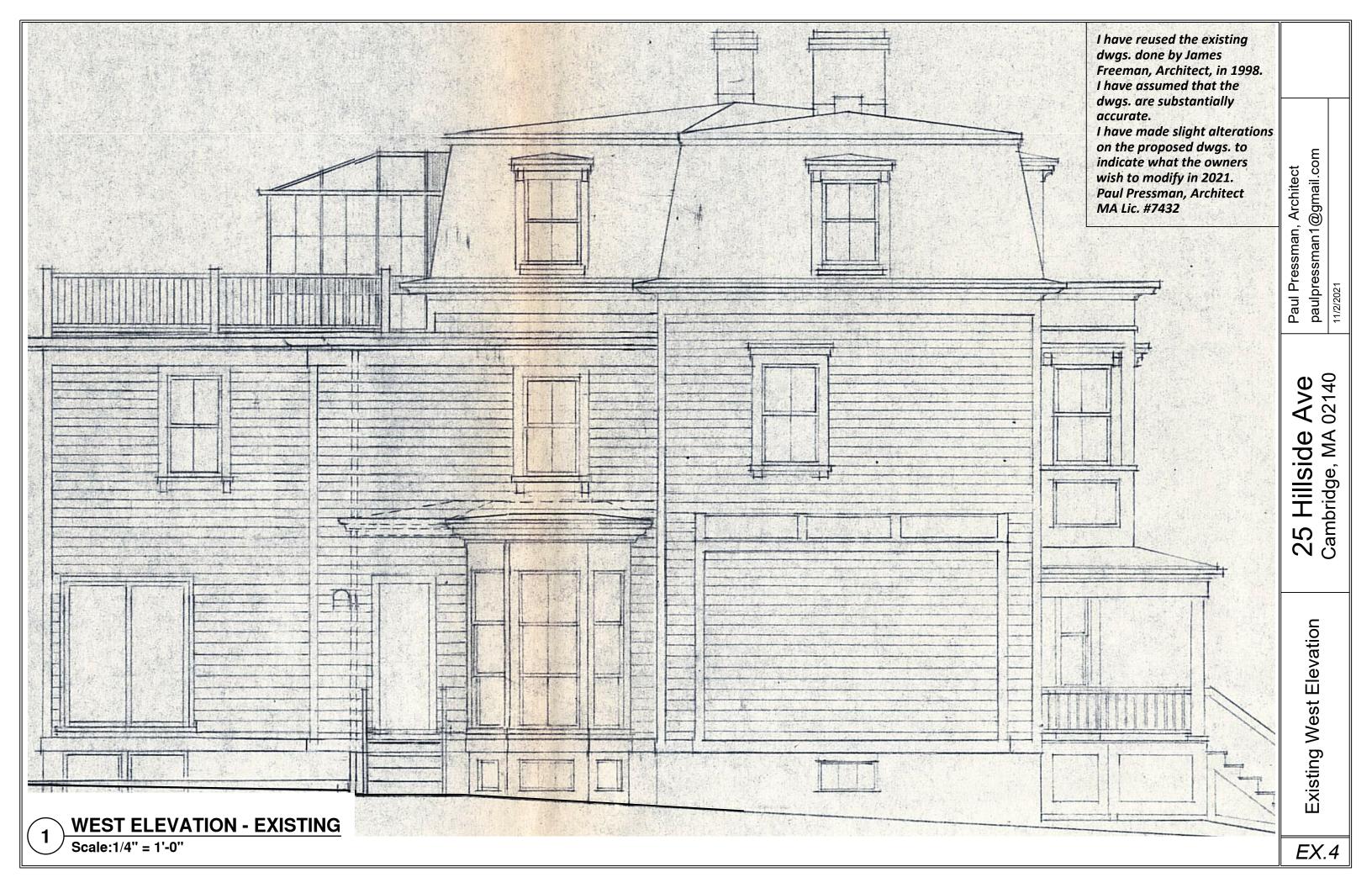
Paul Pressman, Architect paulpressman1@gmail.com

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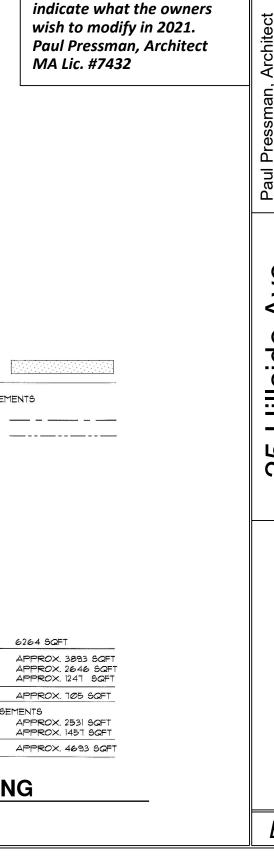
Existing North Elevation

EX.6





Site



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EX-1 SITE PLAN

Middlesex Registry of Deeds,

Southern District

Cambridge, Massachusetts
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Rec'd, Bk30678Page 572

BRICK TERRACE UNIT ONE

LIMITED COMMON AREA

EXCLUSIVE USE, UNIT ONE

STORAGE

WITH EASEMENTS

STONE

UNIT ONE

PAVING

BRICK WALK

STORAGE

UNIT 1

COMMON AREA

STORAGE

UNIT TWO

COMMON AREA AND FACILITIES

BRICK TERRACE

STONE PATH

BRICK WALK

UNIT TWO

LIMITED COMMON AREA

EXCLUSIVE USE, UNIT TWO WITH EASEMENTS

BRICK

EX-2 EXISTING 2ND FLOOR PLAN (NOT USED AT PRESENT)

EX-3 EXISTING 3RD FLOOR PLAN

EX-4 EXISTING WEST ELEVATION

EX-6 EXISTING NORTH ELEVATION

A-2 PROPOSED 2ND FLOOR PLAN (NOT USED AT PRESENT)

PROPOSED 3RD FLOOR PLAN

COMMON AREA AND FACILITIES

LIMITED COMMON AREA, EXCLUSIVE USE WITH EASEMENTS

UNIT ONE

UNIT TWO

I certify that the plan fully and accurately depicts the layout, location, Unit number and dimensions of the Units as built.



LOT AREA TOTAL LIVING AREA, UNITS ONE & TWO TOTAL LIVING AREA, UNITS ONE TOTAL LIVING AREA, UNITS TWO

EXTERIOR COMMON AREAS AND FACILITIES

LIMITED COMMON AREAS, EXCLUSIVE USE, WITH EASEMENTS UNIT ONE

TOTAL COMMON AREAS



SITE PLAN - EXISTING

Scale:1/16" = 1'-0"

EX-5 EXISTING EAST ELEVATION

PROPOSED SITE PLAN

PROPOSED WEST ELEVATION

PROPOSED EAST ELEVATION

PROPOSED NORTH ELEVATION

KEY



EX.1

Proposed North Elevation

I have reused the existing dwgs. done by James Freeman, Architect, in 1998. I have assumed that the dwgs. are substantially accurate.

I have made slight alterations on the proposed dwgs. to indicate what the owners wish to modify in 2021. Paul Pressman, Architect MA Lic. #7432



NORTH ELEVATION - PROPOSED

Scale:1/4" = 1'-0"

Paul Pressman, Architect paulpressman1@gmail.com

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Proposed East Elevation

A.5

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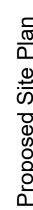
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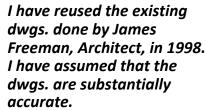
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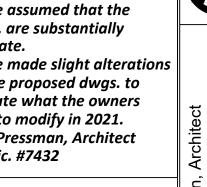
Proposed West Elevation

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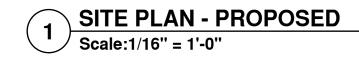


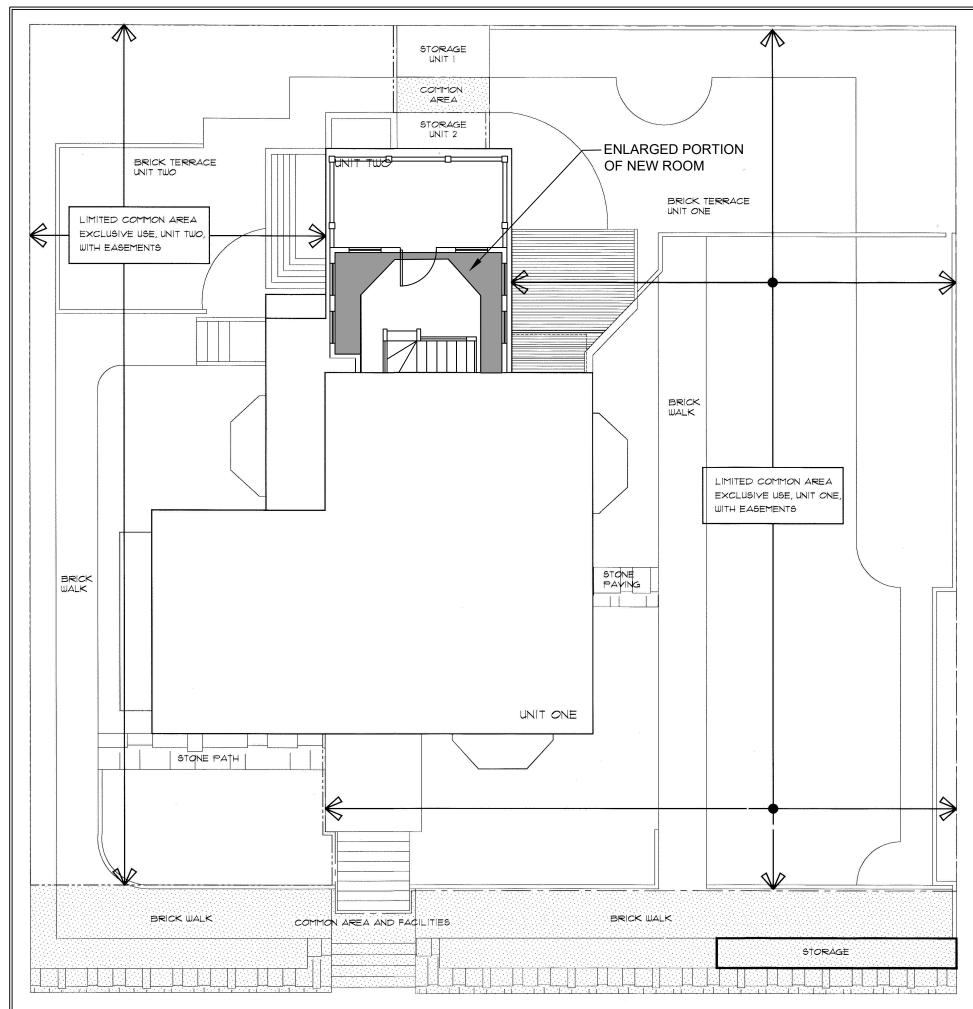
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EXTERIOR COMMON AREAS AND FACILITIES	APPROX. 705 SQFT			
LIMITED COMMON AREAS, EXCLUSIVE USE WITH EASEMENTS UNIT ONE APPROX. 2531 SQFT UNIT TWO APPROX. 1457 SQFT				
TOTAL COMMON AREAS	APPROX. 4693 SQFT			









On 3rd floor deck looking at sunroom from the northwest



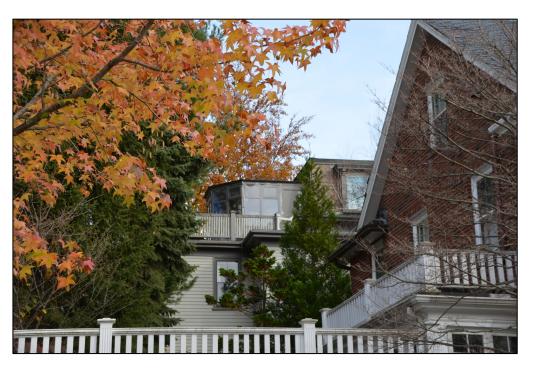
On 3rd floor deck looking at sunroom from the north

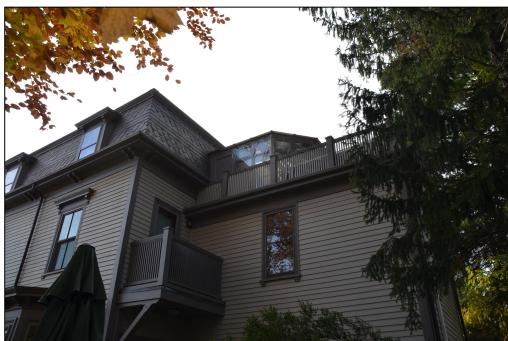


On 3rd floor deck looking at sunroom from the NNW



On 3rd floor deck looking at sunroom from the NNW





On the ground looking at sunroom from the WSW $\,$



On the ground looking at sunroom from the NNW

On the ground looking at sunroom from the northeast



On the ground looking at sunroom from the WNW



Virginia Spanoudaki <v.spanoudaki@gmail.com>

Letter of support for the Zoning Board of Appeal

1 message

Heli Meltsner hmeltsner@gmail.com>
To: Virginia Spanoudaki v.spanoudaki@gmail.com>

Thu, Apr 28, 2022 at 2:38 PM

Virginia and Eric,

This is to express my support for your proposed third floor sun-room project. I am a directly abutting neighbor and can easily see the location from our windows and backyard. I understand that the existing structure is in urgent need of replacement due to rot and leaking. While I know the current design has not been finished, I approve of its proposed dimensions and believe you will work towards an acceptable solution.

Best, Heli Meltsner 74 Avon Hill St. Cambridge, MA 02140 Attn: Cambridge Board of Zoning Appeals

RE: Sunroom replacement at 25 Hillside Ave

We are writing this letter in support of our neighbors Eric Verploegen and Virginia Spanoudaki, owners of the rear unit of 25 Hillside Ave. Eric and Virginia are planning to replace their currently deteriorating sunroom on the 3rd floor of their property with a new one that is slightly enlarged towards the east and west sides of their property. In addition, they are planning to replace the failing rubber roof on the deck that the sunroom opens to, as well as the degraded deck and railings.

Eric and Virginia have notified us of their plans, provided a detailed written description as well as schematics of their proposed work and invited us to discuss with them any concerns that may arise.

We fully support the proposed work which will significantly improve living conditions in the unit while it preserves the neighborhood character.

Thank you,

Susan Farbstein

Mark Cornwall

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Peter Cornwall

25 Hill Side Are Unit 1 Cambridge MA 02140

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68 Avon Hill Street (33 Hillside Ave.) Cambridge MA 02140-3631

TO: Cambridge Board of Zoning Appeals

RE: Sunroom replacement at 25 Hillside Ave

We write to support our next-door neighbors Eric Verploegen and Virginia Spanoudaki, owners of the rear unit of 25 Hillside Ave. Eric and Virginia are planning to replace their currently deteriorating sunroom on the 3rd floor of their property with a new one that is slightly enlarged towards the east and west sides of their property. In addition, they are planning to replace the failing rubber roof on the deck that the sunroom opens to, as well as the degraded deck and railings.

Eric and Virginia have notified us of their plans, provided a detailed written description as well as schematics of their proposed work, and invited us to discuss with them any concerns that we might have. We think their plan is a good one that will only improve their property's value and make their sunroom and rear roof area more attractive.

We fully support the proposed work which will significantly improve living conditions in the unit while preserving the character of their home and enhancing that of the neighborhood as well.

Sincerely yours,

William and Barbara Graham

Pacheco, Maria

From:

Edward Hoff <tedhoff1719@gmail.com>

Sent:

Monday, May 2, 2022 12:56 PM

To:

Pacheco, Maria

Cc:

Kathleen O'Connell

Subject:

Support for the proposed work at 25 Hillside Avenue, in the rear

Dear Cambridge Board of Zoning Appeals,

My name is Edward Hoff, and my wife, Kathleen O'Connell, and I live at 17 Hillside Avenue in Cambridge. We are writing this email in support of our neighbors Eric Verploegen and Virginia Spanoudaki, owners of the rear unit of 25 Hillside Avenue. Eric and Virginia are planning to replace their currently deteriorating sunroom on the 3rd floor of their property with a new one that is slightly enlarged towards the east and west sides of their property. In addition, they are planning to replace the failing rubber roof on the deck that the sunroom opens to, as well as the degraded deck and railings.

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We fully support the proposed work which will significantly improve living conditions in the unit while also preserving the neighborhood character. Thank you.

Sincerely, Edward Hoff and Kathleen O'Connell



Avon Hill Neighborhood Conservation District Commission

831 Massachusetts Avenue, 2nd Fl., Cambridge, Massachusetts 02139 Telephone; 617 349 4683 TTY: 617 349 6112 histneds@cambridgema.gov/historic/districtshistoricproperties/avonhillned

Constantin von Wentzel, *Chair*; Mark Golberg, *Vice Chair* Levin Campbell, Heli Meltsner, *Members* Art Bardige, Theresa Hamacher, *Alternates*

CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS

PROPERTY: 25 Hillside Avenue

OWNER: Virginia Spanoudaki & Eric Verploegen

25 Hillside Avenue Cambridge, MA 02140

The Avon Hill Neighborhood Conservation District Commission herby certifies, pursuant to Title 2, Chapter 2.78, Article III, Section 2.78.140-270 of the Code of the City of Cambridge and the City Council order establishing the Commission, that the alterations described below is not incongruous to the historic aspects or architectural character of the building or district:

Replace third floor sunroom with new room.

Date

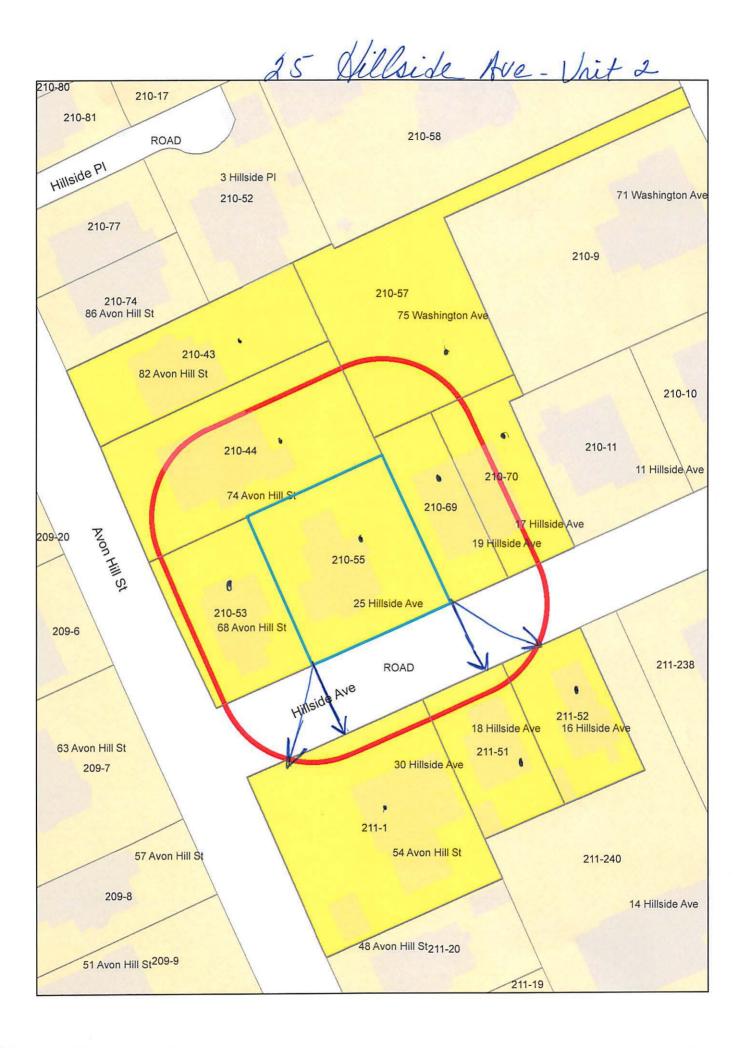
Work is to be carried out as indicated on drawings by Paul Pressman, Architect, titled "25 Hillside Avenue," submitted November 2, 2021.

The proposal was approved with the condition that CHC staff can review and approve revisions.

The plans referenced above are incorporated into this certificate, which is <u>binding</u> on the applicant, and all improvements shall be carried out as described herein.

This certificate is granted upon the condition that the work authorized is commenced within six months after the date of issuance. If the work authorized by this certificate is not commenced within six months after the date of issuance, or if such work is suspended in significant part for a period of one year after the time the work is commenced, this certificate shall expire and be of no further effect; provided that, for cause, one or more extensions not exceeding ninety days each may be allowed in writing by the Chair.

Case Number: AH-725	Date of Certific	cate: March 29, 2022
Attest: A true and correct copy Avon Hill Neighborhood Conse By <u>Constantin von Wentz</u>	ervation District Comm	he office of the City Clerk and the hission on March 29, 2021. , Chair.
Twenty days have elapsed since No appeal has been filed	e the filing of this decis . Appe	sion. al has been filed
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25 Hillside Ave

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210-44 MELTSNER, MICHAEL & HELI MELTSNER 74 AVON HILL ST. CAMBRIDGE, MA 02140-3631

210-55 CORNWALL MARK SUSAN H. FARBSTEIN 25 HILLSIDE AVE - UNIT 1 CAMBRIDGE, MA 02140 211-51 PETERS, GREG 18 HILLSIDE AVE CAMBRIDGE, MA 02138

210-69 HOFF, EDWARD J. & KATHLEEN M. O'CONNELL 19 HILLSIDE AVE CAMBRIDGE, MA 02139

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210-53 GRAHAM WILLIAM A JR BARBARA S GRAHAM, TRS 68 AVON HILL ST CAMBRIDGE, MA 02140 210-55 VERPLOEGEN, ERIC ANTON VIRGINIA SPANOUDAKI 25 HILLSIDE AVE UNIT 2 CAMBRIDGE, MA 02140

210-43 HURWITCH, JOHN E & MARY BLUE MAGRUDER HURWITCH 82 AVON HILL STREET CAMBRIDGE, MA 02140-3631

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