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### DRAFT AGENDA

January 06, 2020

<u>6:00 P.M.</u>

Call to Order

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Approval of Agenda

**Old Business** 

## **Public Hearings**

**Case No. 12399 – Kevin & Paula Burr** seek variances from the rear yard setback requirements for a proposed structure (Section 115-25 of the Sussex County Zoning Code). The property is located on the west side of Linden Dr. approximately 332 ft. north of Woodland Cir. within the Angola by the Bay Subdivision. 911 Address: 22934 Linden Drive., Lewes. Zoning District: AR-1. Tax Parcel: 234-11.20-71.00

**Case No. 12400 – Richard Byrd** seeks a variance from the front yard setback, side yard setback and rear yard setback requirements for a proposed structure and existing structures (Sections 115-25, 115-182, 115-183 and 115-185 of the Sussex County Zoning Code). The property is located on the south side of 8<sup>th</sup> St. approximately 167 ft. east of Bald Eagle Rd. 911 Address: 37348 8<sup>th</sup> St., Rehoboth Beach. Zoning District: AR-1 Tax Parcel: 334-19.16-98.00

**Case No. 12401 – Laura Messick** seeks a special use exception to operate a day care center (Sections 115-23 and 115-210 of the Sussex County Zoning Code). The property is located on the west side of Shore Dr. at the intersection of Shore Dr. and Carvel Rd. within the Lakeshore subdivision. 911 Address: 22056 Shore Dr., Seaford. Zoning District: AR-1. Tax Parcel: 331-3.00-8.00

**Case No. 12393 – Furniture & More** seeks a special use exception to place a tent for special events (Sections 115-80 & 115-210 of the Sussex County Zoning Code). The property is located on the west side of Beacon Dr., north of Lighthouse Rd. 911 Address: 38993 Beacon Dr., Fenwick Island. Zoning District: C-1. Tax Parcel: 134-23.00-3.04

Case No. 12397 - Kelly Hales seeks variances from the front yard setback and side yard



setback requirements for existing structures (Sections 115-42, 115-182, & 115-185 of the Sussex County Zoning Code). The property is located on the west side of East Lagoon Rd., approximately 511 ft. north of Falling Point Rd. 911 Address: 30835 & 30843 East Lagoon Rd., Dagsboro. Zoning District: GR. Tax Parcels: 134-6.00-123.00 & 134-6.00-124.00

## Additional Business

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Board of Adjustment meetings can be monitored on the internet at <u>www.sussexcountyde.gov</u>.

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In accordance with 29 Del. C. §10004(e)(2), this Agenda was posted on July 26, 2019 at 9:00 a.m., and at least seven (7) days in advance of the meeting.

This Agenda is subject to change to include the addition or deletion of items, including Executive Sessions, which arise at the time of the Meeting. Agenda items listed may be considered out of sequence.

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**Criteria for a Special Use Exception:** (Please provide a written statement regarding each criteria)

You shall demonstrate to the Board of Adjustment that the property meets <u>all</u> of the following criteria for a Special Use Exception to be granted.

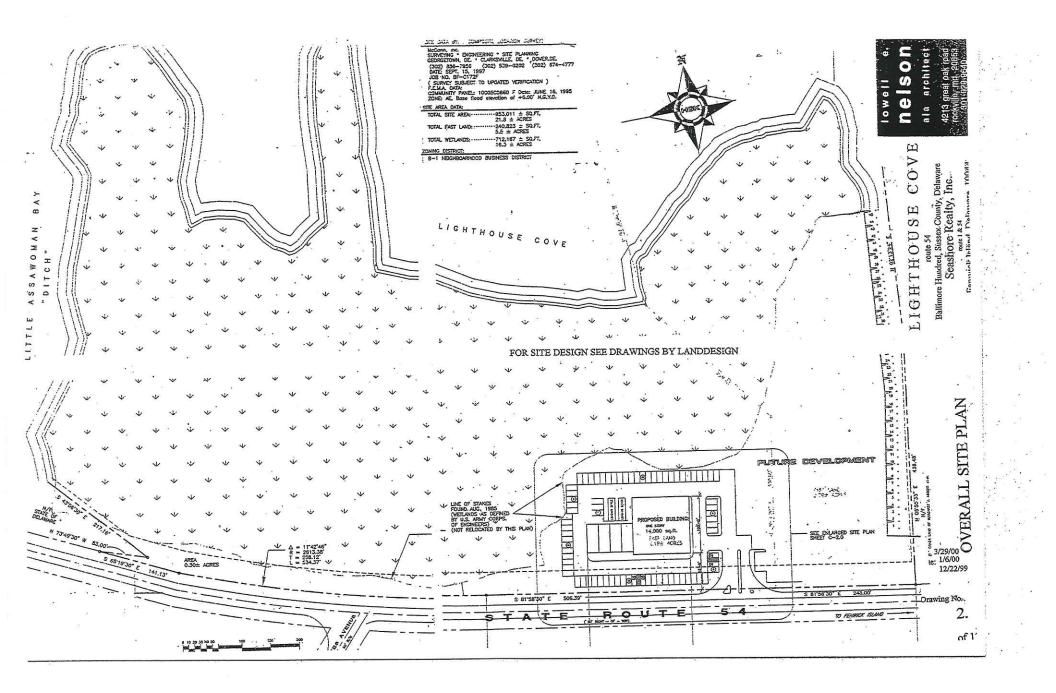
1. Such exception will not substantially affect adversely the uses of adjacent and neighboring property.

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2. Any other requirements which apply to a specific type of special use exception as required by the Sussex County Code. (Ex. Time limitations – 5 year maximum)

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Basis for Appeal: (Please provide a written statement regarding reason for appeal)

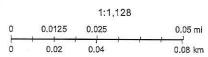






PIN:	134-23.00-3.04
Owner Name	BALSAMO & NORINO PROPERTIES LLC
Book	4751
Mailing Address	8100 HARFORD RD
City	BALTIMORE
State	MD
Description	N/ LIGHTHOUSE RD
Description 2	RT 54 APPROX
Description 3	1847.33' W/RT 1
Land Code	





December 4, 2019

### BEFORE THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT OF SUSSEX COUNTY

### IN RE: FURNITURE & MORE

### (Case No. 12169)

A hearing was held after due notice on July 23, 2018. The Board members present were: Mr. Dale Callaway, Ms. Ellen Magee, Mr. Bruce Mears, Mr. John Mills, and Mr. Brent Workman.

### Nature of the Proceedings

This is an application for a special use exception to place a tent for special events.

### Findings of Fact

The Board found that the Applicant is requesting a special use exception to use a tent for special events. This application pertains to certain real property located on the west side of Beacon Drive, north of Lighthouse Road (911 Address: 38993 Beacon Drive, Fenwick Island); said property being identified as Sussex County Tax Map Parcel Number 1-34-23.00-3.04. After a hearing, the Board made the following findings of fact:

- 1. The Board was given copies of the Application, a drawing of the Property, a site plan dated March 29, 2000, an aerial photograph of the Property, and a portion of the tax map of the area.
- 2. The Board found that the Office of Planning and Zoning received no correspondence in support of the Application and seven (7) letters in opposition to the Application.
- 3. The Board found that Derek Millman was sworn in to testify about the Application. Mr. Millman is the manager of Furniture & More.
- 4. The Board found that Mr. Millman testified that the Applicant had a tent sale 2 times in 2017 and the Applicant traditionally holds tent sales on Memorial Day and Labor Day weekends. The Applicant seeks permission to conduct tent sales twice a year for a ten (10) days each time as that time frame will allow the Applicant time to set up the tent, conduct the sale, and tear down the tent.
- 5. The Board found that Mr. Millman testified that a tent costs \$2,500 to rent and it takes 2 days to set up a tent sale. The first weekend pays for the tent and the second weekend is where the Applicant makes its profit off the tent. Memorial Day and Labor Day weekends are important times of year for their sales.
- 6. The Board found that Mr. Millman testified that many businesses in the area close down in the off-season and the Applicant uses the profits from the tent sales to pay for the business to remain open the rest of the year.
- 7. The Board found that Mr. Millman testified that there is a community adjacent to the Property.
- 8. The Board found that Mr. Millman testified that the tent will be positioned 40 feet away from building, the entrance, and the community to the rear of the property. The tent will take up 7 parking spaces on the east side of the Property and additional space not reserved for parking. The Applicant is willing to move the tent closer to the building as well and there is room to do so. He believes that moving the tent would alleviate parking concerns expressed by neighbors.
- 9. The Board found that Mr. Millman testified that the tent will be set back farther from Route 54 than the existing building.
- 10. The Board found that Mr. Millman testified that the Applicant shares an entrance onto Route 54 with the adjacent community and other businesses on the site but the tent will not impede traffic coming to and from the neighboring property or impact neighbors' ability to access their property.

- 11. The Board found that Mr. Millman testified that this special use exception will not substantially affect adversely the uses of adjacent neighboring properties.
- 12. The Board found that Mr. Millman testified that the Applicant does not use all of its parking spaces even with the tent in place.
- 13. The Board found that Mr. Millman testified that there are no safety issues with the tent as the tent recently withstood winds of 50 miles per hour.
- 14. The Board found that Mr. Millman testified that there were some complaints about the placement of the tent and that it created a visibility issue the first time they used it but there were no complaints the following 2 times the tent was put up.
- The Board found that Mr. Millman testified that store hours are as follows: Sunday 11am 6 pm, Monday through Thursday 10 am 6 pm, and Friday and Saturday 10 am 7 pm.
- 16. The Board found that Mr. Millman testified that the nearby restaurant (High Stakes) has a lot of business and cars park all over the site when the restaurant is busy. High Stakes receives deliveries from tractor trailers.
- 17. The Board found that Mr. Millman testified that there is a right-of-way around the building and a car can navigate around the building.
- 18. The Board found that Mr. Millman testified that parking is always an issue and that High Stakes is a busy location and uses the majority of parking. High Stakes pay for 30% and Furniture & More pay for 70% of the parking lot but High Stakes uses the Applicant's parking spaces.
- 19. The Board found that Mr. Millman testified that, during the day, the Applicant will pull out some furniture outside the tent. At night, the Applicant shuts down the tent and retains a security guard to secure the premises overnight.
- 20. The Board found that Mr. Millman testified that the cars in the picture presented by the opposition were parked in the right-of-way to the development in the rear but he could not confirm if they were patrons of the business or if they were family members visiting the development in the rear. He testified that cars park near the gate even when the tent is not erected.
- 21. The Board found that Mr. Millman testified that the tent measures 40 feet by 60 feet and he believes that includes the stakes and tie-downs.
- 22. The Board found that Mr. Millman testified that he has not noticed any traffic issues for the neighboring properties related to the tent and that any traffic issues are related to vehicular traffic on Route 54. He does not believe that the tent affects traffic.
- 23. The Board found that no parties appeared in support of and ten (10) parties appeared in opposition to the Application. Randy Wallenhurst, Linda Bauers, George Bennett, and Sandra Simkins were sworn in to give testimony in opposition to the Application. Mr. Wallenhurst, Ms. Simkins, and Ms. Bauers submitted pictures to the record.
- 24. The Board found that Mr. Wallenhurst testified that he is a part-time resident at the community across from Furniture & More on Route 54 and. He bought his property for the view of the bay but his view is impeded by the tent and he is concerned about the effect of the tent on property values. He noted that Route 54 is a mess with many accidents.
- 25. The Board found that Ms. Bauers testified that she is a resident at Lighthouse View Condominiums which is the building at the rear of the applicant's property and is accessed through the Applicant's parking lot. She noted that her community is filled during Memorial Day and Labor Day weekends.
- 26. The Board found that Ms. Bauers testified that tent stays up 2 weeks when it is erected.
- 27. The Board found that Ms. Bauers testified that furniture extends beyond the tent and that customers mill around the parking lot. She also noted that furniture is placed on the sidewalk thereby limiting use of the sidewalk. She believes that the tent creates a safety issue.

- 28. The Board found that Ms. Bauers testified that cars have been parked in the rightof-way to her development blocking both a fire hydrant and the key pad entrance to her community.
- 29. The Board found that Ms. Bauers testified that there is not enough parking and the tent makes it worse as visibility is blocked by the tent and it is difficult to see around the tent.
- 30. The Board found that Ms. Bauers testified that the tent substantially affects adversely the uses of neighboring and adjacent properties.
- 31. The Board found that Ms. Bauers testified that 2 cars cannot pass each other when the tent is erected and that moving the tent closer to the building will not help the situation because cars will not be able to navigate around the building.
- 32. The Board found that Ms. Simkins testified that there is a parking problem even when the tent is not present but the tent amplifies the issue because a car cannot enter the development when cars are parked in the easement.
- 33. The Board found that Ms. Simkins testified that, even if the tent was moved, it would still be a safety issue.
- 34. The Board found that Ms. Simkins testified that the tent poses a safety issue and that large vehicles have difficulty accessing the community when the tent is erected.
- 35. The Board found that Mr. Bennett testified that the tent in place affects sixty (60) homeowners, their family, and friends and the tent creates a safety issue which magnifies the parking problem. He believes that placing the tent elsewhere on the Property still substantially affects adversely the use of the neighboring property.
- 36. The Board tabled its discussion and vote on the Application until August 6, 2018, at which time the Board discussed and voted on the Application.
- 37. Based on the findings above and the testimony and evidence presented at the public hearing and the public record, which the Board weighed and considered the Board determined that the application met the standards for granting a special use exception because the proposed outdoor display or promotional activity will not substantially affect adversely the uses of neighboring and adjacent properties. The findings below further support the Board's decision to approve the Application.
  - a. The Applicant owns a furniture retail store and wishes to hold tent sales during Memorial Day and Labor Day weekends. The Applicant has held such sales on the Property previously and the Applicant intends to erect the tent before and after each of those holiday weekends on an annual basis.
  - b. The Property is a commercial site used for a furniture store and a restaurant. A majority of the parking spaces are to be used for the furniture store and the Applicant presented credible testimony that the customers of the store do not use all of the Applicant's designated parking spaces.
  - c. The opposition presented concerns about the blocking of the drive aisle accessing their community. The Board, however, was not convinced that the blocking of the drive aisle was due to the tent or even due to the Applicant's business. The opposition noted that the neighboring community is often "filled" during these holiday weekends and that the restaurant has a steady business as well. The Board notes that the site plan and tax map demonstrate that only a small portion of the drive aisle is actually located on the Property and that much of the lane is located off the Property.
  - d. The opposition expressed concerns about traffic but both sides acknowledged that traffic along the adjacent Route 54 is often hectic during summer months. It was clear to the Board that cars using the drive aisle may have to wait to turn onto Route 54 at times. The Board was not convinced that the existence of the tent somehow contributed to traffic concerns along Route 54.

- e. To the extent the tent has an impact on the drive aisle, the Board does not find that the impact is a substantial adverse impact. To reduce whatever impact may exist, however, the Board, as part of its approval, conditions that the tent must be placed adjacent to the Furniture & More building away from the drive aisle.
- f. The location of the tent should provide neighbors of the nearby community with an opportunity to shop for additional furniture without having to traverse onto Route 54 and this opportunity would benefit neighboring and adjacent properties.
- g. The tent will be used only on a temporary basis during limited times of the year.
- h. The approval is conditioned on the following:
  - i. The tent shall be no larger than 40 feet by 60 feet as proposed by the Applicant.
  - ii. The tent shall be placed on the east side of the Furniture & More building on the Property as shown on the site plan submitted by the Applicant. The tent must be adjacent to the building and away from the entrance to Route 54.
  - iii. The tent is allowed to be used two (2) times per year for a total of sixteen (16) days per year. The sixteen (16) days are to be divided equally between the Memorial Day and Labor Day holiday weekends. The Applicant is permitted two (2) days at the beginning of each tent sale to set up the tent and two (2) days at the end of each tent sale to disassemble and remove the tent. The times for erection and disassembly of the tent shall be included as part of the sixteen (16) days allotted for the tent sale to occur.
  - iv. The approval is valid for a period of one (1) year.

The Board granted the special use exception application for a period of one (1) year with conditions finding that it met the standards for granting a special use exception.

### Decision of the Board

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the special use exception application was approved with conditions for a period of one (1) year. The Board Members in favor were Mr. Dale Callaway, Mr. John Mills, and Mr. Brent Workman. Ms. Ellen Magee and Mr. Bruce Mears voted against the Motion to approve the special use exception application with conditions.

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT OF SUSSEX COUNTY John Mills Chairman

If the use is not established within two (2) years from the date below the application becomes void.

October 2, 2018 Date

**Board of Adjustment Application** Sussex County, Delaware

Case # 12397 Hearing Date 1/6

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Sussex County Planning & Zoning Department 2 The Circle (P.O. Box 417) Georgetown, DE 19947 302-855-7878 ph. 302-854-5079 fax

## Type of Application: (please check all applicable)

Variance <u>X</u>	Existing Condition <u>X</u>
Special Use Exception	Proposed
Administrative Variance	Code Reference (office use only
Appeal	115-42 115-182
	115-185
Site Address of Variance/Special Use Exception:	0 DE 19939
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Tax Map #: 134-6.00-123.00+124.00	Property Zoning:
Applicant Information	
Applicant Name: Kelly Hales	
Applicant Address: 36963 SUSSEX HWY	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
City, State, Zip: Delmar, DE 19940	
Applicant Phone #: 302.8460930 Applicant e-ma	ail: paige / rg & VCr1201. net
Owner Information	
Owner Name: Kelly and Reece 1-tales	
Owner Address: 3109103 SUSSEX HWY	•
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Criteria for a Variance: (Please provide a written statement regarding each criteria).

You shall demonstrate to the Board of Adjustment that the property meets <u>all</u> of the following criteria for a Variance to be granted.

In granting any variance the Board may attach such reasonable conditions and safeguards as it may deem necessary to implement the purposes of the Zoning Ordinance or Code. The Board is empowered in no case, however, to grant a variance in the use of land or structures thereon.

### 1. Uniqueness of property:

That there are unique physical circumstances or conditions, including irregularity, narrowness, or shallowness of lot size or shape, or exceptional topographical or other physical conditions peculiar to the particular property and that the exceptional practical difficulty is due to such conditions and not to circumstances or conditions generally created by the provisions of the Zoning Ordinance or Code in the neighborhood or district in which the property is located

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That because of such physical circumstances or conditions, there is no possibility that the property can be developed in strict conformity with the provisions of the Zoning Ordinance or Code and that the authorization of a variance is therefore necessary to enable the reasonable use of the property.

Spot. The contractor moved our stakes. The house was constructed before we relized the issure

3. Not created by the applicant:

That such exceptional practical difficulty has not been created by the appellant.

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4. Will not alter the essential character of the neighborhood:

That the variance, if authorized, will not alter the essential character of the neighborhood or district in which the property is located and nor substantially or permanently impair the appropriate use of development of adjacent property, nor be detrimental to the public welfare

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**Criteria for a Special Use Exception:** (Please provide a written statement regarding each criteria)

You shall demonstrate to the Board of Adjustment that the property meets <u>all</u> of the following criteria for a Special Use Exception to be granted.

1. Such exception will not substantially affect adversely the uses of adjacent and neighboring property.

2. Any other requirements which apply to a specific type of special use exception as required by the Sussex County Code. (Ex. Time limitations – 5 year maximum)

Basis for Appeal: (Please provide a written statement regarding reason for appeal)

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### BEFORE THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT OF SUSSEX COUNTY

### IN RE: KELLY HALES

### (Case No. 12211)

A hearing was held after due notice on October 1, 2018. The Board members present were: Mr. Dale Callaway, Ms. Ellen Magee, Mr. Bruce Mears, Mr. John Mills, and Mr. Brent Workman.

### Nature of the Proceedings

This is an application for variances from the front yard and side yard setback requirements for existing structures.

### Findings of Fact

The Board found that the Applicant is seeking a variance of 8.6 feet from the 17.6 feet average front yard setback requirement for the existing pump house, a variance of 3.6 feet from the 17.6 feet average front yard setback requirement for the existing dwelling, a variance of 8.1 feet from the ten (10) feet side yard setback requirement on the north side of Lot 10 for an existing guesthouse, and a variance of 1.1 feet from the five (5) feet side yard setback requirement on the north side of Lot 10 for an existing guesthouse, and a variance of 1.1 feet from the five (5) feet side yard setback requirement on the north side of Lot 11 for an existing shed. This application pertains to certain real property on the west side of East Lagoon Road, approximately 511 feet north of Falling Point Road (911 Address: 30835 & 30843 East Lagoon Road, Dagsboro.) said property being identified as Sussex County Tax Map Parcel Numbers 1-34-6.00-123.00 & 1-34-6.00-124.00.

- 1. The Board was given copies of the Application, an aerial photograph of the Property, a survey of the Property dated September 2, 2016, a survey of the Property dated July 31, 2018, and a portion of the tax map of the area.
- 2. The Board found that the Property consists of 2 parcels. Sussex County Tax Map Parcel No. 1-34-6.00-123.00 contains Lots 9 and 10 and Sussex County Tax Map Parcel No. 1-34-6.00-124.00 contains Lot 11 (collectively "the Property").
- 3. The Board found that the Office of Planning & Zoning received no correspondence in support of or in opposition to the Application.
- 4. The Board found that Kelly Hales was sworn in to testify about the Application. Ms. Hales submitted exhibits to the Board to review.
- The Board found that Ms. Hales testified that the Property is in Dogwood Acres and consists of three lots each measuring 50 feet wide. Neighboring homes are located close to the road.
- 6. The Board found that Ms. Hales testified that Planning & Zoning approved the proposed location of the home and the location was staked out. She hired a contractor for the dwelling and the contractor pulled the stakes prior to placing the dwelling. The builder did not place the home in compliance with the stakes. She has since sued the builder.
- 7. The Board found that Ms. Hales testified that the Property is unique because it is in a flood zone. The Property slopes towards the rear yard.
- 8. The Board found that Ms. Hales testified that the Property has a water pumphouse.
- 9. The Board found that Ms. Hales testified that she wants to keep the home where it sits. The house is parallel to the retaining wall but not the front yard.
- 10. The Board found that Ms. Hales testified that the Property cannot be otherwise developed as the home is already in place.
- The Board found that Ms. Hales testified that the need for the variances was not created by the Applicant but by the builder who placed the home in the wrong location.

- 12. The Board found that Ms. Hales testified that the variances will not alter the character of the neighborhood as other homes in the area also sit close to the front of the Property.
- The Board found that Ms. Hales testified that the septic system is located in front of the guest house and the drain field is located where the shed is located.
- 14. The Board found that Ms. Hales testified that the only improvement that she has made is placing the house on the lot.
- 15. The Board found that Ms. Hales testified that this variance request is the least variance to allow for the home to remain in the current location.
- 16. The Board found that no parties appeared in support of or in opposition to the Application.
- 17. The Board tabled the Application until October 15, 2018, at which time the Board voted on the Application.
- 18. Based on the findings above and the testimony and evidence presented at the public hearing and the public record, which the Board weighed and considered, the Board determined that the application for the variances for <u>the pumphouse</u>, <u>shed</u>, <u>and guesthouse</u> met the standards for granting a variance. The findings below further support the Board's decision to approve the Application for the variances for those structures.
  - a. The Property is unique due to its size and shape. The Property, though consisting of 3 lots, is wide but not deep. Furthermore, a significant portion of the rear yard is considered to be in the flood zone. The Applicant testified that the Property slopes towards the rear yard. These unique characteristics of this Property limit the buildable area available to the Applicant and have created an exceptional practical difficulty for the Applicant who seeks to retain existing structures on the lot.
  - b. Due to the uniqueness of the lot, the Property cannot be developed in strict conformity with the Sussex County Zoning Code. The Property has a unique size and the buildable area thereof is limited due to its size, shape, and physical conditions. The Applicant seeks to retain an existing pump house, shed, and guest house on the lot but is unable to do so without violating the Sussex County Zoning Code. The Board is convinced that the variances are necessary to enable the reasonable use of the Property as the variances will allow reasonably sized, existing pump house, shed, and guest house to remain on the lot. The Board is convinced that the shape and location of these structures are also reasonable, which is confirmed when reviewing the survey provided by the Applicant.
  - c. The exceptional practical difficulty was not created by the Applicant. The Applicant did not create the unusual size, shape, and physical conditions of the Property. These conditions have resulted in a limited building envelope on the Property and the small building envelope has created the exceptional practical difficulty. The difficulty caused by the small size of the lot is exacerbated due to the fact that a portion of the rear yard is located in a flood zone. The unique characteristics of the Property are clear when reviewing the survey. The Board is convinced that the exceptional practical difficulty was not created by the Applicant but was created by the lot's unique characteristics. The Board also notes that the shed, pumphouse, and guesthouse were located on the Property by a prior owner and appear to have been located on the Property for many years.
  - d. The variances will not alter the essential character of the neighborhood nor substantially or permanently impair the appropriate use or development of adjacent property, nor be detrimental to the public welfare. The Board is convinced that the existing pump house, shed, and guest house will have no effect on the character of the neighborhood. These structures have been

on the Property for quite some time without noted complaints in the record. No evidence was presented that the variances would somehow alter the essential character of the neighborhood. The lack of evidence is telling since, if these structures had somehow altered the essential character of the neighborhood, the Board would expect some evidence thereof. The Board also notes that the variance for the guesthouse is likely unnoticeable since the guesthouse is located near the center of the Property but close to the lot line separating Lots 10 and 11 and all three lots are essentially treated as one collective property.

- e. The variances sought are the minimum variances necessary to afford relief and the variances requested represent the least modifications possible of the regulations at issue. The Applicant has demonstrated that the variances sought will allow the Applicant to retain existing pump house, shed, and guest house. No additions or modifications to those structures are proposed.
- 19. Based on the findings above and the testimony and evidence presented at the public hearing and the public record, which the Board weighed and considered, the Board determined that the application for the variance for the dwelling failed to meet the standards for granting a variance. The findings below further support the Board's decision to deny the Application for the variance for that structure.
  - a. The Applicant failed to prove that the dwelling could not be built in strict conformity with the Sussex County Zoning Code. The dwelling was only recently located on the Property and there was no evidence that the Applicant could not move the home into compliance. Rather, the Applicant testified that the dwelling could fit within the building envelope. For these reasons, the Board finds that the dwelling could be developed in strict conformity with the Code and that the variance is not necessary to enable reasonable use of the Property.
  - b. Prior to placing the dwelling on the lot, the Applicant was aware of the front yard setback requirement for a new dwelling. Notably, the front yard setback requirement is lesser than normal for lots because the Applicant benefited from the averaging of other lots in the neighborhood. Despite this reduced setback and clear evidence as to the front yard setback requirement, the Applicant contracted for the placement of the home and the home was placed in the front yard setback area. While the Applicant claims that this error was unavoidable or that the mistake could not be remedied. The exceptional practical difficulty with regard to the dwelling appears to have nothing to do with some unique physical characteristic of the Property and, instead, appears to be created by the Applicant or her agents.
  - c. The Applicant also failed to convince the Board that the variance for the dwelling is the minimum variance necessary to afford relief. As noted in Paragraph 19(a) above, the Applicant could place the dwelling in compliance with the Code. As such, the variance for the dwelling is not the minimum variance necessary to afford relief.

The Board approved the variance application for the shed, pumphouse, and guesthouse finding that it met the standards for granting a variance but the Board denied the variance application for the dwelling finding that it failed to meet the standards for granting a variance.

### Decision of the Board

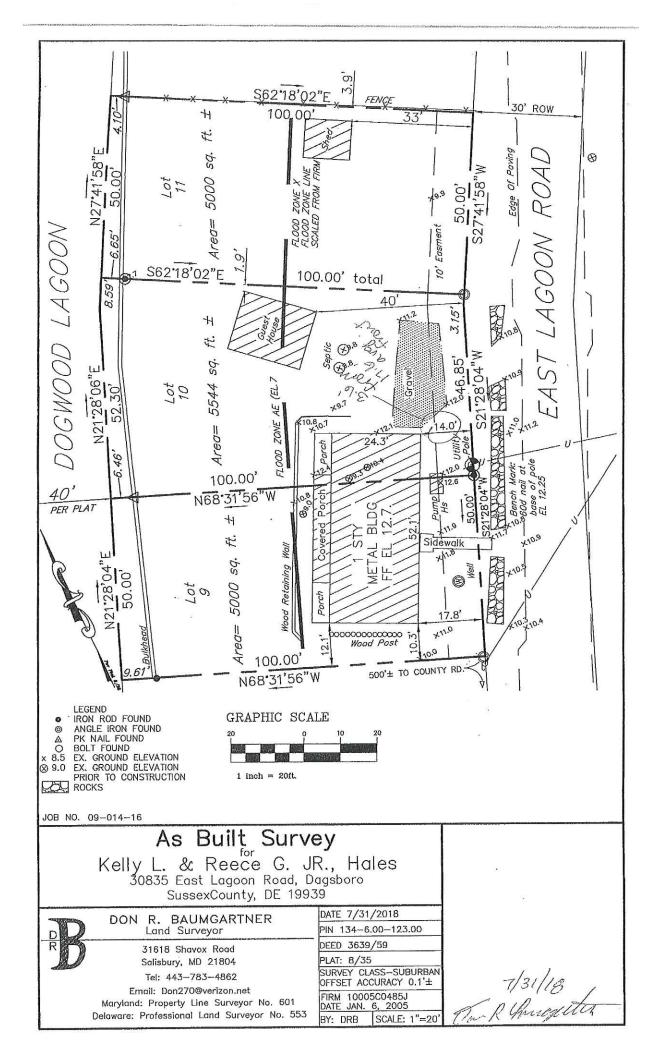
Upon motion duly made and seconded, the variance application was approved in part and denied in part. The Board Members in favor of the motion to approve in part and deny in part were Mr. Dale Callaway, Mr. Bruce Mears, and Mr. John Mills. Ms. Ellen Magee and Mr. Brent Workman voted against the Motion to approve the variance application for the shed, pumphouse, and guesthouse but to deny the application for the dwelling.

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT OF SUSSEX COUNTY

John Miles Chairm

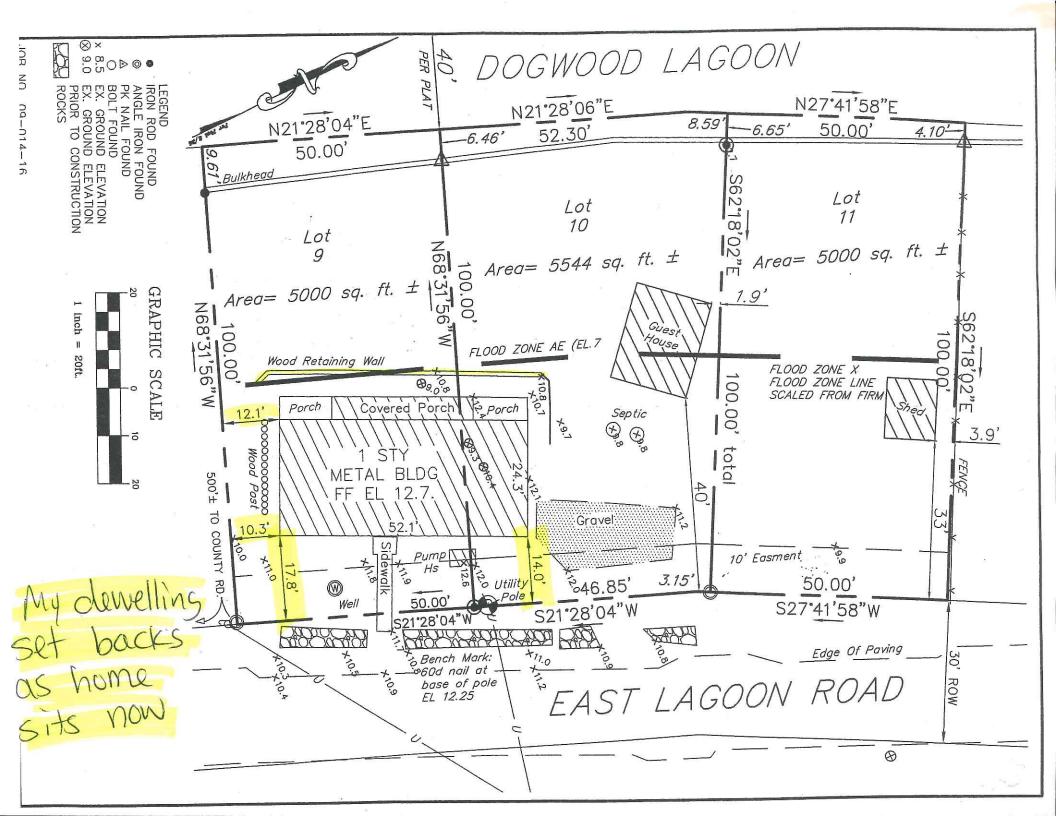
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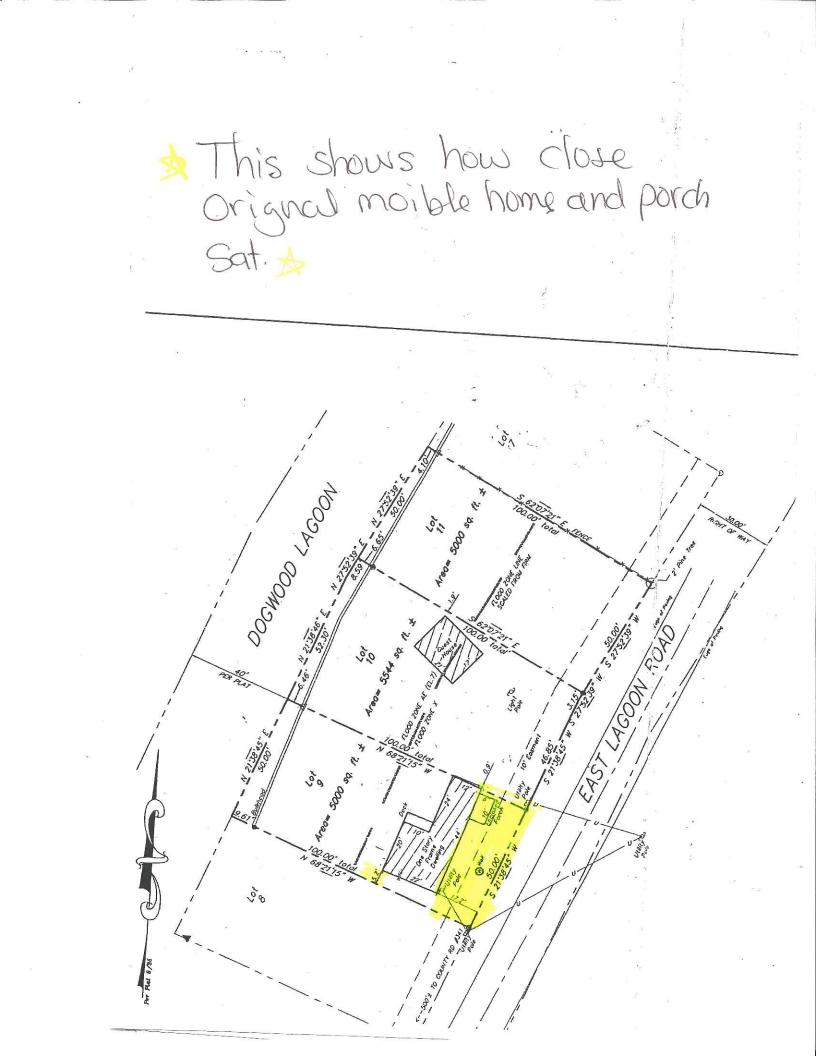
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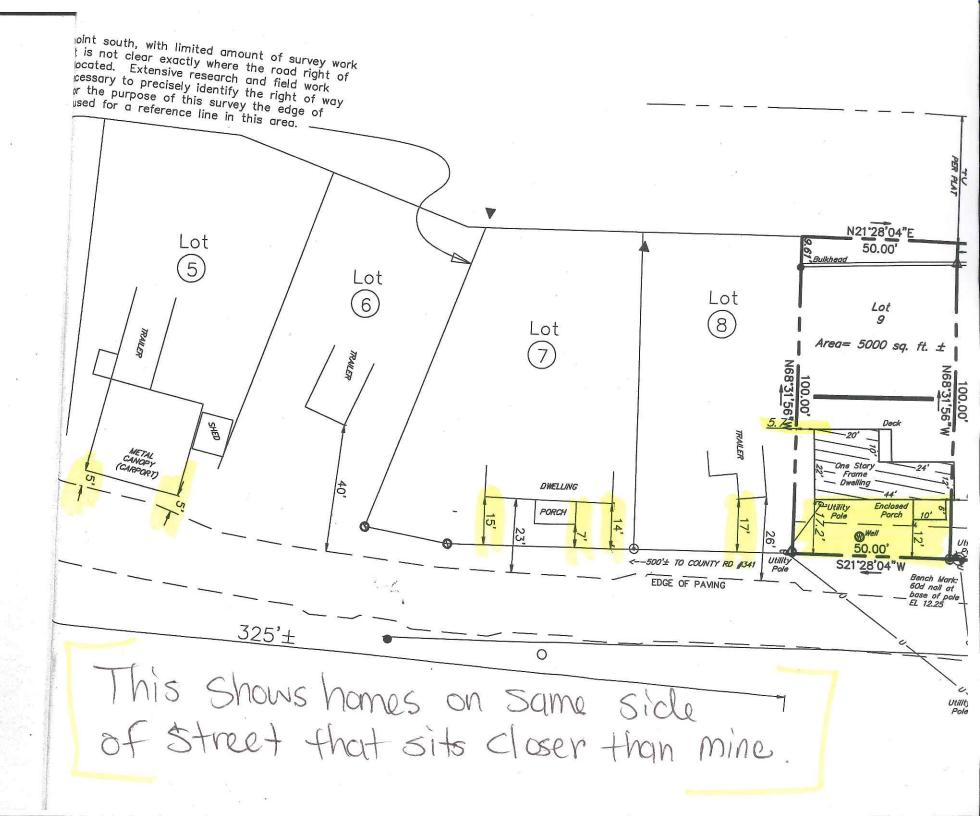


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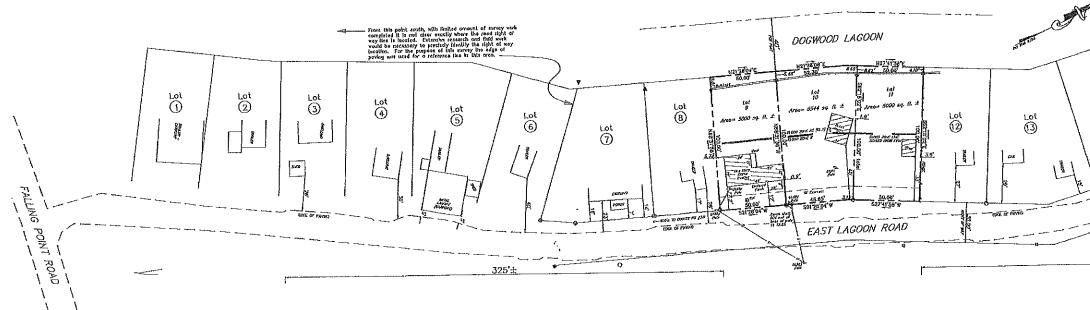








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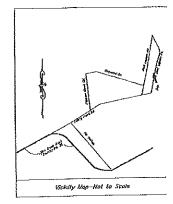
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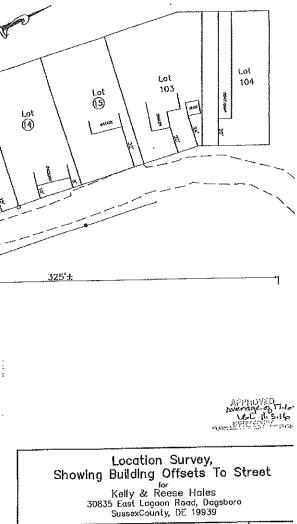


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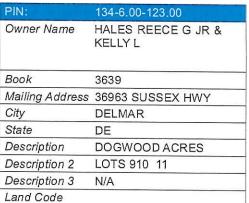


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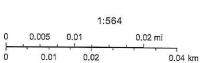












December 4, 2019

Case #\_\_\_\_\_\_ Hearing Date \_\_\_\_\_\_ 2020 **Board of Adjustment Application** 2019 Sussex County, Delaware Sussex County Planning & Zoning Department 2 The Circle (P.O. Box 417) Georgetown, DE 19947 302-855-7878 ph. 302-854-5079 fax Type of Application: (please check all applicable) Variance \_ 🗸 Existing Condition Proposed 🗸 Special Use Exception \_\_\_\_\_ Administrative Variance Code Reference (office use only 115-25 115-185 Appeal Site Address of Variance/Special Use Exception: 37348 8th Street Variance/Special Use Exception/Appeal Requested: \_ 11.3' from 20' ug trout for Screen porch on existing de Tax Map #: 334-19,12 - 98,00 Property Zoning: Applicant Information Applicant Name: Richard Byre Applicant Address: ILLO Hidden Trail Dr City, State, Zip: Owings Mills, MO ZILIF Applicant e-mail: RBy & By design and build. com Applicant Phone #: 443-761-7138 **Owner Information** Owner Name: Owner Address: and Purchase Date: City, State, Zip: Owner e-mail: Owner Phone #: Agent/Attorney Information The second states and second states and second Agent/Attorney Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Agent/Attorney Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, Zip: Agent/Attorney Phone #:\_\_\_\_\_\_ Agent/Attorney e-mail:\_\_\_\_\_ Signature of Owner/Agent/Attorney Date: 11/2/19

Criteria for a Variance: (Please provide a written statement regarding each criteria).

You shall demonstrate to the Board of Adjustment that the property meets <u>all</u> of the following criteria for a Variance to be granted.

In granting any variance the Board may attach such reasonable conditions and safeguards as it may deem necessary to implement the purposes of the Zoning Ordinance or Code. The Board is empowered in no case, however, to grant a variance in the use of land or structures thereon.

1. Uniqueness of property:

That there are unique physical circumstances or conditions, including irregularity, narrowness, or shallowness of lot size or shape, or exceptional topographical or other physical conditions peculiar to the particular property and that the exceptional practical difficulty is due to such conditions and not to circumstances or conditions generally created by the provisions of the Zoning Ordinance or Code in the neighborhood or district in which the property is located.

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2. Cannot otherwise be developed:

That because of such physical circumstances or conditions, there is no possibility that the property can be developed in strict conformity with the provisions of the Zoning Ordinance or Code and that the authorization of a variance is therefore necessary to enable the reasonable use of the property.

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3. Not created by the applicant:

That such exceptional practical difficulty has not been created by the appellant.

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4. Will not alter the essential character of the neighborhood:

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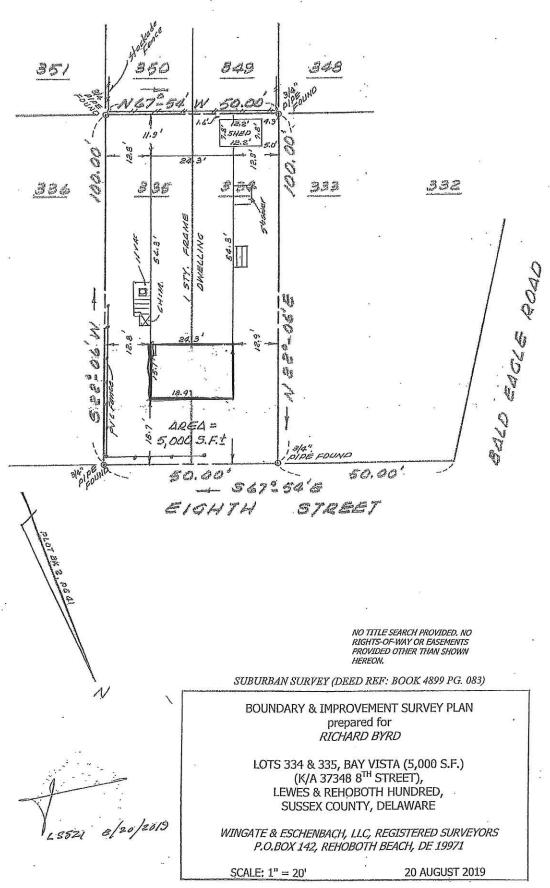
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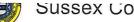
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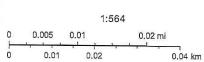


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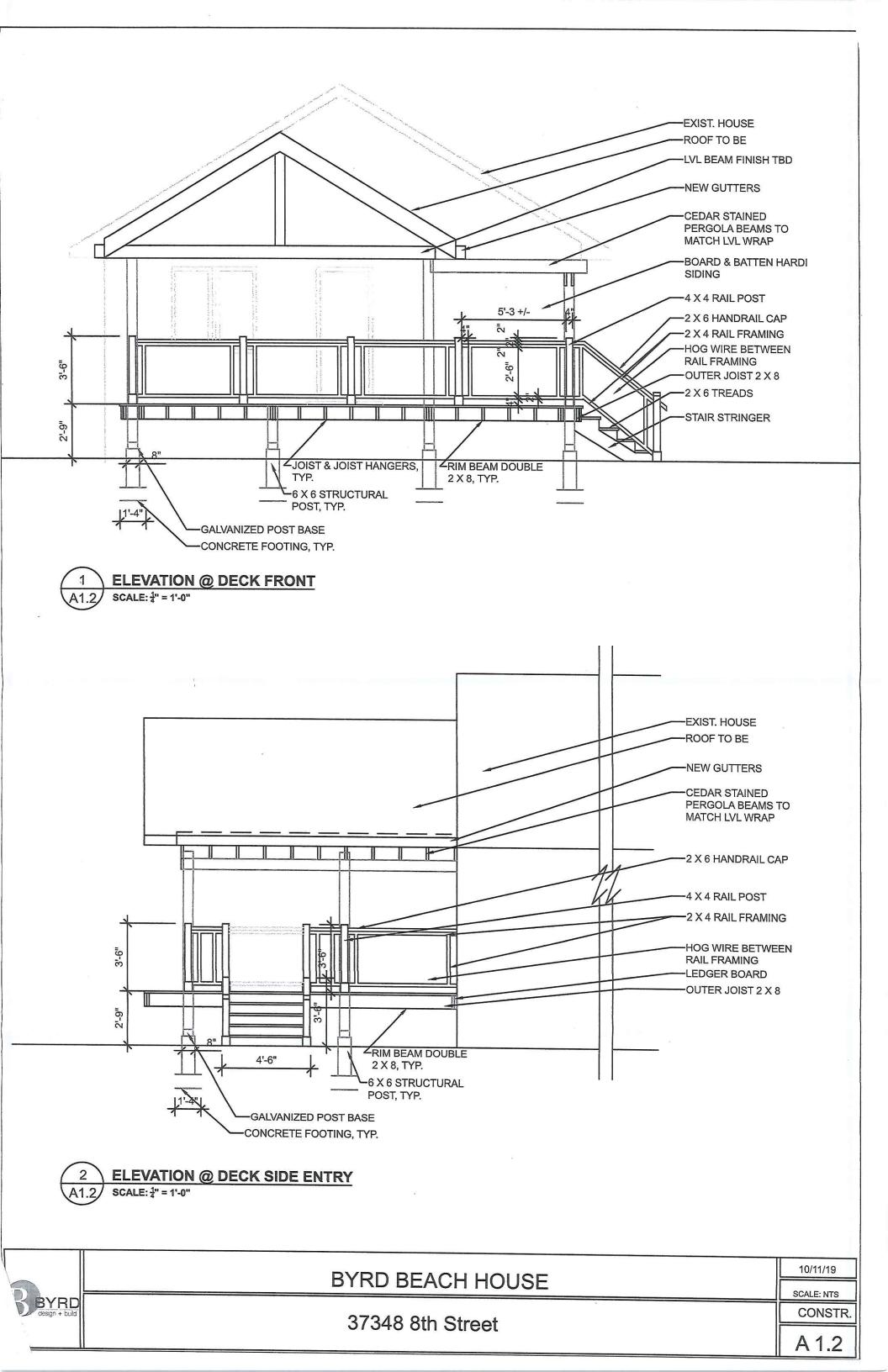


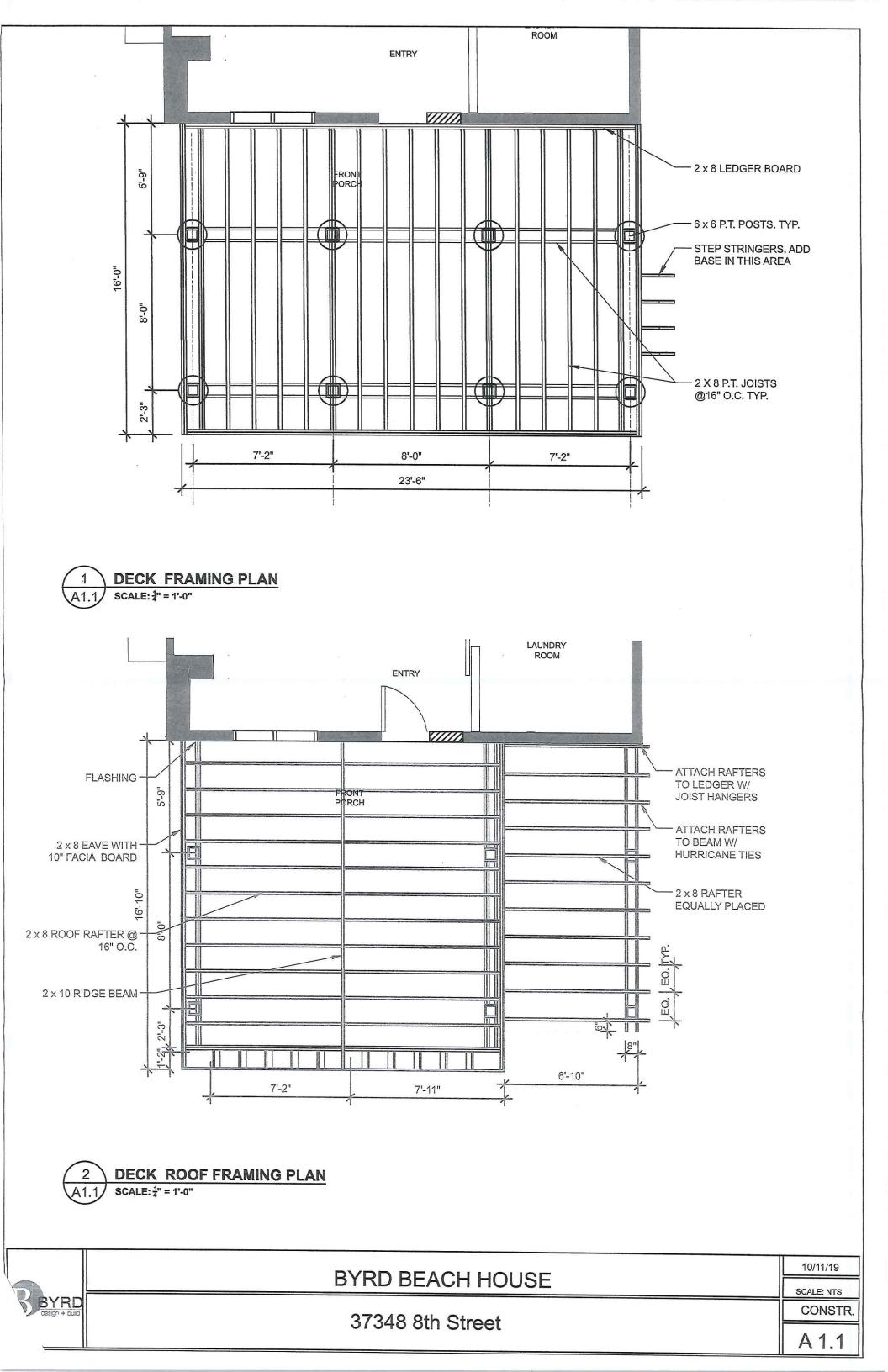
PIN:	334-19.16-98.00
Owner Name	BYRD RICHARD
Book	5116
Mailing Address	37348 8TH ST
City	REHOBOTH BEACH
State	DE
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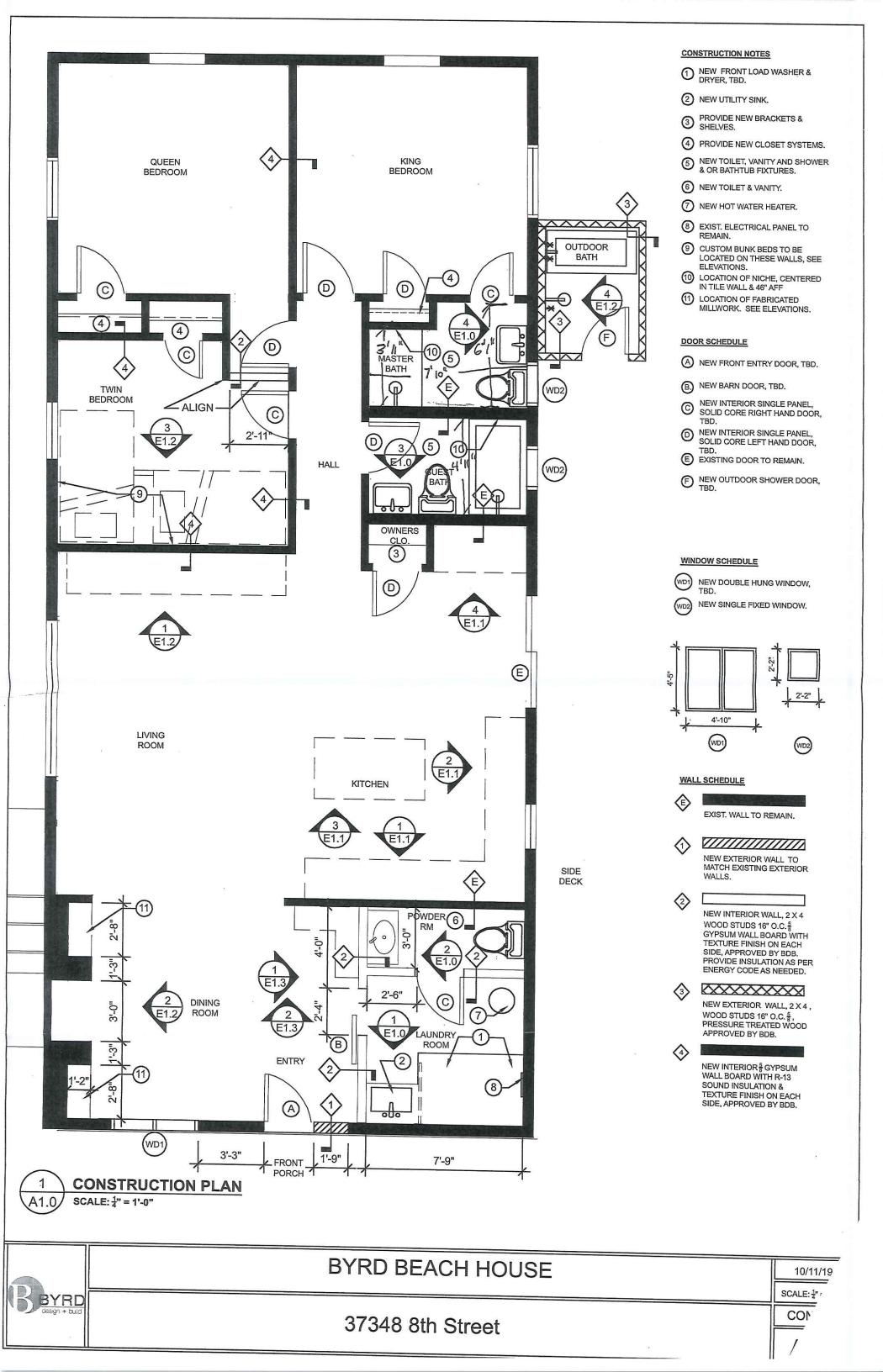




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Board of Adjustment Ap	
Sussex County, Dela	
Sussex County Planning & Zoning D 2 The Circle (P.O. Box 417) Georgetov 302-855-7878 ph. 302-854-50	wn, DE 19947
Type of Application: (please check all applicable)	
Variance 🕅 Special Use Exception 🗌 Administrative Variance 🗍 Appeal 🗍	Existing Condition Proposed Code Reference (office use only) <u>115-152</u>
Site Address of Variance/Special Use Exception:	113-103
Lots 29:30 Linden Drive, Lewes, DE Variance/Special Use Exception/Appeal Requested: Rear setback variance veguest. NOT C Gide Schback Variance	Angola By The Bay reated 2016 - PB236 PG14
Tax Map #: 2-34-11.20 Parcels 71.00 +122.00-	Property Zoning: <u>AR-1</u>
Applicant Information	
Applicant Name: <u>Bryan Ellist</u> — Insigh Applicant Address: <u>16255 Sussex Hvy.</u> City <u>Bridgeville</u> State <u>DE</u> Zip: Applicant Phone #: <u>302-604-0693</u> Applicant e-m	19933
Owner Information	0
Owner Name: <u>Kevin <sup>1</sup>/</u> Paula Burr Owner Address: <u>6428 Frothingham Ct.</u> City <u>Elkridgo</u> State <u>MB</u> Zip: <u>_</u> Owner Phone #: <u>410-707-4034</u> Owner e-mail:	21075 Purchase Date: burr Kp@comcast.net
Agent/Attorney Information	
Agent/Attorney Name: Same as applicant Agent/Attorney Address:	<u>+</u>
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Signature of Owner/Agent/Attorney	
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1. Uniqueness of property:

That there are unique physical circumstances or conditions, including irregularity, narrowness, or shallowness of lot size or shape, or exceptional topographical or other physical conditions peculiar to the particular property and that the exceptional practical difficulty is due to such conditions and not to circumstances or conditions generally created by the provisions of the Zoning Ordinance or Code in the neighborhood or district in which the property is located.

The property is unique as it is only 10,000 sq. ft.

2. Cannot otherwise be developed:

That because of such physical circumstances or conditions, there is no possibility that the property can be developed in strict conformity with the provisions of the Zoning Ordinance or Code and that the authorization of a variance is therefore necessary to enable the reasonable use of the property.

A variance is needed to enable reasonable use of the property due to the small size.

3. Not created by the applicant:

That such exceptional practical difficulty has not been created by the appellant.

The issue is not created by the applicant.

4. Will not alter the essential character of the neighborhood:

That the variance, if authorized, will not alter the essential character of the neighborhood or district in which the property is located and nor substantially or permanently impair the appropriate use of development of adjacent property, nor be detrimental to the public welfare.

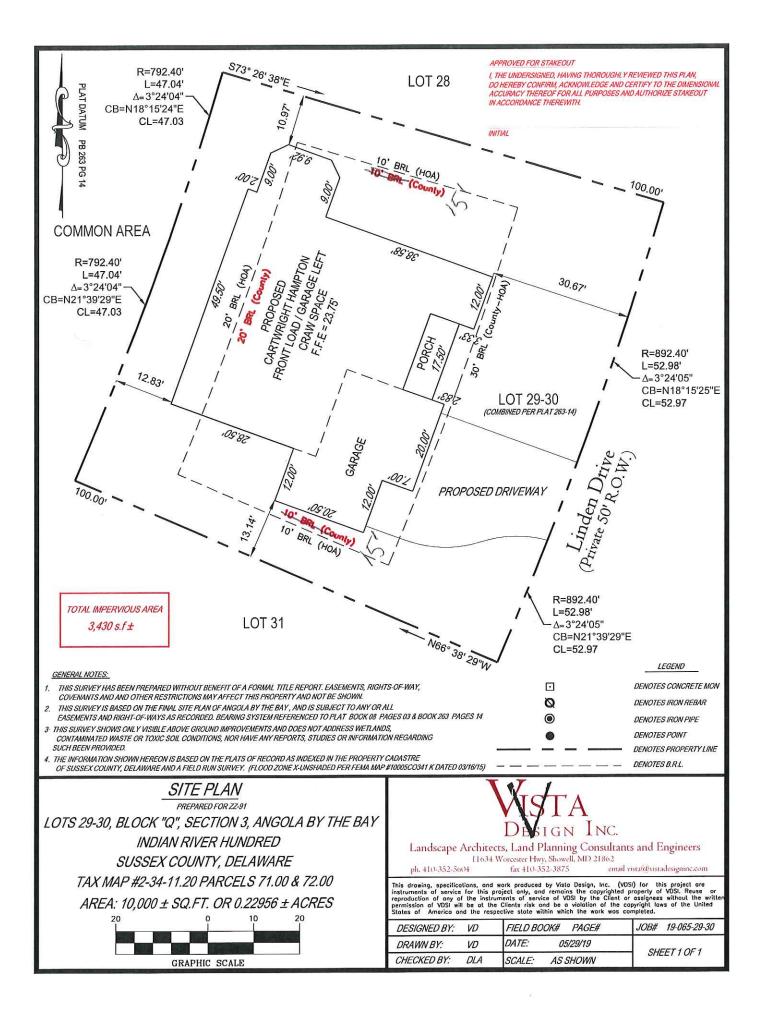
The variance if allowed will not alter the essential character of the neighborhood, but will enhance it.

5. Minimum variance:

That the variance, if authorized, will represent the minimum variance that will afford relief and will represent the least modification possible of the regulation in issue.

The request represents the minimum variance to afford relief.

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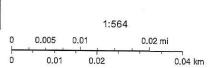


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PIN:	234-11.20-71.00
Owner Name	BURR KEVIN
Book	4584
Mailing Address	6428 FROTHINGHAM CRT
City	ELKRIDGE
State	MD
Description	ANGOLA BY THE BAY
Description 2	LOT 29 BLK Q SEC 3
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Land Code	





December 4, 2019

	Case # Hearing Date
Board of Adjustment Application Sussex County, Delaware Sussex County Planning & Zoning Department 2 The Circle (P.O. Box 417) Georgetown, DE 19947 302-855-7878 ph. 302-854-5079 fax	201913806
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22056 Shore Drive, Seaford, DE 19973	
Variance/Special Use Exception/Appeal Requested:	
Request to increase our in-home Child Care capacity from 6 to 12.	
Tax Map #: 331-3.00-8.00 Property Zonin	8: <u>AR-1 Agricultural</u>
Applicant Information Applicant Name: Laura Messick	Resident
Applicant Address: 22056 Shore Drive	
City <u>Seaford</u> State <u>DE</u> Zip: <u>19973</u> Applicant Phone #: (302) 396-4379 Applicant e-mail: info@thelear	ningtranda arg
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Owner Information	
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**Criteria for a Special Use Exception:** (Please provide a written statement regarding each criteria)

You shall demonstrate to the Board of Adjustment that the property meets <u>all</u> of the following criteria for a Special Use Exception to be granted.

1. Such exception will not substantially affect adversely the uses of adjacent and neighboring property.

We currently service five families, and have a wait list of 3 children, which would add an addition two families to our enrollment, if the variance is approved. We have been in operation a little over a month and neighbors have not had any complaints, rather they have been accepting and encouraging of our new business endeavor.

2. Any other requirements which apply to a specific type of special use exception as required by the Sussex County Code. (Ex. Time limitations – 5 year maximum)

unknown.

**Basis for Appeal:** (Please provide a written statement regarding reason for appeal)

22056 SHORE DR, SEAFORD, DE, 19973 331-3.00-8.00



Property Tax Information - Sussex County DE

To whom it may concern,

I Clarlatte A. Lausell, am the adjacent neighbor to Laura Messick, residing at 22056 Shore Drive, Seaford, DE 19973. I am aware Laura currently runs an in-home daycare and has a maximum capacity of 6 children. Laura has discussed with me her need to increase her capacity from 6 children to 12 children, with one of the additional children being her own, unborn little one. I understand the capacity increase would mean possibly up to two or three additional vehicles would be traveling our road Monday- Friday from 7am to 5:30 pm, excluding major holidays.

🔀 I am okay, and in agreement that Laura should be granted the increase.

I am not okay, or in agreement that Laura should be granted the increase. Because:

Charlotte S. Russell Name 22070 Shore Drive, Se

ford, DE Address

Date

Phone

Charlotte, S. Rusself

Signature



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