

Town of Penfield Zoning Board of Appeals 3100 Atlantic Avenue Penfield, NY 14526

March 18th, 2022

Todd & Lauren Harrison 71 Brougham Drive Penfield, NY 14566

Letter of Intent

To the members of the Penfield Zoning Board of Appeals,

Through our Application Package, we are requesting an 'Area Variance' for our proposed front entry and side porch addition project. We are hopeful that the Board is in agreement and thus determines that the area variance requested is a considerable benefit to us, the applicants.

We have spent a vast amount of time in the six years we have owned our home considering ways to not only improve the home's utility on a daily basis, but also how to improve the character of the neighborhood as a whole. We foresee no undesirable outcomes to the character of our neighborhood due to this addition and the requested area variance of under three feet. In fact, we have discussed our proposed project with the neighbors surrounding our home for well over one year now, and all are in agreement that adding this entry to the scale we are requesting, in addition to the front porch, will create a needed element of character and value to the street as a whole.

We do not foresee any circumstance where the area variance would be to the detriment to the surrounding homes. This home was built in the late 1960's, and while some minor cosmetic updates to the exterior have been completed during the home's lifetime, overall this home lacks curb appeal and charm currently. We take great pride in having a well manicured yard and a stately back deck that is visible from the street, and know that our proposed entry area variance and the front porch will greatly enhance the curb appeal of the home, and increase the value of our home as well as our neighbors. We believe that these updates will bring great value to our neighbors and their homes.

Our main motivation in adding an entry is that we live in a very standard colonial home. The first floor has two closets total, one of which is a dedicated pantry at the back of the home. The second closet is many feet away from the front door, leaving it virtually useless as a coat and shoe closet. We have two growing children who, as they get older, are involved in more activities within the community, from engaging in local sporting activities to growing their close-knit friend group. There is not a day that goes by that our current front entry, the four feet from the door to the staircase directly in front of it, is not problematic. We stumble over each other entering and our 'gear' ends up in massive piles obstructing the front door and hallway. We have attempted over six years to find alternative organization methods to help remedy the bottleneck issue with our current front door, but have been frustratingly unsuccessful; to the point that we have had to reimagine our formal dining room into a half

play area and half coat/bookbag/shoe area. The lack of space to enter our home comfortably is growing more problematic, the more our children grow and the busier our household becomes. We believe that the small area variance of under three feet that we have requested is the minimum amount of space needed to make this home function fully.

The area variance requested will pose no adverse effects or impact the physical environmental conditions in the neighborhood. On the whole, this addition is of a small scale and should not disrupt the environment or the neighborhood.

The lack of an entry, where we walk directly into our home's staircase upon entering, is in no way self-created. These homes were constructed decades ago, when families likely functioned much differently than we do today. Additionally, we have made every attempt to find alternative storage options in the home but have not find any suitable remedies. As such, we are requesting that our area variance be granted so that we can greatly improve the home's functionality while also bringing some charming updates to the curb appeal and aesthetic of our home.

We are excited to update this home and make it shine. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Warmly,

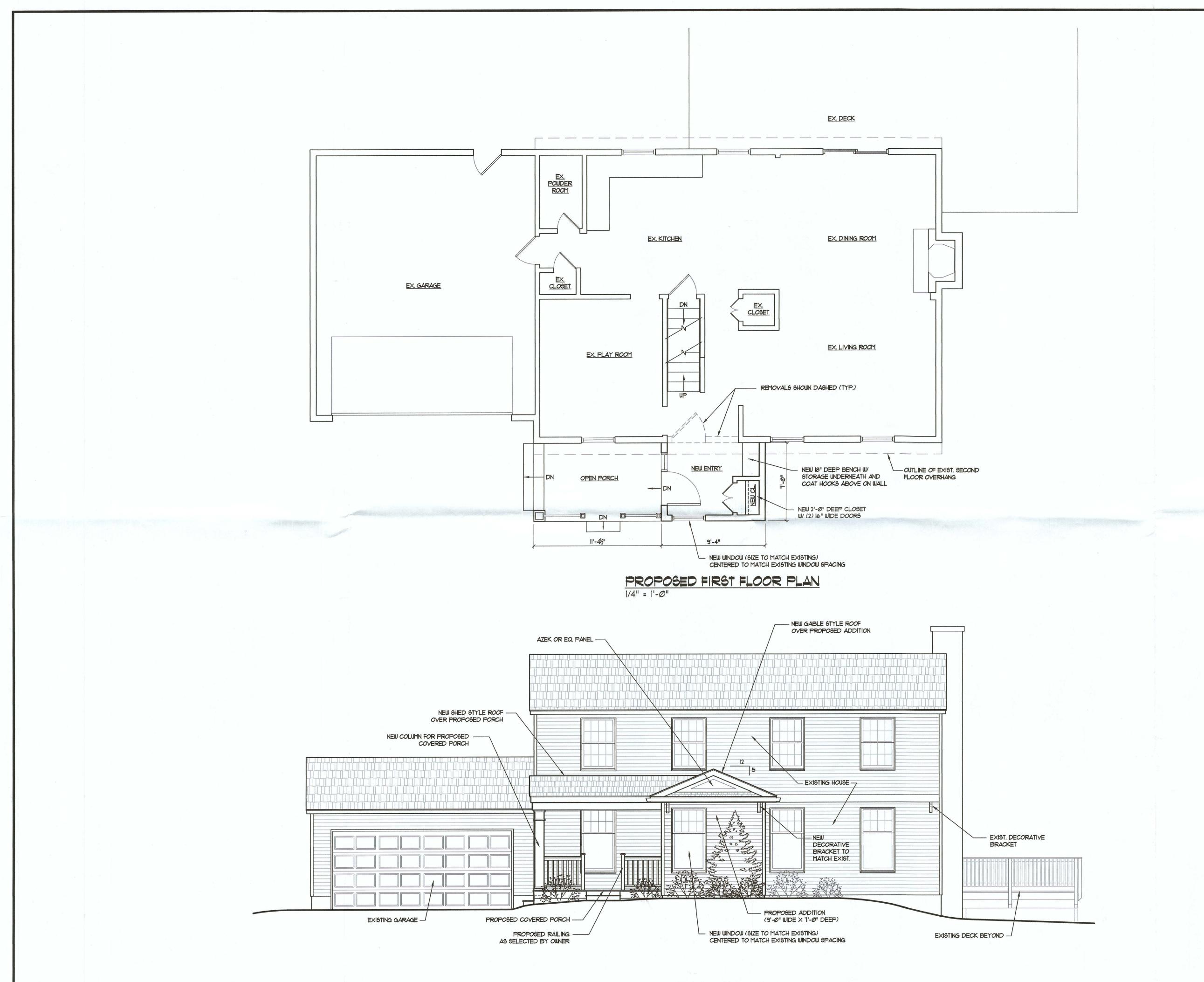
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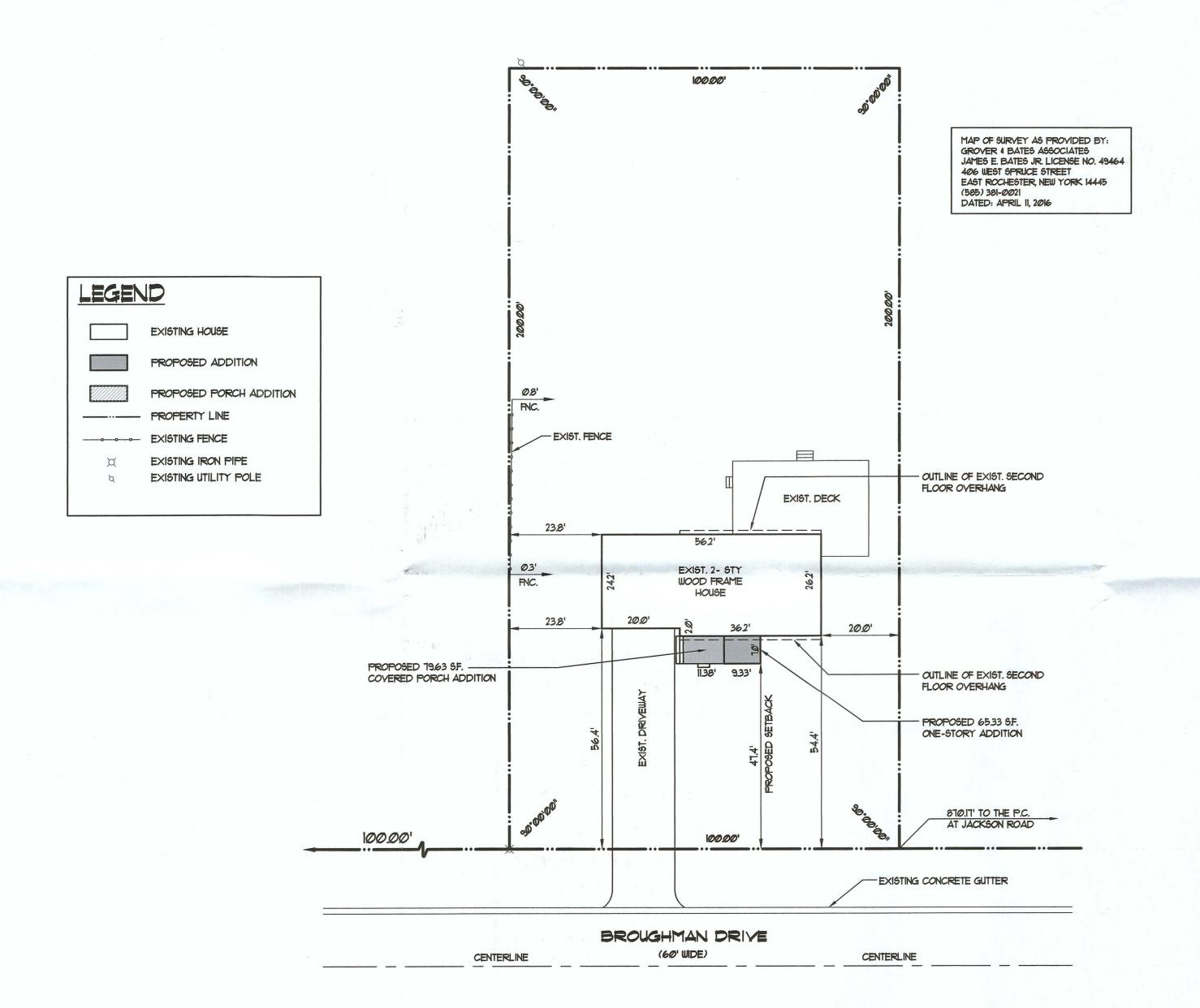
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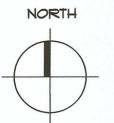
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Plot Plan



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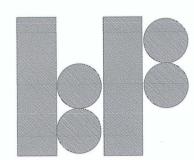
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- 2. NOTE: HAZARDOUS MATERIALS SHALL NOT BE STORED IN BUILDING OR ON SITE AT ANY TIME.
- 3. SETBACKS
 - REQUIRED FRONT SETBACK IS 50.0' EXISTING FRONT SETBACK IS 54.4'
- PROPOSED SETBACK AFTER ADDITION IS CONSTRUCTED IS 41.4" (THEREFORE VARIANCE IS REQUIRED).
- ALL OTHER SETBACKS ARE NOT AFFECTED BY THIS ADDITION.



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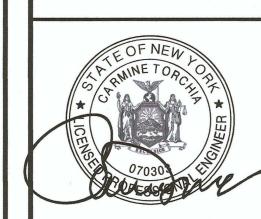
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