

### **TOWN OF JAMESTOWN**

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### Zoning Memorandum

Date: 11/29/2021

From: William L Moore, Jamestown Zoning Officer

**Subject Property location:** 

48 Columbia Avenue, Assessor plat, 9 Lot, 100

Owner:

John Moorehead, Jennifer Ayvasion-Moorehead

Zoning District: R-8 Residential, Lot size 8000 sq ft, Downtown Special Development District

Overlay

Existing Lot size: 6969 square feet +-, Legal non-conforming

Setbacks for principal: Front-18', side 7', rear 30', Lot Coverage 30%

Current Use: Single Family Dwelling, conforming use

**SEWER/SEPTIC:** Subject property is connected to Jamestown Sewer

WATER SUPPLY: Subject property is connected to Jamestown water supply

Flood Zone: N/A CRMC: N/A

Remarks: There are no known Previous, Zoning Board decisions, for the Subject Property.

The applicants have applied for a variance to construct an Attached Garage 2.8' from side property line where 7' is required. The proposed Lot Coverage will be 27%, where 30% is maximum allowed.

## TOWN OF JAMESTOWN ZONING BOARD OF REVIEW

# Application for Exception or Variation under the Zoning Ordinance

Zoning Board of Review;	
Jamestown, R. I.	Date_///2/2/
Gentlemen:	
described premises in the manner and on John Moorehead Applicant Jennifer Ayvasian John Moorehead Owner Jennifer Ayvasiau Moore Lessee MA	
1. Location of premises: No. 48	Columbia Ave Street
2. Assessor's Plat Lot _	
3. Dimensions of lot: frontage 67.3	Oft. depth 110 ft. Area 685 sq. ft.
4. Zoning Districts in which premises are l	ocated: Use Ro Area 8000 Height 35
5. How long have you owned above premi	ses? 4 years
6. Is there a building on the premises at pre-	esent?
7. Size of existing building	Sq. Ft.
Size of proposed building or alteration _	20 x 32
8. Distance of proposed bldg.or alteration f	rom lot lines:
front 18.32 rear 59.57	left side to howeright side 2.80
9. Present use of premises: The	sidential - SF
10. Proposed use of premises: Res	idential - SF
Location of septic tank & well on lo	Taun water Source

11. Give extent of proposed alterations propose to build an offached 1/2 car garage with storage on 2nd level - 2 story
12. Number of families for which building is to be arranged:
13. Have you submitted plans for above to Inspector of Buildings?
Has the Inspector of Buildings refused a permit?
14. Provision or regulation of Zoning Ordinance or State Enabling Act under which application for exception or variance is made:  Pricle 3 Section 82-302 Table 3-2  R8 Zone. The proposed set back is 2.8ft.  On North property line where 7ft. is  required. Criteria for Variance 6  Section 82-600, 6005, 6006
15. State the grounds for exception or variation in this case:  See attached Supplement
Respectfully Submitted  Signature  Signature
Address 48 Columbia Ave
Jamestaen, RI Coss
Telephone No. 401 - 862 - 5676

NOTE: A LOCATION PLAN AND SKETCH AND DRAWINGS NECESSARY TO GIVE FULL INFORMATION MUST BE FILED WITH THE APPLICATION.

## **Supplment to Application**

#### Application for Dimensional Relief

- The applicants purchased the property in December of 2017 with an intended use as a single family residence. The property had been existing as a single family for a considerable length of time prior to the applicant's purchase. According to the assessor database the residence was constructed in 1880.
- At this time, the applicants seek to construct a two story addition which will be affixed to the existing structure. The addition will consist of a 1 and 1/2 lower level garage and and second story home office space and storage.
- The property has sufficient off-street parking currently providing for three vehicles.
   The proposed structure will increase the off street parking to include two inside the garage and two outside the garage.
- The property is burdened with a lack of storage. Access to the basement is limited by a hatch in the kitchen, which limits how the applicants can utilize the space. In addition, and due to the lack of storage, the applicant utilizes their bedroom as a home office. A dedicated home office space would significantly improve the applicants standard of living.
- The applicants land is existing with more frontage than rear. With the addition situated, from the street view, there will be slightly more room along the property line nearer the street. And although that set back will decrease the applicant would have access to the back yard, and a person would easily be able to walk along the side of the new proposed structure into the back yard.
- Sec 82-600 'Considerations'
- The ingress and egress will remain unchanged and is in conformity with the majority of houses constructed in the area at the turn of the century.
- Off-street parking may increase by one parking spot.
- Trash and storage of trash will be within the garage structure.
- The property is serviced by town water/sewer.
- The property is countered to the rear yard where most of the drainage water flows.
   The additional drainage will not pose a problem to the neighbors.
- The applicants yard is present landscaped and they will provide for adequate buffering between the neighbors.
- Access to the back yard will not be impeded.
- In general, the lots surrounding the applicants house are mixed with garages or detached structures.
- Sec 82-606/607 'Conditions'
- · Based upon the foregoing the applicant states:
- That as a result of the foregoing, the hardship and the relief sought is due to the unique characteristics of the land and not the general characteristics of the surrounding area. The land is dimensionally non conforming and given its dimensions it would be impossible for the applicant to cure the defect.

- The hardship is not due to the physical or economic disability of the applicant.
- The hardship from which the applicant seeks relief is not the result of prior action
  of the part of the applicant nor does the applicant desire to realize greater
  financial gain.
- The relief sought will not alter the character of the neighborhood.
- The dimensional relief sought is the least necessary to increase parking, use and storage at the property; and, if the applicant were not afforded relief it would result in more than a mere inconvenience as to the future use of the subject property.

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To whom it may concern,

We, Jennifer Ayvasian-Moorehead and John J. Moorehead, will be represented by our attorney Stephen P. Levesque for the matter of seeking a variance before the zoning board at the December 14, 2021 meeting.

Jennifer Ayvasian-Moorehead

John Moorehead John Moorehead

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# ARTICLE 6. - SPECIAL USE PERMITS AND VARIANCES

Sec. 82-600. - Considerations of the zoning board.

In granting any special use permit or variance, the zoning board shall consider whether or not satisfactory provisions and arrangements have been or will be made concerning, but not limited to, the following matters, where applicable:

- A. Ingress and egress to the lot and to existing or proposed structures thereon with particular reference to automotive and pedestrian safety and convenience, traffic flow and control, and access in case of fire, emergency, or other catastrophe;
- B. Off-street parking and loading areas where required, with particular attention to the items in
   (A) [subsection A. of this section] above, and the economic, noise, glare or odor effects of the special use on adjoining lots;
- C. Trash, storage, and delivery areas with particular reference to the items in (A) and (B) [subsections A. and B. of this section] above;
- D. Utilities and surface water drainage with reference to locations, availability and suitability;
- E. Screening and buffering with reference to type, dimensions and character;
- F. Signs, if any, and exterior lighting with reference to glare, traffic safety, economic effect on and compatibility and harmony with lots in the zoning district;
- G. Required yards and other open spaces;
- H. General compatibility with lots in the same or abutting zoning districts;
- I. Environmental compatibility and safeguards to protect the natural environment;
- J. Electrical, electronic or noise interference;
- K. Water saving devices and/or ISDS inspection or servicing.

(Code 2003, § 82-600)

Sec. 82-601. - Special use permits authorized by this ordinance [chapter].

in accordance with the procedure established in <u>article 5</u> hereof [of this chapter], the zoning board may, in appropriate cases and subject to conditions and safeguards as further provided in this ordinance [chapter], make exceptions to the terms of this ordinance [chapter] in harmony with the general purposes and intents of this ordinance [chapter] and the comprehensive plan. Special use permits may be granted by the zoning board for the uses listed as special use in <u>section 82-301</u> herein, and for change of a nonconforming use as provided in <u>article 7</u> [of this chapter].

(Code 2003, § 82-601)

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Sec. 82-602. - Burden on the applicant.

Before any special use permit shall be granted, the applicant shall show to the satisfaction of the zoning board:

- A. That the granting of the special use permit will not result in conditions inimical to the public health, safety, morals and welfare; and
- B. That the granting of such special use permit will not substantially or permanently injure the appropriate use of the property in the surrounding area or district.

In granting a special use permit, the zoning board may impose such special conditions as are deemed necessary to maintain harmony with other lots in the same or abutting zoning districts and to promote the objectives of this ordinance [chapter].

(Code 2003, § 82-602)

Sec. 82-603. - Expiration and extension of special use permits.

A special use permit shall expire one year from the date of granting by the zoning board unless the applicant exercises the permission granted or receives a building permit to do [so], and commences construction, and diligently pursues the construction until completed.

A special use permit granted by the zoning board may not be extended or enlarged beyond the limits authorized by the zoning board, except by the granting of a further special use permit by the zoning board. (Code 2003, § 82-603)

Sec. 82-604. - Continuation of special use permits.

It is hereby declared that any special use permits heretofore granted under this ordinance [chapter] shall continue to be a special use, and shall not be construed to become, by the passage of this ordinance [chapter], a nonconforming use or structure.

(Code 2003, § 82-604)

Sec. 82-605. - Variances authorized by this ordinance [chapter].

An application for relief from the literal requirements of this ordinance [chapter] because of hardship may be made by any person, group, agency, or corporation by filing with the building official an application describing the request and supported by such data and evidence as may be required by the zoning board or by the terms of this ordinance [chapter]. The building official or agency shall immediately transmit each application received to the zoning board and shall transmit a copy of each application to the planning commission.

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The zoning board of review, immediately upon receipt of an application for a variance in the application of the literal terms of the zoning ordinance [this chapter], may request that the planning commission and/o staff shall report its findings and recommendations, including a statement on the general consistency of the application with the goals and purposes of the comprehensive plan, in writing to the zoning board within 30 days of receipt of the application from that commission. The zoning board shall hold a public hearing on an application for variance in an expeditious manner, after receipt, in proper form, of an application, and shall give public notice thereof at least 14 days prior to the date of the hearing in a newspaper of general circulation in the town. Notice of hearing shall be sent by first class mail to the applicant, and to at least all those who would require notice under G.L. 1956, § 45-24-53. The notice shall also include the street address of the subject property. The cost of notification shall be borne by the applicant.

(Code 2003, § 82-605)

Sec. 82-606. - Conditions for granting a variance.

In granting a variance, the zoning board of review shall require that evidence to the satisfaction of the following standards be entered into the record of the proceedings:

- That the hardship from which the applicant seeks relief is due to the unique characteristics of the subject land or structure and not to the general characteristics of the surrounding area; and is not due to a physical or economic disability of the applicant;
- 2. That the hardship is not the result of any prior action of the applicant and does not result primarily from the desire of the applicant to realize greater financial gain;
- That the granting of the requested variance will not alter the general character of the surrounding area or impair the intent or purpose of the ordinance [this chapter] or the comprehensive plan upon which the ordinance [this chapter] is based; and
- 4. That the relief to be granted is the least relief necessary.

(Code 2003, § 82-606)

Sec. 82-607. - Variances—Additional restrictions.

The zoning board of review shall, in addition to the above standards, require that evidence be entered into the record of the proceedings showing that:

- In granting a use variance, the subject land or structure cannot yield any beneficial use if it is required to conform to the provisions of the ordinance [this chapter]. Nonconforming use of neighboring land or structures in the same district and permitted use of lands or structures in an adjacent district shall not be considered in granting a use variance; and
- 2. In granting a dimensional variance, the hardship that will be suffered by the owner of the subject property if the dimensional variance is not granted shall amount to more than a mere inconvenience. The fact that a use may be more profitable or that a structure may be more

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valuable after the relief is granted shall not be grounds for relief.

3. An applicant may apply for, and be issued, a dimensional variance in conjunction with a special use. If the special use could not exist without the dimensional variance, the zoning board of review shall consider the special use permit and the dimensional variance together to determine if granting the special use is appropriate based on both the special use criteria and the dimensional variance evidentiary standards.

(Code 2003, § 82-607; Ord. of 12-26-2001; Ord. of 10-22-2009, § 82-607)

Sec. 82-608. - Expiration of variances.

A variance from the provisions of this ordinance [chapter] shall expire one year from the date of granting by the zoning board unless the applicant exercises the permission granted or receives a building permit to do so and commences construction, and diligently pursues the construction until completed.

(Code 2003, § 82-608)

Sec. 82-609. - Modifications granted by building official.

The zoning enforcement officer shall be permitted to grant modification or adjustment from literal dimensional requirements of the zoning ordinance [this chapter] listed in <u>article 3</u> [of this chapter], up to 25 percent.

- 1. A modification shall not include moving of lot lines, building height (principal only), lot frontage or modifications to existing nonconforming dimensions as specified in <u>article 3</u> of this ordinance [chapter].
- 2. Within ten day[s] of the receipt of a request for modification, the zoning enforcement officer shall make a decision as to the suitability of the requested modification based on the following determinations:
  - (a) The modification requested is reasonably necessary for the full enjoyment of the permitted uses;
- (b) If the modification is granted, neighboring property will neither be substantially injured nor its appropriate use substantially impaired;
- (c) The modification requested is in harmony with the purposes and intent of the comprehensive plan and zoning ordinance [this chapter];
- (d) The modification requested does not require a variance of a flood hazard requirement.
- 3. Upon an affirmation determination, the zoning enforcement officer shall notify, by registered or certified mail, all property owners within 200 feet of the property which is the subject of the modification request, and shall publish in a newspaper of general circulation that the

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modification will be granted unless written objection is received within 30 day[s] of the public notice.

- 4. If written objection is received, the request for a modification shall be denied. In that case the changes requested will then be considered a request for a variance. The applicant shall then choose whether to pursue the variance. A variance may only be issued by the zoning board of review following the standard procedures for variances.
- 5. If no written objections are received within 30 days, the zoning enforcement officer shall grant the modification. The zoning enforcement officer may apply special conditions to the permit as may, in the opinion of the officer, be required to conform to the intent and purposes of the zoning ordinance [this chapter].
- 6. Costs of any notice or advertising required under this section shall be borne by the applicant. (Code 2003, § 82-609; Ord. of 11-30-1998; Ord. of 10-22-2009, § 82-609)

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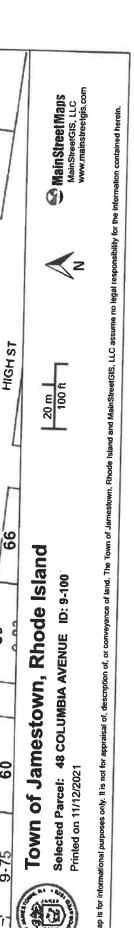
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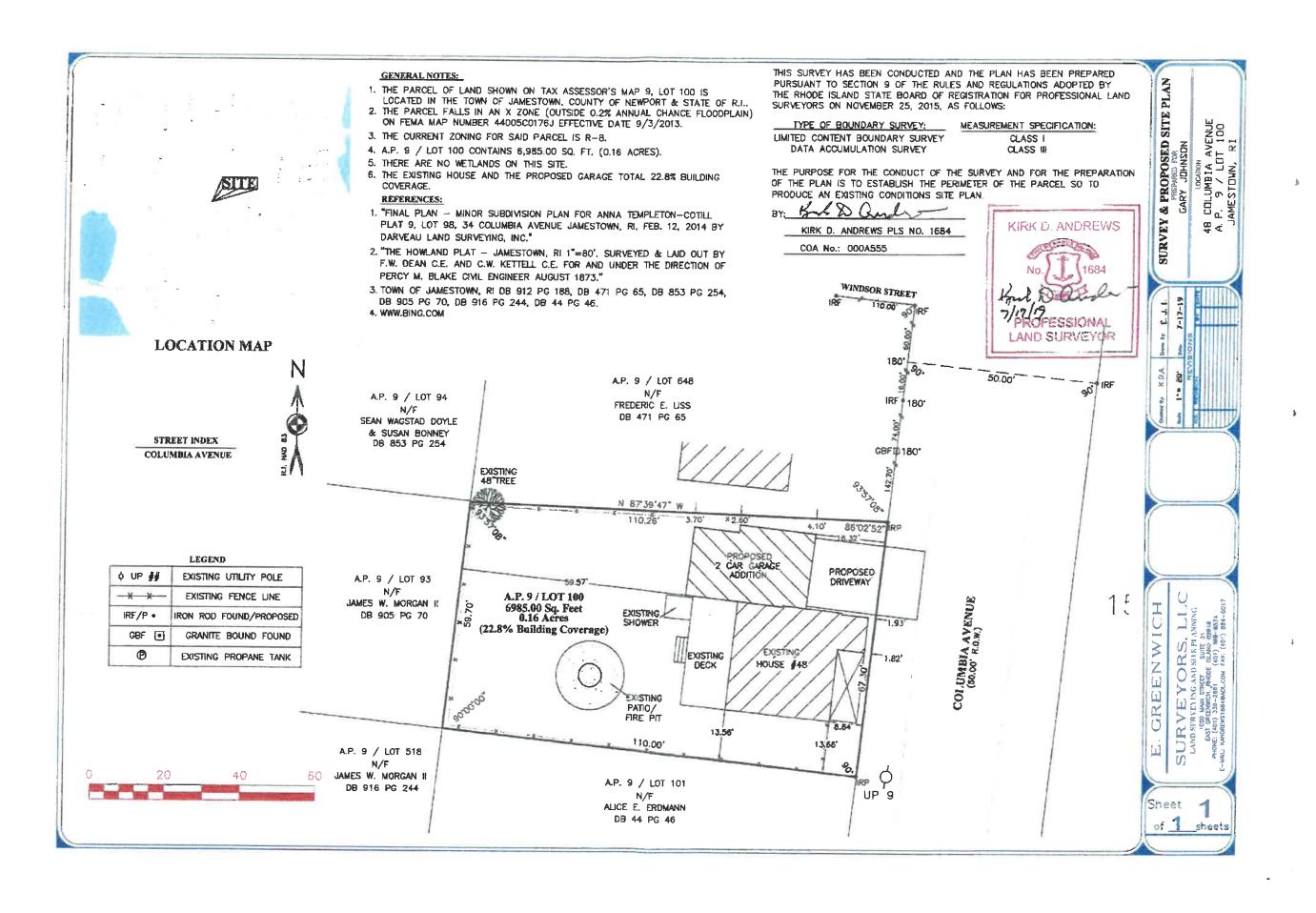
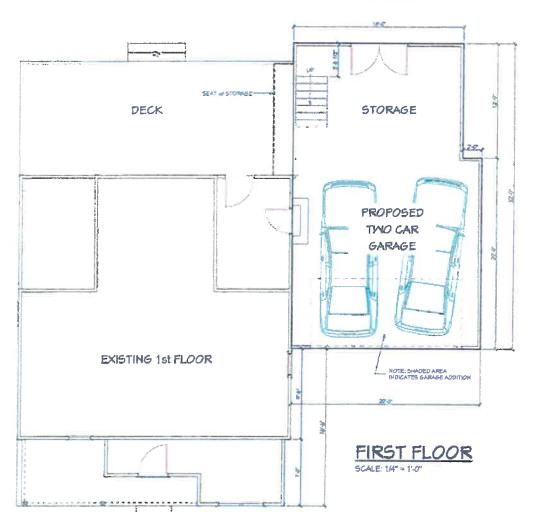


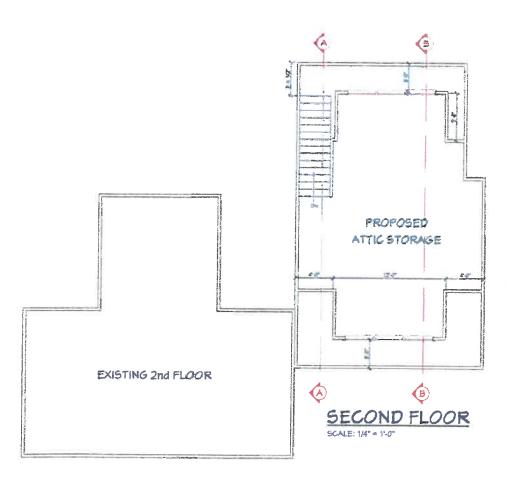


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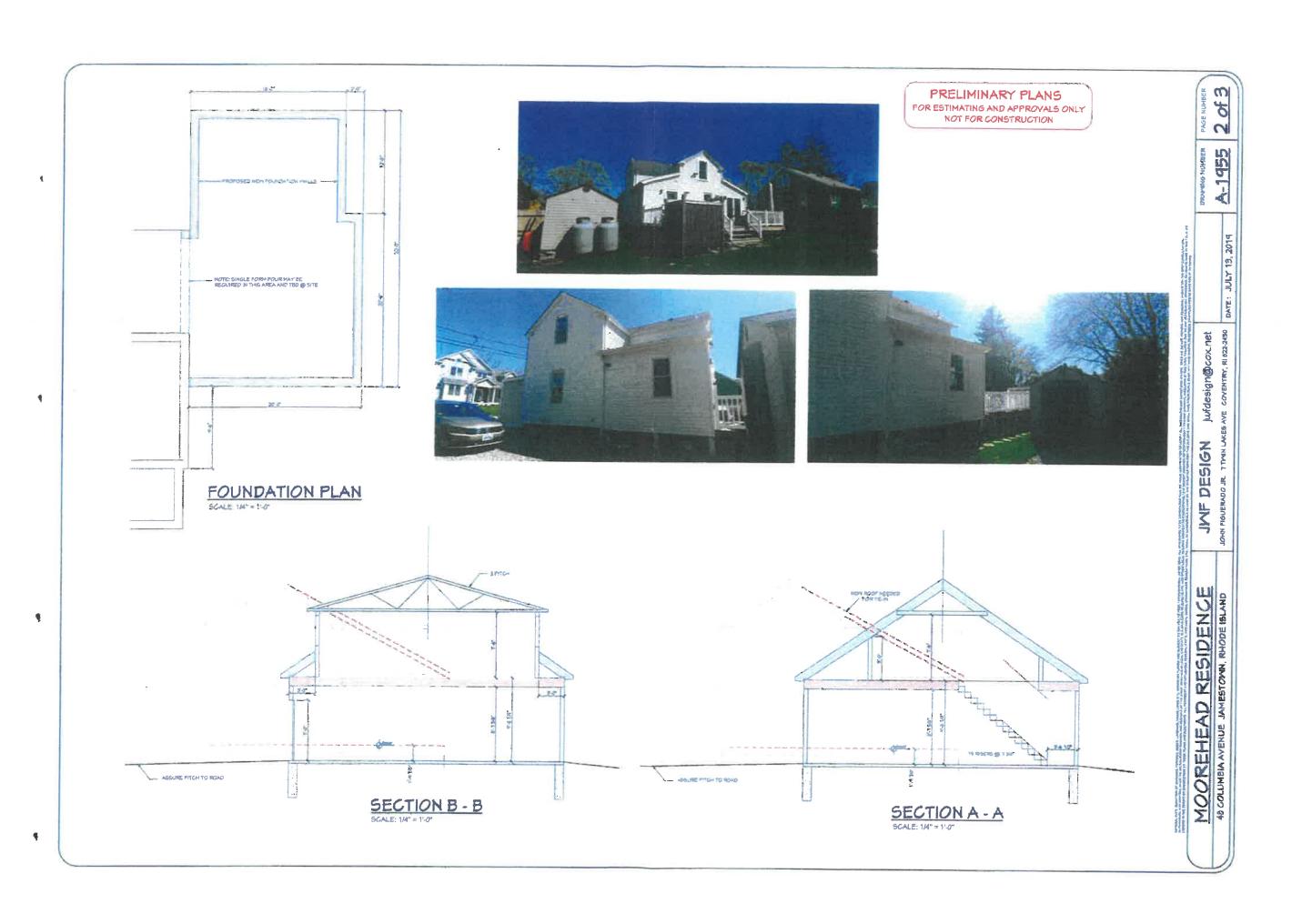


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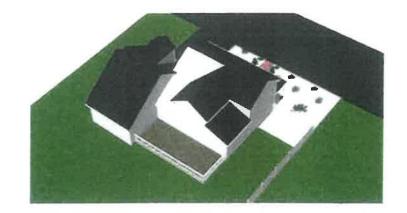
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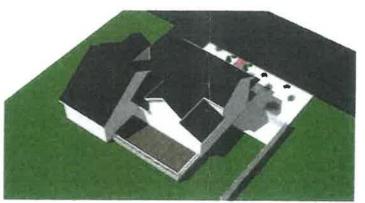
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