

# NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BY THE PLANNING BOARD

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# ON AN APPLICATION FOR THREE SPECIAL PERMITS AND DESIGN AND SITE PLAN REVIEW

Notice is hereby given that the Belmont Planning Board will hold a public hearing on TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2019, at 7:00 PM in the Board of Selectmen's Meeting Room, Town Hall, 455 Concord Ave., to consider the application of Fushuang Liu for THREE SPECIAL PERMITS. One under Section 3.3 of the Zoning By-Law (the By-Law) FOR A TWO-FAMILY HOME, and two under Section 4.2.1 to allow FOR A REDUCTION IN THE REQUIRED LOT FRONTAGE AND LOT SIZE. Additionally, DESIGN AND SITE PLAN REVIEW is required under Section 6D.3 of the By-Law to CONSTRUCT A TWO-FAMILY HOME at 73 Trowbridge Street, Lot 62 located in the General Residence Zoning District.

Planning Board



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April 2, 2019

Fushuang Liu 73 Trowbridge Street Belmont, MA 02478

RE: Denial to Construct Two-Family Home at 73 Trowbridge Street Lot 63

Dear Mr. Liu:

The Office of Community Development is in receipt of your building permit application for the construction of two-family home located in a General Residence (GR) Zoning District.

Your application has been denied since it does not comply with the Zoning By-Law. More specifically, Section 3.3 of the By-Law requires a Special Permit for a two-family in the GR Districts. Additionally, Section 4.2.1 2) requires a Special Permit to reduce the lot size and frontage requirements to 6,000 square feet and 50.0', respectively. Finally, Section 6D requires Design and Site Plan Review for the two-family dwelling as well.

All of these permits (3 Special Permits and Design and Site Plan Review) require approval from the Planning Board. If you choose to proceed with your project, please schedule an appointment with a member of the Planning Staff in order to begin the process.

Sincerely,

Glenn R. Clancy, P.E. Inspector of Buildings



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ON IN FRIENZ 2: 37

# APPLICATION FOR DESIGN AND SITE PLAN REVIEW

Planning Board Homer Municipal Building 19 Moore Street Belmont, MA 02478 To Whom It May Concern:	Date: 7/10/19
premises or the use thereof under the applicable  Town for	and (with the buildings thereon) treet/Road, hereby make application to
purpose and intent of said Zoning By-Law.	e will be in harmony with the general
Petitioner(s) are further to comply with the Zoning By-Law.  Signature of Petitioner	requirements of Section 6D.4 of said
Print Name Address	Fushulang Liu 73 Trowbridge 800 81
DaytimeTelephone Number	Belmont



### Town of Belmont Planning Board

# APPLICATION FOR A SPECIAL PERMIT

	Date: 7/10/19
Planning Board Homer Municipal Building 19 Moore Street Belmont, MA 02478	
To Whom It May Concern:	
Pursuant to the provisions of Massachus Section 9, as amended, and the Zoning By-Law undersigned, being the owner(s) of a certain pasituated on Tourbridge Strong for a SPECIAL PERMIT for the erection or alterathereof under the applicable Section of the Zonion Lot 63	of the Town of Belmont, I/we the arcel of land (with the buildings thereon) Street/Road, hereby apply to your Board ration on said premises or the use
on the ground that the same will be in harmony said Zoning By-Law.  Signature of Petitioner Print Name Address	Or A
Daytime Telephone Number	

#### **Belmont Planning Board**

#### Design and Site Plan Review / Special Permit Narrative Statement

#### 73 Trowbridge Street – Lot 63 (two family)

Andy and Fan Liu of 73 Trowbridge Street seek planning board approval in order to replace their current single family house on a double lot with two new structures - a single family house on lot 62 and a two family house on lot 63.

The Liu family purchased their home in 2017. They have two children – ages 25 and 12. They intend to move into the new single family home and have their older daughter live in one of the units of the adjacent two family.

The proposed two family home on lot 63 (DSPR and SP required) is a 2,990 sf (TLA) 2 ½ story structure. The front unit will be 1,602 sf and the rear unit will be 1,388 sf, providing affordable housing opportunities. Each unit will have 3 bedrooms and 3 bathrooms. The 6,000 sf lot with 50' of frontage is consistent with the vast majority of other lots in the neighborhood and meets the criteria of Section 4.2.1(2) which allows for a Special Permit to construct a two family on a lot with a minimum size of 5,000 sf and a minimum frontage of 50'. The proposed lot coverage is 1,616 sf (1,800 sf max allowed) and the proposed open space is 3,713 sf (2,400 sf min required). The height will be 27'-4 ½" to the midpoint (33' allowed) and 33'-4 ½" to the ridge, consistent with the abutting structures and many others in the neighborhood (see attached survey of neighboring heights). The proposed site improvements incorporate extensive landscaping such as existing and new fruit trees, ornamental trees, and evergreen shrubs to serve as foundation plantings and privacy screening, and maintain a generous open space of 63.1% (40% required).

Trowbridge Street offers an eclectic mix of single and two family homes, the majority of which have covered front porches and gable fronts facing the street (see attached images for reference) and many of which have small attic dormers. Both of the proposed structures incorporate this style and are designed with a massing, scale, height and proportions that are in harmony with the neighborhood. The building and driveway siting and lot coverage is consistent with the neighborhood vernacular. Other aspects such as circulation, lighting, open space, screening, and drainage are all in accordance with Belmont standards and consistent with the neighborhood. Outdoor mechanical equipment will be behind the homes, and will be screened.

The proposed designs also reflect feedback from design review meetings with Spencer Gober, Jeffrey Wheeler, Steve Pinkerton and Thayer Donham. While the overall response was favorable in terms of the concept of constructing a two family and a single family of this style, the feedback focused primarily on reducing the overall mass and scale. Per their suggestions, we have made several revisions including: increasing the density of the landscape plan, reconfiguring the parking to maximize open space and be consistent with the neighborhood, reducing the overall footprint of both structures, eliminating living space from both attics, significantly reducing the dormers to only what is required to meet head height at the attic stairs, reducing the ceiling height on the second floors to 8', lowering the elevations relative to average grade by an additional foot, and reducing the roof pitch to attain an overall height that is consistent with the neighbors.

The Liu family has shared these plans with and received enthusiastic support from many neighbors including abutters. The proposed designs are in harmony with the neighborhood vernacular and in

keeping with the intent of Town Meeting and the zoning bylaws and not substantially detrimental to the neighborhood.

Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

73 TROWBRIDGE STREET HEIGHT OF ABUTTERS

(BASED ON MEASUREMENTS FROM DOUG JOHNSTON, REGISTERED LAND SURVEYOR)

### **Belmont Planning Board**

### Neighborhood context

### 73 Trowbridge Street

The following images include several examples of homes on Trowbridge Street that have a similar style and scale to what is proposed (mix of single and two family homes):











































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May 21, 2019

Ara Yogurtian
Town of Belmont
Office of Community Development
Belmont, MA

RE: 73 Trowbridge Road

Dear Ara,

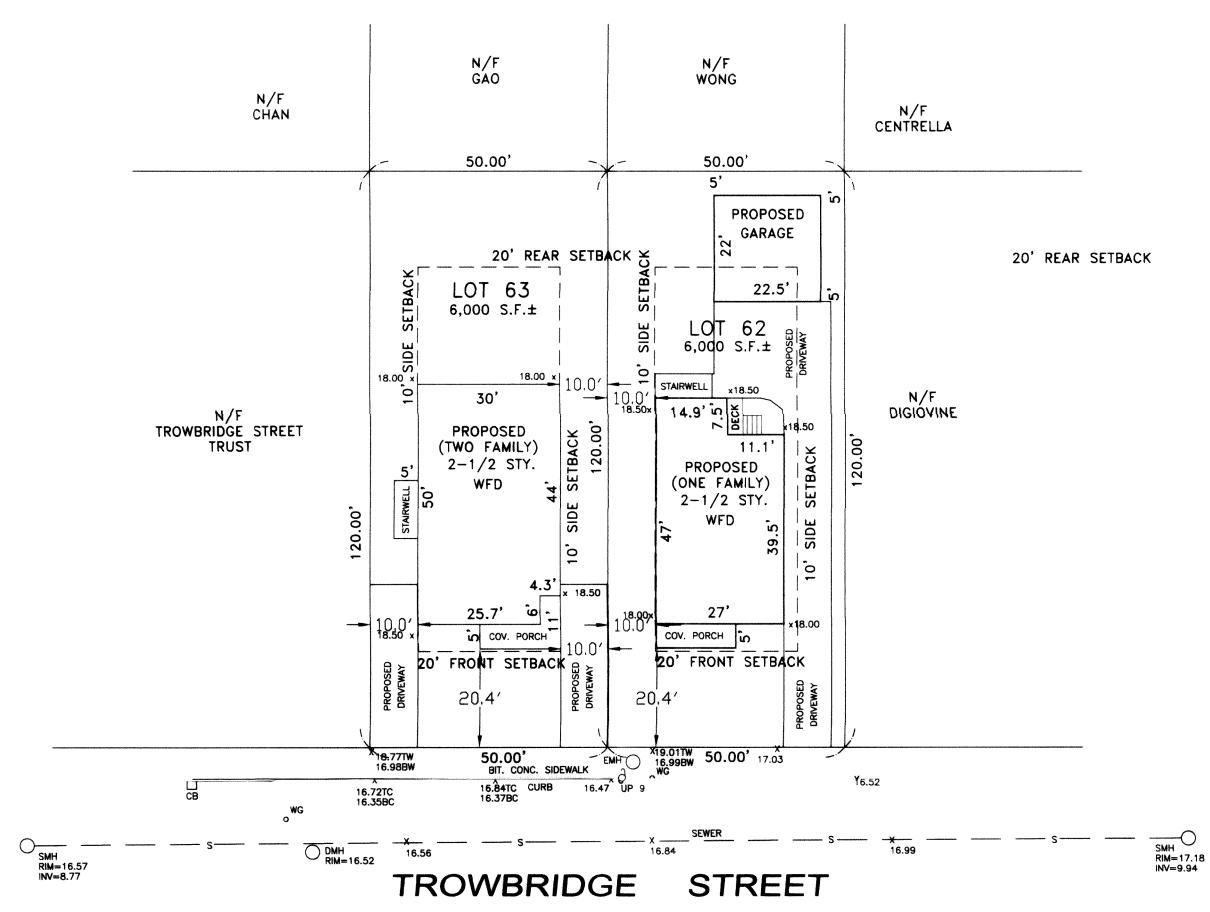
Upon approval of the requested Special Permit and before a building permit is issued for the above referenced project; a design including plans, calculations and specifications will be submitted to the Office of Community Development for review and approval in compliance with the Town of Belmont stormwater and erosion control By-law.

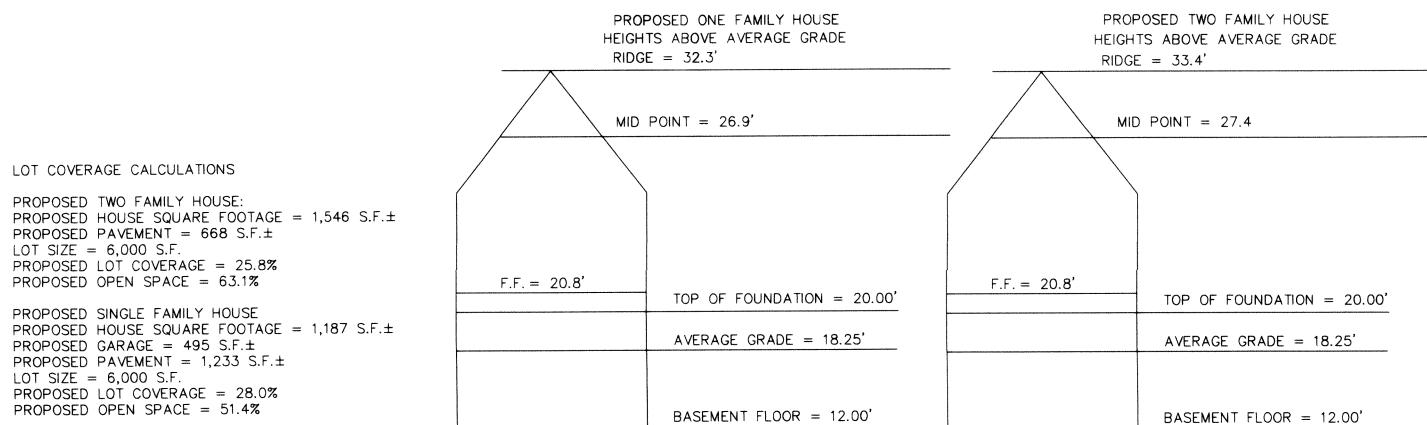
If you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact my office.

Best regards,

Frederick W. Russell, PE







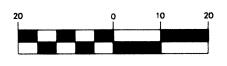
### NOTES

1. SEE DEED RECORDED IN MIDDLESEX COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS IN DEED BOOK 36892, PAGE 431.

2. SEE PLAN RECORDED IN MIDDLESEX COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS IN PLAN BOOK 161, PAGE 7.

3. SUBJECT PARCELS ARE LOCATED IN ZONE GR.

PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYOR DATE



( IN FEET ) 1 inch = 20 ft.

PROPOSED PLOT PLAN

IN BELMONT, MA

SCALE: 1" = 20' JULY 8, 2019

DLJ GEOMATICS
PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYING
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WEYMOUTH, MA 02191

73 TROWBRIDGE ST BELMONT.dwg

(781) 812-0457

### **Zoning Compliance Check List**

### **Properties Located within the GR Zoning Districts**

(To be Completed by a Registered Land Surveyor)

Property Address: Lot 63 TRunbardge St (Two Family)					
Surveyor Signature and Stamp: Date:					
	Per §4.2 of the Zoning By-Law				
		REQUIRED	EXISTING	PROPOSED	
Lot Area (sq. ft.)		5,000s.F.		6,000 S.F.	
Lot Frontage (feet)		50'		50'	
Lot Area/Unit (sq. ft./d.u.)		3,500 S.F.		3,000 S.F.	
Lot Coverage (% of lot)		30%		3,000 S.F. 25.8%	
Open Space (% of lot)		40%		63.1%	
	> Front <sup>(a)</sup>	20'		20.4'	13
Setbacks:	> 2nd Front Door (25%)	25%		25%	1

### Per §6D of the Zoning By-Law

50%

	HVAC:	Prohibited in Front Yar	d and Side and Rear	Setbacks
	Front Doors:	Both Must Face Street (b)		
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STANDAF	RD PROPOSED
Curb Cut (One per 70' Frontage) (c)	2 (2 +2 mily

<sup>(</sup>a) Front setback is equal to the average front setbacks of the abutting properties on either side.

SUBMIT CALCULATIONS for all of the requirements listed above on a separate piece of paper(s) to verify how they were calculated

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56 7%

August 20, 2014

(feet)

Building Height:

1/2 Story

(Per §1.4)

(feet)

Side/Side

➤ Perimeter (50%)

> Area (60%)

➤ Length (75%)

Rear

> Feet

Stories

<sup>(</sup>b) The second unit's front door may be allowed to face the side yard only if the existing structure is historically or architecturally significant.

<sup>(</sup>c) A second curb cut may be allowed where the Applicant can demonstrate that creating a second curb cut is harmonious with the surrounding neighborhood.



#### ENERGY AUDIT:

REFERENCE CH 11 - ENERGY EFFICIENCY 2015 INTERNATIONAL RESIDENTIAL CODE W/ MASS AMENDMENTS.

PRESCRIPTIVE OPTION FOR RESIDENTIAL ADDITION (401.3):

- 1. RENOVATION TO COMPLY WITH ENERGY STAR QUALIFIED HOMES THERMAL BYPASS INSPECTION CHECKLIST. INSULATION VALUES AS FOLLOWS: R49 ROOF R-VALUE, R30 FLOOR R-VALUE, R20 WALL R-VALUE, R15/19 BASEMENT / CRAWL SPACE WALL R-VALUE.
- 2. RENOVATION TO COMPLY WITH ENERGY STAR PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS FOR RESIDENTIAL WINDOWS, DOORS, AND SKYLIGHTS VERSION 5.0. ALL NEW WINDOW GLAZING TO BE .30 U FACTOR AND SKYLIGHTS TO BE .55 U-FACTOR.
- 3. HEATING / COOLING DUCTS TO BE SEALED ADN TESTED TO MEET REQUIREMENTS OF 401.3.

#### PROJECT INFORMATION:

BELMONT ZONING GR

REQUIRED:

MAX 30% LOT COVERAGE MIN 40% OPEN SPACE

FRONT YARD SETBACK: AVERAGE REAR YARD SETBACK: 20-0" SIDE YARD SETBACK: 10'-0"

MAX HEIGHT: 2 1/2 STORIES AND 33' TO MIDPOINT

CELLAR IS MORE THAN 60% BELOW GRADE -SEE CERTIFIED PLOT PLAN FOR CALCULATIONS

SEE SHEET A12 FOR HALF STORY CALCS.

#### DRAWING LIST

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A4 EXISTING FIRST FLOOR PLAN

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A7 EXISTING ELEVATIONS
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#### LIGHTING LEGEND

RECESSED LED CAN LIGHT - AS SELECTED BY OWNER

CEILING MOUNTED PENDANT - AS SELECTED BY OWNER

AS SELECTED BY OWNER

WALL MOUNTED SCONCES AS SELECTED BY OWNER

CEILING FAN WITH INTEGRAL LIGHT - AS SELECTED BY OWNER

O S.D. SMOKE DETECTOR - NOTE ALL NEW AND EXISTING SMOKES TO BE HARD-WIRED PER CODE

S/CO HARD-WIRED SMOKE / CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTOR

▲ DATA CONNECTION

TELEPHONE / DATA CONNECTION

ELECTRIC OUTLET (SPECIFIC LOCATIONS ONLY - ALL OUTLETS AS REQUIRED BY CODE ARE NOT SHOWN ON PLANS)

#### SYMBOL LEGEND

WALL TO BE DEMOLISHED

EXISTING WALL TO REMAIN

NEW WALL



2 A12 SECTION

DOOR TAG

WINDOW TAG

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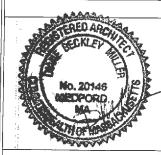
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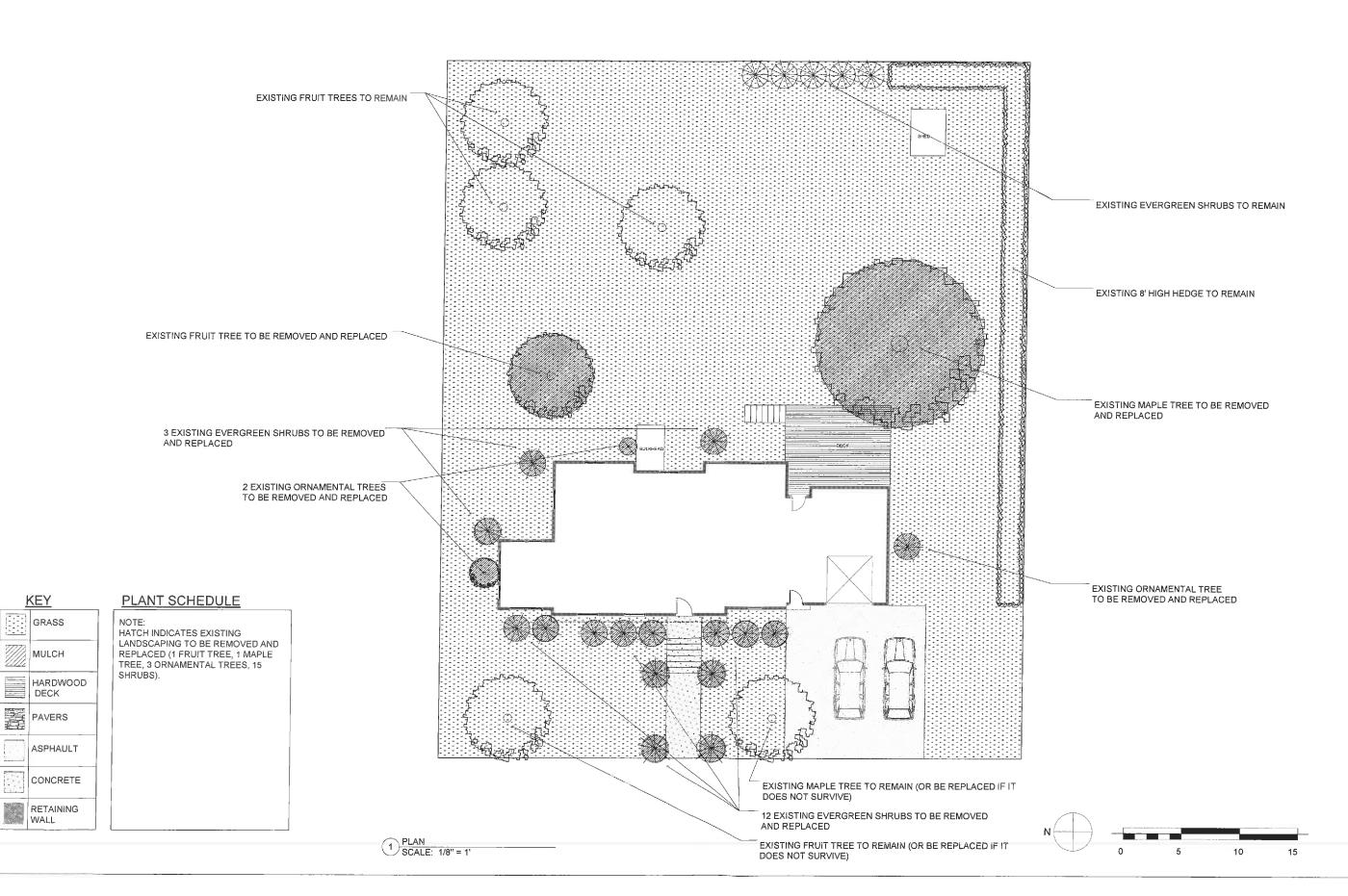


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COVER SHEET

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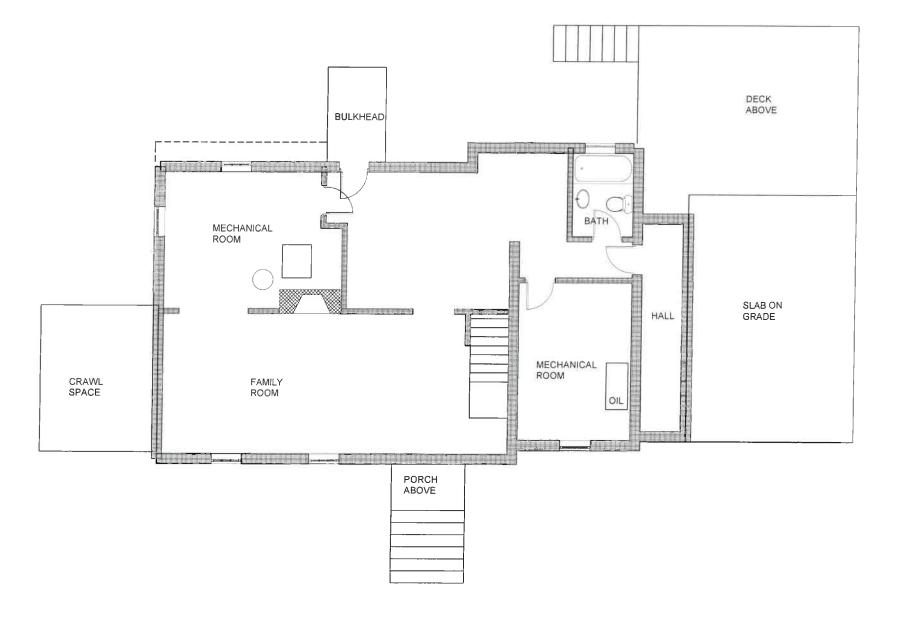
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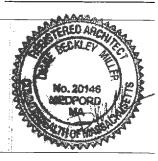


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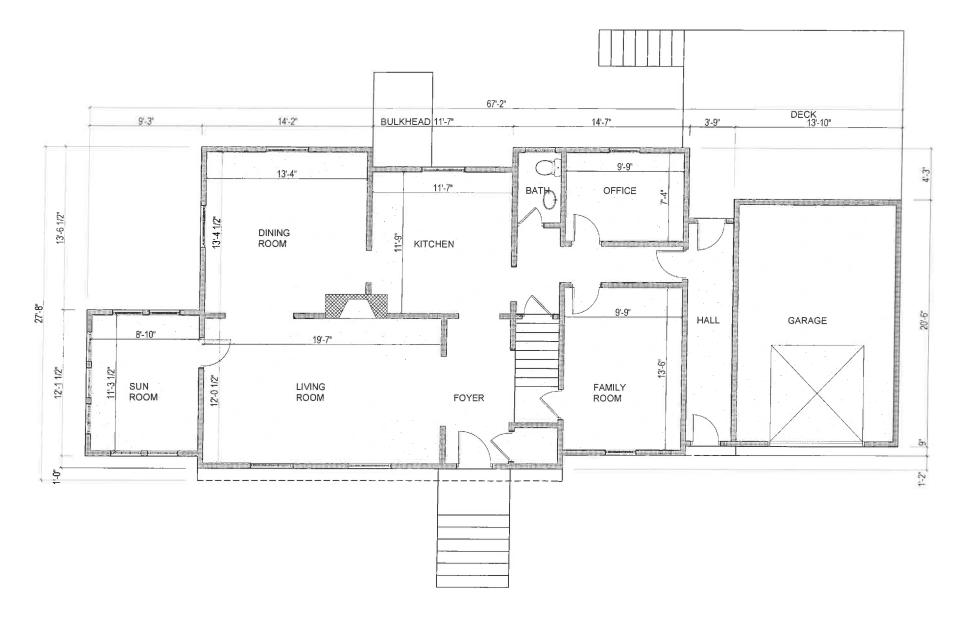
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1,512 sq ft



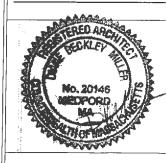


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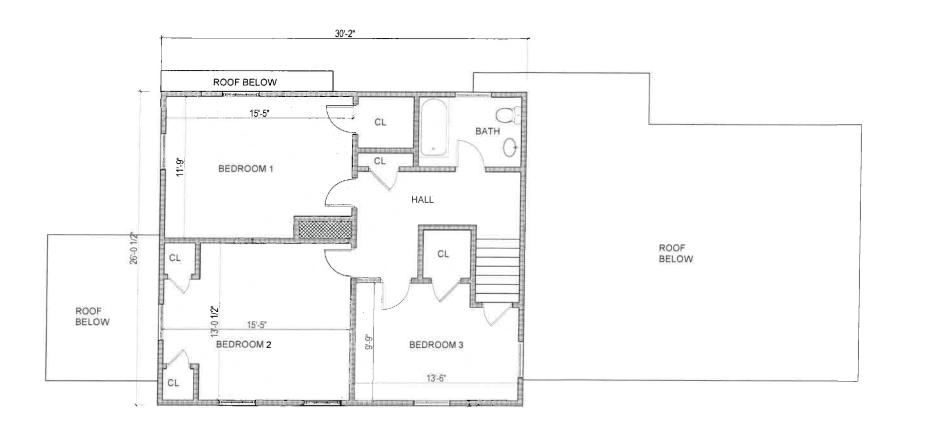
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786 sq ft

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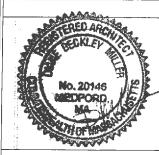


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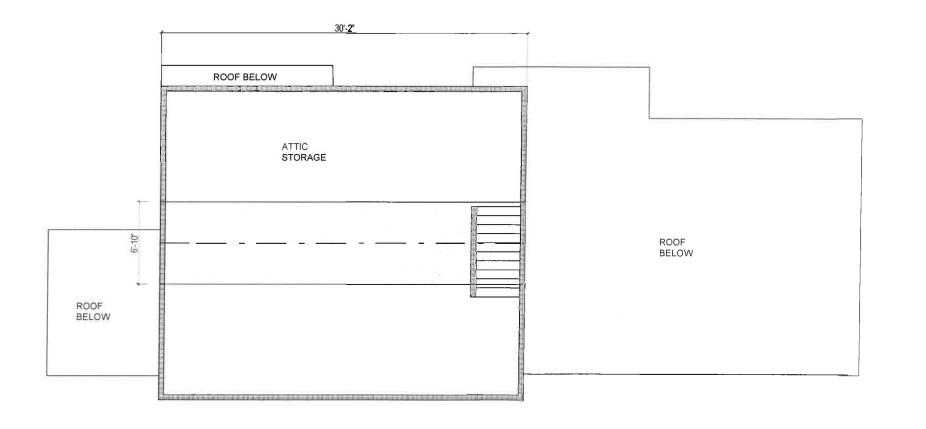
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206 sq ft

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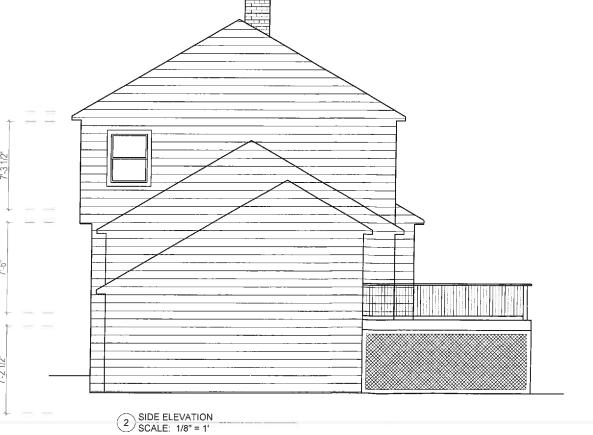


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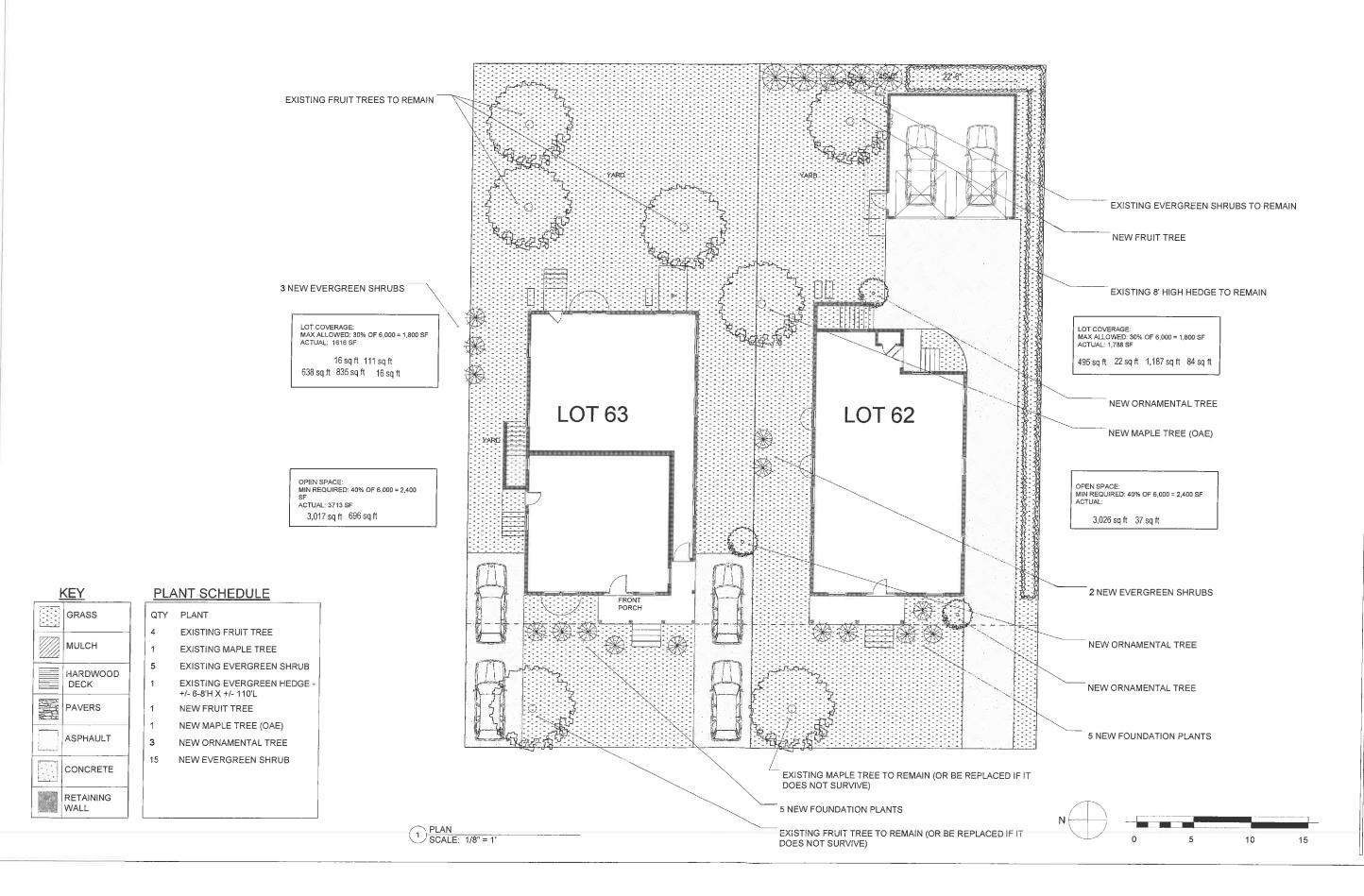
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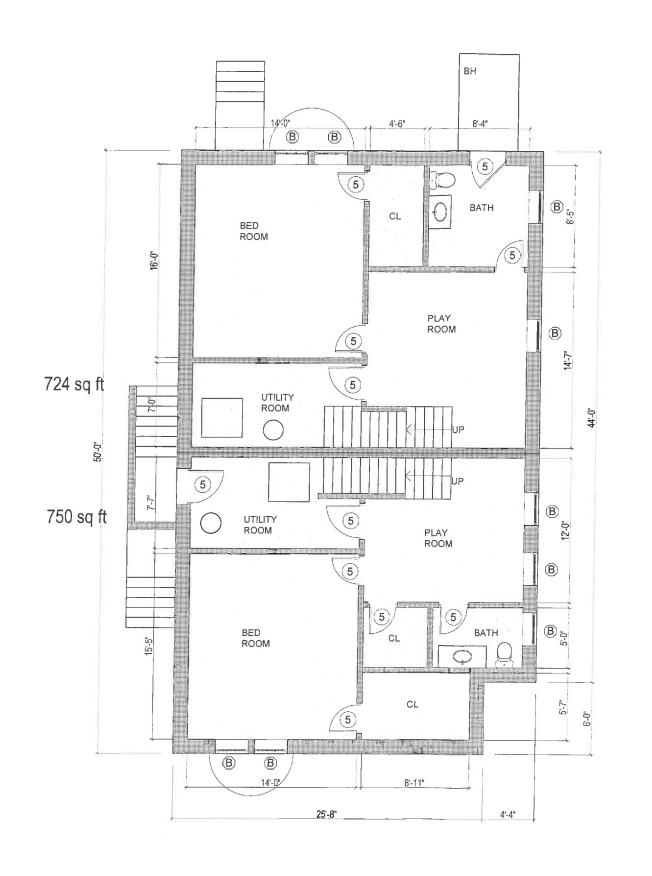


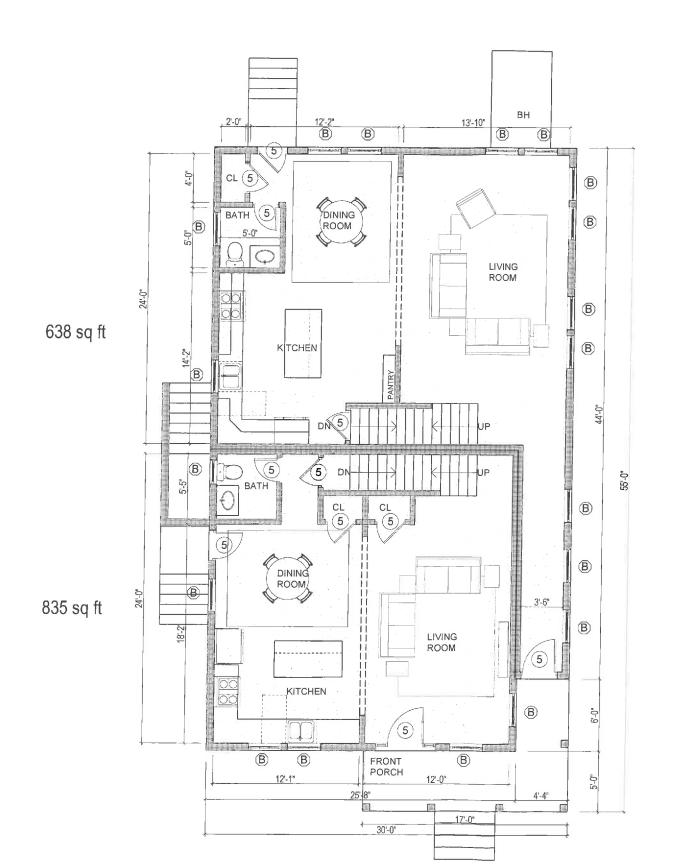


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NEW CELLAR FLOOR PLAN

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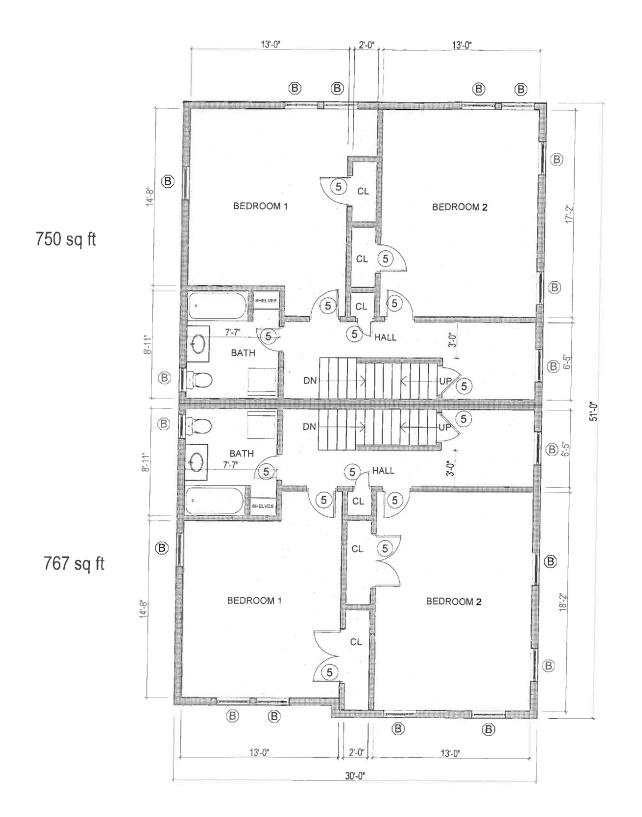
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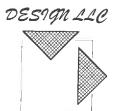
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HALF STORY AREA CALCULATIONS:

ALLOWABLE: AREA WITH CEILING HEIGHT OF 5' OR GREATER CAN BE NO MORE THAN 60% OF SECOND FLOOR AREA

SECOND FLOOR AREA = 1517 SF 60% OF 1517 = 910.2 SF MAX ACTUAL: 860 SF, CONFORMING

HALF STORY PERIMETER CALCULATIONS:

SECOND FLOOR PERIMETER = 162 LF

ALLOWABLE: MAX 81' W/ RAFTER BOTTOMS AT 3' OR GREATER (BASED ON 50% OF 162' PERIMETER).

ACTUAL: 19'-9" + 19'-9" + 17'-8" = 57'-0", CONFORMING

DORMER LENGTH CALCULATIONS:

ALLOWABLE: 37'-6" MAX PER ROOF SIDE (75% OF 50')

ACTUAL: 17'-8", CONFORMING

430 sq ft

430 sq ft

TWO FAMILY

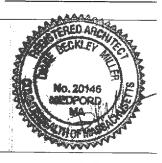
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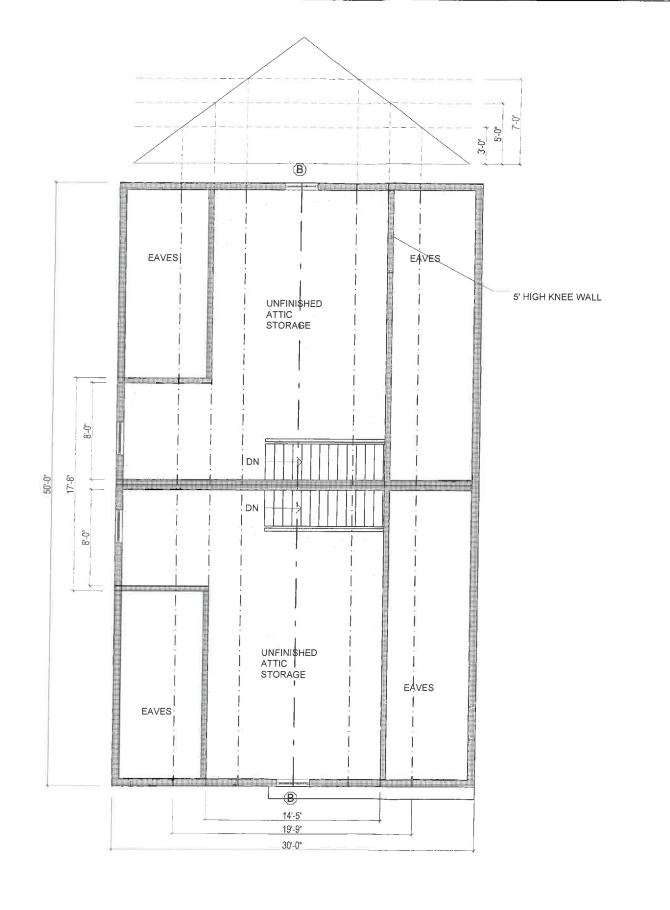
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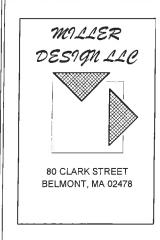


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