



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

BZA APPLICATION FORM

Plan No: BZA-017061-2019

GENERAL INFORMATION

The undersigned hereby petitions the Board of Zoning Appeal for the following:

Special Permit : \_\_\_\_\_ Variance : ✓ Appeal : \_\_\_\_\_

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PETITIONER'S ADDRESS : 53 Henry Street Cambridge, MA 02139

LOCATION OF PROPERTY : 53 Henry St Cambridge, MA

TYPE OF OCCUPANCY : Residential ZONING DISTRICT : Residence C Zone

REASON FOR PETITION :

Additions

**DESCRIPTION OF PETITIONER'S PROPOSAL :**

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**SECTIONS OF ZONING ORDINANCE CITED :**

Article 5.000 Section 5.31 (Table of Dimensional Requirements).

Original Signature(s) :

Amy Devin

(Petitioner(s) / Owner)

AMY DEVIN

(Print Name)

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CAMBRIDGE, MA

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E-Mail Address :

AMY.E.DEVIN@GMAIL.COM

Date : 11/15/19

**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 Kevin Sendlenski + Amy Devin  
(OWNER)

Address: 53 Henry St. Cambridge, MA 02139

State that I/We own the property located at 53 Henry St.,  
which is the subject of this zoning application.

The record title of this property is in the name of Kevin Sendlenski  
Revocable Trust + Amy Devin Revocable Trust

\*Pursuant to a deed of duly recorded in the date 3/20/18, Middlesex South  
County Registry of Deeds at Book 70755, Page 273; or  
Middlesex Registry District of Land Court, Certificate No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Book \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_.

Kevin Sendlenski  
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 Suffolk

The above-name Kevin Sendlenski personally appeared before me,  
this 7 of Jun, 2019, and made oath that the above statement is true.

[Signature] Notary

My commission expires May 23, 2025 (Notary Seal).

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





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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:

In order to build the left side dormer / addition, which is required for a safe and legal egress stair and code compliant 3rd floor bathroom, a literal enforcement of the provision would require the relocation of the entire left side wall of the existing non conforming structure and move it 4'-0" to the right to be out of the left side setback, which would essentially mean rebuilding the entire house. The proposed 15'-0" dormer / additon would make possible a new code compliant stair and bathroom which are required to accomodate both a growing family, and an immediate family member with multiple sclerosis. Without the modest dormer addition the family would have to consider relocating out of a neighborhood and community where they have set down roots and hope to remain for many years to come. Another alternative would be to tear down the existing house and rebuild a conforming structure on the lot which would be an extreme financial hardship, and not in the best interest of the existing neighborhood in general.

- 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 hardship is do to an existing non conforming narrow lot. There is no way to continue the existing stair in a safe and code compliant manner without zoning relief per the left side setback.

- C)** **DESIRABLE RELIEF MAY BE GRANTED WITHOUT EITHER:**

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

The proposed new left side dormer / addition meets the standard 15'-0" length and 50% window percentage as well as the set backs in the preferred dormer guidelines, except as required to extend the existing stair located at the exterior wall. The scale of the house and the neighborhood will remain in tact. The proposed dormer / addition will not create any new shadows on the adjacent properties or any new noise pollution. The proposed new dormer / addition will not create any new traffic or reduce on street parking. The total dormer length will not be more than 30', with no new dormer exceeeding 15'. The FAR increase is negligible and it remains conforming. There is no change to the building height or footprint. There is no loss of open space.

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

The proposed dormer / addition is very modest in scale, and it is traditional in style, so it is consistent with the architectural style of the existing house and will blend into the surrounding neighborhood. This modest additon will make it possible for this family which is committed to their community to remain in a home and neighborhood they love.

**\* 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****DIMENSIONAL INFORMATION**

**APPLICANT:** GCD Architects **PRESENT USE/OCCUPANCY:** 101 Single Family  
**LOCATION:** 53 Henry St Cambridge, MA **ZONE:** Residence C Zone  
**PHONE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **REQUESTED USE/OCCUPANCY:** 101 Single Family

		<u>EXISTING CONDITIONS</u>	<u>REQUESTED CONDITIONS</u>	<u>ORDINANCE REQUIREMENTS</u> <sup>1</sup>	
<u>TOTAL GROSS FLOOR AREA:</u>		3,050	3,180	3,761	(max.)
<u>LOT AREA:</u>		6,269	6,269	6,269	(min.)
<u>RATIO OF GROSS FLOOR AREA TO LOT AREA:</u> <sup>2</sup>		.48	.51	.60	(max.)
<u>LOT AREA FOR EACH DWELLING UNIT:</u>		6,269	no change	1,800	(min.)
<u>SIZE OF LOT:</u>	WIDTH	41.9'	no change	50.0'	(min.)
	DEPTH	149.65'	no change	NA	
<u>SETBACKS IN FEET:</u>	FRONT	17.1'	no change	10'	(min.)
	REAR	79.43'	no change	<del>27.5'</del> 10.62'	(min.)
	LEFT SIDE	3.5'	no change	7.5'	(min.)
	RIGHT SIDE	10.0'	no change	7.5'	(min.)
<u>SIZE OF BLDG.:</u>	HEIGHT	35.43'	no change	35'	(max.)
	LENGTH	54'	no change	NA	
	WIDTH	23.21'	no change	NA	
<u>RATIO OF USABLE OPEN SPACE TO LOT AREA:</u>		23%	no change	36%	(min.)
<u>NO. OF DWELLING UNITS:</u>		1	no change	3	(max.)
<u>NO. OF PARKING SPACES:</u>		2	no change	1	(min./max)
<u>NO. OF LOADING AREAS:</u>		NA	NA	NA	(min.)
<u>DISTANCE TO NEAREST BLDG. ON SAME LOT:</u>		47'-3"	no change	10'	(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.

The proposed construction is wood frame. The existing accessory garage is wood frame.

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'.





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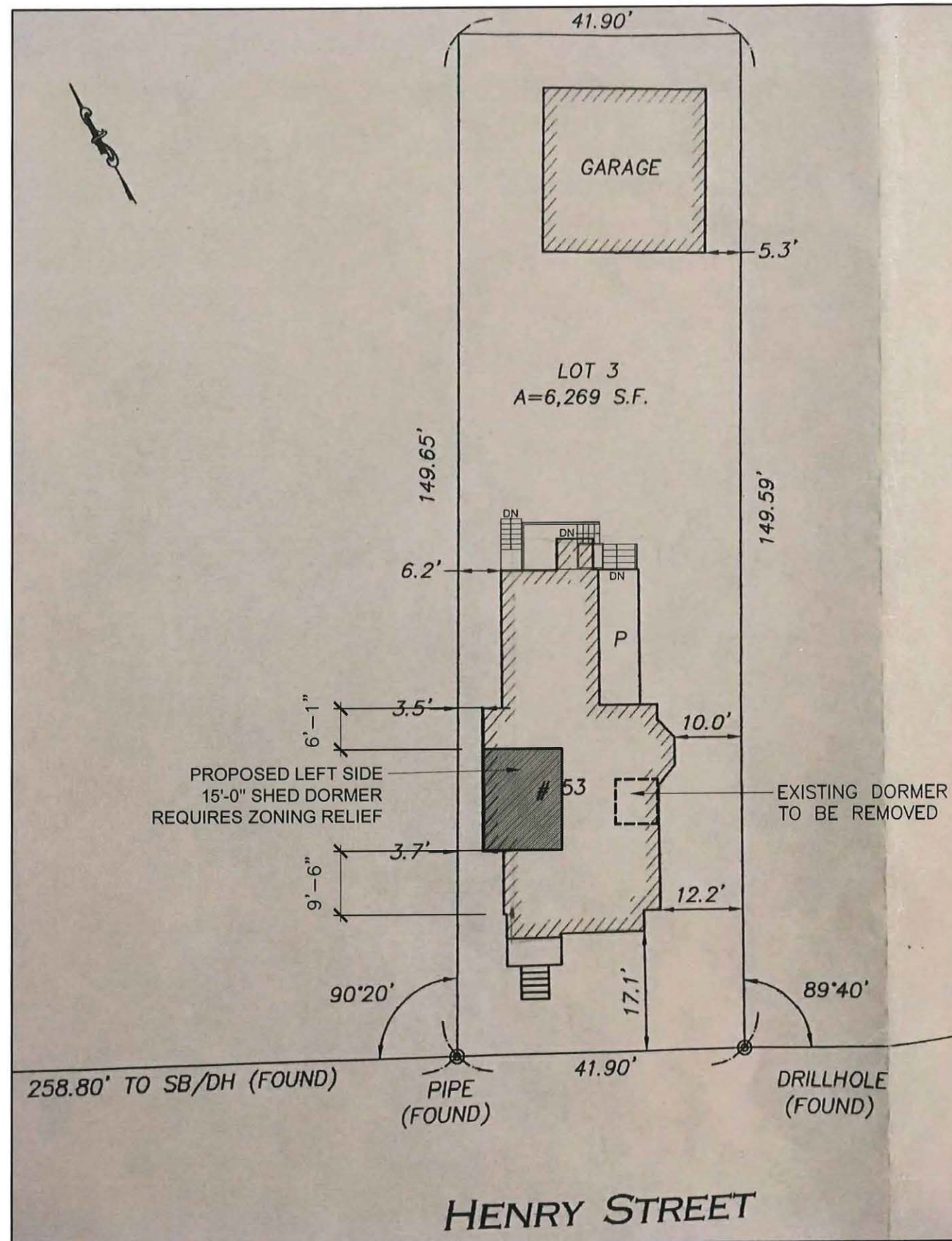
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PLAN REFERENCES

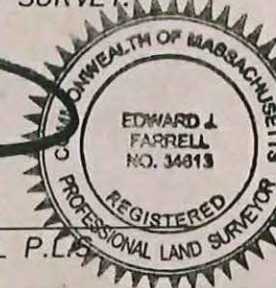
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PLAN # 427 OF 2000

PLAN # 1537 OF 1986

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PLAN IS BASED ON AN  
ACTUAL INSTRUMENT SURVEY.

*[Handwritten Signature]*



EDWARD J. FARRELL P.L.S.

8-5-16  
DATE

**PLOT PLAN**  
**53 HENRY STREET**  
**CAMBRIDGE, MASS.**  
SCALE: 1" = 20' AUGUST 5, 2016

Prepared By

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AERIAL VIEW



STREET VIEW RIGHT



STREET VIEW LEFT



STREET VIEW





53 HENRY STREET - EXISTING VIEW LEFT SIDE, STREET VIEW








53 HENRY STREET - PROPOSED LEFT SIDE DORMER, STREET VIEW





 EXISTING WALLS TO REMAIN  
 EXISTING WALLS TO BE REMOVED  
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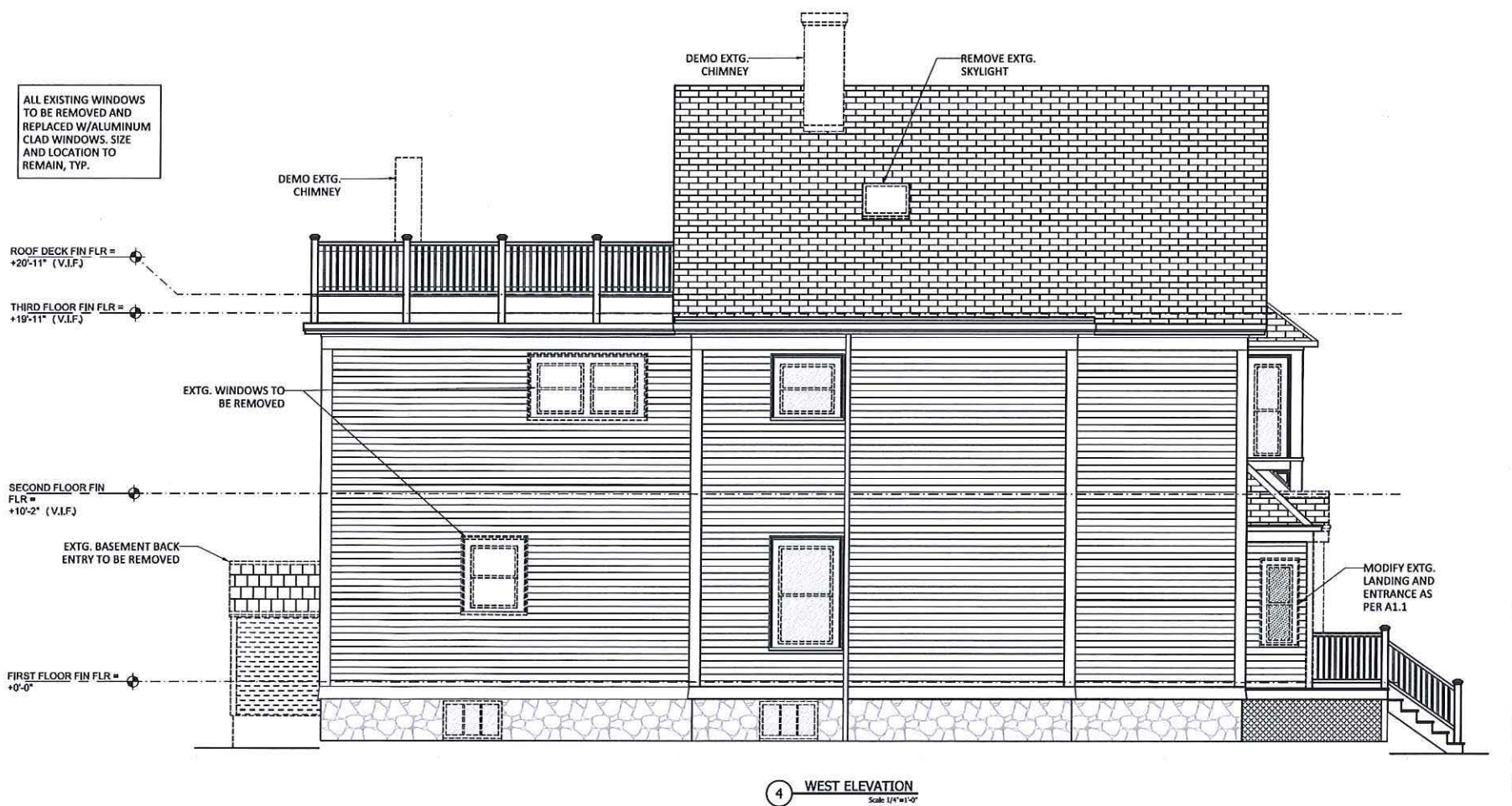
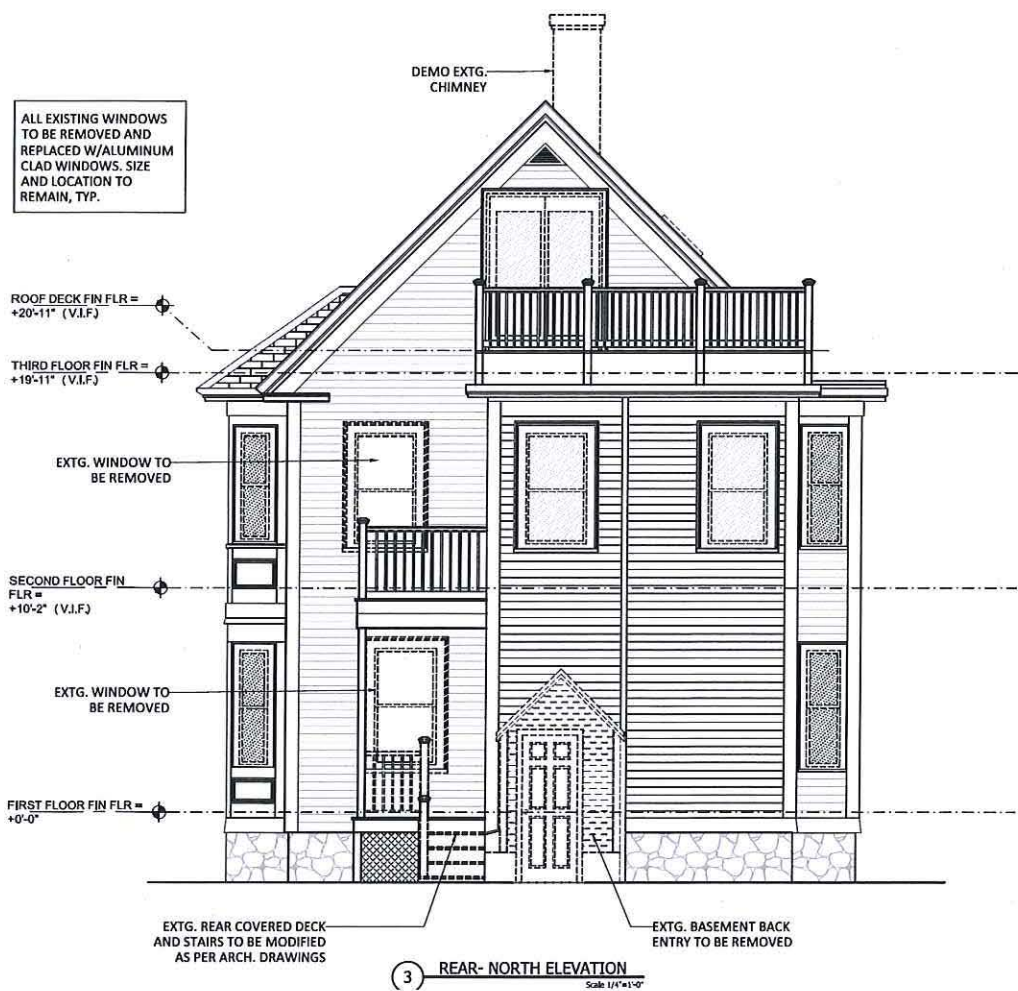
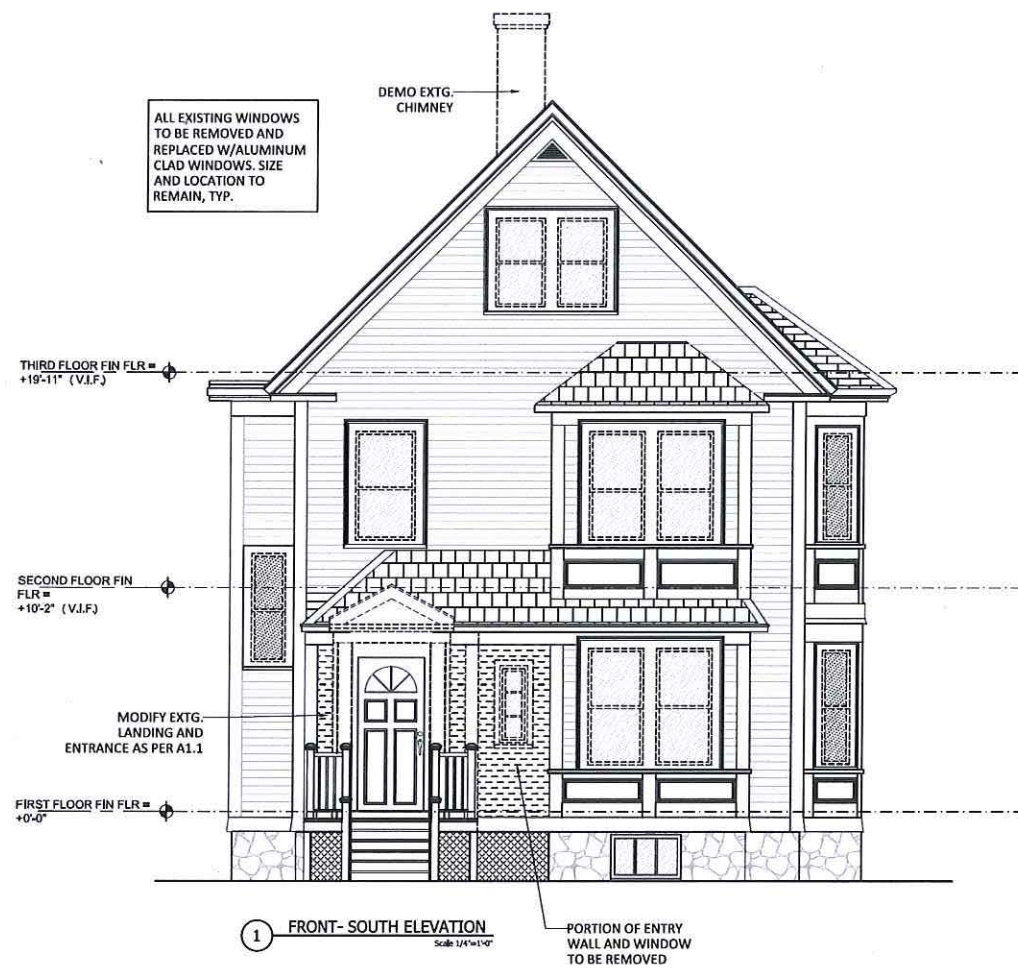
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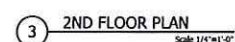
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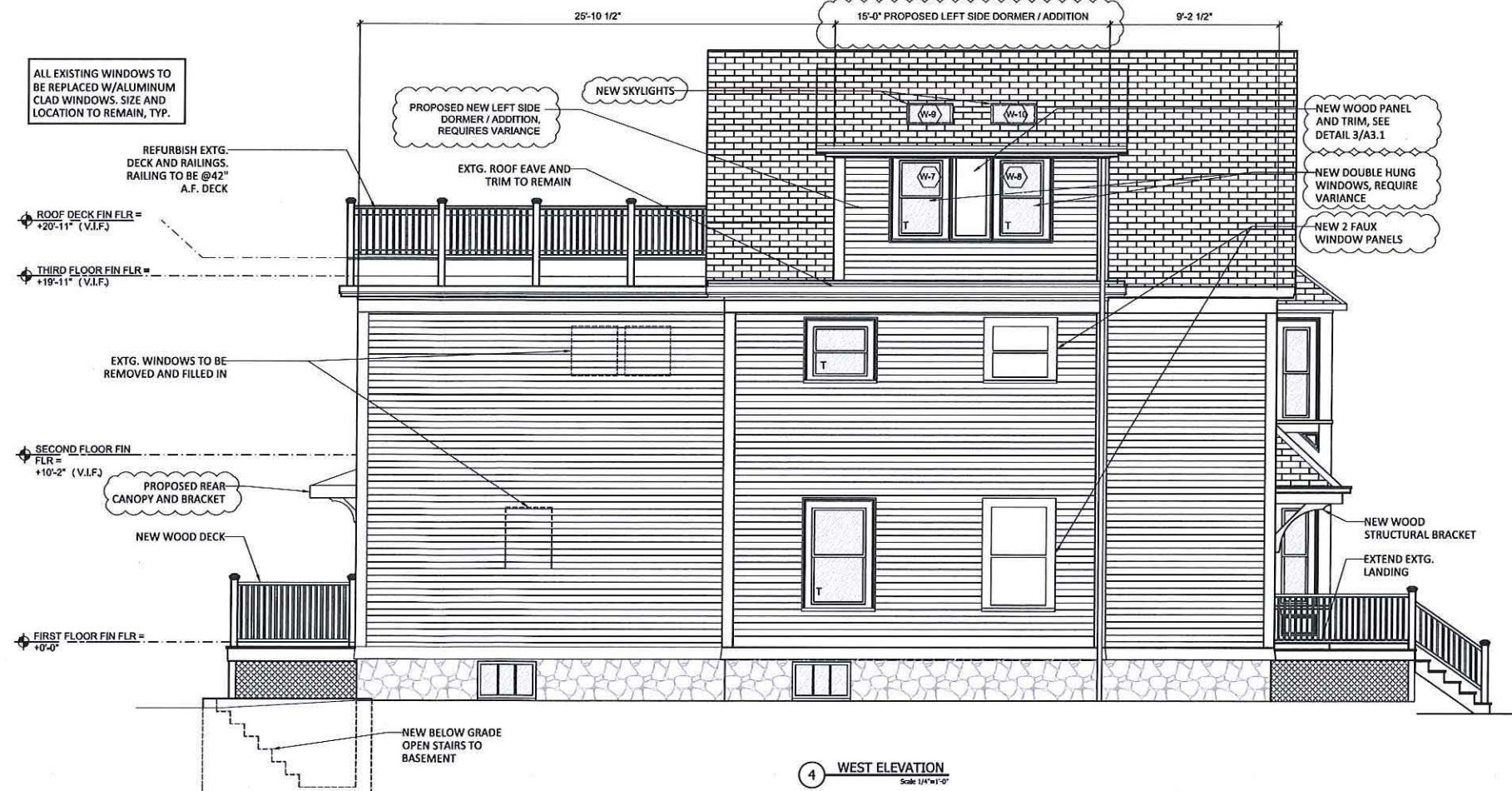
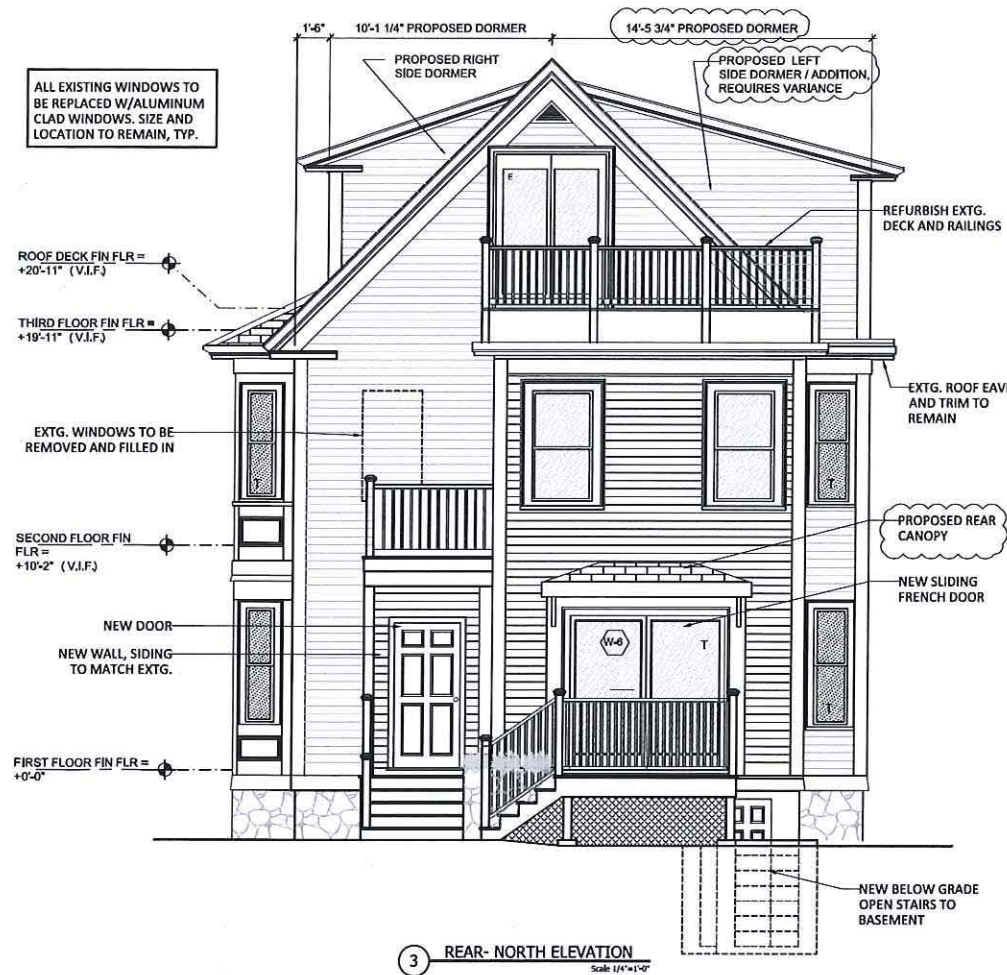
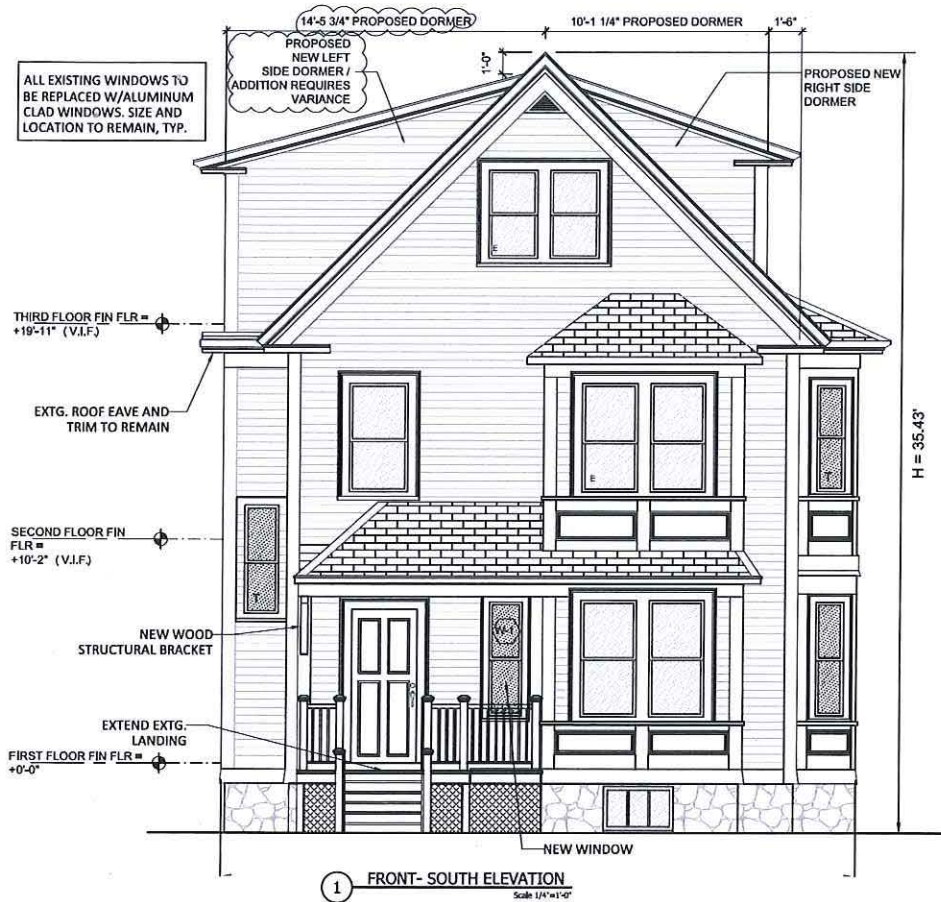


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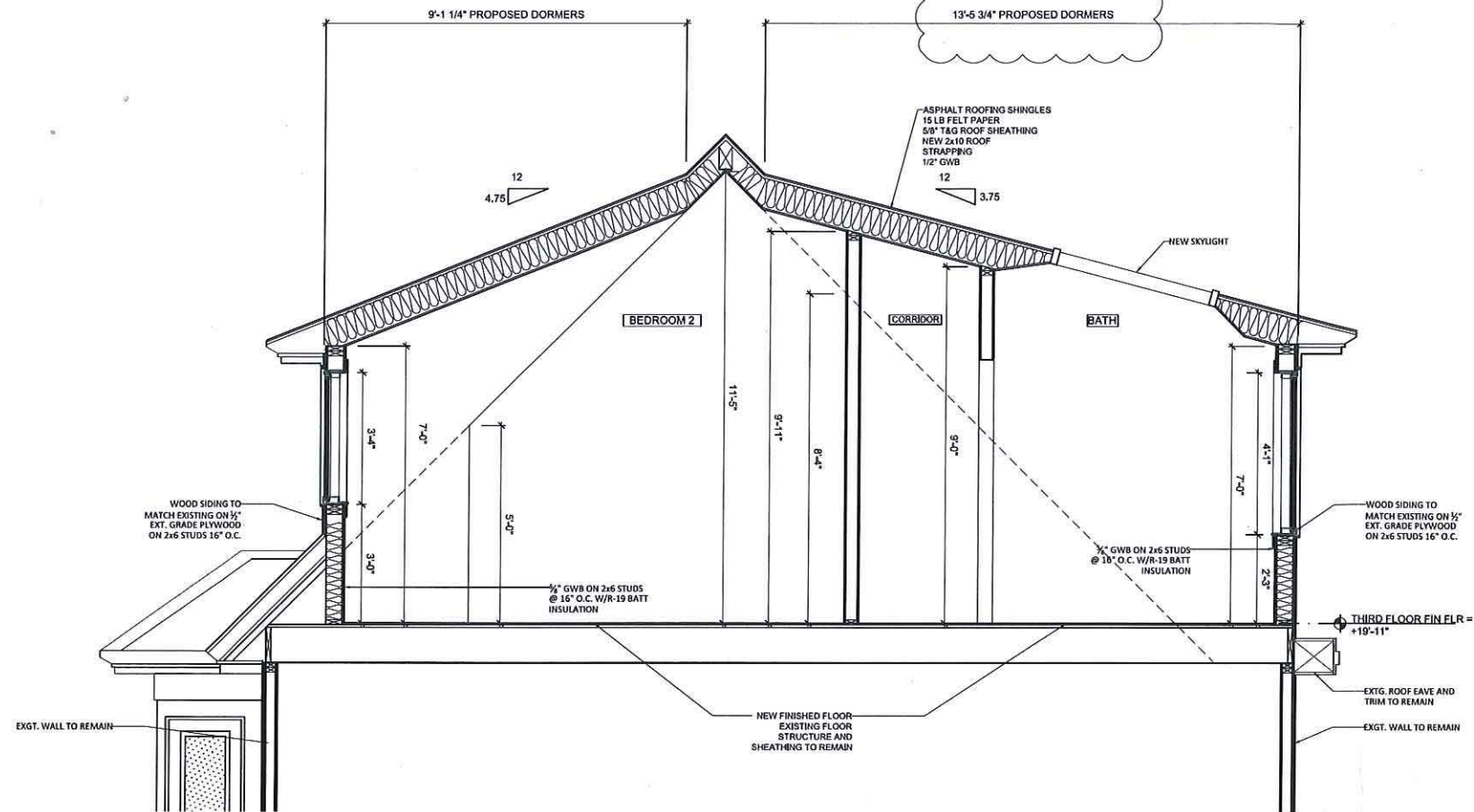
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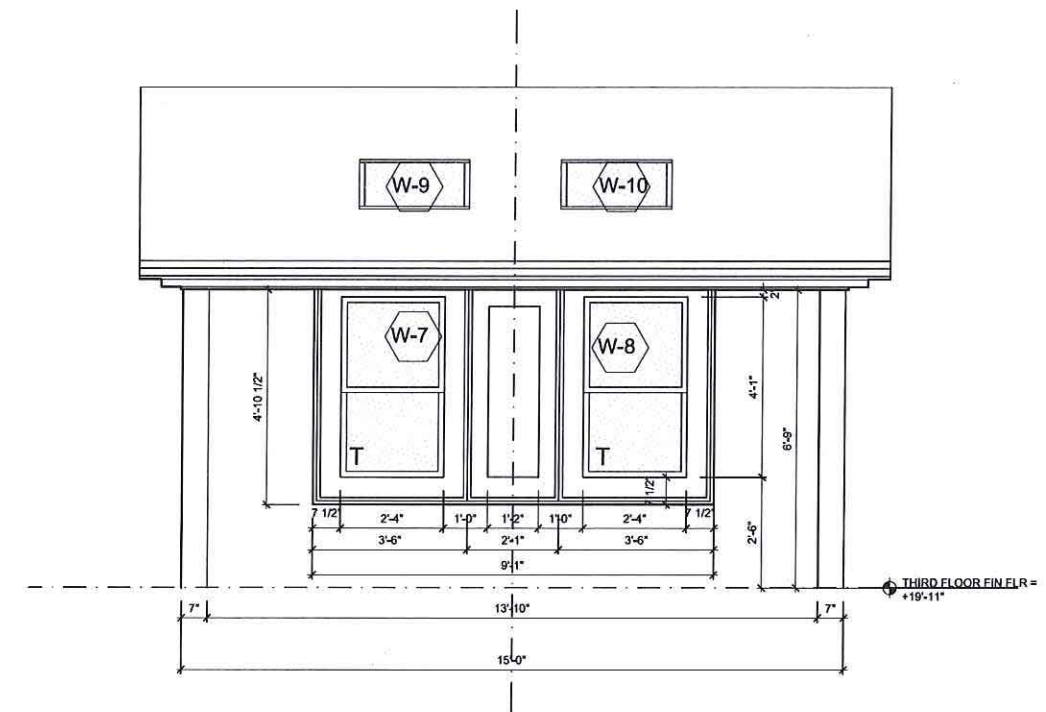
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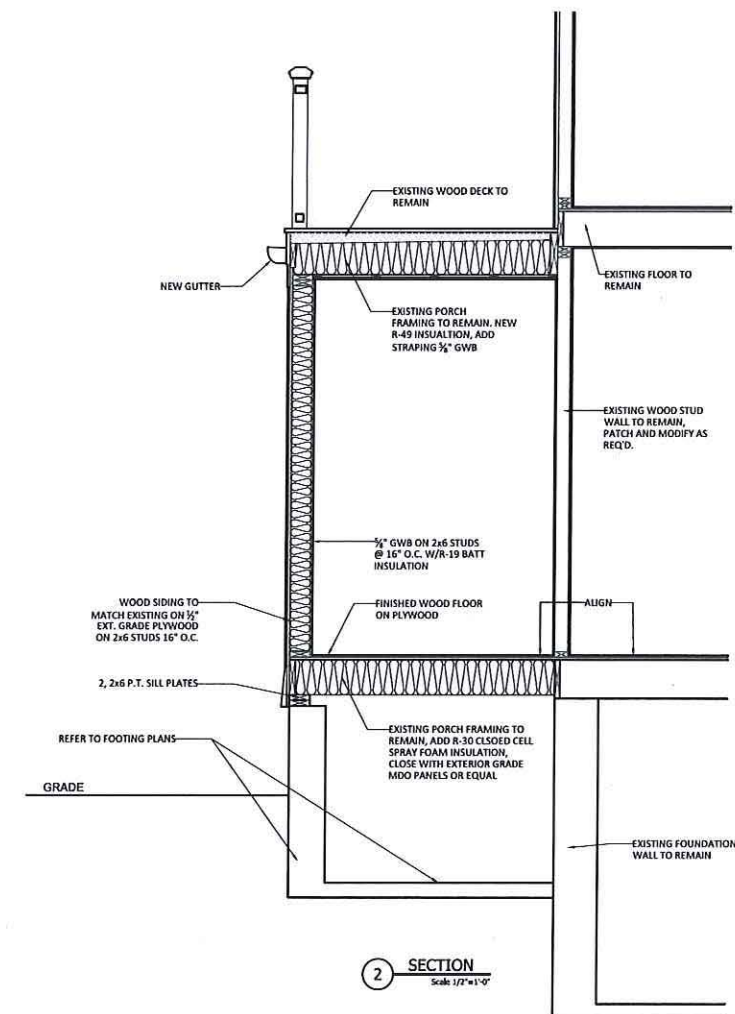


TOT AREA OF DORMER = 101 S.F.  
REQ. AREA OF TRIM AND WINDOWS =  $101/2 = 50.5$  S.F.  
AREA OF WINDOWS AND TRIM = 44 S.F. WINDOWS + 8 S.F. CORNER BOARDS = 52 S.F.

3 LEFT SIDE DORMER TRIMS DETAIL  
Scale: 1/2"=1'-0"

#### GENERAL NOTES:

1. ALL NEW DORMER ROOF AND EXISTING PORCH ROOF INSULATION TO BE CLOSED CELL SPRAY FOAM INSULATION R-49
2. ENCLOSED PORCH FLOOR TO BE CLOSED CELL SPRAY FOAM INSULATION R-30
3. ALL NEW CONSTRUCTION AND REPLACEMENT WINDOWS TO HAVE U VALUE .32 OR LESS



2 SECTION  
Scale: 1/2"=1'-0"

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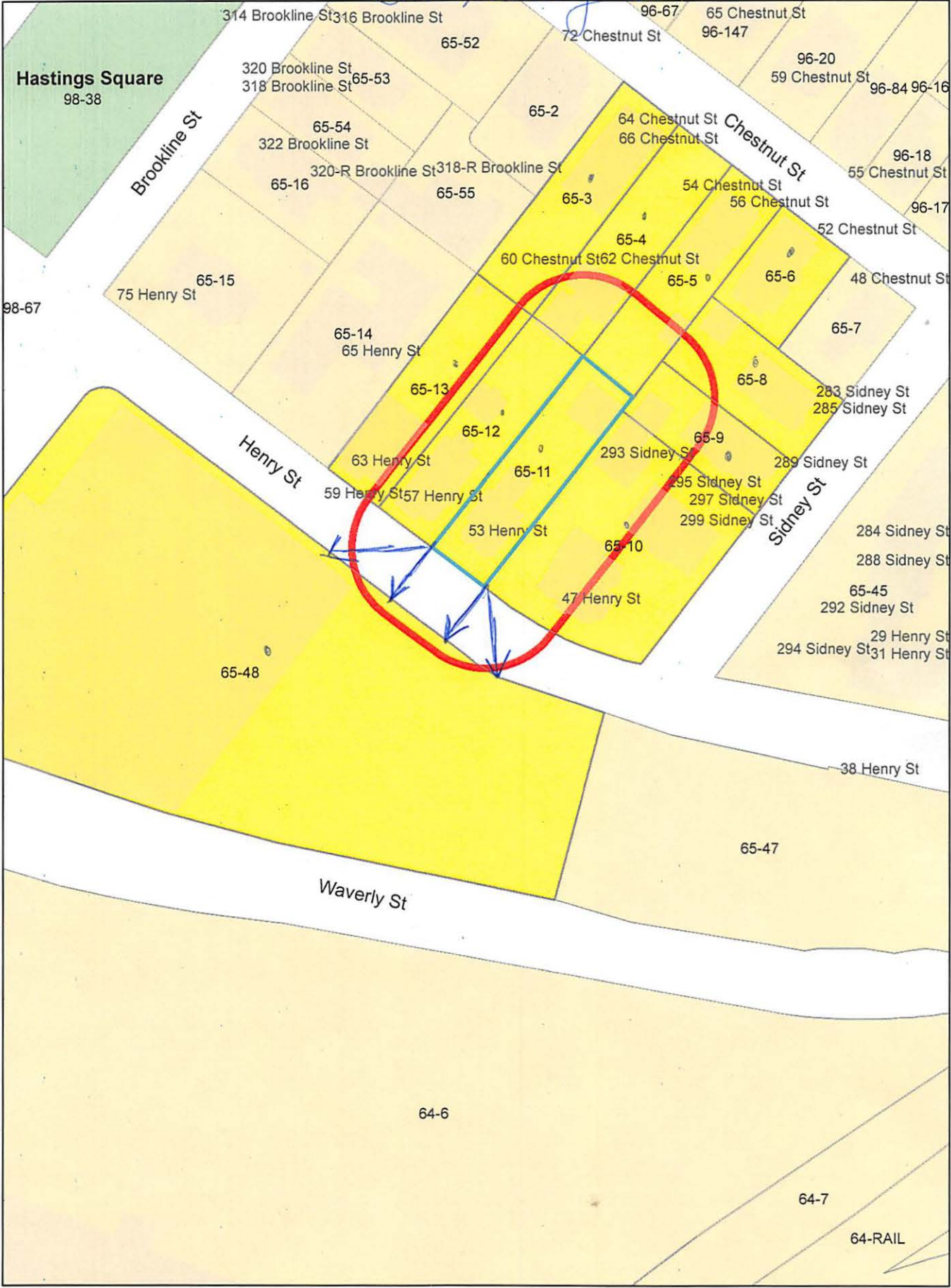
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WYON, RACHEL M.  
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