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AGENDA.....ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

..ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS Town Hall – 1 Heady Street Cortlandt Manor, NY 10567

### Work Session - Thursday, May 15, 2025 at 6:30 PM

1. Discuss Agenda for the Regular Meeting

### Regular Meeting - Thursday, May 15, 2025 at 7:00 PM \*

- **1.** Pledge to the Flag and Roll Call
- 2. Adoption of the Meeting Minutes for April 24, 2025

### 3. ADJOURNED PUBLIC HEARINGS

**A. Case No. 2025-5 Application of 77 Montrose Station, LLC** for area variances for an accessory structure located in the front yard and for detached building height for a proposed garage located at 77 Montrose Station Rd.

\*Regular meeting to begin at conclusion of the work session

### NEXT REGULAR MEETING TUESDAY, JUNE 17, 2025

# ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS FACT SHEET

ZBA Member Assig	ned: Piccolo-Hill	CASE NO.: 2025-5
Name of Applicant:	77 Montrose Station, LLC	
<b>Owner:</b>	Same	
Address of property	77 Montrose Station Rd.	
Section, Block, Lot:	44.17-1-11	
Prior ZBA Case No	:: N/A	
Zone:	R-80	
Lot Size:	Approximately 8.1 acres	
<b>Request:</b> Detached Building Height. 7.0' allowed from eaveline (top of wall) to the rorridge, 12'-8" proposed requiring a variance for 5'-8".		
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**Staff Comments:** The Code Enforcement office received a building permit application on September 27, 2024 for a residential remodel/alteration at the subject property for the construction of a proposed garage. The Code Office denied the request on February 25, 2025. The garage is proposed to have a building height of 12.8 feet from the eaveline to the roof ridge, and only 7 ft. is permitted. According to the applicant the increase in height is a better architectural treatment for the garage and is in keeping with the architectural character of the newly renovated house on the subject lot.

In addition, the foundation for the proposed garage has already been partially constructed. Based on the survey location of the existing foundation the garage will be located in the defined front yard to Montrose Station Rd. The existing house is located 583.94 ft. from Montrose Station Road and the garage is proposed to be located 551.94 ft.

Variance(s) Requested: Detached Building Height. 7.0' allowed from eaveline (top of wall) to the roof ridge, 12'-8" proposed requiring a variance for 5'-8".

Accessory Structure not permitted in the Front Yard.

	<b>REQUIRED</b>	<b>PROPOSED</b>	VARIANCE	<u>%</u>
Detached building height	7 ft.	12.8 ft.	5.8 ft.	83%
Accessory structure in the F	ront Yard	NA	NA	NA

### **SEQR: TYPE II – No further compliance required**



Michael Preziosi, P.E. Director – D.O.T.S

Martin G. Rogers, P.E. Director of Code Enforcement/D.O.T.S.

Holly Haight Assistant Director of Code Enforcement /D.O.T.S.

Mark Giordano 1340 Baptist Church Road Yorktown Heights, NY 10598

February 25, 2025

Re: Proposed Garage 77 Montrose Station Road Tax ID 44.17-1-11

Mr. Giordano:

I am in receipt of your proposed amendment for Building Permit A-24-749 issued September 27, 2024 for Residential Remodel/Alteration at the above referenced premises.

I must deny this request under the following chapter of the Town of Cortlandt Zoning Code: 307-17 Table of Dimensional Regulations Accessory Residential Structures;

Detached Building Height. Request for a variance from the Code is required. 7.0' allowed from eaveline (top of wall) to the roof ridge, 12'-8" proposed requiring a variance for 5'-8".

Accessory Structures are not permitted in the Front Yard. Section 307-17, 307 Attachment 3, Table of Dimensional Regulations, Residential Districts.

The Zoning Board of Appeals application shall be completed online. If the application is deemed complete additional instructions will follow and then the project will then be placed on the agenda for the next available Zoning Board of Appeals meeting.

Additional information may be required upon subsequent reviews. Technical comments for the submission may be issued separately. If you have any questions or comments please feel free to contact me by email or at 914-734-1010.

Sincerely,

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Martin G. Rogers, P.E. Director of Code Enforcement Department of Technical Services

Cc: Chris Kehoe, Town Planner

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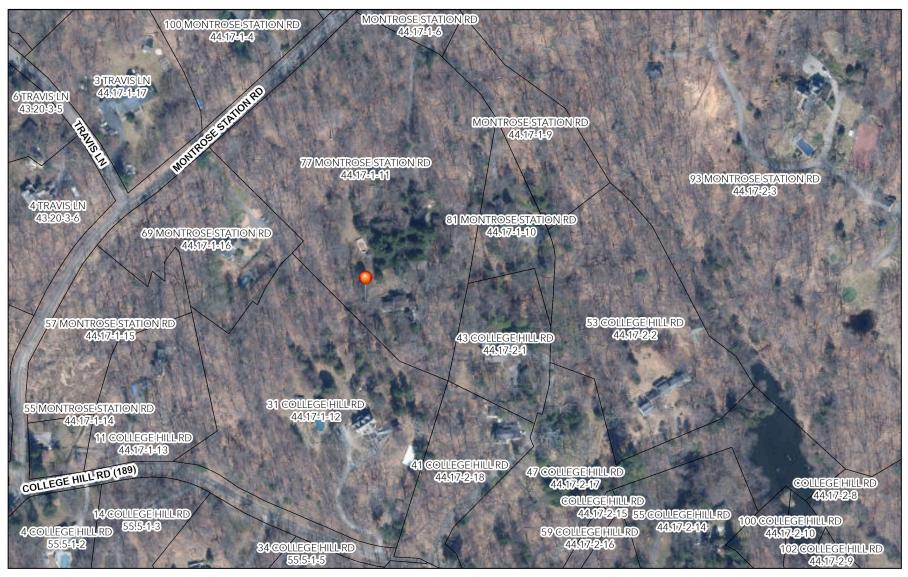
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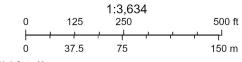
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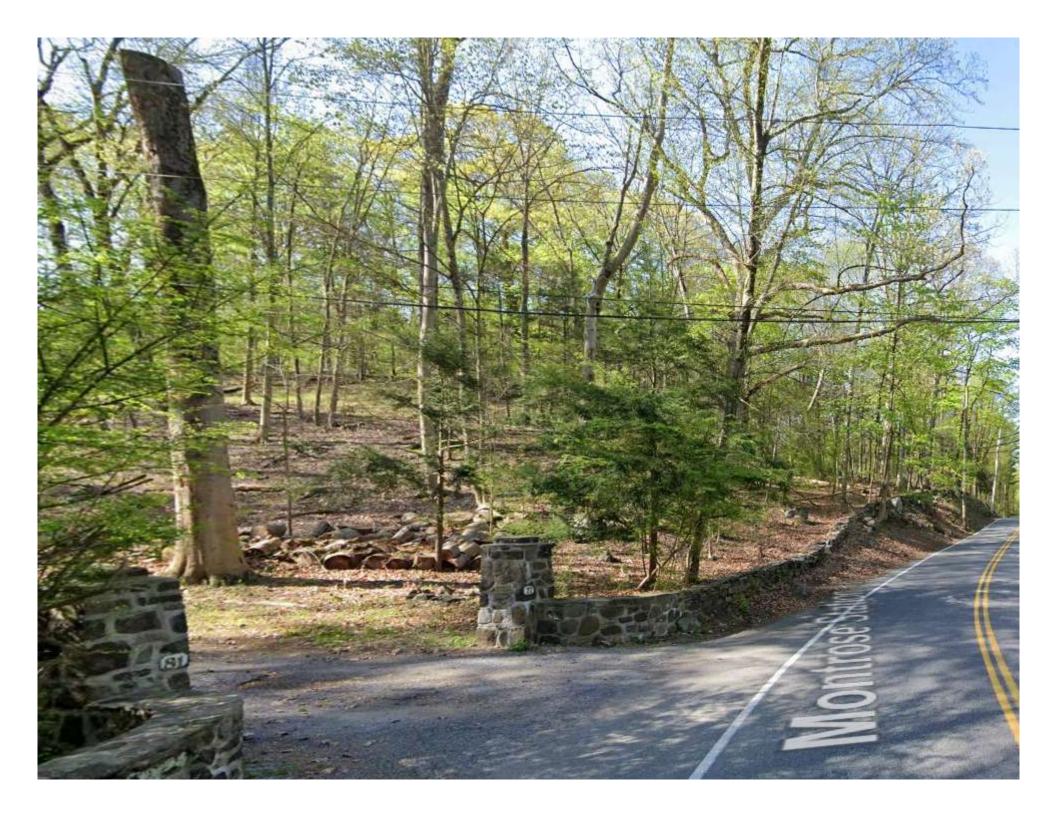
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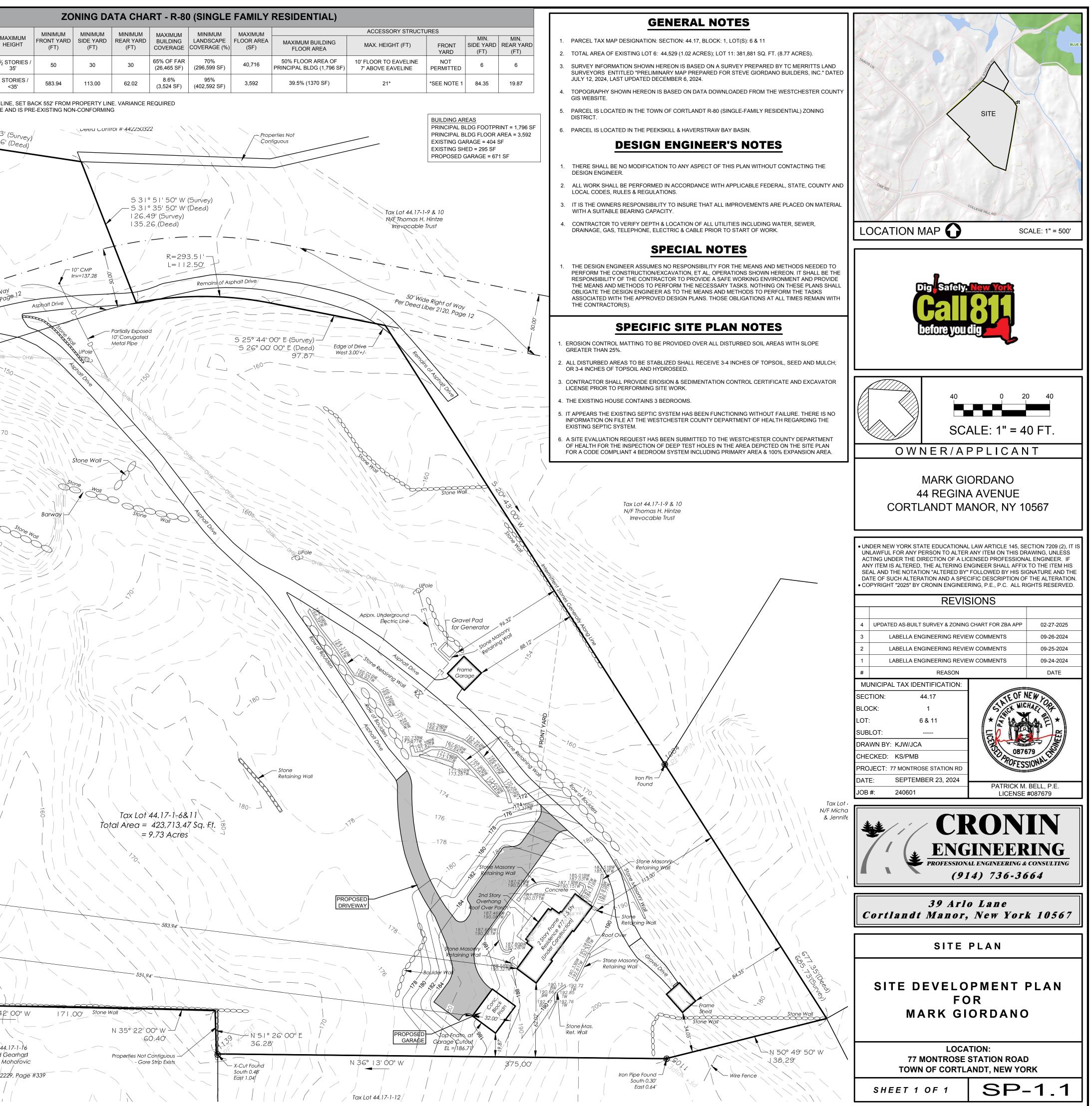
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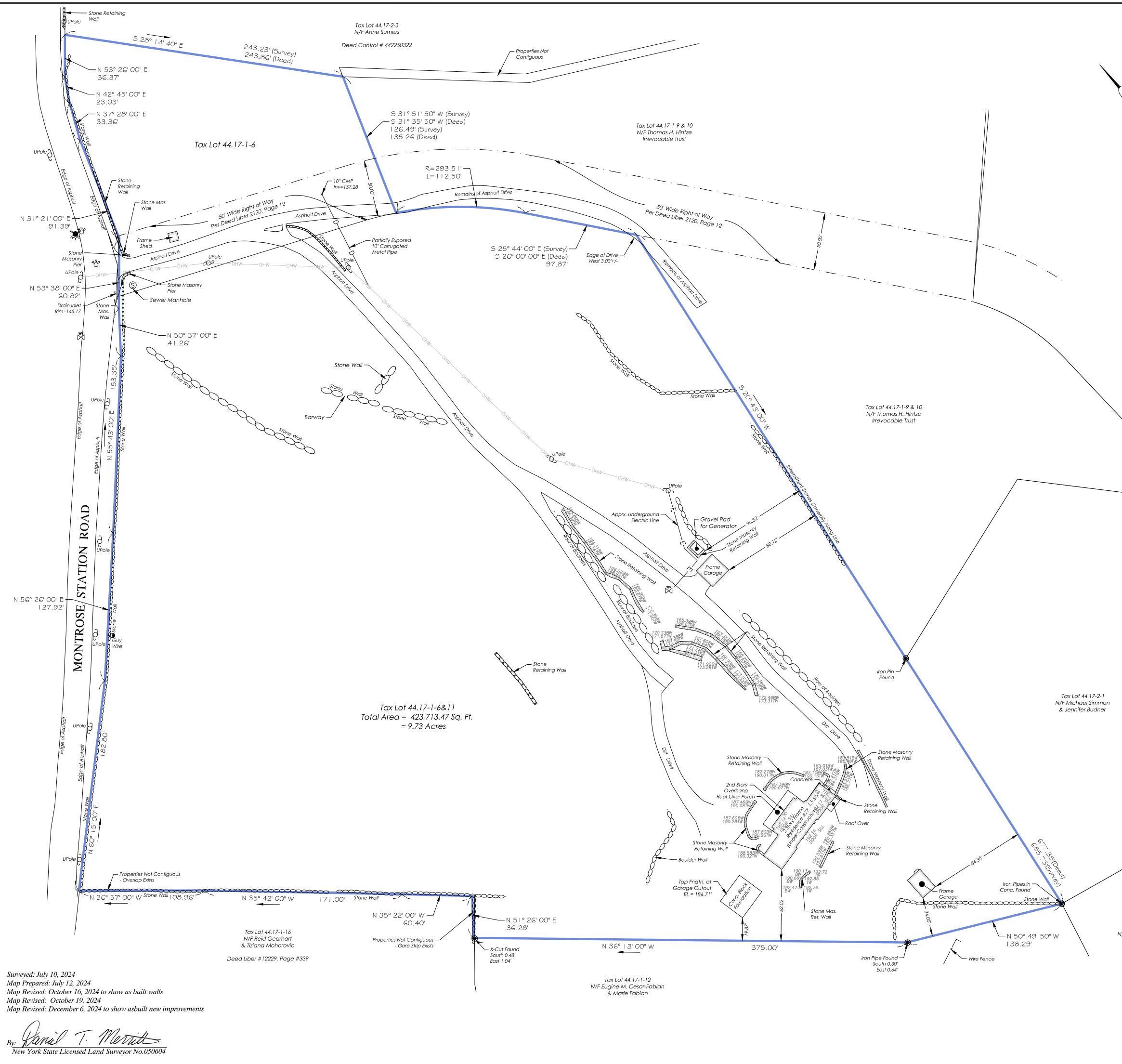


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3	IF YOU HAVE NOT HAD YOUR SEPTIC SYSTEM INSPECTED WITHIN THE LAST FIVE-YEARS, WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO DO SO IMMEDIATELY. IF YOU CANNOT FIND A RECORD, WE ASK THAT YOU MAKE EFFORT TO CONTACT YOUR SEPTIC CONTRACTOR FOR A COPY.					
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Only copies from the original of this survey marked with an original of the Land Surveyors embossed seal or red colored seal shall be considered to be true, valid copies.

Said certifications shall run only to the person for whom this survey is prepared and on his/her behalf to the title company, governmental agency and lending institutions listed hereon. Certifications are not transferable to additional institutions or subsequent owners.

Unauthorized alteration or addition to a survey map bearing a licensed Land Surveyors seal is a violation of Section 7209, Subdivision 2 of the New York State Education Law.

Possession only where indicated.

Adjacent property lines and easements not surveyed or certified. Access to adjacent rights of way, easements and public or private lands not guaranteed or certified.

Underground utilities shown hereon are approximate and should be verified before excavating.

Additional underground utilities are not shown or certified. Encroachments and structures below grade, if any, not shown or certified.

Subject to covenants, easements, restrictions, conditions and agreements of record.

Elevations shown hereon generally in accordance with North American Vertical Datum 88.

Surveyed in accordance with Deed Liber 11186, Page 287.

Premises shown hereon designated on the Town of Cortlandt Tax Maps as: Section 44.17, Block 1, Lot 6 & 11.

Property Address: 77 Montrose Station Montrose, NY 10548

THIS MAP IS FOR BUILDING DEPARTMENT PURPOSES ONLY. MAP IS NOT TO BE USED FOR TITLE TRANSFER PURPOSES. MAP MAY NOT BE CERTIFIED TO TITLE COMPANIES AND/OR BANKS.

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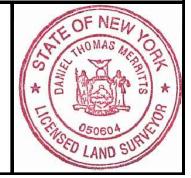
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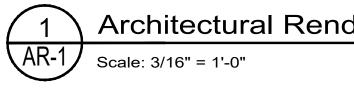
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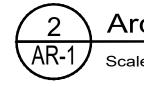
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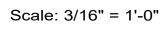
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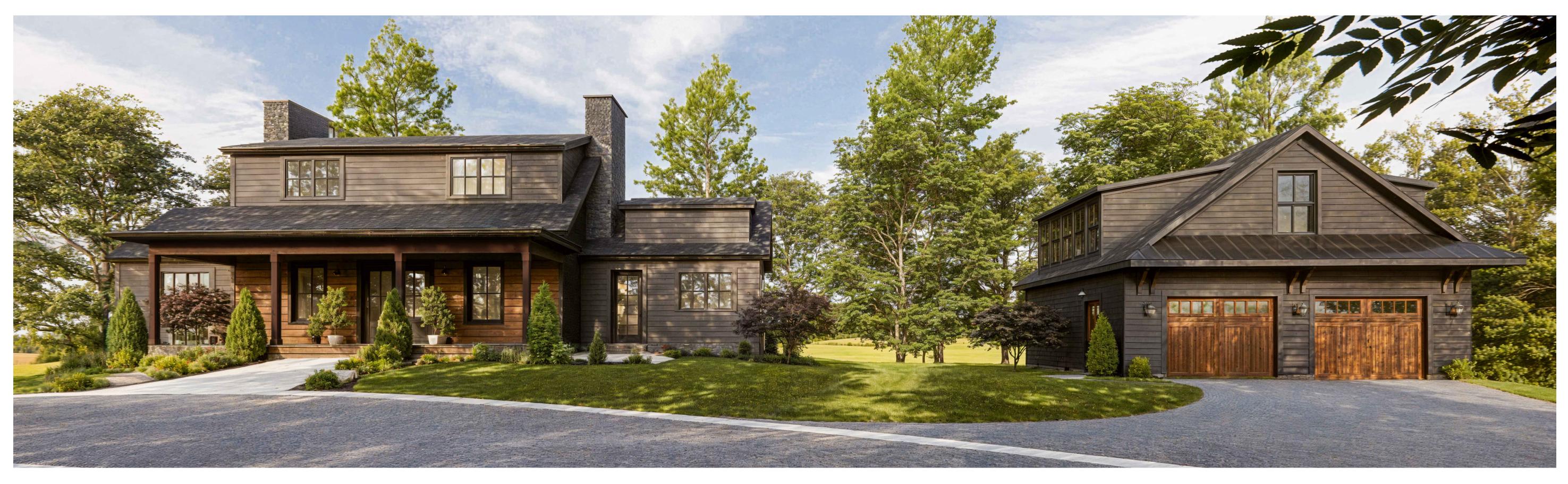
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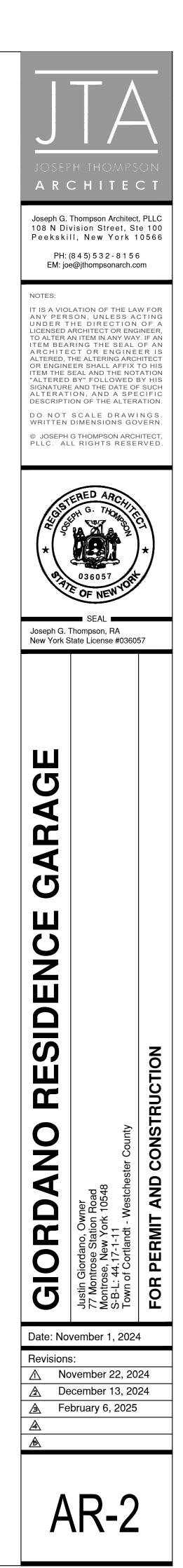






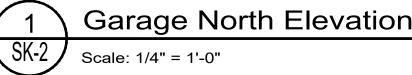
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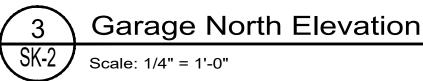


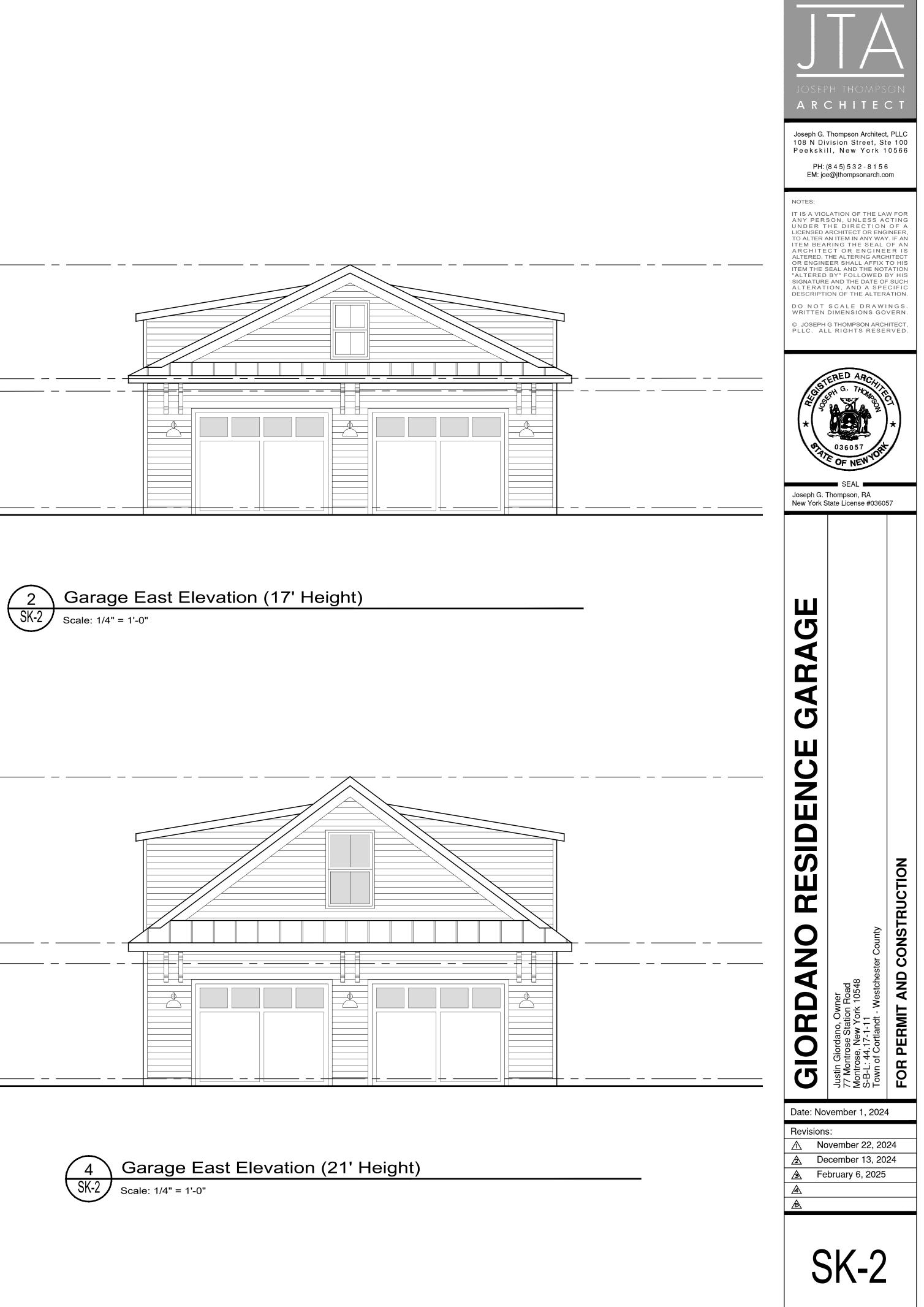


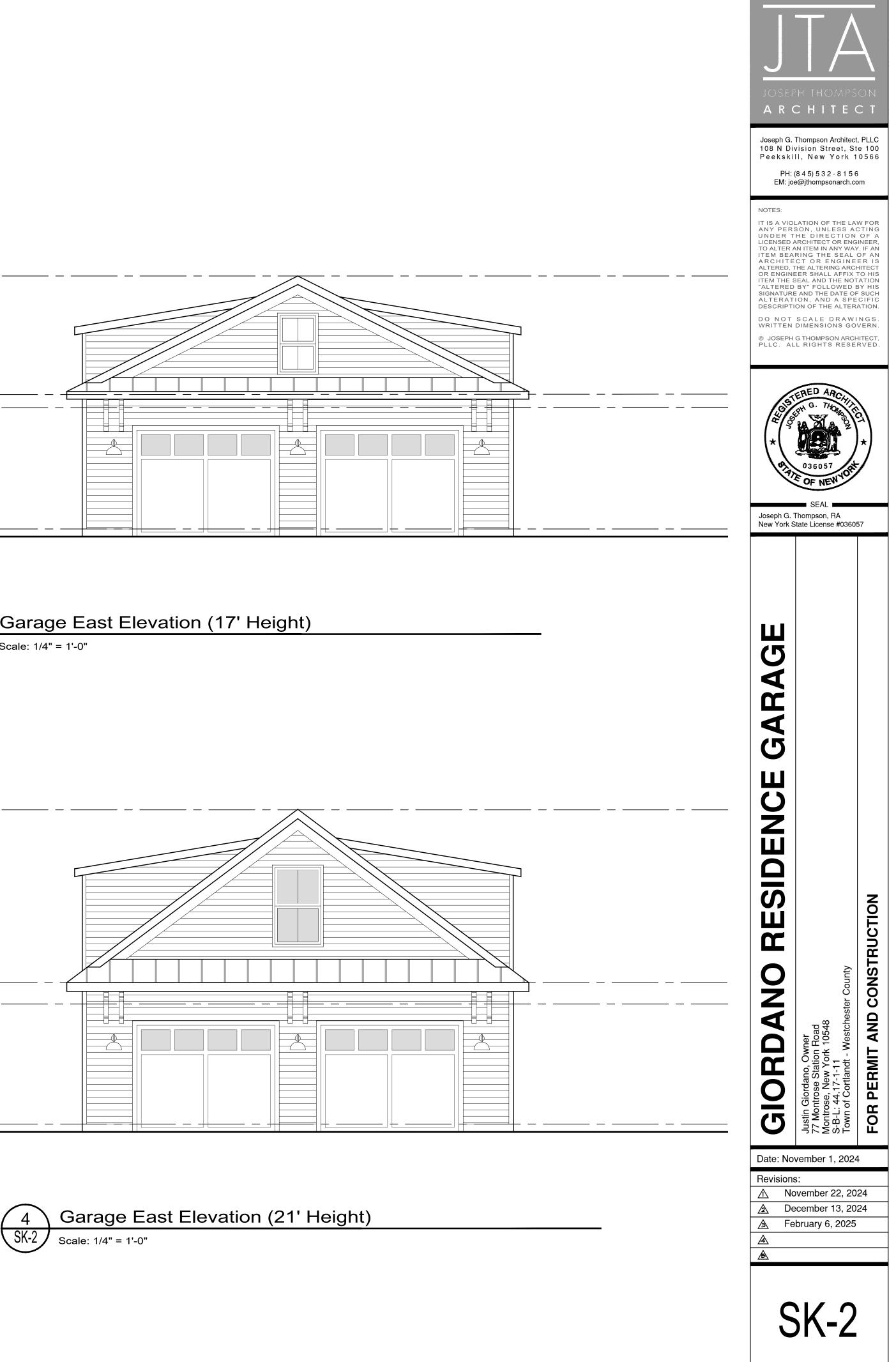














108 N DIVISION STREET, SUITE 100, PEEKSKILL, NEW YORK 10566

- To: **Town of Cortlandt Zoning Board of Appeals** Town Hall 1 Heady Street Cortlandt Manor, New York 10567
- Attn: Chair Fleming & Zoning Board of Appeals Members
- Date: March 20, 2025
- RE: **PROJECT NARRATIVE- GIORDANO RESIDENCE GARAGE HEIGHT VARIANCE** 77 Montrose Station Road, Cortlandt Manor, New York 10567 S-B-L: 44.17-1-11

Our office is pleased to present a proposal for a new garage accessory structure to be constructed at 77 Montrose Station Road. The accessory structure is planned to support the existing single-family residence on the property that is currently receiving significant restoration and renovation efforts. The property is located in a R-80 Single-Family Residential Zone.



Figure 1. Proposed Accessory Dwelling Unit Rendering

To support the new garage structure as proposed, this application is requesting consideration from the Zoning Board of Appeals for relief from the following Zoning Code Sections:

• Height- Maximum accessory structure height from top of eave to top of ridge as per Town of Cortlandt Zoning Code 307 Attachment 3 Table of Dimensional Regulations:

Permitted	Proposed	Area Variance Required
7'-0" (17' Total Height)	12'-8" (21' Total Height)	5'-8"

• Location- Accessory structures are not permitted in the front yard as per Town of Cortlandt Zoning Code 307 Attachment 3 Table of Dimensional Regulations, 207 Attachment 3.

In the review of a request for area variances, there are five factors that are typically considered as part of determining if the benefit to the applicant outweighs potential for adverse impact:

### Height Variance Request

1. Whether an undesirable change will be produced in the character of the neighborhood, or if a detriment to nearby properties will occur:

We do not believe the increase in height of the structure will have an adverse impact to the neighboring properties nor the character of the neighborhood. The parcel is 9.73 Acres with significant vegetation along all property lines buffering the visual impact of the subject structure. The structure is set back over 550' from the road. Please find renderings depicting the visual difference between a zoning compliant 17' height structure and the proposed 21' height structure below for review:



Figure 2. Proposed Accessory Dwelling Unit Rendering- Permitted 17' Height



Figure 3. Proposed Accessory Dwelling Unit Rendering- Proposed 21' Height

2. Whether the benefit sought by the applicant can be achieved by some method, feasible for the applicant to pursue, other than an area variance:

The garage would allow for storage of vehicles and is seeking an increased height beyond the maximum allowed by zoning in order to provide an attic space capable to supporting needed storage space as the existing home does not have the ability to accommodate storage in either the existing attic nor basement. The existing topography on the property makes planning of another reasonably accessible accessory structure for storage purposes difficult to accomplish and would result in a greater impact to the neighboring properties to the rear.

3. Whether the requested variance is substantial:

Since the height dimension is measured to the peak of the ridge of a sloped roof, we do not believe the visual impact of the height increase to be substantial.

4. Whether the proposed variance will have an adverse effect or impact on the physical or environmental conditions in the neighborhood or district:

We do not believe the increase in height of the structure will have an adverse impact to the physical or environmental conditions of the neighboring properties nor the character of the neighborhood. The parcel is 9.73 Acres with significant vegetation along all property lines buffering the visual impact of the subject structure. The structure is set back over 550' from the road.

5. Whether the alleged difficulty was self-created:

While the action taken is self-created, the existing limitations of the primary structure and property that create the need to accommodate additional storage space are not. The existing residence is vintage construction that does not provide for a storage attic nor full basement area that newer construction would typically offer and the challenges the property topography presents limits the amount of reasonably buildable area. Subsurface rock also limits the ability to construct basement spaces in both the original residence and any new accessory structures.

### **Location Variance Request**

1. Whether an undesirable change will be produced in the character of the neighborhood, or if a detriment to nearby properties will occur:

We do not believe the location of the structure will have an adverse impact to the neighboring properties nor the character of the neighborhood. The parcel is 9.73 Acres with significant vegetation along all property lines buffering the visual impact of the subject structure. The structure is set behind the plane of the front façade of the

primary residence and the new structure is proposed to have a front yard setback of over 550' from the road.

2. Whether the benefit sought by the applicant can be achieved by some method, feasible for the applicant to pursue, other than an area variance:

The challenges the property topography presents limits the amount of reasonably buildable area. The proposed location is the only reasonably suitable location to construct the garage in close proximity to the primary residence without the need for significant re-grading, rock removal and disturbance of the property.

3. Whether the requested variance is substantial:

Proposed garage is located behind the plane of the primary residence. However, based on the geometry of the property and orientation of the existing residence to the road, the proposed garage placement has a front yard setback that is less than that of the primary residence:

Existing Residence Front Yard Setback	Accessory Structure Front Yard Setback
583.94'	551′

Since the front yard setback of the structure is proposed to be over 550', we do not believe the variance request to be substantial.

4. Whether the proposed variance will have an adverse effect or impact on the physical or environmental conditions in the neighborhood or district:

We do not believe the location of the structure will have an adverse impact to the physical or environmental conditions of the neighboring properties nor the character of the neighborhood. The parcel is 9.73 Acres with significant vegetation along all property lines buffering the visual impact of the subject structure. The structure is set behind the plane of the front façade of the primary residence and the new structure is proposed to have a front yard setback of over 550' from the road.

5. Whether the alleged difficulty was self-created:

While the action taken is self-created, the existing limitations property are not. The challenges the property topography presents limits the amount of reasonably buildable area. The proposed location is the only reasonably suitable location to construct the garage in close proximity to the primary residence without the need for significant regrading, rock removal and disturbance of the property.

We respectfully request that the board consider these variance requests as we believe the benefit to the applicant outweighs any potential for adverse effect. We look forward to further reviewing this application with the Board. Please contact me should you have any questions or should any further information be required.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Attachments:



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Figure 4. Photograph of Current Existing Conditions taken on March 19, 2025



Figure 5. Photograph of Current Existing Conditions taken on March 19, 2025