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DEPARTMENT OF PERMITTING SERVICES

Douglas M. Duncan
County Executive

August 9, 2004

Robert C. Hubbard

Director

Albert and Debra Forst 19310 Mateny Hill Road Germantown, Maryland 20874

Re:

Permit # 344013

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Forst:

This letter is in reference to your residential building permit application. The following information is required in order to complete the zoning review of your plans. Please submit the following information as soon as possible.

- 1. Provide the lots and setbacks distances used to determine the established building line. Established building line: A front yard building line which is greater than the minimum setback required for structures in a designated zone. The buildings considered in determining the established building line must: be within 300 feet of the side property line of the proposed construction site (excluding corner lots); be along the same side of the street; be between intersecting streets; exist at the time when the building permit application is filed; not be nonconforming, unlawfully constructed, or constructed pursuant to a lawfully granted variance; and not be located on a pipestem or flag-shaped lot or a corner lot.
- 2. All accessory buildings must be located in the rear yard (behind the house). Minimum setbacks for an accessory building in the R-200 zone is: side setback 12 feet, rear setback 7 feet. Revise site plan and submit 2 copies.

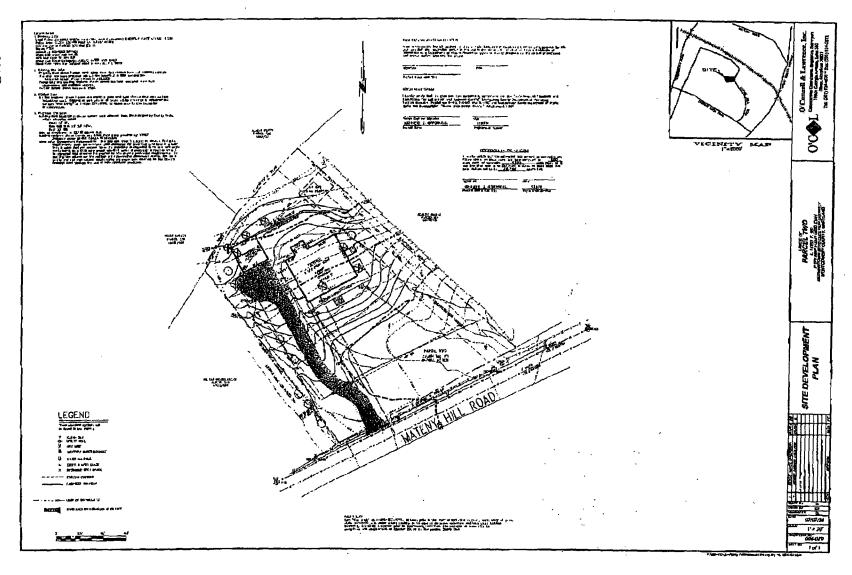
If you have any questions, please contact me at (240) 777-6250, fax (240) 777-6263 or my email address is robin.ferro@montgomerycountymd.gov

Sincerely,

Robin R. Ferro

Permitting Services Specialist





August 17, 2004

Re: Permit # 344013 19230 Mateny Hill RD Germantown Maryland 20874

Dear Ms. Naru,

I am forwarding the letter from the Department of permitting which states that the garage (see 2.) to our new home must be moved back on the property to be in compliance with Montgomery County Zoning Laws.

The garage was resited 24 feet back from the previous location. O'Connell & Lawrence revised the site plans and have resubmitted to zoning. The new location of the garage will require the removal of additional trees on the property. However, we will plant new trees from the Maryland Species List to replace those that needed to be removed.

We would appreciate your permission to go forward with this new change so that we can finally get our permit to build our new home.

Sincerely,

Deborah R Forst



Date: April 13, 2004

MEMORANDUM

TO:

Robert Hubbard, Director

FROM:

Michele Naru, Senior Planner

Historic Preservation Section, M-NCPPC

SUBJECT:

Historic Area Work Permit

The Montgomery County Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) has reviewed the attached application for a Historic Area Work Permit (HAWP). This application was <u>APPROVED with conditions</u>. The HPC staff will review and stamp the construction drawings prior to the applicant's applying for a building permit with DPS.

Conditions of Approval are:

- 1. The proposed windows will be simulated divided-light, vinyl clad, wood windows. Specification sheets for the proposed windows will be provided to staff for their approval.
- 2. Site drawings will be provided at time of permit showing total height and first floor height of the proposed buildings in relationship to the existing site. These drawings will also illustrate any proposed deviations from the current grades.
- 3. The applicants will work with M-NCPPC environmental planning staff to ensure the protection of the existing trees on the site.
- 4. The 24" elm is not removed from the site and as mitigation for the removal of the 16" elm, staff recommends that the applicants plant a tree (min. 2" in caliper) somewhere on the property. The tree to be planted must be selected from the Montgomery County Native Species List.

THE BUILDING PERMIT FOR THIS PROJECT SHALL BE ISSUED CONDITIONAL UPON ADHERENCE TO THE APPROVED HISTORIC AREA WORK PERMIT (HAWP).

Applicant:

Albert and Deborah Forst

Address:

Parcel 277, Mateny Hill Road, Germantown Historic District

This HAWP approval is subject to the general condition that, after issuance of the Montgomery County Department of Permitting Services (DPS) permit, the applicant arrange for a field inspection by calling the Montgomery County DPS Field Services Office at 240-777-6210 or online at http://permits.emontgomery.org prior to commencement of work and not more than two weeks following completion of work

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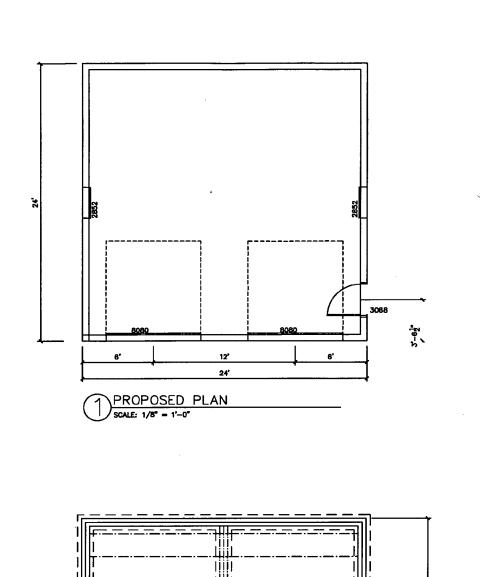
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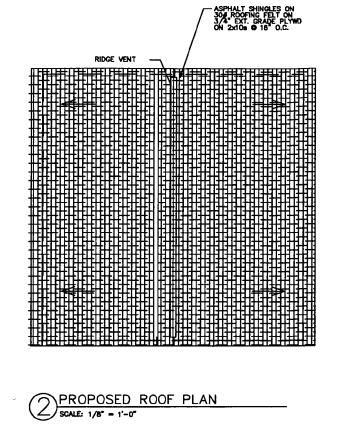
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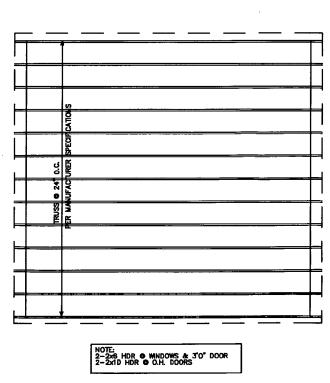
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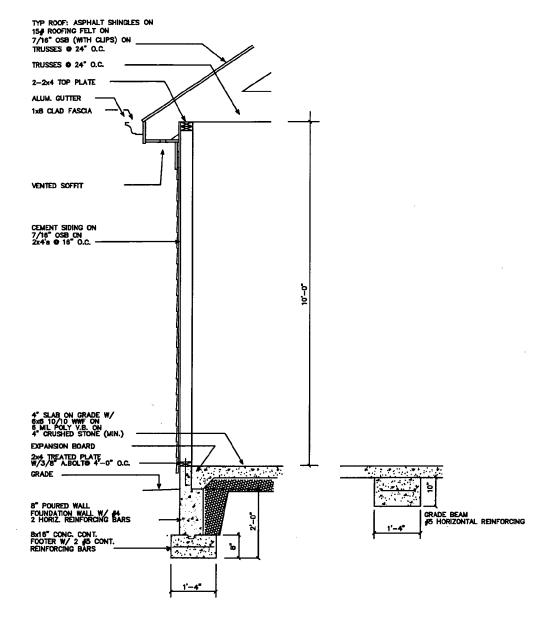


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FOUNDATION PLAN

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TRUSS FRAMING PLAN

SCALE: 1/8" = 1'-0"

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APPROVED FOR CONSTRUCTION

BY:
OWNER/PURCHASER

DATE:
BY:
CONTRACTOR/BUILDER

DATE:

25 FEB 04 REVISED PRELIMINARY ISSUE:

PROJECT:
FORST GARAGE

19230 MATENY HILL ROAD GERMANTOWN, MARYLAND 20874

TWO CAR GARAGE
W/ ATTIC STORAGE

PLANS, SECTIONS & DETAILS

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- PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE.
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STATE CODES

2000 INTERNATIONAL RESIDENTIAL CODE STAIRS BUILT TO 92 CABO 1999 NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CODE 2000 INTERNATIONAL ENERGY CONSERVATION CODE 2000 NFPA 101-LIFE SAFETY CODE

FOUNDATION NOTES

- BUILDER/ERECTOR IS RESPONSIBLE FOR COMPLETE FOUNDATION INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO: SILL PLATE, ANCHOR BOLTS (STRAPS), WATERPROOF-ING, CONC. SLAB, FOOTINGS AND INSPECTIONS.
- FOUNDATION HAS BEEN CERTIFIED FOR SUPPORT PLACEMENT AND UPLIFT. ACTUAL FOUNDATION DESIGN SHALL BE BASED ON LOCAL SOIL CONDITIONS.
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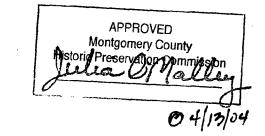
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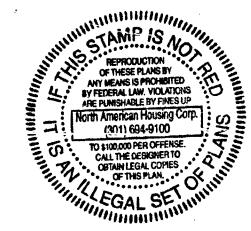
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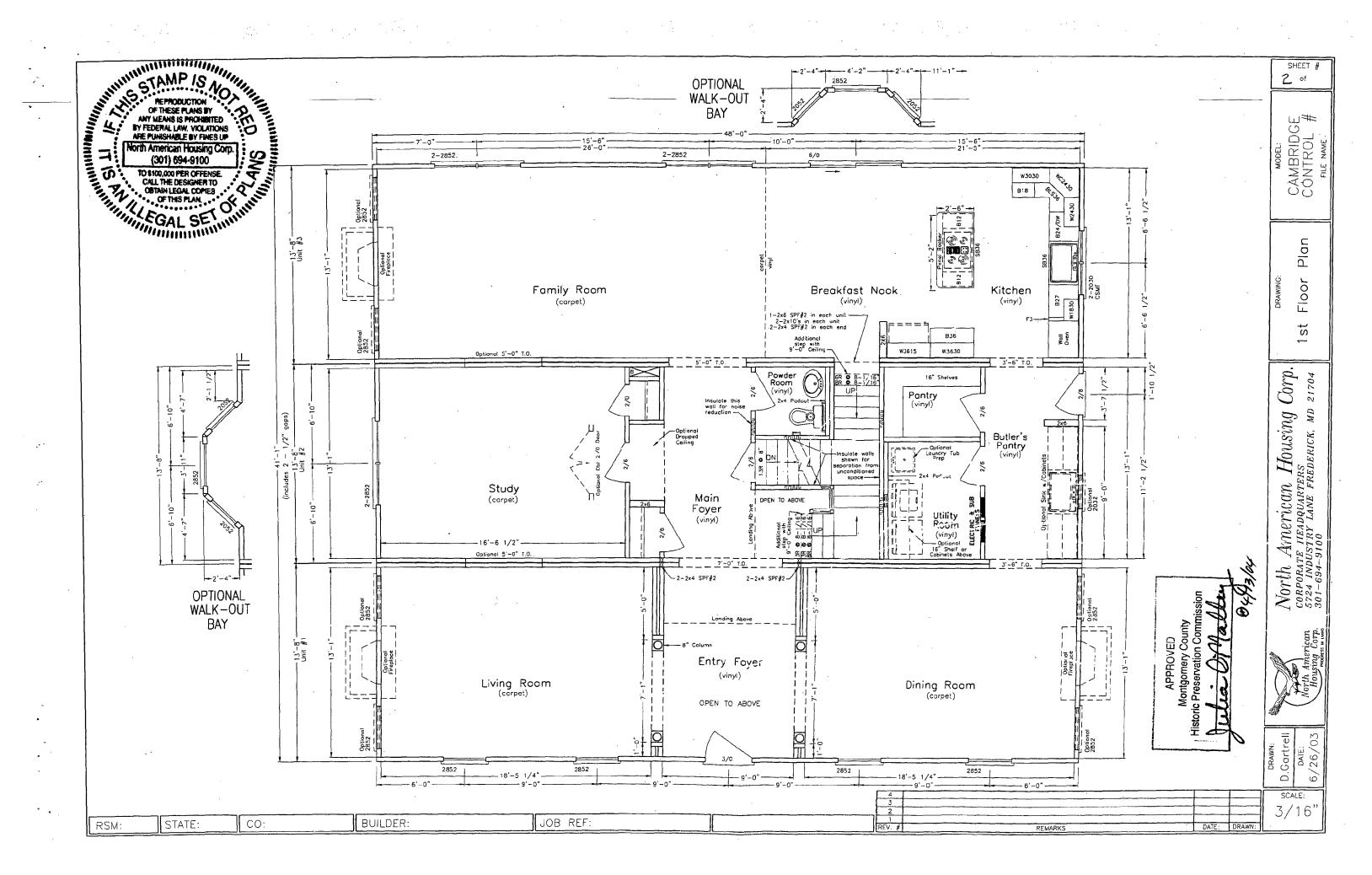
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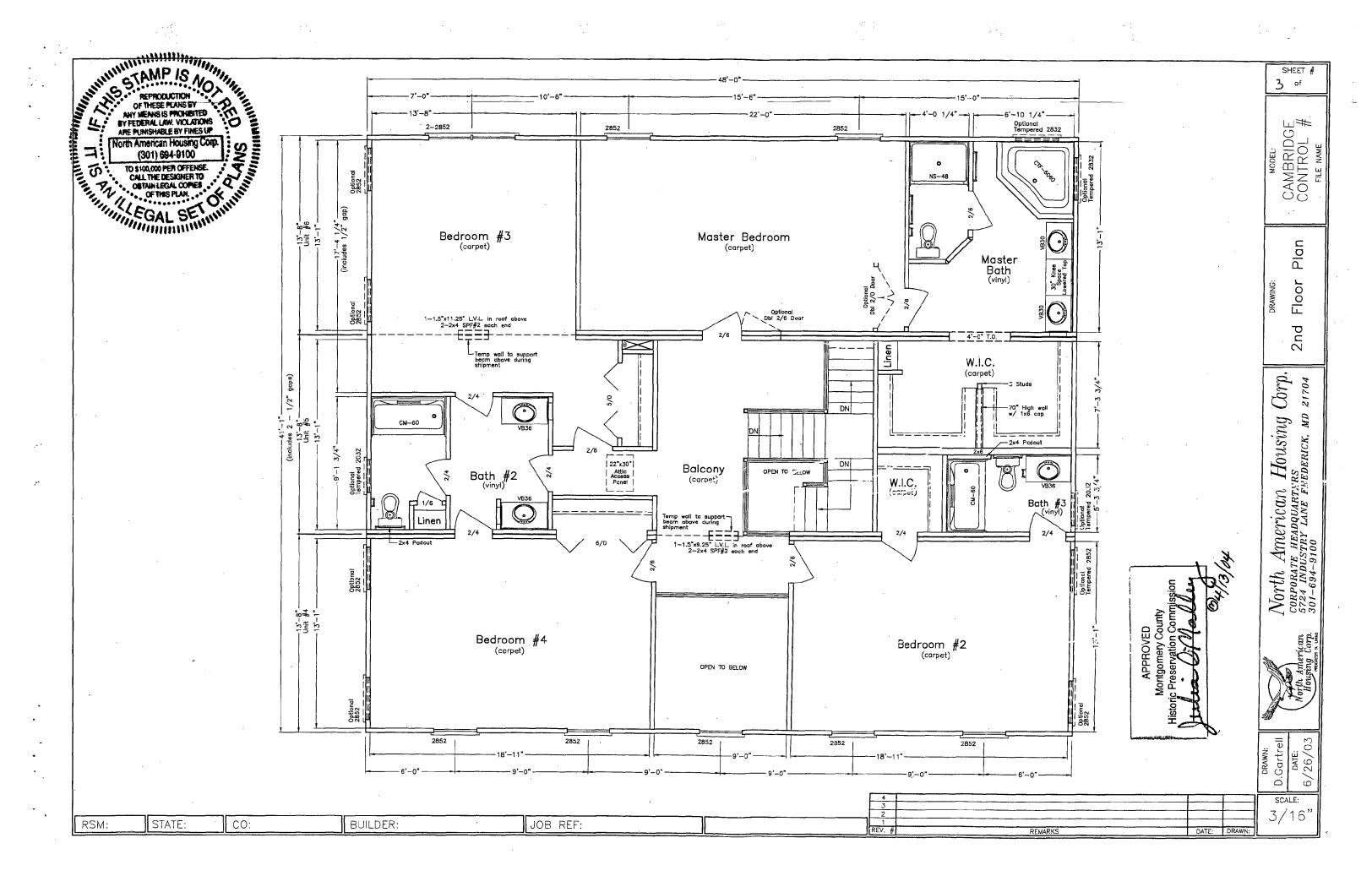
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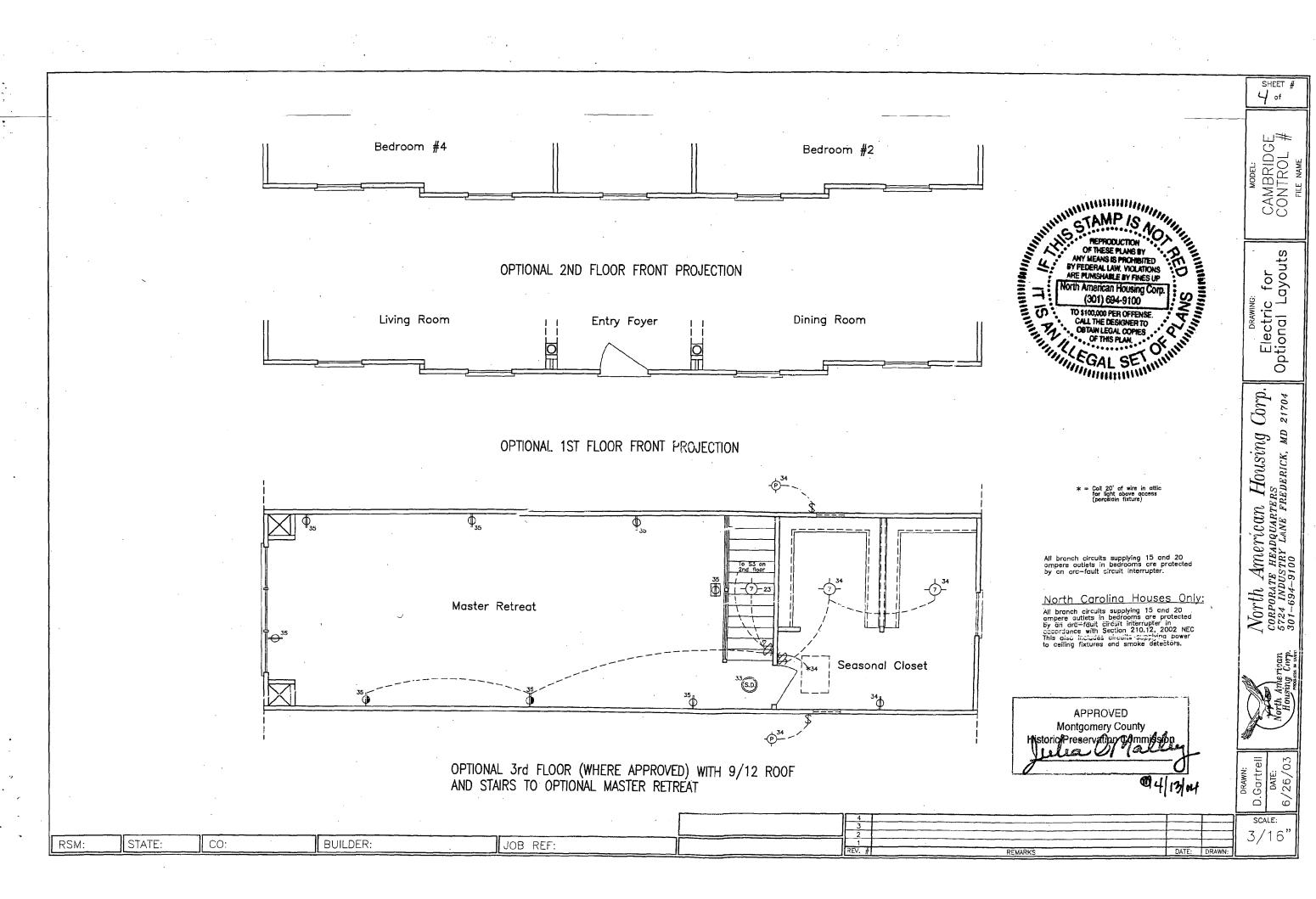
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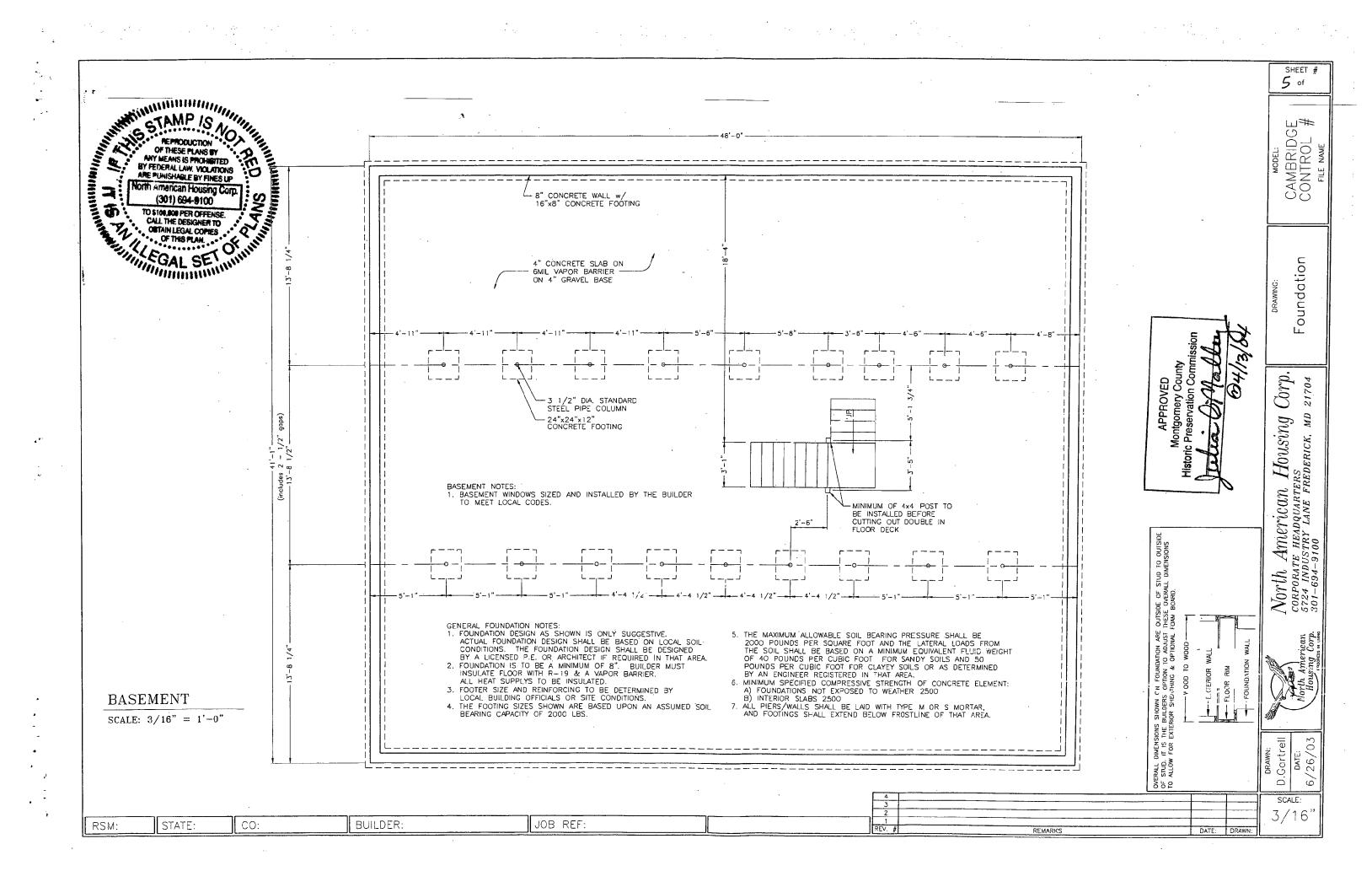
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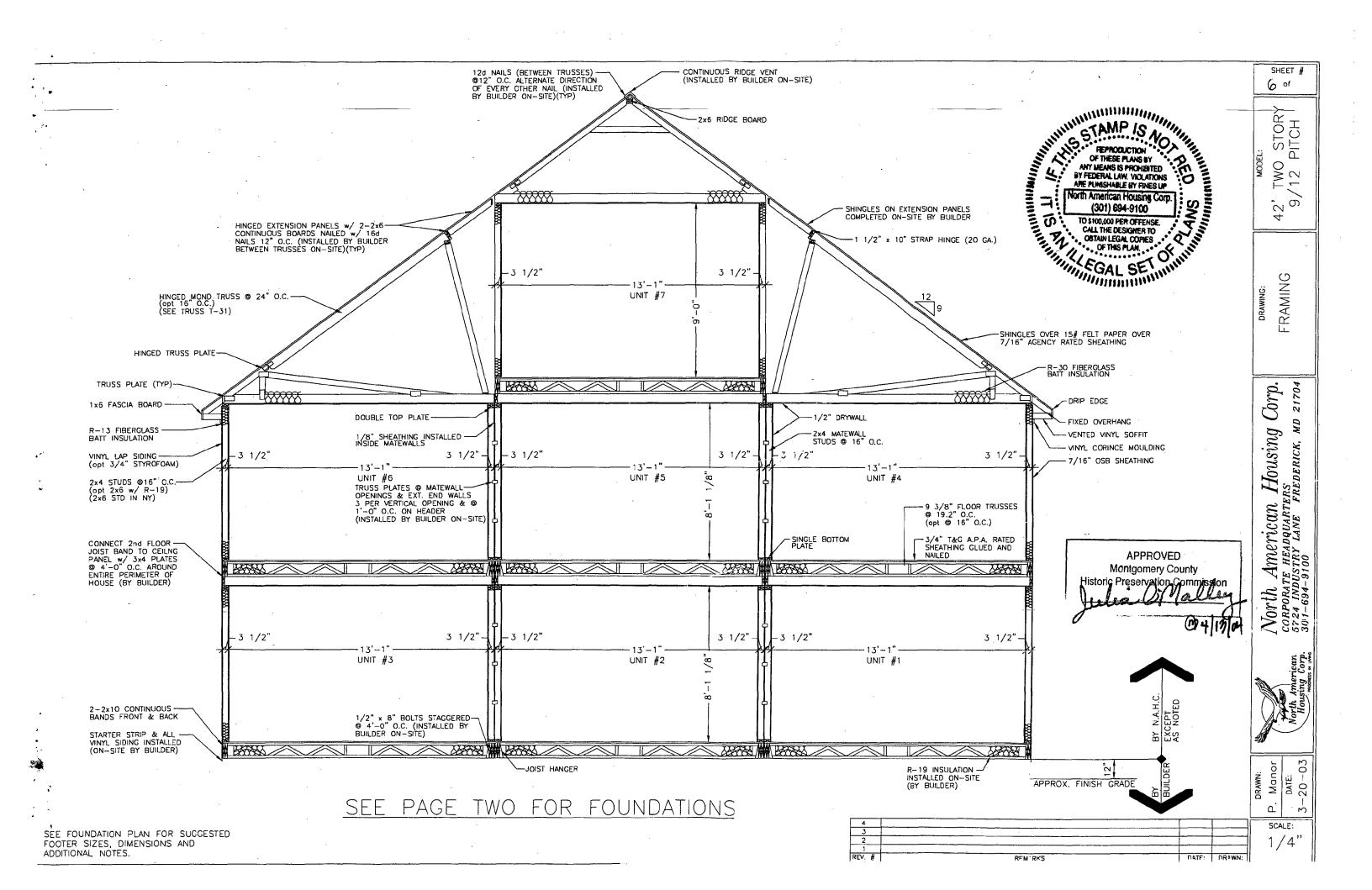
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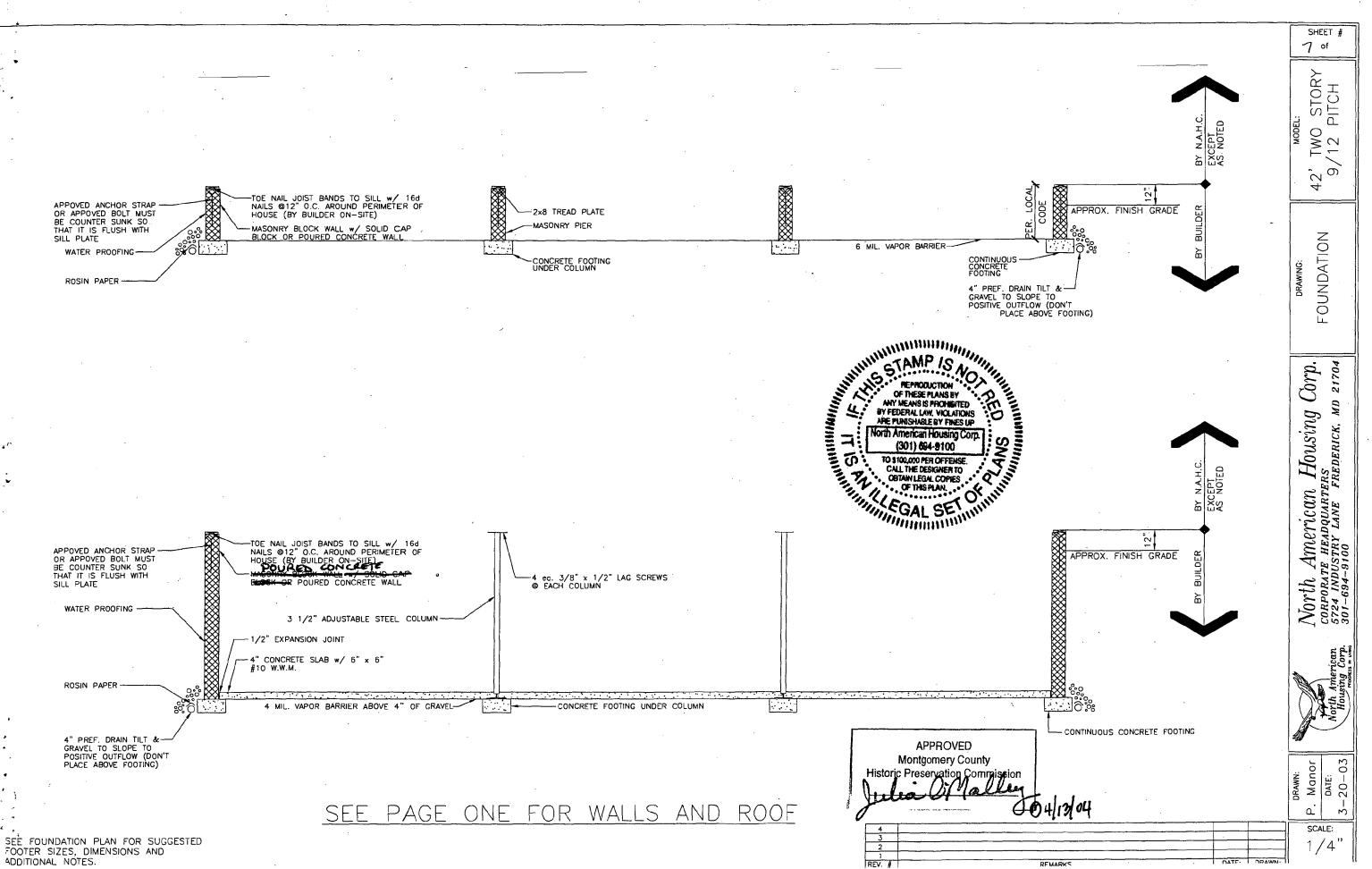


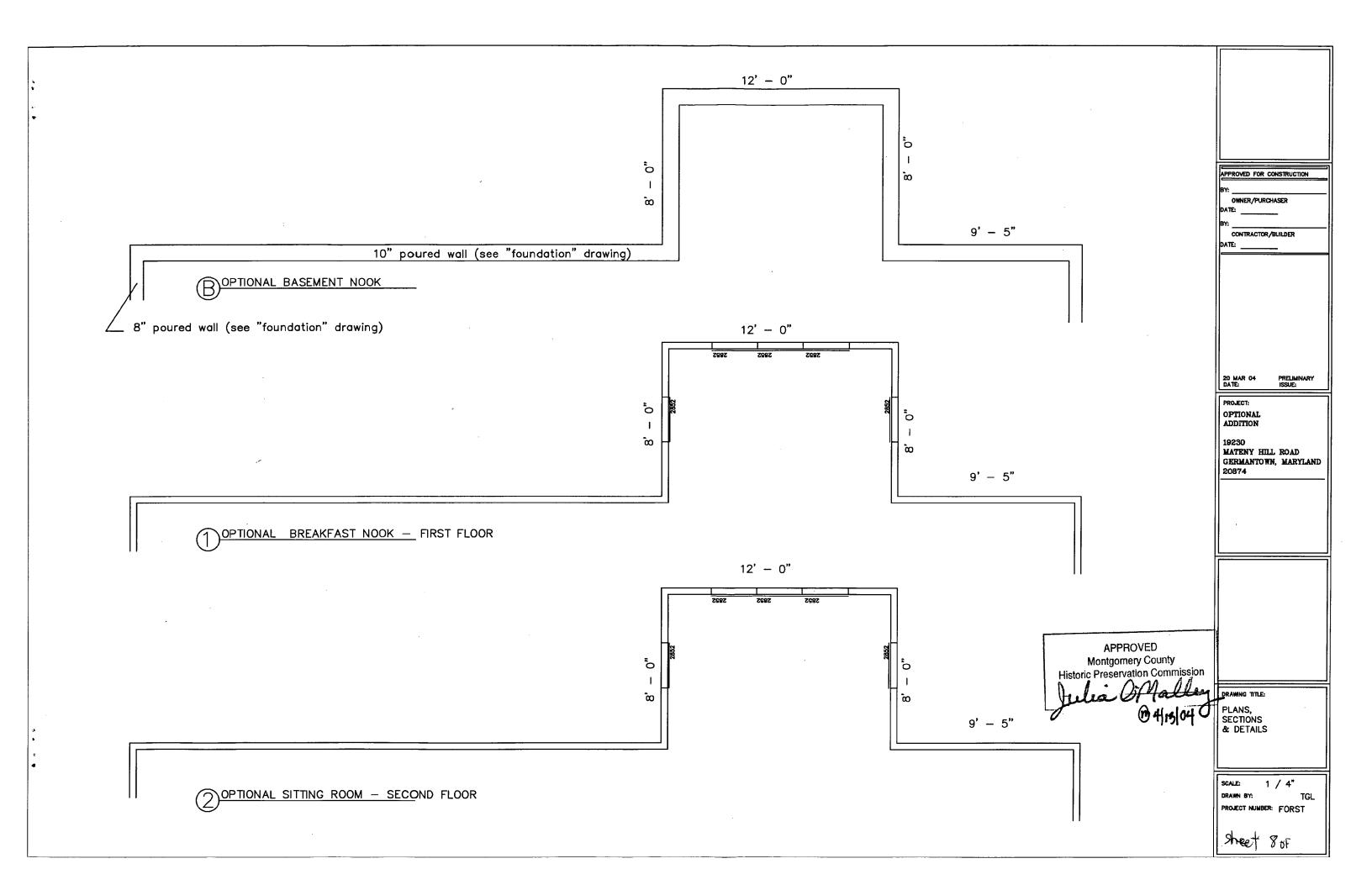


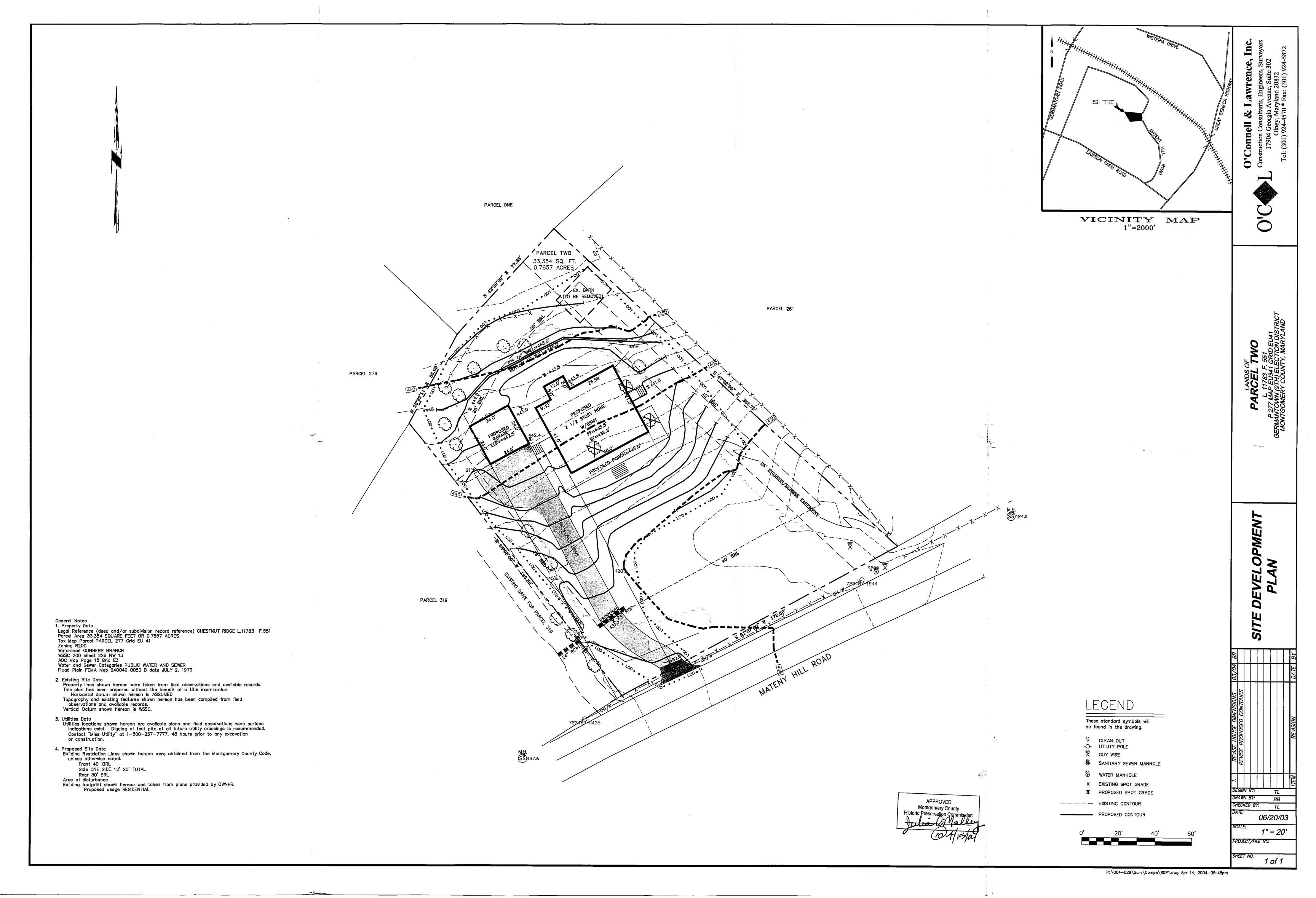


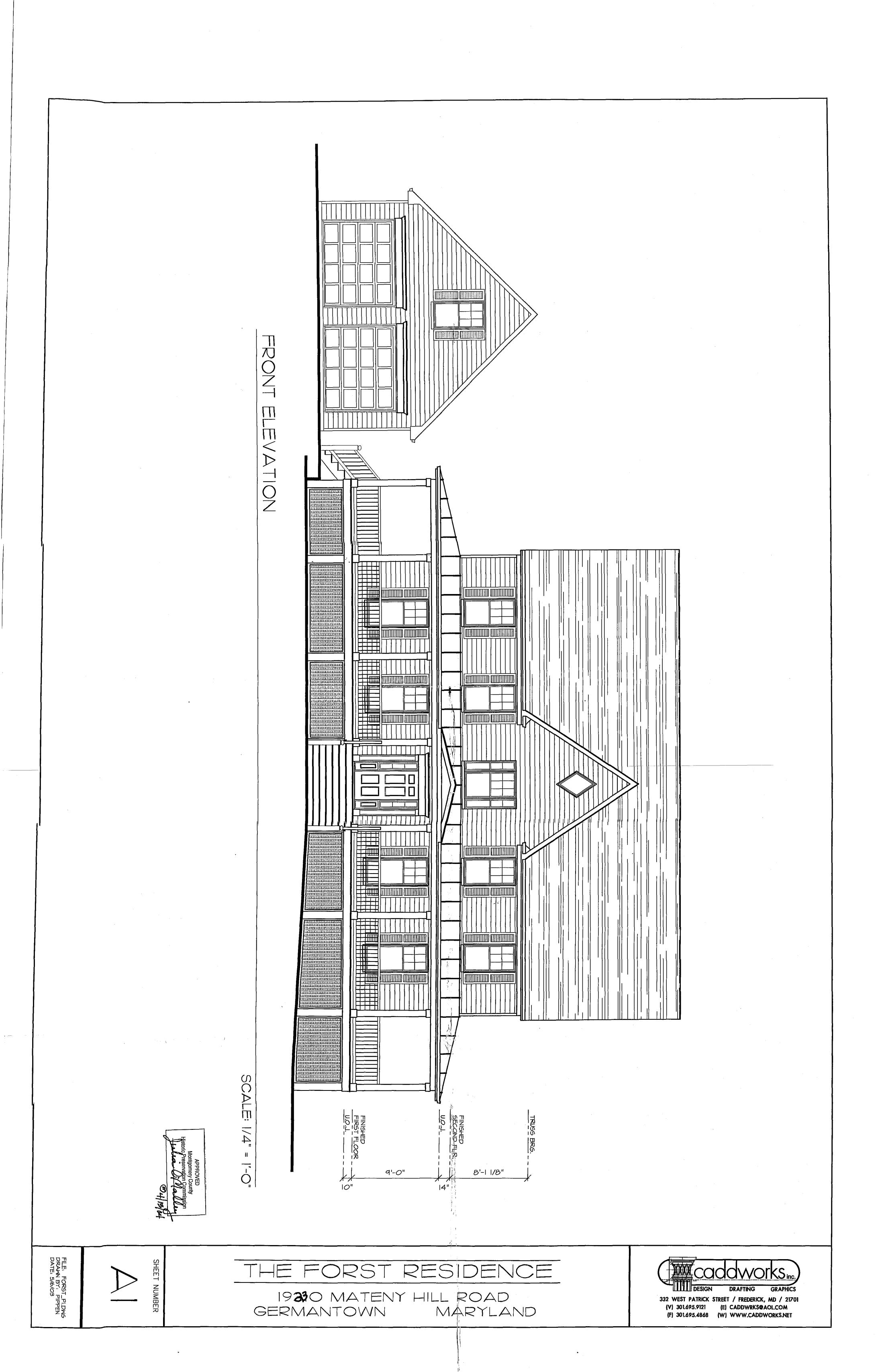














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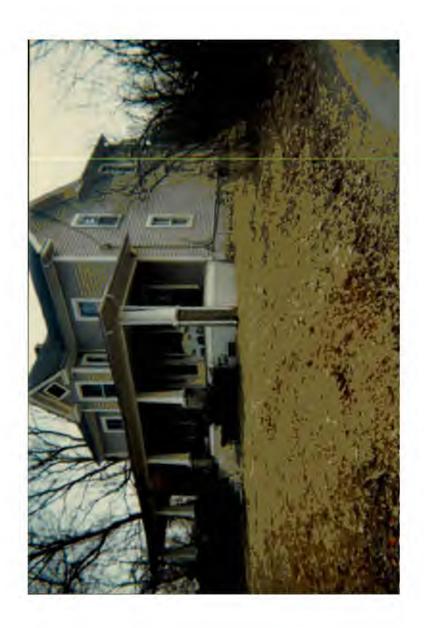


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Germantown Historical Society P. O. Box 475 Germantown, MD 20875 - 0475

RE:

Mateney Hill Road

Parcel 277
Forst Property

SURVEYOR'S GRADING STATEMENT

The proposed house and garage on parcel 277, Mateny Hill Road, is sited with consideration for the existing slope of the site. In order to minimize the impact on trees and adjacent properties, the proposed elevation for the house will require approximately seven risers to the first floor facing Mateney Hill Road and a minimum of three on the rear of the house. Soil from the rear of the house is planned to be used as fill to improve the grade in the front.

Lowering the house in order to reduce the number of risers in the front would negatively impact the trees and existing barn located at the rear of the property.

Sincerely,

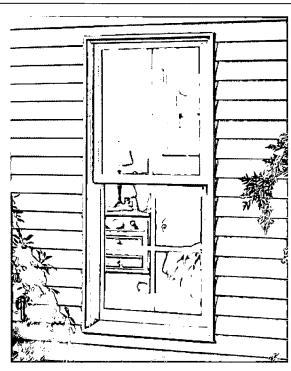
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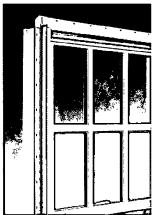
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△ Sashes

- · All-vinyl construction, fully welded at the corners
- · Extruded lift on lower sash meeting rail
- Flexible vinyl glazing bead seals against glass creating exterior weather seal
- Energy-efficient Warm-Edge insulating glass back-bedded in acrylic compound forming interior glazing seal

△ Weather Stripping

- Bulb weather stripping at top, bottom and check rails for efficient performance and smooth, easy openings and closings
- Enhanced weatherability with foam pads precision-fit where top and bottom of balances meet the head and sill; and where check rails join together at the center of each balance

△ Hardware

- White vinyl compression balances backed with full-width foam padding for convenient tilt-in cleaning of sashes
- Balances counter-balanced with quiet, adjustable springs for smooth up and down action
- Factory installed white cam-action sash lock engages keeper pulling sashes together
- Two locks standard on 3-0 widths and wider

⚠ Options

- Glass options include Low-E, Tinted, Low-E / Tinted, Low-E / Argon, and Tempered
- Classic muntin bar appearance with 1 ¼" Simulated Divided Lights (SDL)
- Grille-between-the-glass in flat 5/8" and 7/8" styles, as well as sculptured 5/8" style
- Jamb extensions to 6 % width
- Prefinished cellular PVC sill stop available for "picture frame" style interior trim
- Full length, charcoal-color fiberglass screen with rigid aluminum frame available in white

△ Performance

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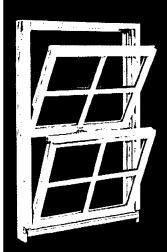
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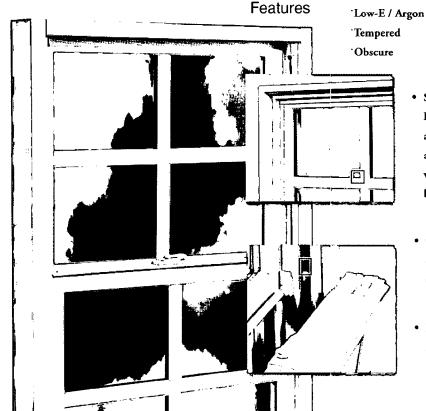
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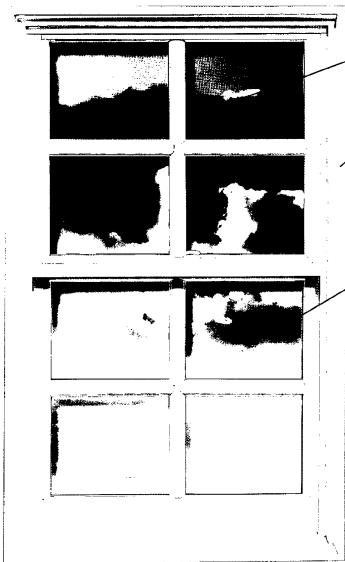
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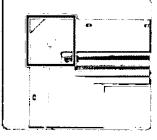


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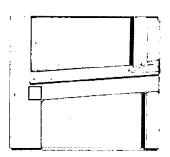
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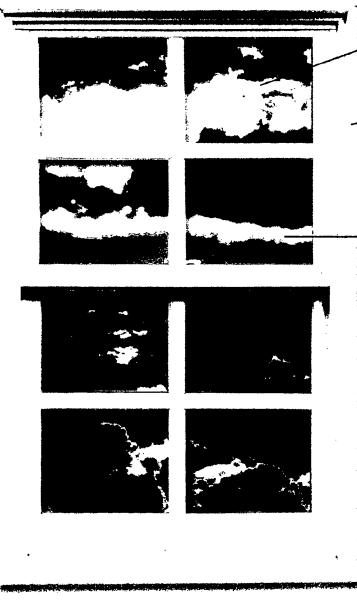
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All-vinyl sash construction fully welded at corners



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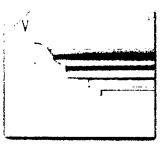


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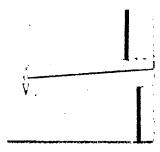
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HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION STAFF REPORT

Address: Parcel 277, Mateny Hill Rd

Meeting Date:

06/25/03

Applicant:

Albert and Deborah Forst

Report Date:

06/18/03

Resource:

Germantown Historic District

Public Notice:

06/11/03

Review:

HAWP

Tax Credit:

None

Case Number:

19/13-03A

Staff:

Michele Naru

PROPOSAL:

New construction on an empty lot

RECOMMEND:

Approval with Conditions

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1891, replaced an earlier small railroad station located there in 1878. The frame structure was rebuilt, following a 1978 fire, and serves modern-day commuters traveling to jobs downcounty and in Washington, D.C. The original single track at Germantown once required two telegraph operators to control the switches to double tracks south of town.

The Germantown community became the center of commercial activity when the Bowman Brothers built a new steam-driven flour and corn mill next to the new railroad depot, making obsolete the earlier water-driven mills in the area. *Bowman Brothers Liberty Mill* was built in 1888 at the south side of Liberty Mill Road along the railroad tracks. The wooden flour mill burned in 1914, but was rebuilt and modernized in 1916 with six huge silos. In 1918 Augustus Selby and his 4 partners bought the mill, and operated it until 1963. A grain elevator and grain dryer were part of the operation in the 1920s and 30s, but burned in 1972 after the mill had closed. Still standing is a grain scale housed in a small metal shed on Mateny Hill Road, southwest of Blunt Avenue.

Germantown's commercial district grew along Mateny Hill Road between the train station and Liberty Mill Road. In the late 1800s and early 1900s, Germantown had two general stores, a post office, three churches, a bank, doctor's office, barber shop, and school. The *Germantown Bank* (1922), 19330 Mateny Hill Road, was funded through sale of shares to residents who wanted to cash their mill paychecks without being charged 15 cents that the General Store demanded for the service. This one-and-a half story brick building has a simple classical facade, and iron bars on its triple windows. At the southern corner of Blunt Avenue and Mateny Hill Road, a small, board and batten shop with a gable roof, was used at various times as a harness shop, barber shop and post office before it was converted into a house. Numerous other service businesses in this vicinity included a feed store, several warehouses, and a stockyard.

The houses built within this period have strong uniformity and similar architectural details in the simple rural tradition of 19th century Maryland. The homes were built for mill and railroad employees as well as shopkeepers and ministers. Many houses in the historic district still have dependencies such as stables, wash houses, and meat houses; some with louvered cupolas, contrasting trim, or other architectural details. The generous front and side yards allowed for family gatherings, gardens, and perhaps a few animals, while shade trees and porches helped residents escape the heat of summer. One of the oldest houses in the district is the c1870 Harris-Allnutt House, 19390 Mateny Mill Road. It was originally the home of R. E. and Alice Harris who ran a store from this location. The Anderson-Johnson House (1898), 19310 Mateny Mill Road was first the home of a railroad agent and later Germantown's postmaster. Rev. Rayfield House (c1890s), 9215 Blunt Avenue, was the residence of the Baptist Church minister. This center cross gable, frame house has an entry with transom and side lights, and ornamental porch balustrade. The homes of influential community leaders (e.g. mill owners, banker, store owners) lined Old Germantown Road on large parcels of land. Bank President A. H. Baker lived in a large estate on Liberty Mill Road where Liberty Heights is now located.

Bowman Brothers or Liberty Mill was at one time the second largest mill in the state. In the 1950s, dairy products replaced grain as the state's primary agricultural output, leading to a decline in the milling business. Popularity of the automobile enabled residents to shop in more distant shopping centers, people became less dependent on the railroad, and growth of the county's population turned cornfields into cul-de-sacs. Commercial businesses are now concentrated closer to I-270. The Germantown Historic District, designated in 1989, preserves the heritage of Germantown as a flourishing farming and mill community, while continuing to focus on the B&O Station as a center for today's MARC train commuters.

PROPOSAL-

The applicant proposes to construct a new house and detached garage on an empty lot between 19300 Mateny Hill Road (Outstanding Resource within the Historic District) and 19220 Mateny Hill Road (Outside Historic District boundaries) (see <u>Circle</u>). The proposed house is a 2-½ story, cross gable roof structure with a wrap-around porch along the front, left and right elevations of the house. The applicants are proposing standing seam metal for the house's porch roof, asphalt shingles and hardiplank siding for the main massing of the house and the garage. The applicants have not specified material for the proposed new driveway.

The applicants are also proposing to remove a 24" and 16" Elm tree from the site.

BACKGROUND

The Commission reviewed this case as a preliminary consultation at their April 9, 2003 meeting. The concerns with the proposal presented to the Commission at this meeting were threefold. Commissioner Breslin and Chairman Spurlock were concerned about the placement of the house on the lot. Commissioner Harbit was concerned with the large cross gable on the original plans. He indicated that the span of the gable across three windows made the front elevation appear larger. Commissioner Harbit recommended that the applicant redesign the cross gable so that it only spans one window to reduce the scale of this feature. Commissioner Watkins expressed concern with the rear façade. She was concerned that the single plane of this façade was problematic. She encouraged the applicant to break-up the solid wall with some sort of projection.

The applicants returned to the Commission with a HAWP application on May 28, 2003. As a result of the April 9th preliminary consultation, the Commission was provided with a street elevation drawing showing the placement of the house on the existing lot as well as the location of the adjacent houses. This proposed drawing indicated that the front porch would be the height of seven-steps above ground. Secondly, the applicant revised the front elevation of the building and presented a single window span for the cross gable. Finally, the rear elevation was changed by the addition of a rear ell projection. The Commission generally was in support of the changes, except for the size of the cross gable. The Commission indicated that the proportion seemed incorrect and encouraged the applicant to re-examine this detail. The Commission also asked the applicant to alter their materials list to include wood entry and garage doors. During this meeting, the Commission also tasked the staff to consult with M-NCPPC's environmental planning staff on the proposed tree protection plan and the overall design of the proposed site plan and its possible effects on the existing trees.

STAFF DISCUSSION

The Historic Preservation Ordinance, Chapter 24(A) No. 2 states that any new construction should be "compatible in character and nature with the historical, archeological, architectural or cultural features of the historic site or the historic district in which an historic resource is located and would not be detrimental thereto or to the achievement of the purposes of this chapter."

The Germantown Historic District is a very small yet significant historic district comprised of buildings ranging from c1870 to the early 1920s. Any new construction that is introduced to the historic district must be compatible with the surrounding buildings, and particularly sensitive to the older properties. Because this property will be the first new construction within the historic district, this proposal should be given the highest level of scrutiny for compatibility with the historic district.

The applicant has addressed all of the issues that were presented at the previous meeting, the result is the attached revised front elevation (See circle).

The staff met with Mark Pfefferle, M-NCPPC's Environmental Planner for Germantown, regarding the proposed trees protection plan. Mr. Pfefferle's general comments were that this plan will be officially reviewed and approved by the Environmental Planning Department at the Sediment Control Permit level. His general comments were as follows:

- 1. In order to protect the 10" Beech and 10" Elm adjacent to the proposed garage and asphalt apron, the garage and apron must be moved NE and out of the drip line of these trees. He suggested that the house garage and driveway be shifted 15' to the NE. This would result in the elimination of the 12" elm on the eastern side of the house, but would protect the 10" Beech, 10" Elm, and the 24" Elm (proposed to be removed).
- 2. The trees along the proposed drive should be root pruned by a certified arborist, not more than 1/3 of the critical root zone in order to help their survival.
- 3. Driveway should be shifted more to the east to protect 40" elm tree.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

Staff recommends that the Commission approve with conditions the HAWP application for being consistent with Chapter 24A-8(b)2:

The proposal is compatible in character and nature with the historical, archeological, architectural or cultural features of the historic site or the historic district in which an historic resource is located and would not be detrimental thereto or to the achievement of the purposes of this chapter,

and with the Secretary of the Interior Guidelines #9 and #10:

New additions, exterior alterations, or related new construction will not destroy historic materials, features, and spatial relationships that characterize the property. The new work shall be differentiated from the old and will be compatible with the historic materials, features, size, scale and proportion, and massing to protect the integrity of the property and its environment.

New additions and adjacent or related new construction will be undertaken in such a manner that, if removed in the future, the essential form and integrity of the historic property and its environment would be unimpaired.

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Albert J and Deborah R Forst 19310 Matery Hill Rd Germantown MD 20874 301-353-0498

June 9, 2003

Dear Park and Planning Commission and Staff,

We are coming before you again, in hopes that this time you will approve our plans for a new home construction permit within the Germantown Historic District.

Our last meeting with you was May 28th, 2003. At that time you voiced several concerns on this home and we have once again made revisions that we feel you will be pleased with.

- 1. The front gable has been modified and we feel that this size gable is what the commission is looking for. We are also happy with this design.
- 2. We have changed the front door material to wood.
- 3. The garage doors material has also has been changed to wood.
- 4. The **center window on second floor wa**s changed to a rectangular shape and a diamond shape window was added to the gable (like the historic home at 19310 Mateny Hill Rd ,which is our present home)

Also, we have enclosed a letter from the land engineer that will better explain the topography of our lot since pictures and drawings do not — To BE seem to convey how the house will look on the property.

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The Germantown Historic District's homes face the train station and WORKSCSSION parking lots of the commuter rail station. This lot is actually around a sharp bend and is somewhat disconnected from the Historic District as it does face all new construction. We feel that this house will blend in with the historic areas and transition well with the 40 newer homes across the street from our lot.

We are excited to be building a new home in Germantown and think that it will represent the country feet that Germantown once stood for.

Sincerely,

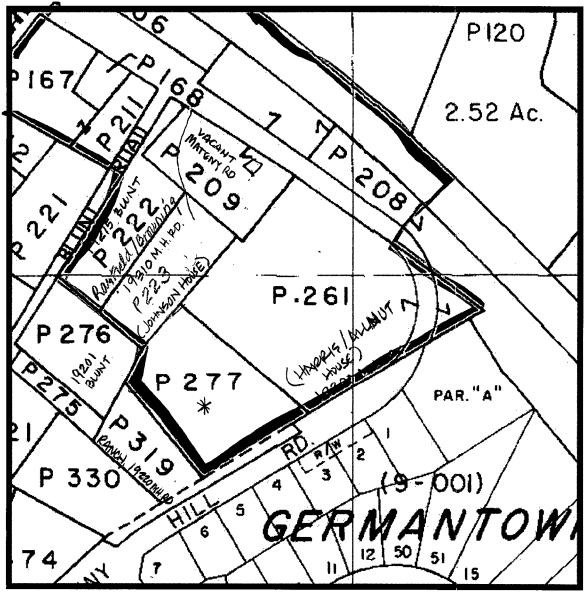
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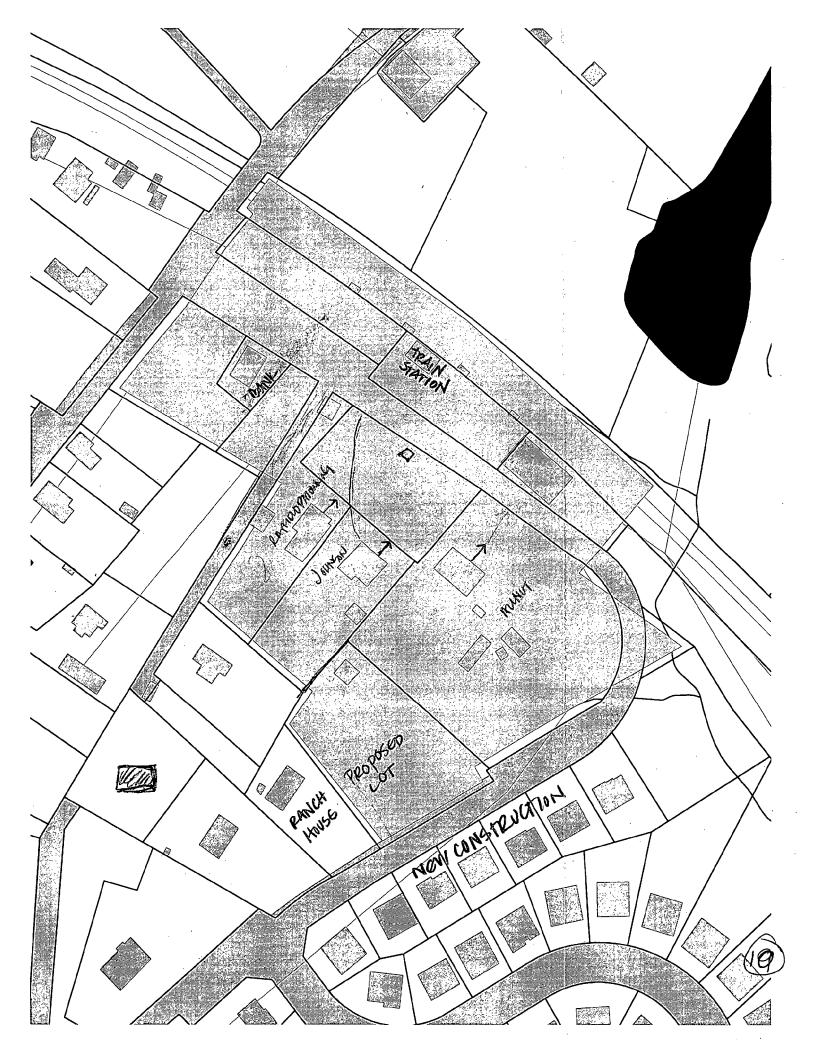
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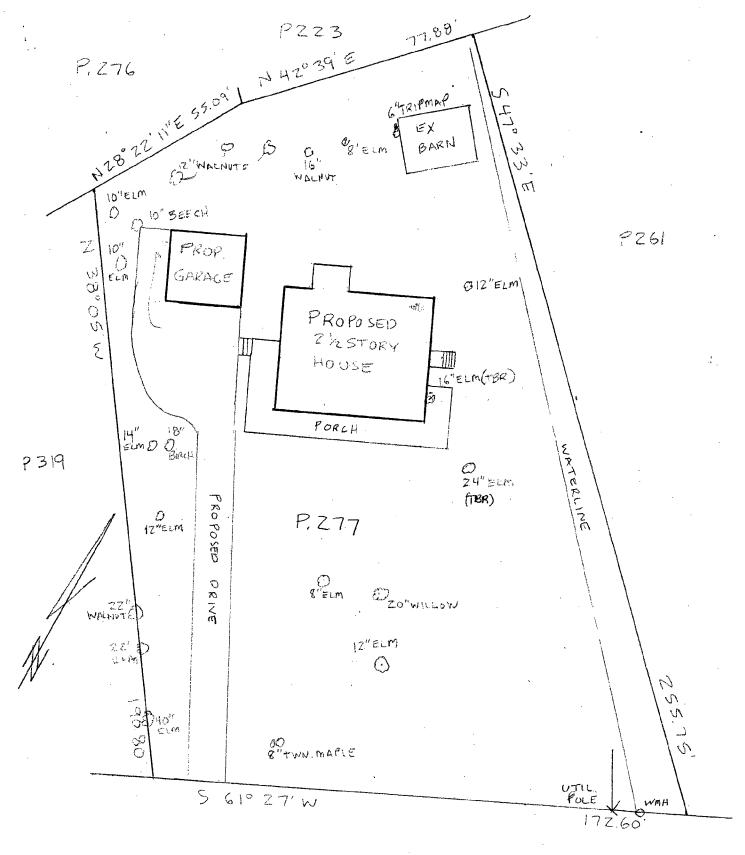
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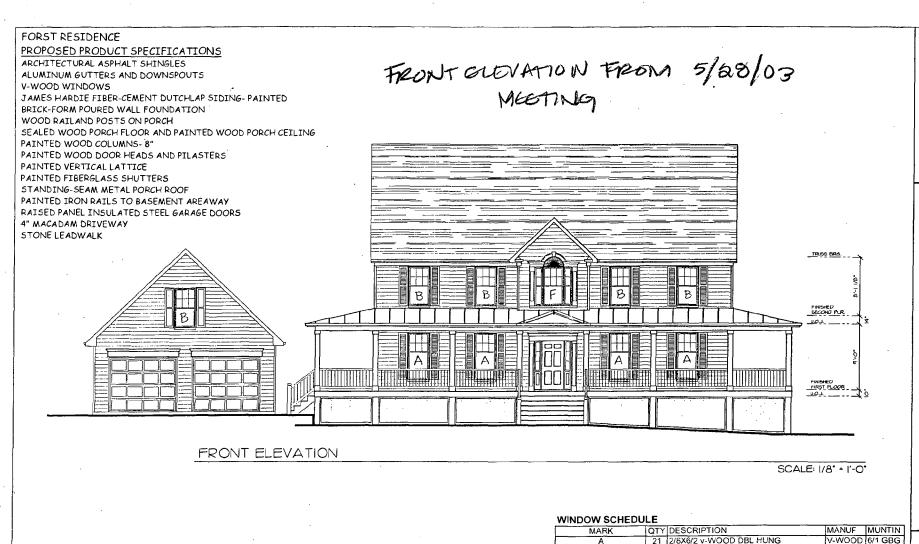


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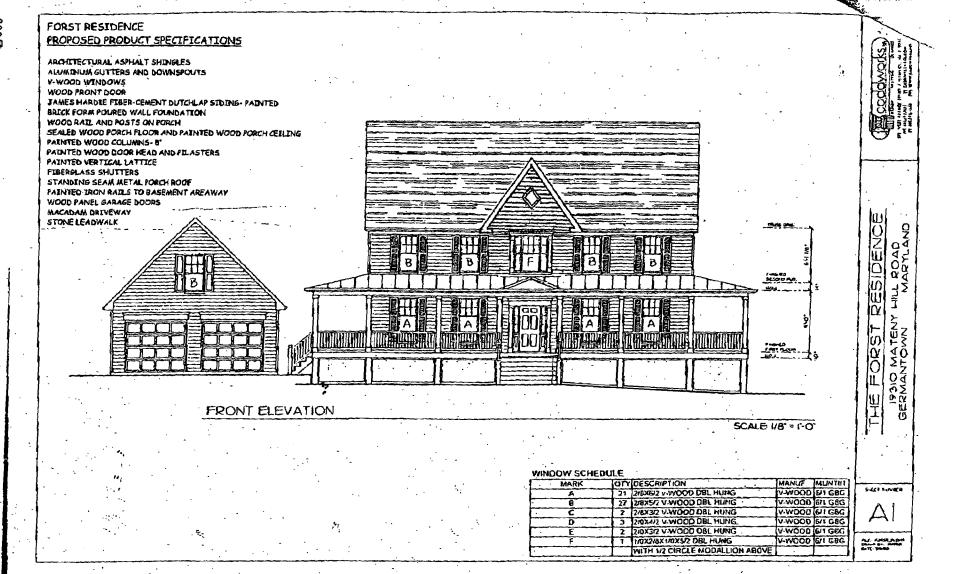
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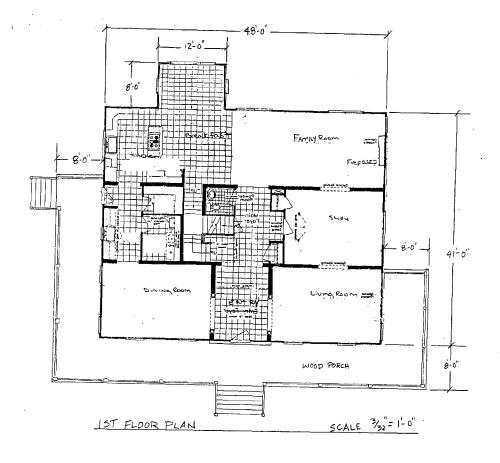




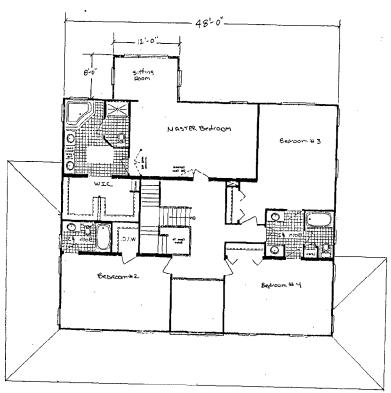




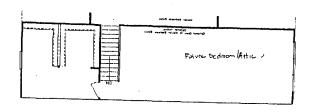




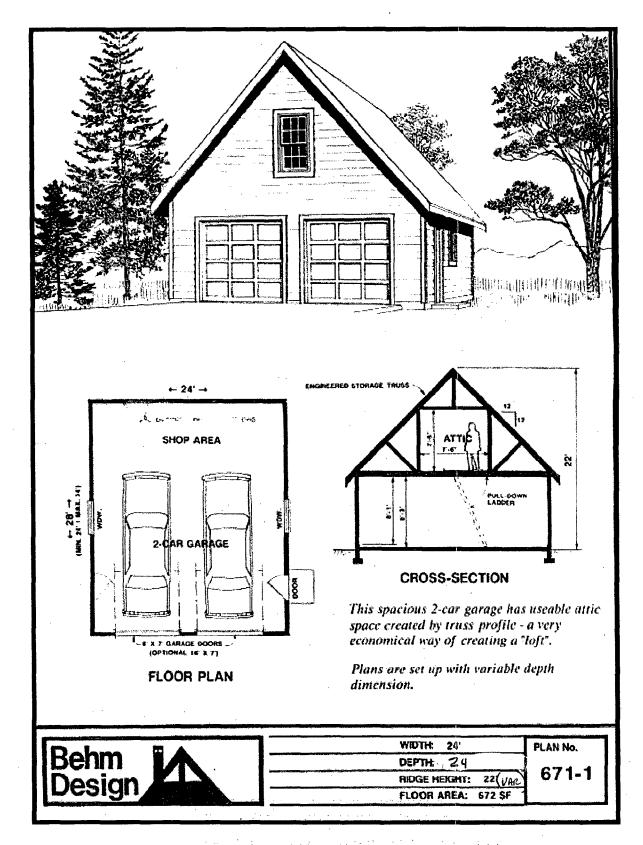
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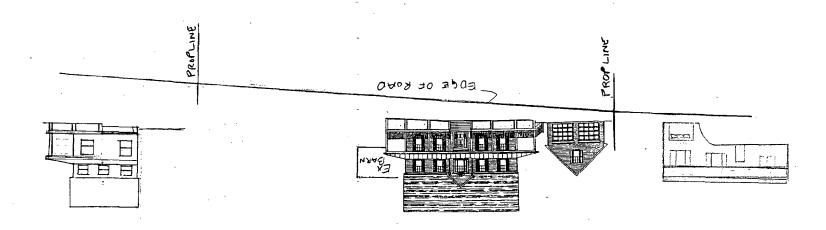


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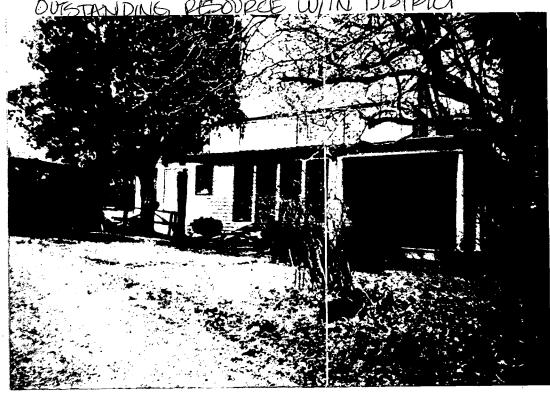


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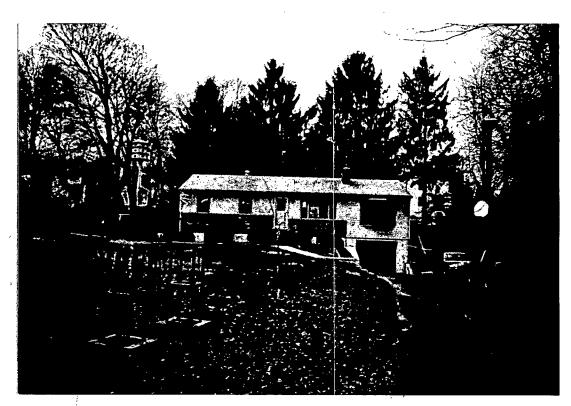


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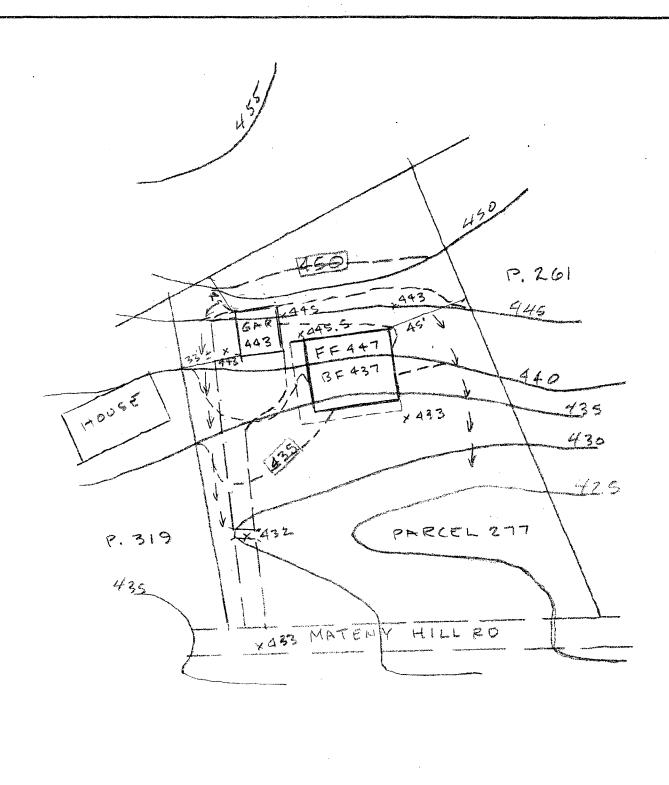
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Applicant: Albert and Deborah Forst **Report Date:** 05/21/03

Resource: Germantown Historic District **Public Notice:** 05/14/03

Review: HAWP Tax Credit: None

Case Number: 19/13-03A Staff: Michele Naru

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STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

Staff recommends that the Commission **approve with conditions** the HAWP application for being consistent with Chapter 24A-8(b)2:

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HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION STAFF REPORT

Address: Parcel 277, Mateny Hill Rd Meeting Date: 04/09/03

Applicant: Albert and Deborah Forst **Report Date:** 04/02/03

Resource: Germantown Historic District **Public Notice:** 03/26/03

Review: Preliminary Consultation Tax Credit: None

Case Number: N/A Staff: Michele Naru

PROPOSAL: New construction on an empty lot

RECOMMEND: Generate a Full Set of Scaled Drawings (1/4" scale) including

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Staff's concerns with the current proposal are as follows:

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Staff additionally requests that the applicant provide a rendering of the house and garage showing the proposed lot's elevations, the house and garage's siting on this lot and their relationship to the street. Finally, it is also important to show the adjacent properties in the *scaled* site plan to show the relationship this house will have to the adjacent parcels.

Staff generally feels that the proposed detached garage is sympathetic to the historic district. The 22' high structure seems too high for the existing lot. Staff requests that the applicants research possible ways to reduce the height of this building. The proposed driveway appears to wrap around two sides of the proposed garage. This wrap-around element should be eliminated to reduce the amount of unnecessary paving on the lot. The proposed surface material for the driveway has not been provided.

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Albert J and Deborah

Forst

19310 Mateny Hill Rd. Germantown MD 20874 301-353-069 8

Dear Historic Commission,

After careful research and planning we have found the perfect home for us and our lot. The farmhouse design we have decided to build is the best of the old and the new. One of the joys of our present home is our large deep front porch which has and continues to be a gathering place for family and friends. That was a prerequisite for this house.

Although our lot is in the Germantown Historical District the home will not have a significant impact to the district because of its location. We have lived in this district since 1985 and the three existing homes in this district all face the train station and this home is around the corner and somewhat disconnected from this Historic Area.

Our new home will be across from a relatively new development, Germantown Station which consists of 49 large modern homes with various architecture styles. These homes are on very small lots and quite close together. We are adjacent to a farmhouse on 2 acres with many outbuildings and a rambler on a ¼ acre lot.

The house we plan to build is a 4,000 sq. foot house with a separate garage. We have chosen this house size for many reason. We know it will look balanced on our .81 acre lot and it will accommodate our multigenerational family. Germantown once had many large farmhouses but now only a few remain due to new construction and disappointingly arson. The Dawson house at Liberty Mill Rd., the Rayfield/Browning House which recently doubled its size and is in the Historic District, the newer Victorian House at 19124 Mateny Hill Rd which was built by Bert Odell and came through this commission prior to building are just several homes in Germantown that we drew our inspiration from.

We have consulted with several of our neighbors who have gone through this process, whether it was a new home or an addition to an existing structure and it is our desire to have this process to go as smooth as possible. We wanted a house that we would like and be aesthetically appealing to this commission as well. We sought professional advice from a land engineer and with his expertise, looking at the lay of the land and the adjacent houses, the sight was chosen for this house.

Due to my husband's health(he had prostate cancer surgery in November) and my ongoing recovery from a broken back last year we are looking forward to a maintenance free home. We are requesting that you allow us to use an architecturally pleasing vinyl siding as you did in the new construction of the Victorian at 19124 Mateny Hill Rd. We would use only the highest quality

material as was done on this home. We would appreciate every consideration in this matter. We have taken a walking tour of the beautiful reproduction homes in the Kentlands area in Gaithersburg and have found that these homes use the new modern state of the art products and it does not interfere with the beauty of these homes.

We appreciate your time and hope that you will love this home like we do.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact us.

Sincerely,

Deborah and AJ Forst

Montgomery County Historic Preservation Commission 8787 Georgia Ave. Silver Spring, MD 20910

Re: preliminary Consultation of Debra Forst, parcel 209

Dear Commissioners:

We have looked at the plans for the new construction of a house and garage on parcel 209 in the Germantown Historic District and we have the following comments.

The Germantown Historic District was whittled down from 28 sites to three houses and two commercial buildings by the Montgomery County Council on approval of the district in 1989. The reason given for this was that these five structures would be "representative" of the original agricultural railroad town.

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- ◆ That the garage be lower in height since it will be at the highest point of the property.
- Both structures be entirely clad in wood.
- ♦ The new house have decorative trim in the 1890s style
- ♦ The rear of the house have shutters on the windows and not be so oneplaned—have some parts extending out.

The GHS would also like to point out that new structures in the neighborhood that are not in the Germantown Historic District should in no way be used as models or influence in any way the construction of this house and garage in the historic district. On the other hand, original structures in the neighborhood but not in the historic district which have retained their original character and outward appearance can be used as models.

Sincerely,

The Executive Board of the Germantown Historical Society

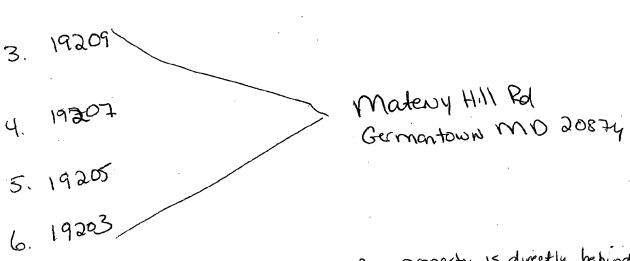
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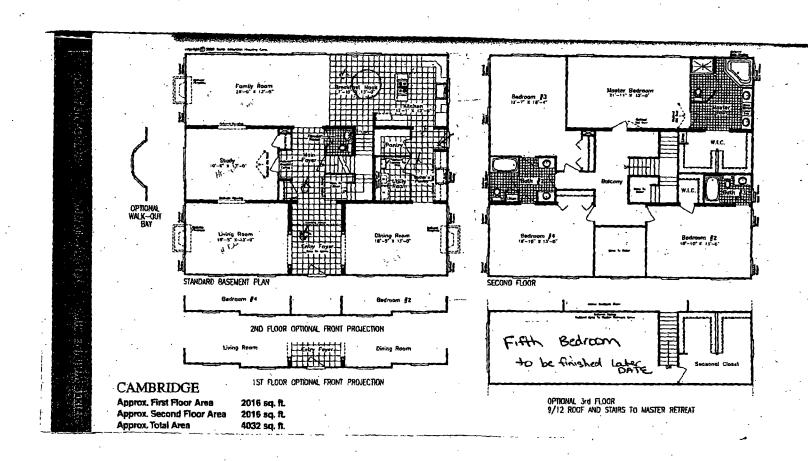
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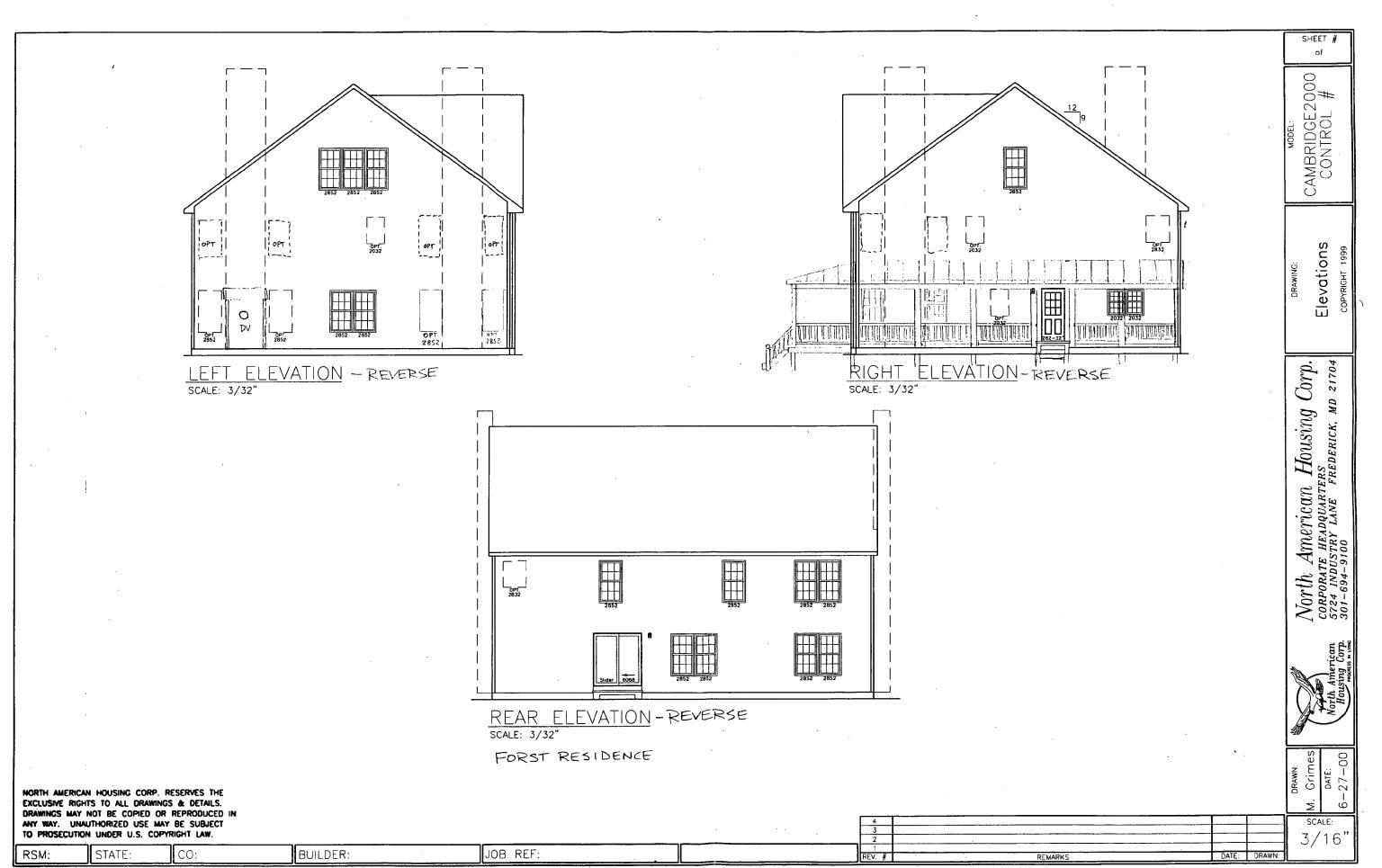
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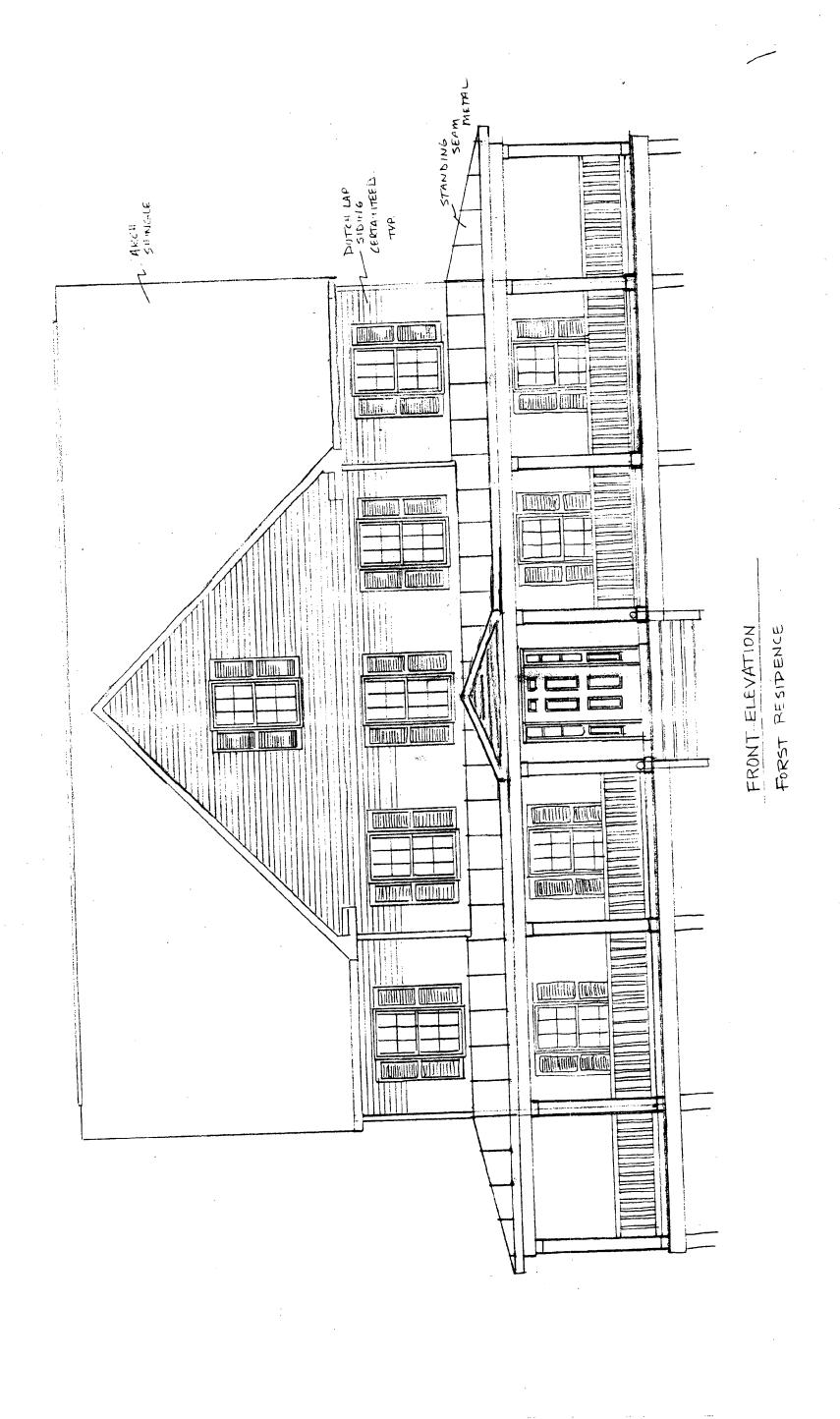


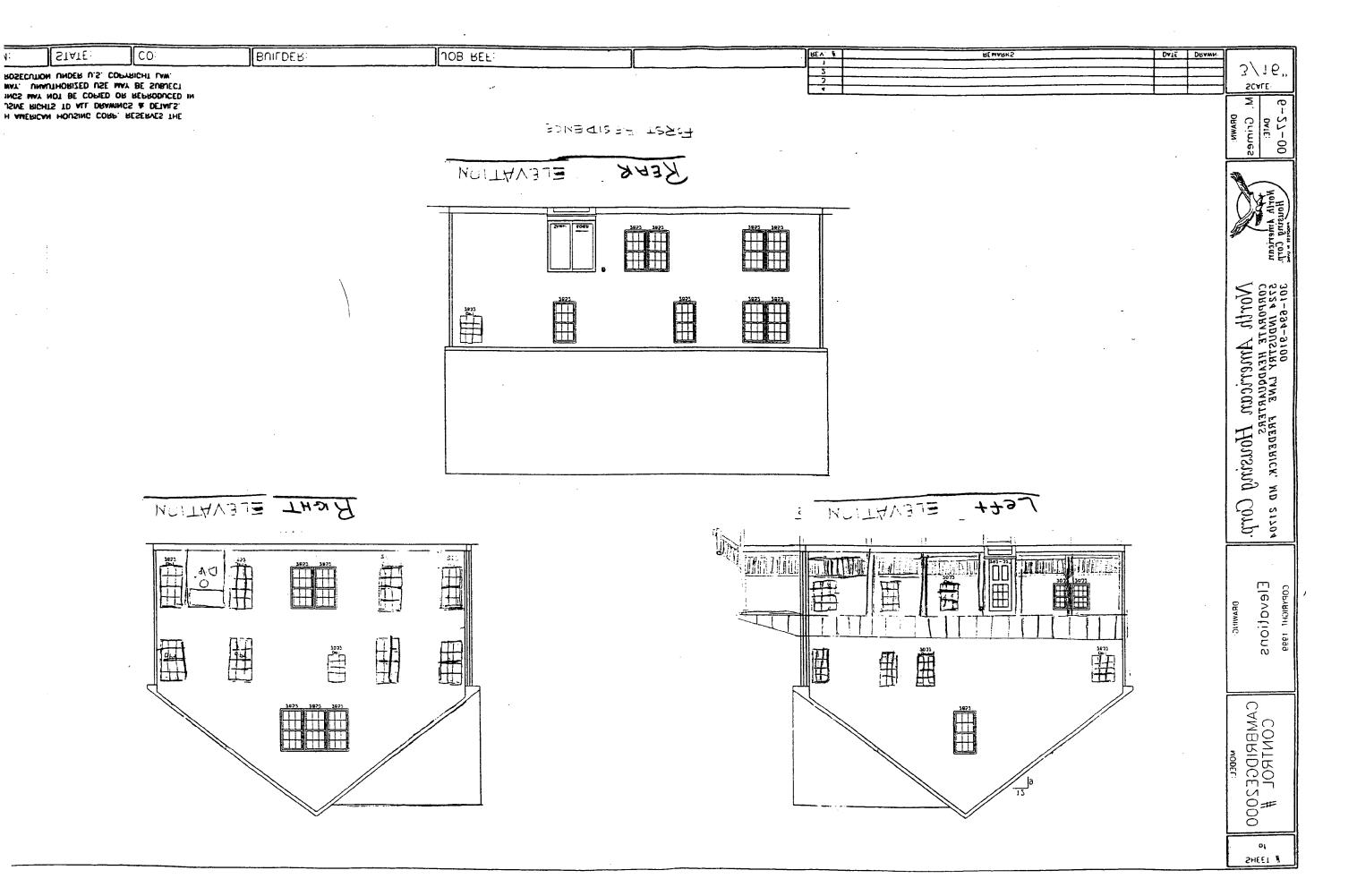


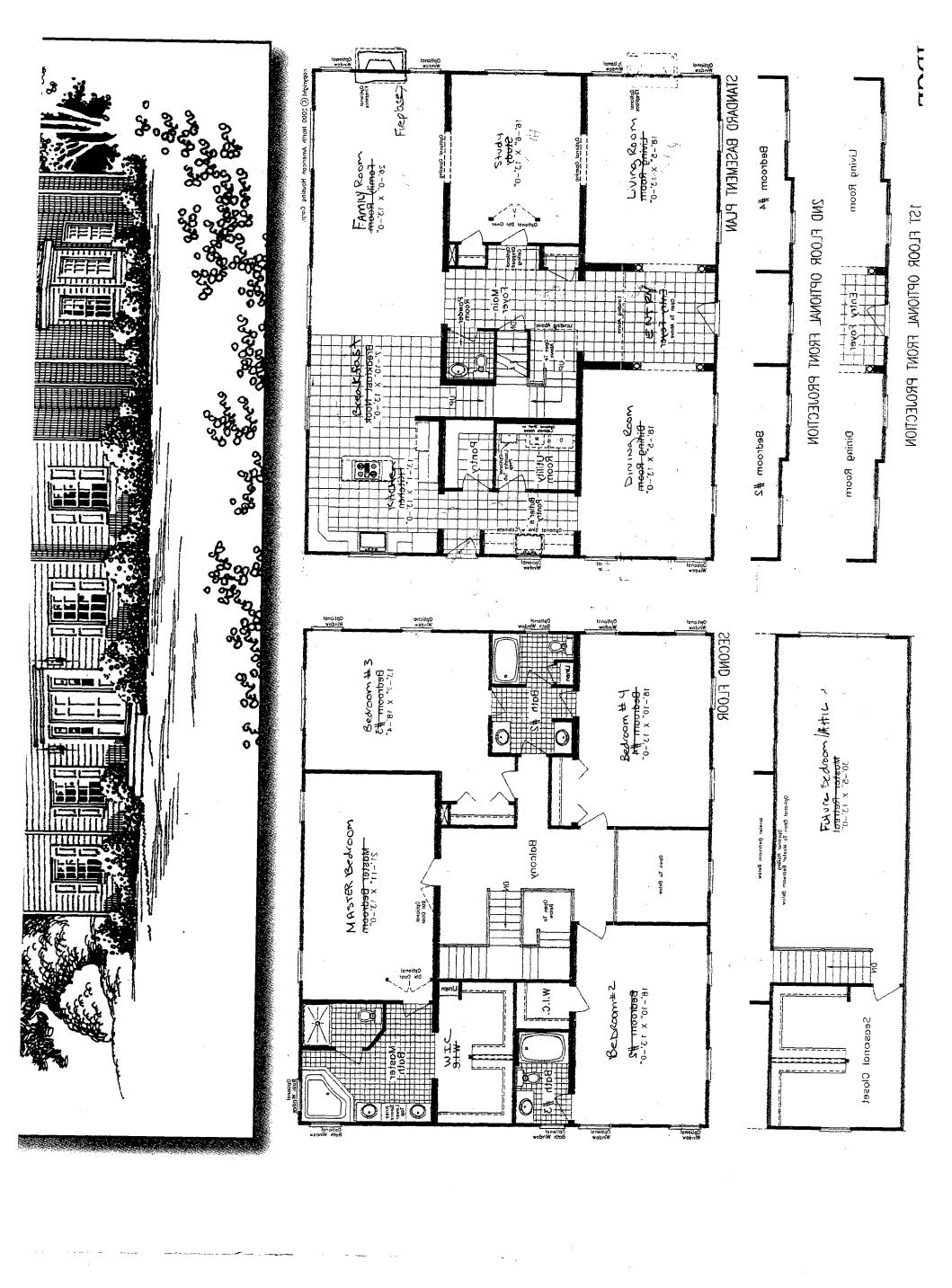
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Meeting Date:

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Applicant:

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Report Date:

05/21/03

Resource:

Germantown Historic District

Public Notice:

05/14/03

Review:

HAWP

Tax Credit:

None

Case Number:

19/13-03A

Staff:

Michele Naru

PROPOSAL:

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RECOMMEND:

Approval with Conditions

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The applicant proposes to construct a new house and detached garage on an empty lot between 19300 Mateny Hill Road (Outstanding Resource within the Historic District) and 19220 Mateny Hill Road (Outside Historic District boundaries) (see <u>Circley 16.20</u>). The proposed house is a 2-½ story, cross gable roof structure with a wrap-around porch along the front, left and right elevations of the house. The applicants are proposing standing seam metal for the house's porch roof, asphalt shingles and hardiplank siding for the main massing of the house and the garage. The applicants have not specified material for the proposed new driveway.

The applicants are also proposing to remove a 24" and 16" Elm tree from the site.

STAFF DISCUSSION

The Historic Preservation Ordinance, Chapter 24(A) No. 2 states that any new construction should be "compatible in character and nature with the historical, archeological, architectural or cultural features of the historic site or the historic district in which an historic resource is located and would not be detrimental thereto or to the achievement of the purposes of this chapter."

The Germantown Historic District is a very small yet significant historic district comprised of buildings ranging from c1870 to the early 1920s. Any new construction that is introduced to the historic district must be compatible with the surrounding buildings, and particularly sensitive to the older properties. Because this property will be the first new construction within the historic district, this proposal should be given the highest level of scrutiny for compatibility with the historic district.

Staff's notes that the Commission generally was in support of the proposed design of the house when it was presented to them at their April 9, 2003 meeting as a preliminary consultation (see circles 26–52 for transcript.) The concerns with the proposal presented at the April 9th meeting focused on three main issues. These issues are as follows:

1. Commissioner Breslin and Chairman Spurlock were concerned about the placement of the house on the lot. The concern was specifically how high the building was going to be set out of the ground. The applicants have provided the Commission with a street elevation drawing showing the placement of the house on the existing lot as well as the location of the adjacent houses. This proposed drawing indicates that the front porch will be the height of seven-steps above

ground. Staff feels that this height is too excessive for the site and suggests that the Commission require engineered drawings of the site be developed, denoting the exact height of the proposed building, with the height of the first floor denoted. Additionally, the Commission should provide the applicant with some parameters regarding first floor and maximum height amounts, so that the Applicant can communicate these numbers to the engineer.

- 2. Commissioner Harbit was concerned with the large cross gable on the original plans. He indicated that the span of the gable across three windows made the front elevation appear larger. Commissioner Harbit recommended that the applicant redesign the cross gable so that it only spans one window to reduce the scale of this feature. The applicant has revised the front elevation of the building and the proposal being presented in this report is a single window span for the cross gable.
- 3. Commissioner Watkins expressed concern with the rear façade. She was concerned that the single plane of this façade was problematic. She encouraged the applicant to break-up the solid wall with some sort of projection. The applicants have addressed this issue by designing a rear ell projection.

Generally, staff is in support of the proposed new construction. Due to the location of the house on the edge of the historic district, staff feels that the house's design is sympathetic to the character of the historic district. The abovementioned conditions proposed by staff are aimed to address issues that were either a concern of the Commission or that were not clearly delineated as part of this proposal.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

Staff recommends that the Commission approve with conditions the HAWP application for being consistent with Chapter 24A-8(b)2:

The proposal is compatible in character and nature with the historical, archeological, architectural or cultural features of the historic site or the historic district in which an historic resource is located and would not be detrimental thereto or to the achievement of the purposes of this chapter,

and with the Secretary of the Interior Guidelines #9 and #10:

New additions, exterior alterations, or related new construction will not destroy historic materials, features, and spatial relationships that characterize the property. The new work shall be differentiated from the old and will be compatible with the historic materials, features, size, scale and proportion, and massing to protect the integrity of the property and its environment.

New additions and adjacent or related new construction will be undertaken in such a manner that, if removed in the future, the essential form and integrity of the historic property and its environment would be unimpaired.

with the conditions that:

- 1. The proposed driveway will be constructed of gravel.
- 2. The proposed windows will be simulated divided-light, painted, wood windows. Specification sheets for the proposed windows will be provided to staff for their review and approval.
- 3. Site drawings will be generated showing total height and first floor height of the proposed buildings in relationship to the existing site. These drawings will also illustrate any proposed deviations from the current grades.
- 4. The applicants will develop a tree protection plan for the existing trees on the site. This plan must be submitted to the staff for their review and approval prior to the issuance of the building permit.
- 5. As mitigation for the removal of the 24" and 16" elm trees on the site, staff recommends that the applicants plant three trees (min. 2" in caliper) somewhere on the property. The trees to be planted must be selected from the Montgomery County Native Species list.

with the general condition applicable to all Historic Area Work Permits that the applicant will present 3 permit sets of drawings to HPC staff for review and stamping prior to submission for permits. After issuance of the Montgomery County Department of Permitting Services (DPS) permit, the applicant will arrange for a field inspection by calling the DPS Field Services Office at 240-777-6370 or online at www.permits.emontgomery.org prior to commencement of work and not more than two weeks following completion of work.





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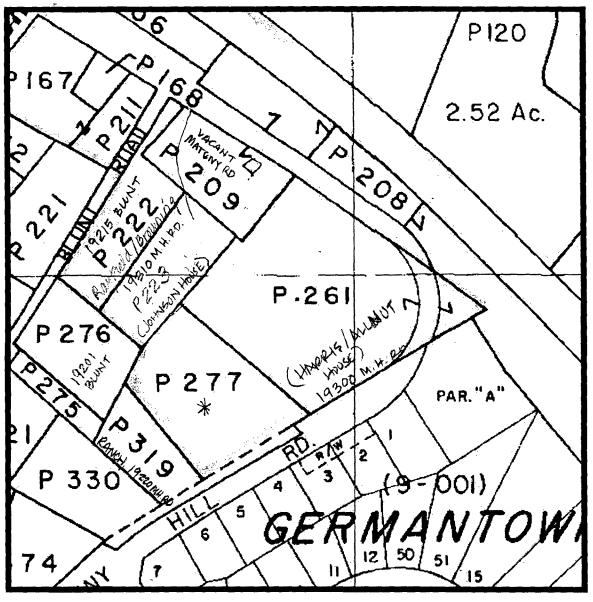
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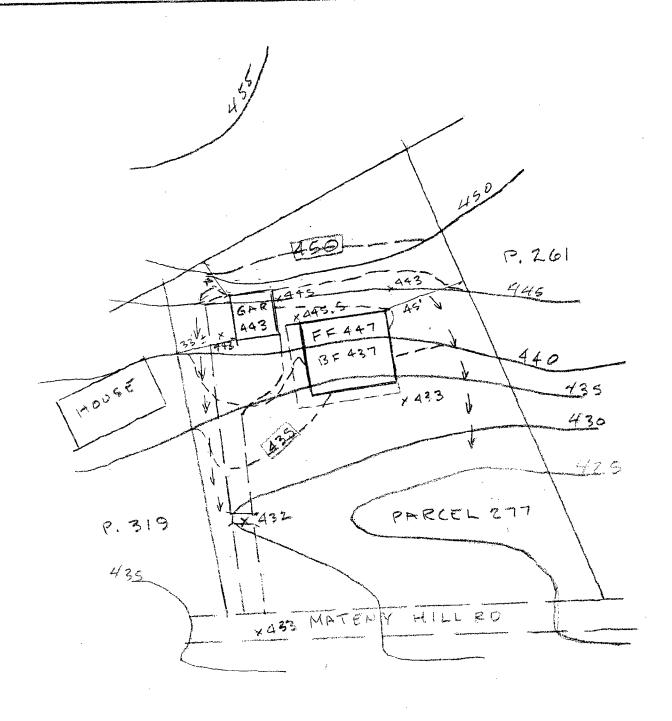
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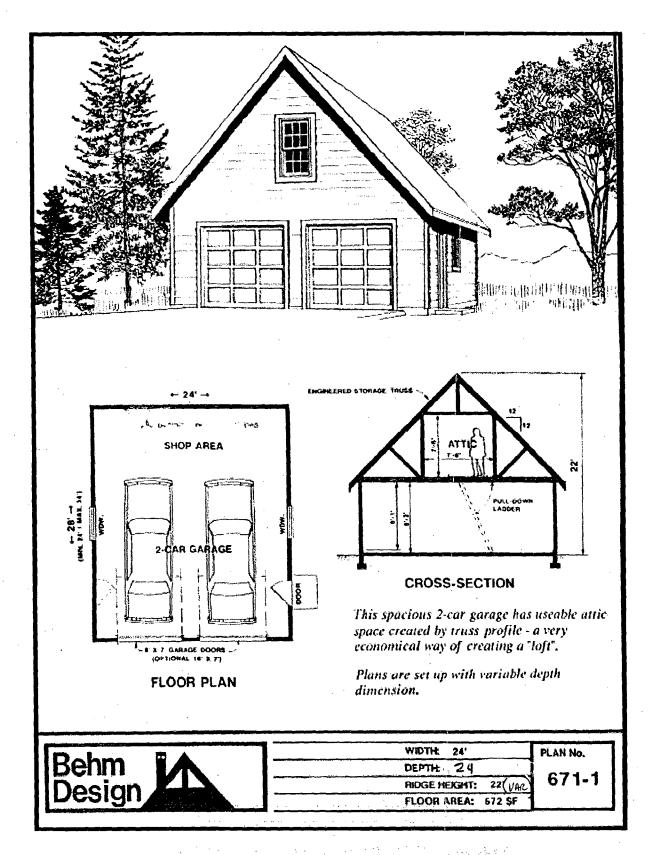






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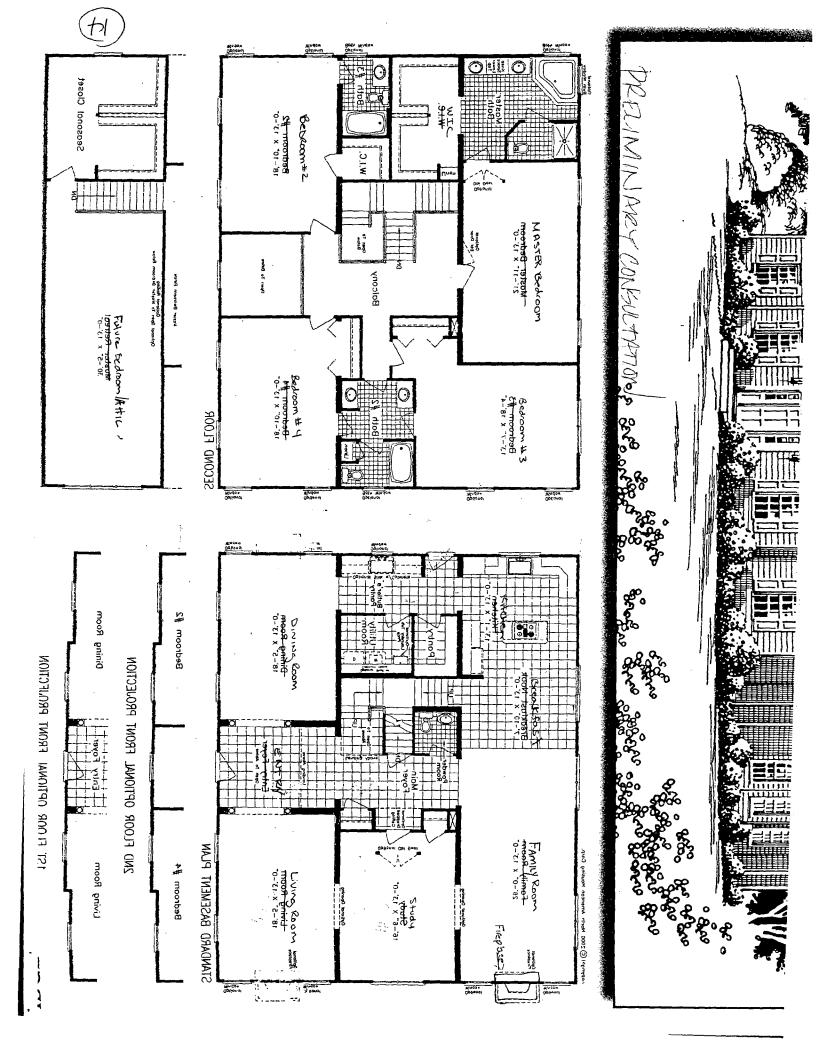


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Montgomery County Historic Preservation Commission 8787 Georgia Ave. Silver Spring, MD 20910

Re: preliminary Consultation of Debra Forst, parcel 209

Dear Commissioners:

We have looked at the plans for the new construction of a house and garage on parcel 209 in the Germantown Historic District and we have the following comments.

The Germantown Historic District was whittled down from 28 sites to three houses and two commercial buildings by the Montgomery County Council on approval of the district in 1989. The reason given for this was that these five structures would be "representative" of the original agricultural railroad town.

Because of this, the small Germantown Historic District has a tremendous responsibility and should be held to a much higher standard than another historic district which might have several representations of similar historic structures.

In light of this the Germantown Histrical Society recommends that:

- The new house be smaller in size.
- ◆ That the garage be lower in height since it will be at the highest point of the property.
- ♦ Both structures be entirely clad in wood.
- ♦ The new house have decorative trim in the 1890s style
- ♦ The rear of the house have shutters on the windows and not be so oneplaned—have some parts extending out.

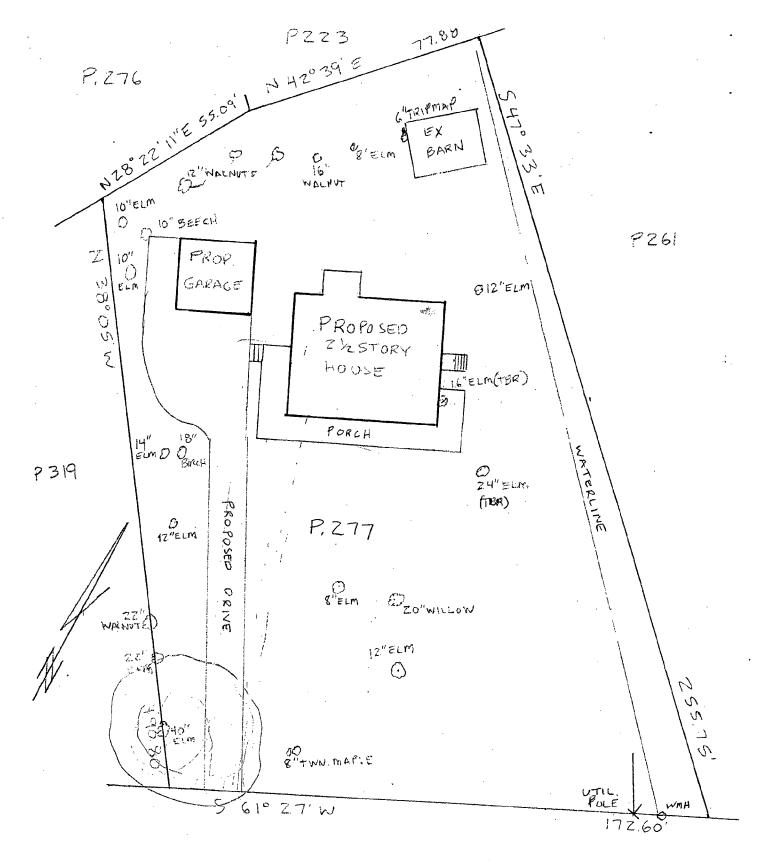
The GHS would also like to point out that new structures in the neighborhood that are not in the Germantown Historic District should in no way be used as models or influence in any way the construction of this house and garage in the historic district. On the other hand, original structures in the neighborhood but not in the historic district which have retained their original character and outward appearance can be used as models.

Sincerely,

The Executive Board of the Germantown Historical Society

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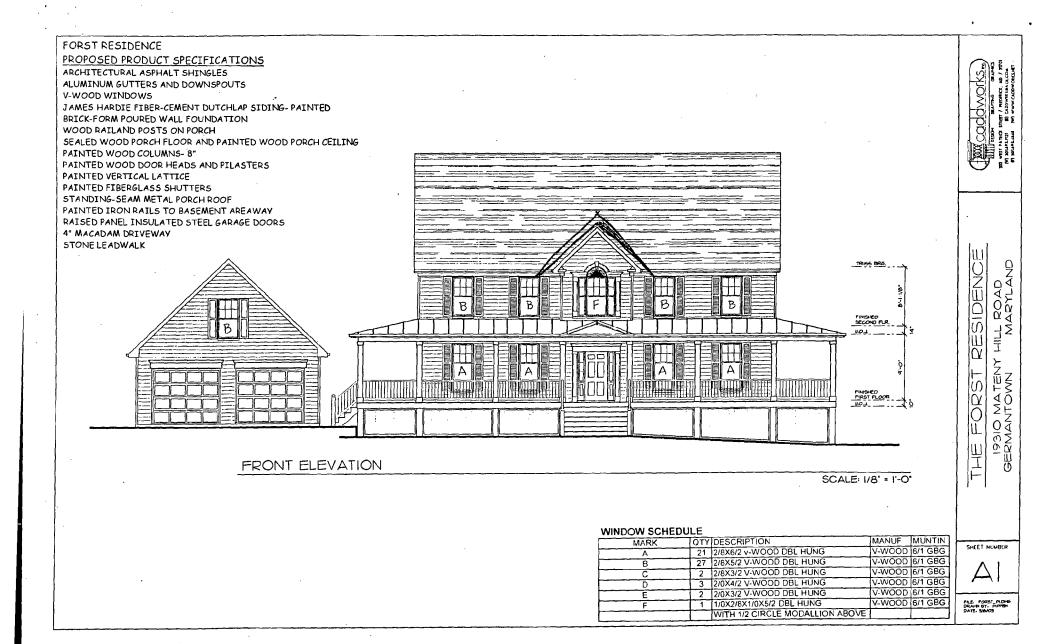




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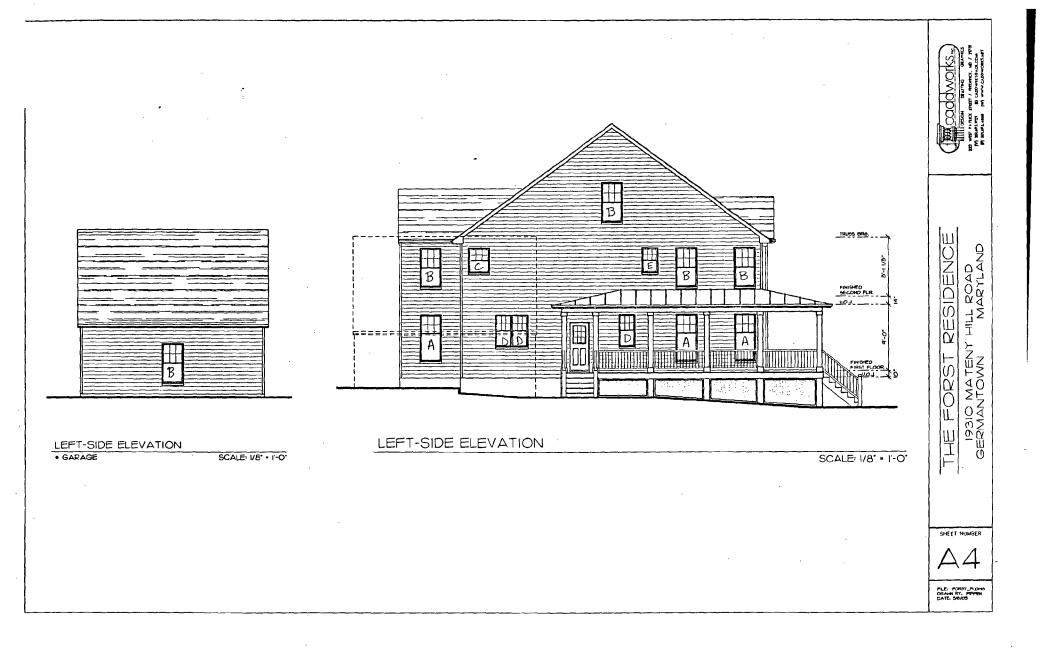




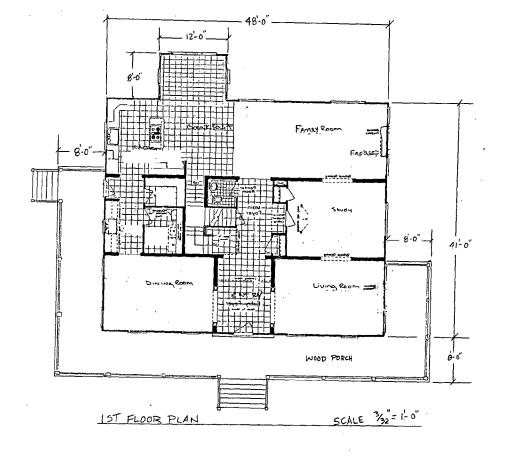




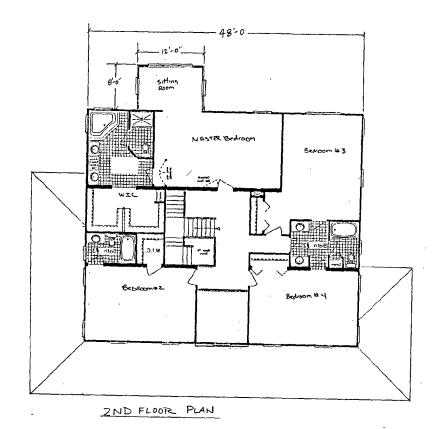






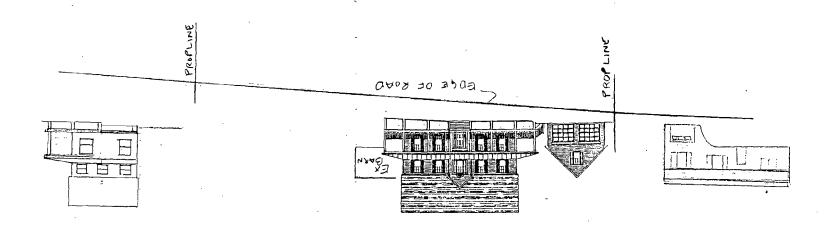






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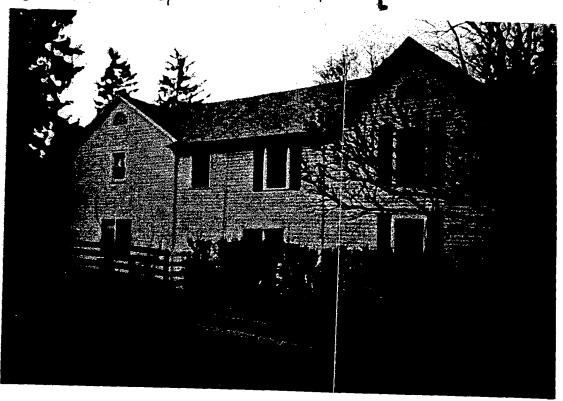


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MR. MAHANEY: Thank you very much. Good night.

MR. SPURLOCK: Okay, the next case on our agenda is going to be Case B. Can we have a staff report, please?

MS. NARU: Case B is the property at -- or, Parcel No. 277 on Mateney Hill Road. This preliminary consultation for a new construction within the Germantown Historic District. Again, I'm going to be brief due to the late hour and allow more opportunity to talk with the applicant.

Like I mentioned, the applicant is proposing to construct a new house and detached garage on the empty lot between 19300 Mateney Hill Road and 19220 Mateney Hill Road. The proposed house is a two-and-a-half story cross gable roof structure with a wraparound porch along the front and left elevations of the house. The applicants are proposing standing seam metal for the roof of the porch, asphalt shingles and vinyl siding for the main massing of the house.

I will note that the parcel -- or, the Lot 19300

Mateney Hill Road is an outstanding resource within the district and the parcel at 19220 Mateney Hill is outside the boundaries of the historic district, so this lot is just inside the boundary.

In the Staff report I went through specific concerns that I had which are mainly focusing on what I feel are inadequate drawings of the property. We really would like to see a lot more detailed set of drawings to come back



to the Commission with specific information about the details; specifically footprints, where the property is going to be place with relationship to the adjacent properties, and those shown on the site plan as well.

We are concerned with the exterior materials that the applicants are proposing, specifically the vinyl siding. Generally, the Commission does not permit the use of vinyl siding as an exterior cladding within its historic districts and Staff is recommending that the applicant utilize a cement fiber product for this application.

Additionally, I think that the Commission should require the applicants to provide a tree survey outlining all trees larger than six inches in diameter and the survey should indicate the proposed trees that are targeted to be retained as well as the ones to be removed.

I do have some photographs to help orient you to the site and I'll be happy to answer any questions you might have, and the applicants are here this evening as well.

MR. SPURLOCK: Any questions of Staff? Okay, why don't the applicants step forward please. I'm sorry to keep you waiting so long. If you could state your names for the record please.

MR. FORST: My name is Albert Forst.

MS. FORST: And I'm Deborah Forst. How are you?
We have lived in Germantown Historic District ourselves for



18 years and we were fortunate enough when we purchased our house, which is not this one -- it's just the one next to it -- we were -- it was -- we had, what, two parcels with one deed, and so we've loved living in our home, we think it looks beautiful, we've restored it, but we're looking forward to having a -- well, we own the lot, so that makes it a little easier, but we're looking for a more maintenance-free home for myself and my family.

We do live in a multi-generational home. This is our house that we live in now. There are three existing homes in Germantown Historic District. The one you saw, ours, and the one next door, which is the Rayfield/Browning House. I believe that's what it's called. It was -- it's recently -- this is the Berman's. This is adjacent to our property, and that's fine. This is --

MR. FORST: That's ours.

MS. FORST: We'll just go along with the pictures, instead of just -- sorry. I should --

MS. NARU: Let me start from the beginning.

MS. FORST: I've never been before a Commission before, and also as far as all of the plans, we -- when we went to the Staff and they said just bring sketches for starters, and we'll build on that. So, now we know a little bit more and we'll bring more the next time.

Anyway, the historic district is very small.



There are three existing homes there. We own one. Our two neighbors have the others. One is a -- has recently added to their home and now it's 3,600 square feet and that's the Rayfield/Browning House. The Berman house, which is -- I quess we don't have the other house -- that's it. And on this slide -- I'm not sure, it's probably about -- you know, it's a very large addition to it. We think it's beautiful. It's twice the size as it was, probably twice the size of our existing home and, you know, I'm not sure; I think it's 3,600, 3,700 square feet. It's the largest house currently in the historic district. It is adjacent to our house, which is adjacent to the farmhouse, which has five historic homes -- five historic buildings; two of them being two story.

That's the back of our house. And the three houses that are in the historic district actually face the Germantown historic train station. So, we probably don't have a picture of that, but as you come down Mateney Hill Road, you'll see three houses on the right and you see all three of those houses now, you're going to make a sharp right turn -- you may have all been in our little historic district. You're going to make a right turn going around the Berman farm, which is about two acres, and then you'll come to our .81 acre lot. That lot is a sloping lot that's overgrown. There are probably a few significant trees which



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we'll bring a plan for, but most of them are -- it's overgrown scrub. That lot I know it is facing a community of about 45 new homes which vary in size -- 1 mean, our lot actually -- our front of our lot is I guess three houses fit from across the street into our front lot, which are right here.

And some of them have actually -- have 15 steps going up to the front because it is Mateney Hill Road, it's very hilly terrain. That one I think has 15 steps. But they do vary in size.

MR. FORST: And --

MS. FORST: Go ahead.

MR. FORST: Yeah, I guess one of our concerns was that one of the points was that the house -- the new house would be too big or that it should be smaller in size and --

MS. FORST: And both the Staff -- and we will say the Historic Preserva -- the Germantown Historic Society thought that that should be. Well, I will say that a hundred percent of the historic district thinks that it's great, which is myself and our two neighbors. I mean, it happens to be that they have come and put a two-story barn and they have -- the Bermans have come here and you may now Ray Howar has been here and he doubled the size of his house, has a large garage, actually has an occupied carriage house; all on a half acre. The Bermans that do live on two

acres, but part of that is across the street, so they don't get that benefit, have five external buildings -- two being two-story. So, for us with a .81 acre with a 4,000 square foot house -- 4,033 square foot house, does not seem large to us.

We came here about a year ago and thought we would be a little -- you know, do this guicker, but it took -- has taken us longer due to health reasons. But we're here now and we did know that you needed a separate garage, so we had changed some of our plans to incorporate that.

We understand that vinyl is not normally used, so we are certainly in agreement that we could go either to a hardiplank -- that would probably be preferable -- or a wood and look into that further. So, we, you know, are with you on that.

The other point that both the Staff and the Commission said was that the garage should be lower in height. The garage actually pretty much mimics what the house looks like, but it's -- like the other gentleman before me said -- we don't want it to be a standing point. You know, if a few feet makes a difference on the height of a garage, then we can find something --

MR. FORST: We originally wanted it to be a two-story -- we wanted to have some kind of storage above it, which, you know, increases the height, but 1 guess we



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MS. FORST: We could find something else.

The other thing; I'm just -- you know, I'm not sure if I'm doing this the right way. I'm just going over the points of the Germantown Historic Society, which we were given this since we've been here at the meeting. We -- one of the points was that the new house should have decorative trim in the 1890 style. The three houses in the Germantown Historic District have no trim on it. We --

MR. FORST: Basically.

MS. FORST: Well, 1 can't think of any.

MR. FORST: I can.

MS. FORST: And we know that we don't. They've all been simple styles. So, we just tried to mimic that. We certainly -- if it was necessary to put any fret work anywhere to dress it up, would not have a problem with that. We were basing it on the existing homes.

Also, another point about the -- one thing it said about the house should be smaller. I just wanted to go back and say that the Germantown Historic Society said we should not look at any other new houses in the area, although one new house has come in that came through this Commission and that is a 3,600 square foot also on Mateney Hill Road. Not in the district, but on the road itself and I can give you that address if you need it.



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But also it says that you could use the historic houses which are not in the district. Apparently, there was 28 supposedly, and they can go up to actually 5,300 square foot, which is on Liberty Road right across from the elementary school, which we go to every day. So, there are varying sized houses in the community. These are -- the ones that you're seeing across from us are what we're going to be looking at, you know, every day. That's -- our front porch is going to look at the new structures, so we feel like that the house -- has a beautiful front porch, you know has a nice gable. The concern was that the rear of the house has shutters. Now of the houses in the historic district have shutters --

MR. FORST: On the rear.

MS. FORST: -- on the rear of it. We do have a flat structure on the back, but that kind of mimicked what we had seen in the past. We can certainly add a bay or a bow window. We see in the future having, you know, a flagstone patio with a pergola to add some architectural detail to it, but we went really with a simple Maryland farmhouse --

MR. FORST: Style.

MS. FORST: -- style. And what we'd like to do is come back so that, you know, we have all the things that you've asked for like the scale drawings that may be easier



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2	MR. FORST: A tree survey and
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7	in other words, one of the bone of contentions would be
3	the size of the house. If we we've been trying to find a
9	house that would fit and that we would want to live in and
10	raise you know, for the rest of our lives
1 0	MS. FORST: And lives with us.
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13	we'd more or less have to throw out and start looking again
14	if we're going to have to, you know, make
15	MS. FORST: And it's only 400 square foot larger
16	than the house that is in the historic district that has a
17	existing carriage house that has a owner has an occupant
18	that lives there on a daily basis in a two-story garage.
19	MS. VELASQUEZ: What percentage lot coverage would
20	this proposed house have? How big would it look on the lot?
21	MR. FORST: We have
22	MS. FORST: Well, it's not really to scale, so
23	it's hard to see. I'm not sure we would have to bring
24	that back. I don't know how these square feet things work,
25	but we have on page I don't know if this is page 10



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also it would be in line more with the neighbors house.
MR. FORST: It's roughly a three-quarter acre lot,
so it docsn't seem excessive.
MR. SPURLOCK: The
MS. WRIGHT: Just
MR. SPURLOCK: Go ahead.
MS. WRIGHT: I think one point of clarification
that may help, in your letter that you sent to the
Commission, you say we want to build a 4,000 square foot
house.
MS. FORST: Four thousand, thirty-three.
MS. WRIGHT: Okay. Is that meaning on two floors,
4,000 square feet
MS. FORST: It is; mm-hmm.
MS. WRIGHT: So, that means that the basic
footprint of the house is approximately 2,000
MS. FORST: That's true.
MS. WRIGHT: half of the square foot
MS. FORST: That's true.
MS. WRIGHT: So, you're talking about a house
that's about 2,000 square feet and a an acre is what,



42,000 --

MR. SPURLOCK: Forty-four.

MS. WRIGHT: -- 44,000, and so this is like --

MS. FORST: Point eight one.

MS. WRIGHT: -- so this is probably around 35,000 square feet; something in that ballpark. A little bit over three-quarters of an acre.

MS. FORST: That's right.

MS. WRIGHT: Sc, if you figure this is 35,000 square feet, even 10 percent lot -- it's not even 10 percent lot coverage.

MR. SPURLOCK: I think -- just before we start.

Just so you understand, the preliminary consultation which you might have seen before; it's a give and take. It's a conversation. All the Commissioners will ask you some questions and give you some comments, and hopefully you will come to a consensus so that when you leave, you have some idea what you should do next.

MS. FORST: Okay.

MR. SPURLOCK: One thing I would just suggest -and before everybody starts -- is you know, square footage
-- a big house can look fairly small if it's massed a
certain way, and a small house can look very big if it's
designed a certain way. So, don't -- don't fixate so much
-- or, I would suggest that -- on square footage. You know,



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MR. FORST: Right.

MS. FORST: -- like a house -- like the new house on Mateney Hill Road has, you know, a porch on one side, so we thought that that would be architecturally significant enough.

MR. FORST: Plus, we were told not to -- we were told a year ago not to make a replica --

MS. FORST: Make it --

MR. FORST: -- not to make it look like it was an old house, so we were picking more of as a Four Square to try to be simple with, you know, the basic Gothic peak on the front and the wraparound porch. I guess maybe we were trying to be too simple and --

MS. FORST: I don't know. We like it.

MS. O'MALLEY: Well, I defer to the other Commissioners.

MS. VELASQUEZ: I personally kind of like it. And I love wraparound porches. Frankly, I think -- this is just my very humble opinion, but I think you're heading in the right direction.

I think what you heard a year ago is no, you should not replicate the old farmhouse. Don't build something that looks just like that, because that would be a travesty to this poor thing. Do build something. But I



think what the Germantown Historical Society was trying to say is keep the flavor of the little tiny district. You don't want to come in and put a big white Georgian mansion here because it wouldn't -- doesn't go with that at all.

So, I think what they're trying to say is just try to keep the flavor.

I don't know if this is the particular house that you're going to have to end up with, but the little gable like the other houses have is cute and then -- you know, but it doesn't -- I mean, it can look like 2003, but a little country.

MS. FORST: Yeah, we have a gable on the front.

You have a picture of that, right? So --

MR. HARBIT: One of the concerns I have about, and I think you're headed in the right direction and I'm sure you'll find a great solution, but one of the concerns that I have is that the gable on the front spans three windows.

So, you basically have a very large gable mass with one window on either side, whereas the typical house in your -- in your community is a gable for one window and then more windows on the side.

MS. FORST: And in the district that is, too.

There are several larger gables around the corner where
there's 28 other houses -- maybe not 28, but that's what the
paper says there are 28. So, there's guite a few houses



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that stretch down Old Liberty Road that do have a wide
     gable. I really wasn't concentrating on how many windows
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     were underneath them and I'll go back and look, but the
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     Dawson House, which is on Liberty Mill Road, billed 118, and
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     several others -- 1 don't know the name of them -- have that
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     wide gable. I mean, it --
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               MR. HARBIT: The wide cable on the front --
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               MS. FORST: Oh, the wide gable on the front.
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               MR. HARBIT: -- that shows -- that I'm looking at
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     on Circle 12 makes the house look very big.
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                MS. FORST:
                            Okay.
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               MR. HARBIT: Because it has such a huge crown --
                MS. FORST: So, if we were to go back --
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                MR. HARBIT: So, if you were to make it smaller,
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      it might make the house look less massive --
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                MS. FORST: Okay.
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                MR. HARBIT: -- which is one of the concerns that
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      we've been hearing.
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                MS. FORST: All right. Well, that's something
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      that we could consider. Ed said we could do that; our
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      builder.
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                MR. SPURLOCK: Mr. Breslin?
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                MR. BRESLIN: One concern I have is, you have a
      sloping lot?
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MS. FORST: We do.



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3	MR. FORST: Right.
2	MR. BRESLIN: And when you look at your plan
3	here
Ļ	MS. FORST: Uh-huh.
5	MR. BRESLIN: you've got a 10-foot grade
6	difference between your front and your back.
7	MS. FORST: That's true.
. 8	MR. BRESLIN: So, if you wanted to walk out the
ç	back onto grade, it means your front door is about 10 feet
10	out of the ground. I don't know if you realize that.
13	MR. FORST: No. Well, I think they would they
12	would grade they were picking Jeff Lawrence with O'Connor
13	and Lawrence was had gone over this and they were picking
14	the flattest spot they could get. And then they would grade
15	it so that actually the front porch they're trying to
16	keep it so the front porch would have three steps
17	MS. FORST: Three steps.
18	MR. FORST: three or four steps.
19	MR. BRESLIN: But, I mean
20	MS. FORST: We're going to be back into the hill.
21	MR. BRESLIN: But just because if you picture
22	MR. FORST: Yeah, I
23	MR. BRESLIN: a 10-foot height differential and
24	you put in a flat building, you're going to have a huge
25	retaining wall in the front or a huge retaining wall in the
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back. Or, some massive berms, or you're going to have to start stepping your house in some interesting way.

MR. FORST: Right.

MR. BRESLIN: But I don't think you're going to have a house with three steps on -- of this size on this site, and I think that just raises the point that having an engineer or a landscape architect look at this very carefully, and it also leads to the trees. The more you landscape, the more trees you have to uproot.

MS. FORST: Right.

MR. BRESLIN: Sc, I think we all agree we'd like to see this house lower. You don't want to have what's across the street with 14 or 15 steps to your house.

MS. FORST: No, we're not going to. We're not planning to.

MR. BRESLIN: And neither do you want to see the whole lot re-landscaped. I mean, bulldozers pushing dirt all over the place.

MR. FORST: Right.

MR. BRESLIN: And by nature -- by virtue of the fact you have a roughly steep grade changes, I think that has to be looked at very, very carefully, and I think you have a real challenge ahead of you.

MS. FORST: If you'd see our house, which if you go back to the house that we live in now, it's actually got

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a, you know, sloping lot as well, so -- but there's maybe -
J've never counted our steps, although I use them, about six

or seven that are --

MR. FORST: No, that -- yeah.

MS. FORST: -- on the front of that -- or, no; maybe not. But, so that --

MR. FORST: That's probably five or six --

MS. FORST: And they -- according to the engineer that looked at this, they thought that it would be no more than what we have here.

MR. FORST: And then -- and stepping out on the back would be -- well, we'll have to go over and make sure.

I guess, is that one of things that you want to see is --

MR. BRESLIN: Well, I think --

MR. FORST: -- is an elevational --

MR. BRESLIN: Well, one thing we want to have an accurate representation of the front. Even right now if you were to go from -- six or seven steps from the three on your elevation, you just pulled your house two feet further out of the ground, and I think we care about that.

Plus the fact, if you're going to do that, and you're going to be doing significant regarding, you're affecting a whole lot of trees. So, I think we're worried about trees, we're worried about grading, we're worried about the height --



١	MS. FORST: There's not big trees on this
2	property.
3	MR. FORST: Right, most of the trees on th ϵ
4	property have been started growing when we moved in. You
5	know, it was pasture and and they're a couple inches
6	four inches around or whatever. Most of them. I'm not
7	saying all of them.
٤	MS. FORST: There are some big ones.
ĉ	MR. FORST: There are some big ones and
3 O	MS. FORST: To the side luckily.
13	MR. BRESLIN: But I think these are things we'd
12	like to have
13	MS. FORST: Okay.
14	MR. BRESLIN: addressed, because you'd be
15	surprised how often we have a house that by the time they
16	actually built it, it winds up, you know, four or five feet
17	out of the ground.
3 8	MS. FORST: Right.
19	MR. BRESLIN: Which makes a huge visual impact.
20	MS. FORST: Okay. So, we'll come back with the
21	elevations.
22	MR. SPURLOCK: Commissioner Watkins?
23	MS. WATKINS: I have two comments. On your right
24	elevation, is that a fireplace?
25	MS. FORST: It is. I believe it's what you are



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1	looking at. There's I'm not sure if it's the right
2	elevation.
3	MS. WATKINS: It looks like a gas fireplace.
4	MR. FORST: Yeah, gas fireplace.
5	MS. FORST: Mm-hmm.
6.	MS. WATKINS: I don't know how the other
7	Commissioners feel, but I think expressing it that way, it
8	can maybe be cone a little more interesting make it a
9	little more interesting.
10	MS. FORST: Like a little peak on it?
1)	MS. WATKINS: Or I don't know; I just don't
12	like the little bump. You know, I just think it
13	MR. FORST: It can be direct it doesn't have to
14	have that bump if we have the fireplace in the house the
15	gas fireplace in the house. But it would have to have a
16	direct vent coming out.
17	MS. WATKINS: Right.
18	MR. FORST: Would that be a problem or
19	MS. FORST: We'd just use up feet inside the
20	house.
21	MR. FORST: Yeah, we'd have to use a couple feet
22	in the house, instead of having the fireplace there and a
23	couple feet out of the house.
24	MS. FORST: Although we want to build this large
25	house and we plan to, we have a multi-generational house,



we're not like the Howard Hughes Medical Center, so we are being very conscious and hopefully as time goes on and as we live here for 18 years or whatever we are, that we also can do some beautiful things. But we want our basic, you know, home structure; what you like, as well as us. And we can work with that.

MS. WATKINS: And I think the rear elevation, to make it a little more interesting. I think it reads like any subdivision rear elevation or any, you know, 1990, 2000 house.

MS. FORST: Right.

MS. WATKINS: I think perhaps if you take some clues from some of the back elevations of the historic homes around you --

MS. FORST: Although the adjacent home to this property is flat, exactly like that. But we were thinking if we just added like a bow or bay window, a pergola with flagstone, would that be in keeping for now --

MR. SPURLOCK: Well, look at the back of your house right now -- it's a smaller gable and then -- the roof line changes and maybe that's even something that you can -- do you understand what I'm saying?

MS. FORST: But then you don't -- then that means you pretty much don't like this house then? If we have to change --



)	MR. SPURLOCK: I think you're hearing different
2	things
3	MS. FORST: Okay.
4	MR. SPURLOCK: from different people.
5	MS. FORST: Yeah, okay.
6	MS. WATKINS: Well, you know I think there's
7	details you can add to this basic plan.
8	MS. FORST: Okay.
9	MS. WATKINS: Just because we don't like one part
30	doesn't mean we don't like the house.
11	MS. FORST: Okay. Okay, so we'll just try to make
12	it a little more interesting, get the elevations.
13	MR. FORST: So, are you saying like as far as the
14	back
15	MS. WATKINS: I think
16	MR. FORST: another gable or something or
17	MR. SPURLOCK: No, I
18	MS. WATKINS: I think if you go to somebody you
19	probably have to go to an architect or somebody to have
20	these drawn up. You're going to have to go to somebody
21	who's licensed to draw the drawings
22	MS. FORST: Mm-hmm.
23	MS. WATKINS: and to perhaps they can give
24	you some suggestions or something to make it a little
25	MS. FORST: Maybe we'll just add a bay and if we



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put the pergola or what -- is that what it's called where it's got the -- which quite a few neighbors of ours have done that have very plain back up and down -- Old Liberty Road. You know, that adds some interest. But we can bring it back and see what you think.

MS. VELASQUEZ: And feel free to work with Staff if you're in doubt.

MS. FORST: Okay. All right.

MR. SPURLOCK: Commissioner Harbit, did you want to add anything else? I think you've gotten sort of a mixed response tonight. I couldn't say there was a consensus.

Several Commissioners have told you that it seems, you know, fine with some minor refinements, and I think Commissioner Breslin was suggesting that you -- you sort of relook at this and make it a more site-specific house because of the grade issues. I think I would agree with Commissioner Breslin. I think it's -- and, you know, with all due response, it's a flat -- it's a house that you could put on a flat lot and it doesn't respond to your site very specifically. It doesn't have a unique character that makes it more responsive to where it's located.

And I guess I would also -- first thing I'd like to see that you do something with a little bit more of a character of some of the other adjacent historic houses, with more articulation. But, again, you know I just want to



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voice -- I'm trying -- I think for the most part you have a -- I seem to get a sense of most of the Commissioners were comfortable with the direction you're going. MS. FORST: Okay. MR. SPURLOCK: But I would highly, highly suggest 5 that you seek some professional help. I think a qualified 6 architect or someone to -- or, a builder or whatever --7 however you plan on executing this. You can do scale 8 drawings. Make sure that site plan works. Draw the 9 elevations to scale so that the Commission can really look 10 at those and look for ways, I think as Commissioner Harbit 11 said, to maybe reduce the apparent mass of the house --12 maybe not make it smaller, but make it look a little 13 smaller, and you can do that in various ways. 14

MS. FORST: Okay.

MR. SPURLOCK: Someone who knows what they're doing can certainly help with --

MR. HARBIT: But don't -- I would encourage you not to go all the way into final design before you come back again. Because I think you did get a pretty mixed review.

MS. FORST: But then if we're paying for architectural drawings, then --

MR. HARBIT: You can get a conceptual drawing, you know early schematics for not a lot of money.

> MS. FORST: Okay.

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2	MR. HARBIT: But don't hire the architect to draw
2	it all the way to completion, and then come back and $w\epsilon$
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4	MR. SPURLOCK: And I know this is probably not
5	comforting to you, but we are there are going to be some
6	new Commissioners coming on in a month and there will be
7	some different voices and different faces.
8	MS. FORST: I think the soonest we can get here, I
9	believe said, was one month, so
30	MR. SPURLOCK: So, you might not go too far, as
3 . 3	Commissioner Harbit said. You know, just get something to
12	scale. Get something a little bit more developed that you
13	like and come back.
14	MS. FORST: Well, hopefully we'll see you next
15	month.
16	MR. SPURLOCK: Thank you. Good luck.
17	MS. VELASQUEZ: Good luck.
18	MS. FORST: Okay, thank you.
19	MR. SPURLOCK: The next case would be Case D. Can
20	we have a Staff report, please?
21	MS. NARU: The property at Case D is 3924
22	Washington Street in Kensington. This is a secondary
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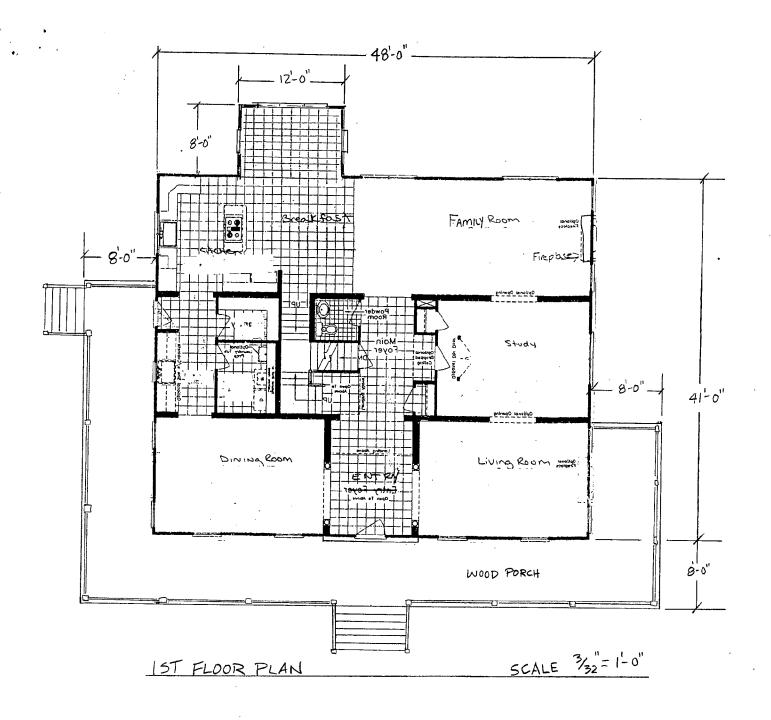
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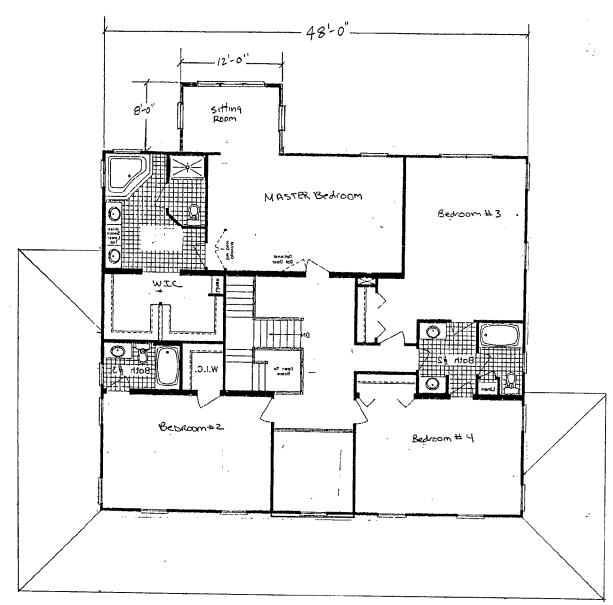
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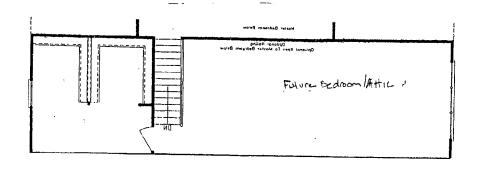
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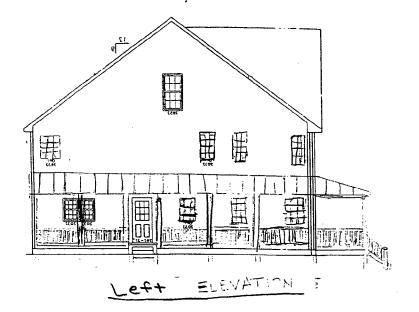


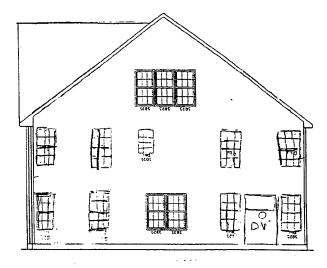
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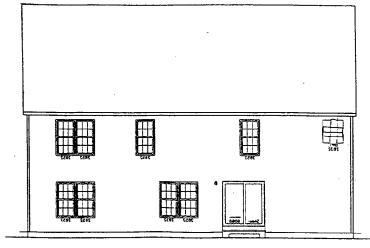
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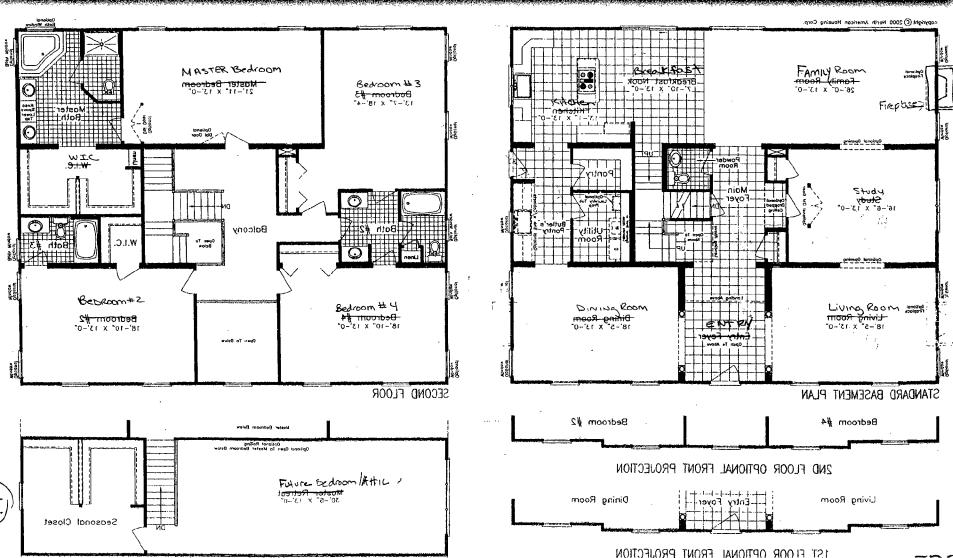
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Montgomery County Historic Preservation Commission 8787 Georgia Ave. Silver Spring, MD 20910

Re: preliminary Consultation of Debra Forst, parcel 209

Dear Commissioners:

We have looked at the plans for the new construction of a house and garage on parcel 209 in the Germantown Historic District and we have the following comments.

The Germantown Historic District was whittled down from 28 sites to three houses and two commercial buildings by the Montgomery County Council on approval of the district in 1989. The reason given for this was that these five structures would be "representative" of the original agricultural railroad town.

Because of this, the small Germantown Historic District has a tremendous responsibility and should be held to a much higher standard than another historic district which might have several representations of similar historic structures.

In light of this the Germantown Histrical Society recommends that:

- The new house be smaller in size.
- That the garage be lower in height since it will be at the highest point of the property.
- ♦ Both structures be entirely clad in wood.
- ♦ The new house have decorative trim in the 1890s style
- ♦ The rear of the house have shutters on the windows and not be so oneplaned—have some parts extending out.

The GHS would also like to point out that new structures in the neighborhood that are not in the Germantown Historic District should in no way be used as models or influence in any way the construction of this house and garage in the historic district. On the other hand, original structures in the neighborhood but not in the historic district which have retained their original character and outward appearance can be used as models.

Sincerely,

The Executive Board of the Germantown Historical Society

Gaye Lynn Wilson Susan Soderberg Mary Serncz

Elaine Huey David Kerlin

Kathie Hulley



MR. MAHANEY: Thank you very much. Good night.

MR. SPURLOCK: Okay, the next case on our agenda is going to be Case B. Can we have a staff report, please?

MS. NARU: Case B is the property at -- or, Parcel No. 277 on Mateney Hill Road. This preliminary consultation for a new construction within the Germantown Historic District. Again, I'm going to be brief due to the late hour and allow more opportunity to talk with the applicant.

Like I mentioned, the applicant is proposing to construct a new house and detached garage on the empty lot between 19300 Mateney Hill Road and 19220 Mateney Hill Road. The proposed house is a two-and-a-half story cross gable roof structure with a wraparound porch along the front and left elevations of the house. The applicants are proposing standing seam metal for the roof of the porch, asphalt shingles and vinyl siding for the main massing of the house.

I will note that the parcel -- or, the Lot 19300 Mateney Hill Road is an outstanding resource within the district and the parcel at 19220 Mateney Hill is outside the boundaries of the historic district, so this lot is just inside the boundary.

In the Staff report I went through specific concerns that I had which are mainly focusing on what I feel are inadequate drawings of the property. We really would like to see a lot more detailed set of drawings to come back



to the Commission with specific information about the details; specifically footprints, where the property is going to be place with relationship to the adjacent properties, and those shown on the site plan as well.

We are concerned with the exterior materials that the applicants are proposing, specifically the vinyl siding. Generally, the Commission does not permit the use of vinyl siding as an exterior cladding within its historic districts and Staff is recommending that the applicant utilize a cement fiber product for this application.

Additionally, I think that the Commission should require the applicants to provide a tree survey outlining all trees larger than six inches in diameter and the survey should indicate the proposed trees that are targeted to be retained as well as the ones to be removed.

I do have some photographs to help orient you to the site and I'll be happy to answer any questions you might have, and the applicants are here this evening as well.

MR. SPURLOCK: Any questions of Staff? Okay, why don't the applicants step forward please. I'm sorry to keep you waiting so long. If you could state your names for the record please.

MR. FORST: My name is Albert Forst.

MS. FORST: And I'm Deborah Forst. How are you?
We have lived in Germantown Historic District ourselves for



18 years and we were fortunate enough when we purchased our house, which is not this one -- it's just the one next to it -- we were -- it was -- we had, what, two parcels with one deed, and so we've loved living in our home, we think it looks beautiful, we've restored it, but we're looking forward to having a -- well, we own the lot, so that makes it a little easier, but we're looking for a more maintenance-free home for myself and my family.

We do live in a multi-generational home. This is our house that we live in now. There are three existing homes in Germantown Historic District. The one you saw, ours, and the one next door, which is the Rayfield/Browning House. I believe that's what it's called. It was -- it's recently -- this is the Berman's. This is adjacent to our property, and that's fine. This is --

MR. FORST: That's ours.

MS. FORST: We'll just go along with the pictures, instead of just -- sorry. I should --

MS. NARU: Let me start from the beginning.

MS. FORST: I've never been before a Commission before, and also as far as all of the plans, we -- when we went to the Staff and they said just bring sketches for starters, and we'll build on that. So, now we know a little bit more and we'll bring more the next time.

Anyway, the historic district is very small.



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There are three existing homes there. We own one. Our two neighbors have the others. One is a -- has recently added to their home and now it's 3,600 square feet and that's the Rayfield/Browning House. The Berman house, which is -- I guess we don't have the other house -- that's it. And on this slide -- I'm not sure, it's probably about -- you know, it's a very large addition to it. We think it's beautiful. It's twice the size as it was, probably twice the size of our existing home and, you know, I'm not sure; I think it's 3,600, 3,700 square feet. It's the largest house currently in the historic district. It is adjacent to our house, which is adjacent to the farmhouse, which has five historic homes -- five historic buildings; two of them being two story.

That's the back of our house. And the three houses that are in the historic district actually face the Germantown historic train station. So, we probably don't have a picture of that, but as you come down Mateney Hill Road, you'll see three houses on the right and you see all three of those houses now, you're going to make a sharp right turn -- you may have all been in our little historic district. You're going to make a right turn going around the Berman farm, which is about two acres, and then you'll come to our .81 acre lot. That lot is a sloping lot that's overgrown. There are probably a few significant trees which



we'll bring a plan for, but most of them are -- it's overgrown scrub. That lot I know it is facing a community of about 45 new homes which vary in size -- I mean, our lot actually -- our front of our lot is I guess three houses fit from across the street into our front lot, which are right here.

And some of them have actually -- have 15 steps going up to the front because it is Mateney Hill Road, it's very hilly terrain. That one I think has 15 steps. But they do vary in size.

MR. FORST: And --

MS. FORST: Go ahead.

MR. FORST: Yeah, I guess one of our concerns was that one of the points was that the house -- the new house would be too big or that it should be smaller in size and --

MS. FORST: And both the Staff -- and we will say the Historic Preserva -- the Germantown Historic Society thought that that should be. Well, I will say that a hundred percent of the historic district thinks that it's great, which is myself and our two neighbors. I mean, it happens to be that they have come and put a two-story barn and they have -- the Bermans have come here and you may now Ray Howar has been here and he doubled the size of his house, has a large garage, actually has an occupied carriage house; all on a half acre. The Bermans that do live on two



acres, but part of that is across the street, so they don't get that benefit, have five external buildings -- two being two-story. So, for us with a .81 acre with a 4,000 square foot house -- 4,033 square foot house, does not seem large to us.

We came here about a year ago and thought we would be a little -- you know, do this quicker, but it took -- has taken us longer due to health reasons. But we're here now and we did know that you needed a separate garage, so we had changed some of our plans to incorporate that.

We understand that vinyl is not normally used, so we are certainly in agreement that we could go either to a hardiplank -- that would probably be preferable -- or a wood and look into that further. So, we, you know, are with you on that.

The other point that both the Staff and the Commission said was that the garage should be lower in height. The garage actually pretty much mimics what the house looks like, but it's -- like the other gentleman before me said -- we don't want it to be a standing point. You know, if a few feet makes a difference on the height of a garage, then we can find something --

MR. FORST: We originally wanted it to be a two-story -- we wanted to have some kind of storage above it, which, you know, increases the height, but I guess we



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1 | could --

MS. FORST: We could find something else.

The other thing; I'm just -- you know, I'm not sure if I'm doing this the right way. I'm just going over the points of the Germantown Historic Society, which we were given this since we've been here at the meeting. We -- one of the points was that the new house should have decorative trim in the 1890 style. The three houses in the Germantown Historic District have no trim on it. We --

MR. FORST: Basically.

MS. FORST: Well, I can't think of any.

MR. FORST: I can.

MS. FORST: And we know that we don't. They've all been simple styles. So, we just tried to mimic that. We certainly -- if it was necessary to put any fret work anywhere to dress it up, would not have a problem with that. We were basing it on the existing homes.

Also, another point about the -- one thing it said about the house should be smaller. I just wanted to go back and say that the Germantown Historic Society said we should not look at any other new houses in the area, although one new house has come in that came through this Commission and that is a 3,600 square foot also on Mateney Hill Road. Not in the district, but on the road itself and I can give you that address if you need it.



But also it says that you could use the historic houses which are not in the district. Apparently, there was 28 supposedly, and they can go up to actually 5,300 square foot, which is on Liberty Road right across from the elementary school, which we go to every day. So, there are varying sized houses in the community. These are -- the ones that you're seeing across from us are what we're going to be looking at, you know, every day. That's -- our front porch is going to look at the new structures, so we feel like that the house -- has a beautiful front porch, you know has a nice gable. The concern was that the rear of the house has shutters. Now of the houses in the historic district have shutters --

MR. FORST: On the rear.

MS. FORST: -- on the rear of it. We do have a flat structure on the back, but that kind of mimicked what we had seen in the past. We can certainly add a bay or a bow window. We see in the future having, you know, a flagstone patio with a pergola to add some architectural detail to it, but we went really with a simple Maryland farmhouse --

MR. FORST: Style.

MS. FORST: -- style. And what we'd like to do is come back so that, you know, we have all the things that you've asked for like the scale drawings that may be easier



for you to see --1 2 MR. FORST: A tree survey and ---- tree survey --MS. FORST: 3 -- everything you need, but --MR. FORST: MS. FORST: Yeah. So --5 I quess -- yeah, and when we come back MR. FORST: 6 -- in other words, one of the bone of contentions would be 7 the size of the house. If we -- we've been trying to find a 8 house that would fit and that we would want to live in and 9 10 raise -- you know, for the rest of our lives --11 MS. FORST: And -- lives with us. 12 MR. FORST: -- as far as the size we'd almost -we'd more or less have to throw out and start looking again 13 14 if we're going to have to, you know, make --15 MS. FORST: And it's only 400 square foot larger 16 than the house that is in the historic district that has a existing carriage house that has a owner -- has an occupant 17 that lives there on a daily basis in a two-story garage. 18 19 MS. VELASQUEZ: What percentage lot coverage would 20 this proposed house have? How big would it look on the lot? 21 MR. FORST: We have --MS. FORST: Well, it's not really to scale, so 22 23 it's hard to see. I'm not sure -- we would have to bring that back. I don't know how these square feet things work, 24

but we have on page -- I don't know if this is page 10 --



1	or, yours may not look like that, but it's a an engineer
2	did draw this out for us, but it's not on a scale. So,
3	there was plenty of to the side there's the reason
4	that it's back up on the hill, it's a sloping lot, so and
5	also it would be in line more with the neighbors house.
6	MR. FORST: It's roughly a three-quarter acre lot,
7	so it doesn't seem excessive.
8	MR. SPURLOCK: The
9	MS. WRIGHT: Just
10	MR. SPURLOCK: Go ahead.
11	MS. WRIGHT: I think one point of clarification
12	that may help, in your letter that you sent to the
13	Commission, you say we want to build a 4,000 square foot
14	house.
15'	MS. FORST: Four thousand, thirty-three.
16	MS. WRIGHT: Okay. Is that meaning on two floors,
17	4,000 square feet
18	MS. FORST: It is; mm-hmm.
19	MS. WRIGHT: So, that means that the basic
20	footprint of the house is approximately 2,000
21	MS. FORST: That's true.
22	MS. WRIGHT: half of the square foot
23	MS. FORST: That's true.
24	MS. WRIGHT: So, you're talking about a house
2 5	that's about 2,000 square feet and a an acre is what.
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42,000 --

MR. SPURLOCK: Forty-four.

MS. WRIGHT: -- 44,000, and so this is like --

MS. FORST: Point eight one.

MS. WRIGHT: -- so this is probably around 35,000 square feet; something in that ballpark. A little bit over three-quarters of an acre.

MS. FORST: That's right.

MS. WRIGHT: So, if you figure this is 35,000 square feet, even 10 percent lot -- it's not even 10 percent lot coverage.

MR. SPURLOCK: I think -- just before we start.

Just so you understand, the preliminary consultation which you might have seen before; it's a give and take. It's a conversation. All the Commissioners will ask you some questions and give you some comments, and hopefully you will come to a consensus so that when you leave, you have some idea what you should do next.

MS. FORST: Okay.

MR. SPURLOCK: One thing I would just suggest -and before everybody starts -- is you know, square footage
-- a big house can look fairly small if it's massed a
certain way, and a small house can look very big if it's
designed a certain way. So, don't -- don't fixate so much
-- or, I would suggest that -- on square footage. You know,



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1	I don't think anyone's saying it has to be X number of
2	square feet. I think it's the way it appears is important.
3	But, with that said, I mean, turn it over to our whoever
4	wants to go first.
5	MS. O'MALLEY: Well, I was going to say just about
6	the same thing. I think when you have a picture of one of
7	the other houses that one of your neighbors and you look at
8	the side of it and it had a lot of additions, it really was
9	a very large house.
10	MS. FORST: When you look at that side.
11	MS. O'MALLEY: But it went in and then the porch
12	came out I mean, there were a lot of different planes.
13	MS. FORST: Yeah, that house is about 55 feet deep
14	where ours is
15	MR. FORST: Yeah, length.
16	MS. FORST: But see how that's is the more
17	interesting side, because of that side porch.
18	MS. O'MALLEY: Now see what you just said.
19	MS. FORST: The most interesting side; I agree.
20	MS. O'MALLEY: And so I think maybe when they
21	when the Germantown Historical sent in their comments and
22	they said it was too big and they didn't like the flat
23	plane, that they were commenting on that feature. You know
24	that yours just has a plain sidewall, a plain back wall

MS. FORST: Although we do have a porch running



down one side --

MR. FORST: Right.

MS. FORST: -- like a house -- like the new house on Mateney Hill Road has, you know, a porch on one side, so we thought that that would be architecturally significant enough.

MR. FORST: Plus, we were told not to -- we were told a year ago not to make a replica --

MS. FORST: Make it --

MR. FORST: -- not to make it look like it was an old house, so we were picking more of as a Four Square to try to be simple with, you know, the basic Gothic peak on the front and the wraparound porch. I guess maybe we were trying to be too simple and --

MS. FORST: I don't know. We like it.

MS. O'MALLEY: Well, I defer to the other Commissioners.

MS. VELASQUEZ: I personally kind of like it. And I love wraparound porches. Frankly, I think -- this is just my very humble opinion, but I think you're heading in the right direction.

I think what you heard a year ago is no, you should not replicate the old farmhouse. Don't build something that looks just like that, because that would be a travesty to this poor thing. Do build something. But I



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think what the Germantown Historical Society was trying to say is keep the flavor of the little tiny district. You don't want to come in and put a big white Georgian mansion here because it wouldn't -- doesn't go with that at all. So, I think what they're trying to say is just try to keep the flavor.

I don't know if this is the particular house that you're going to have to end up with, but the little gable like the other houses have is cute and then -- you know, but it doesn't -- I mean, it can look like 2003, but a little country.

MS. FORST: Yeah, we have a gable on the front.

You have a picture of that, right? So --

MR. HARBIT: One of the concerns I have about, and I think you're headed in the right direction and I'm sure you'll find a great solution, but one of the concerns that I have is that the gable on the front spans three windows. So, you basically have a very large gable mass with one window on either side, whereas the typical house in your — in your community is a gable for one window and then more windows on the side.

MS. FORST: And in the district that is, too.

There are several larger gables around the corner where
there's 28 other houses -- maybe not 28, but that's what the
paper says there are 28. So, there's quite a few houses



1	that stretch down Old Liberty Road that do have a wide
2	gable. I really wasn't concentrating on how many windows
3	were underneath them and I'll go back and look, but the
4	Dawson House, which is on Liberty Mill Road, billed 118, and
5	several others I don't know the name of them have that
6	wide gable. I mean, it
7	MR. HARBIT: The wide gable on the front
8	MS. FORST: Oh, the wide gable on the front.
9	MR. HARBIT: that shows that I'm looking at
10	on Circle 12 makes the house look very big.
11	MS. FORST: Okay.
12	MR. HARBIT: Because it has such a huge crown
13	MS. FORST: So, if we were to go back
14	MR. HARBIT: So, if you were to make it smaller,
15	it might make the house look less massive
16	MS. FORST: Okay.
17	MR. HARBIT: which is one of the concerns that
18	we've been hearing.
19	MS. FORST: All right. Well, that's something
20	that we could consider. Ed said we could do that; our
21	builder.
22	MR. SPURLOCK: Mr. Breslin?
23	MR. BRESLIN: One concern I have is, you have a
24	sloping lot?
25	MS. FORST: We do.



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1	MR. FORST: Right.
2	MR. BRESLIN: And when you look at your plan
3	here
. 4	MS. FORST: Uh-huh.
5	MR. BRESLIN: you've got a 10-foot grade
6	difference between your front and your back.
7	MS. FORST: That's true.
8	MR. BRESLIN: So, if you wanted to walk out the
9	back onto grade, it means your front door is about 10 feet
10	out of the ground. I don't know if you realize that.
11	MR. FORST: No. Well, I think they would they
12	would grade they were picking Jeff Lawrence with O'Connor
13	and Lawrence was had gone over this and they were picking
14	the flattest spot they could get. And then they would grade
15	it so that actually the front porch they're trying to
16	keep it so the front porch would have three steps
17	MS. FORST: Three steps.
18	MR. FORST: three or four steps.
19	MR. BRESLIN: But, I mean
20	MS. FORST: We're going to be back into the hill.
21	MR. BRESLIN: But just because if you picture
22	MR. FORST: Yeah, I
23	MR. BRESLIN: a 10-foot height differential and
24	you put in a flat building, you're going to have a huge
25	retaining wall in the front or a huge retaining wall in the



back. Or, some massive berms, or you're going to have to
start stepping your house in some interesting way.

MR. FORST: Right.

MR. BRESLIN: But I don't think you're going to
have a house with three steps on -- of this size on this

have a house with three steps on -- of this size on this site, and I think that just raises the point that having an engineer or a landscape architect look at this very carefully, and it also leads to the trees. The more you landscape, the more trees you have to uproot.

MS. FORST: Right.

MR. BRESLIN: So, I think we all agree we'd like to see this house lower. You don't want to have what's across the street with 14 or 15 steps to your house.

MS. FORST: No, we're not going to. We're not planning to.

MR. BRESLIN: And neither do you want to see the whole lot re-landscaped. I mean, bulldozers pushing dirt all over the place.

MR. FORST: Right.

MR. BRESLIN: And by nature -- by virtue of the fact you have a roughly steep grade changes, I think that has to be looked at very, very carefully, and I think you have a real challenge ahead of you.

MS. FORST: If you'd see our house, which if you go back to the house that we live in now, it's actually got



about the height --

a, you know, sloping lot as well, so -- but there's maybe --2 I've never counted our steps, although I use them, about six or seven that are --3 No, that -- yeah. MR. FORST: MS. FORST: -- on the front of that -- or, no; 5 maybe not. But, so that --6 7 MR. FORST: That's probably five or six --8 MS. FORST: And they -- according to the engineer that looked at this, they thought that it would be no more 9 10 than what we have here. 11 MR. FORST: And then -- and stepping out on the 12 back would be -- well, we'll have to go over and make sure. I guess, is that one of things that you want to see is --13 14 MR. BRESLIN: Well, I think --MR. FORST: -- is an elevational --15 MR. BRESLIN: Well, one thing we want to have an 16 17 accurate representation of the front. Even right now if you were to go from -- six or seven steps from the three on your 18 elevation, you just pulled your house two feet further out 19 of the ground, and I think we care about that. 20 Plus the fact, if you're going to do that, and 21 22 you're going to be doing significant regarding, you're affecting a whole lot of trees. So, I think we're worried 23 about trees, we're worried about grading, we're worried 24



1	MS. FORST: There's not big trees on this
2	property.
3	MR. FORST: Right, most of the trees on the
4	property have been started growing when we moved in. You
5	know, it was pasture and and they're a couple inches
6	four inches around or whatever. Most of them. I'm not
7	saying all of them.
8	MS. FORST: There are some big ones.
9	MR. FORST: There are some big ones and
10	MS. FORST: To the side luckily.
13	MR. BRESLIN: But I think these are things we'd
12	like to have
13	Ms. FORST: Okay.
14	MR. BRESLIN: addressed, because you'd be
15	surprised how often we have a house that by the time they
16	actually built it, it winds up, you know, four or five feet
17	out of the ground.
18	MS. FORST: Right.
19	MR. BRESLIN: Which makes a huge visual impact.
20	MS. FORST: Okay. So, we'll come back with the
21	elevations.
22	MR. SPURLOCK: Commissioner Watkins?
23	MS. WATKINS: I have two comments. On your right
24	elevation, is that a fireplace?
25	MS. FORST: It is. I believe it's what you are



1	looking at. There's I'm not sure if it's the right
2	elevation.
3	MS. WATKINS: It looks like a gas fireplace.
4	MR. FORST: Yeah, gas fireplace.
5	MS. FORST: Mm-hmm.
6 .	MS. WATKINS: I don't know how the other
7	Commissioners feel, but I think expressing it that way, it
8	can maybe be done a little more interesting make it a
9	little more interesting.
10	MS. FORST: Like a little peak on it?
11	MS. WATKINS: Or I don't know; I just don't
12	like the little bump. You know, I just think it
13	MR. FORST: It can be direct it doesn't have to
14	have that bump if we have the fireplace in the house the
15	gas fireplace in the house. But it would have to have a
16	direct vent coming out.
17	MS. WATKINS: Right.
18	MR. FORST: Would that be a problem or
19	MS. FORST: We'd just use up feet inside the
20	house.
21	MR. FORST: Yeah, we'd have to use a couple feet
22	in the house, instead of having the fireplace there and a
23	couple feet out of the house.
24	MS. FORST: Although we want to build this large
25	house and we plan to, we have a multi-generational house,



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we're not like the Howard Hughes Medical Center, so we are being very conscious and hopefully as time goes on and as we live here for 18 years or whatever we are, that we also can do some beautiful things. But we want our basic, you know, home structure; what you like, as well as us. And we can work with that.

MS. WATKINS: And I think the rear elevation, to make it a little more interesting. I think it reads like any subdivision rear elevation or any, you know, 1990, 2000 house.

MS. FORST: Right.

MS. WATKINS: I think perhaps if you take some clues from some of the back elevations of the historic homes around you --

MS. FORST: Although the adjacent home to this property is flat, exactly like that. But we were thinking if we just added like a bow or bay window, a pergola with flagstone, would that be in keeping for now --

MR. SPURLOCK: Well, look at the back of your house right now -- it's a smaller gable and then -- the roof line changes and maybe that's even something that you can -do you understand what I'm saying?

MS. FORST: But then you don't -- then that means you pretty much don't like this house then? If we have to change --



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1	MR. SPURLOCK: I think you're hearing different
2	things
3	MS. FORST: Okay.
4	MR. SPURLOCK: from different people.
5	MS. FORST: Yeah, okay.
6 .	MS. WATKINS: Well, you know I think there's
7	details you can add to this basic plan.
8	MS. FORST: Okay.
9	MS. WATKINS: Just because we don't like one part
10 .	doesn't mean we don't like the house.
11	MS. FORST: Okay. Okay, so we'll just try to make
12	it a little more interesting, get the elevations.
13	MR. FORST: So, are you saying like as far as the
14	back
15	MS. WATKINS: I think
16	MR. FORST: another gable or something or
17	MR. SPURLOCK: No, I
18	MS. WATKINS: I think if you go to somebody you
19	probably have to go to an architect or somebody to have
20	these drawn up. You're going to have to go to somebody
21	who's licensed to draw the drawings
22	MS. FORST: Mm-hmm.
23	MS. WATKINS: and to perhaps they can give
24	you some suggestions or something to make it a little
25	MS FORST: Maybe we'll just add a bay and if we



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put the pergola or what -- is that what it's called where it's got the -- which quite a few neighbors of ours have done that have very plain back up and down -- Old Liberty Road. You know, that adds some interest. But we can bring it back and see what you think.

MS. VELASQUEZ: And feel free to work with Staff if you're in doubt.

MS. FORST: Okay. All right.

MR. SPURLOCK: Commissioner Harbit, did you want to add anything else? I think you've gotten sort of a mixed response tonight. I couldn't say there was a consensus. Several Commissioners have told you that it seems, you know, fine with some minor refinements, and I think Commissioner Breslin was suggesting that you -- you sort of relook at this and make it a more site-specific house because of the grade issues. I think I would agree with Commissioner Breslin. I think it's -- and, you know, with all due response, it's a flat -- it's a house that you could put on a flat lot and it doesn't respond to your site very specifically. It doesn't have a unique character that makes it more responsive to where it's located.

And I guess I would also -- first thing I'd like
to see that you do something with a little bit more of a
character of some of the other adjacent historic houses,
with more articulation. But, again, you know I just want to



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voice -- I'm trying -- I think for the most part you have a -- I seem to get a sense of most of the Commissioners were comfortable with the direction you're going.

MS. FORST: Okay.

MR. SPURLOCK: But I would highly, highly suggest that you seek some professional help. I think a qualified architect or someone to -- or, a builder or whatever -however you plan on executing this. You can do scale drawings. Make sure that site plan works. Draw the elevations to scale so that the Commission can really look at those and look for ways, I think as Commissioner Harbit said, to maybe reduce the apparent mass of the house -maybe not make it smaller, but make it look a little smaller, and you can do that in various ways.

> MS. FORST: Okay.

MR. SPURLOCK: Someone who knows what they're doing can certainly help with --

MR. HARBIT: But don't -- I would encourage you not to go all the way into final design before you come back again. Because I think you did get a pretty mixed review.

MS. FORST: But then if we're paying for architectural drawings, then --

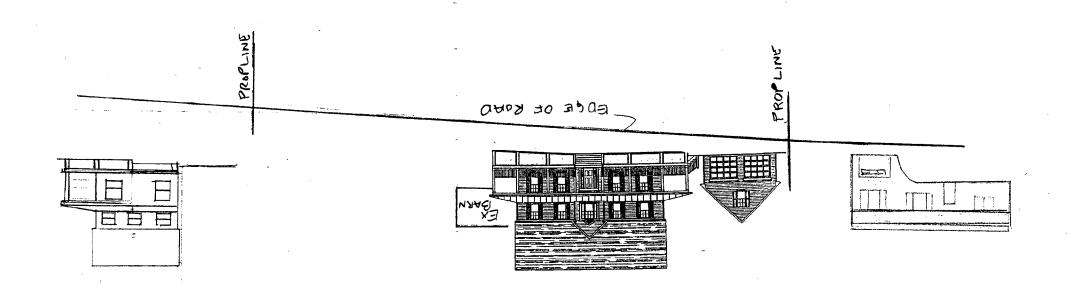
MR. HARBIT: You can get a conceptual drawing, you know early schematics for not a lot of money.

> MS. FORST: Okay.



1	MR. HARBIT: But don't hire the architect to draw
2	it all the way to completion, and then come back and we
3	have
4	MR. SPURLOCK: And I know this is probably not
, 5	comforting to you, but we are there are going to be some
6	new Commissioners coming on in a month and there will be
7	some different voices and different faces.
8	MS. FORST: I think the soonest we can get here, I
9	believe said, was one month, so
10	MR. SPURLOCK: So, you might not go too far, as
11	Commissioner Harbit said. You know, just get something to
12	scale. Get something a little bit more developed that you
13	like and come back.
14	MS. FORST: Well, hopefully we'll see you next
15	month.
16	MR. SPURLOCK: Thank you. Good luck.
17	MS. VELASQUEZ: Good luck.
18	MS. FORST: Okay, thank you.
19	MR. SPURLOCK: The next case would be Case D. Can
20	we have a Staff report, please?
21	MS. NARU: The property at Case D is 3924
22	Washington Street in Kensington. This is a secondary
23	resource within the Kensington Historic District and as you
24	may or may not know, secondary resources are equivalent to
25	non-contributing resources within this district. It's just





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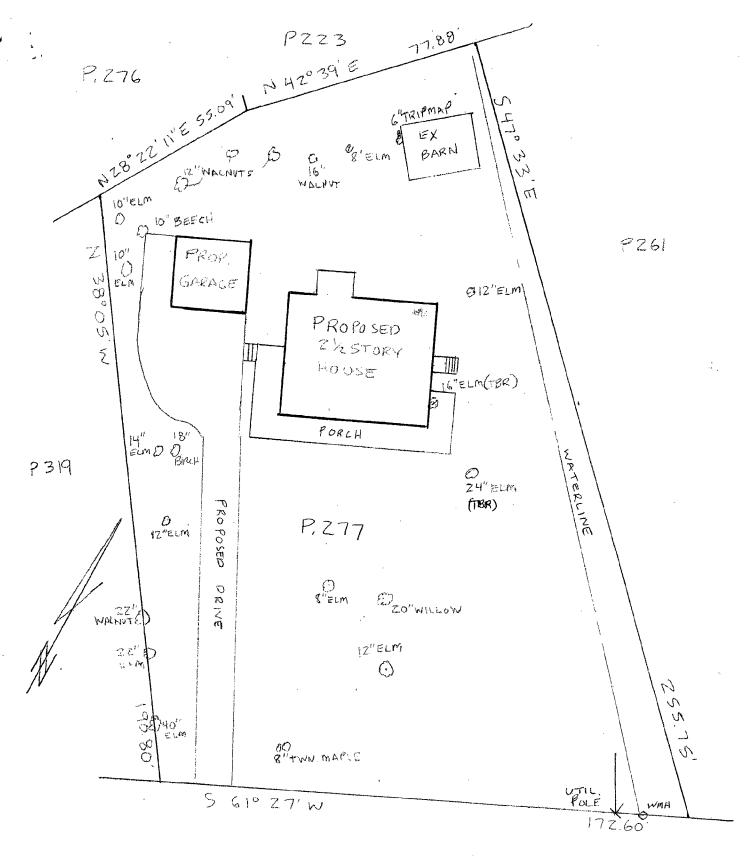


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Dear Michelle,

I am sending you our revised plans for our new home to be built in Germantown's Historic District. These sketches I wanted you too see before our architect drafts them. When making these changes we kept in mind the requests of the staff, the commission, and the Germantown Historic Society's recommendations.

The following changes were made to the house:

- 1. Smaller front gable. (This change was made to more closely resemble the homes in the district. The **Commission** had also thought the expanse of the original gable we had requested was too large and should not cover 3 windows. The new front elevation will have coverage of only 1 window.
- 2. Now that the front gable is smaller we eliminated the window within the gable and then changed center window to be more architecturally appealing.
- 3. The **statt** had also recommended using a cement fiber product such as hardy-plank. After extensive research, we have decided to make this change. Our original request was vinyl but we are changing to a cement fiber product.
- 4. There have been two changes to the right elevation. The porch has been extended too wrap around the side for a more pleasing appearance. The second change was to eliminate fireplace bump out.

 5. This rear of the house will now have a two story gabled extension. We believe this change will enhance the appearance of this Maryland farmhouse design home. This change was strongly encouraged by the staff, the Germantown Historic Society and the Commission.

Michelle, I hope you like these changes to our new home. We like them and are pleased with these changes. We understand that the garage seemed too high and we will be able to lower the height as well as change the driveway. I am going now to pick up the builders sketches and will fax them to you immediately. After reviewing these changes you can e-mail me at driorst@gol.com. I can then call our architect and have him draw up the plans. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Signature

Deborah R Forst.

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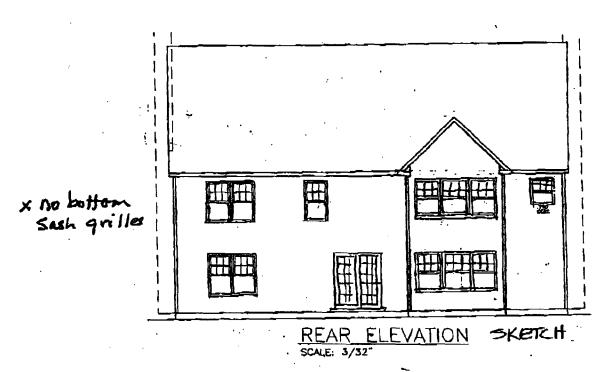
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