

# **BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS MEETING**

September 09, 2021 at 5:00 PM

Council Chambers — Town Hall

## **AGENDA**

**CALL TO ORDER** 

**AGENDA ADOPTION** 

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** 

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES: 06/28/21** 

<u>1.</u> Minutes 06/28/2021

APPEAL: 210810-1

A request from Peter & Kathleen Becker 6024 Lewis Street, Parcel 30A7-A-58, for a variance from Article III, Section 3.9.3 (2) of the Zoning Ordinance of the Town of Chincoteague. The applicant wishes to construct an addition to the existing non-conforming home and said parcel. The new addition would be placed 8' from the rear property line. Currently, zoning requires a minimum 25' rear setback. The property is zoned R-3 Residential.

2. Becker Appeal 09/09/2021

**BOARD ACTION ON APPEAL** 

**ADJOURN** 

# MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS JUNE 28, 2021 AT 7:00 P.M.

#### **Members Present:**

Members Absent:
Donald Thornton
Mike McGee

Robert Cherrix, Chairman Chuck Ward David Landsberger Jack Gillis Ernest W. Smith, Jr.

#### Call to Order

Chairman Cherrix called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

## Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Cherrix led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Public Participation**

Chairman Cherrix opened the floor for public participation.

There was none.

## **Agenda Adoption**

Mr. Landsberger motioned, seconded by Mr. Ward to adopt the agenda as presented. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

### 1. Approval of Minutes of the February 11, 2021 meeting.

Mr. Smith advised he was not given the opportunity to vote on the appeal at the last meeting and wanted the minutes to reflect such.

Mr. Landsberger motioned, seconded by Mr. Ward to approve the minutes of the February 11, 2021 meeting with as corrected. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

#### 2. Public Participation

There was none.

#### 3. Appeal V210524-1

A request from Mr. Robert Hyler of 4040 Birchtown Lane, parcel 30A4-A-39, for a variance from Article VI, Section 4.3.8 (1) of the Zoning Ordinance of the Town of Chincoteague. The applicant wishes to construct an addition to the front of existing home on side parcel. The new addition would be placed 6'6" from the west property line. Current zoning requires a minimum of 10' side yard setback.

Mr. Hyler explained his plans and advised that his architect met with the previous Building and Zoning Administrator and did a walkthrough where Mr. Lewis "blessed" the plans.

There was lengthy discussion about the setbacks and the original variance. The Board questioned the addition which is to be an office and bathroom. They asked about negative comments from neighboring properties.

Mr. Ward reminded that the Board is there to review variances based on hardships. He explained why this was granted originally and a neighbor expressed that they had a problem with this being so close to her property. The house was set back further, and she no longer had a problem with this. The variance was granted to Mr. Shelley Mason in 2015. Mr. Ward expressed his concern about allowing further variances for this property.

They discussed the ground level use and was advised it would be enclosed and used as storage. They also talked about the foundation, and floodplain.

Mr. Landsberger doesn't see any reason not to grant the variance because there is a prior variance. He feels they should approve it.

Mr. Landsberger motioned, seconded by Mr. Ward to approve the variance that the findings and facts statement that the Board of Zoning Appeals found a 6' 6" variance previously applies also to the request for the addition. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

Mr. Ward announced that as of July 7<sup>th</sup>, he will be moving off of the Island and this will be his last meeting on the Board of Zoning Appeals.

## 4. Adjourn

Mr. Ward motioned, seconded by Mr. Landsberger to adjourn. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.



#### TOWN OF CHINCOTEAGUE

**BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS STAFF REPORT** 

#### **DEPARTMENT CONTACT:**

MARK BOWDEN 6150 Community Drive Chincoteague, VA 23336 757-336-6519

**DOCKET NUMBER:**APPEAL V210810-1

PETITIONER/PROPERTYOWNER:
Peter & Kathleen Becker

#### **PUBLIC HEARING DATE:**

September 9, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers located at 6150 Community Drive. Chincoteague, VA 23336

PROPERTY ADDRESS/LOCATION: 6024 Lewis Street Chincoteague, VA 23336 Parcel # 30A7-A-58

SPECIFIC REQUEST: Consideration of a Variance from Article III, section 3.9.3(2) of the zoning ordinance of Town of Chincoteague. The applicant wishes to construct a 12 x12 porch, a one story 24' x 14' 2" Bedroom, A 3 x 25'6 back deck and A 3'x 14 porch off new Bedroom on the above parcel. The addition would be located 8' from rear property line, Current Zoning requires a minimum 25' Rear yard setback.

SIZE OF PROPERTY: .206 Acres 9200 SF

**EXISTINGZONING:** 

R-3

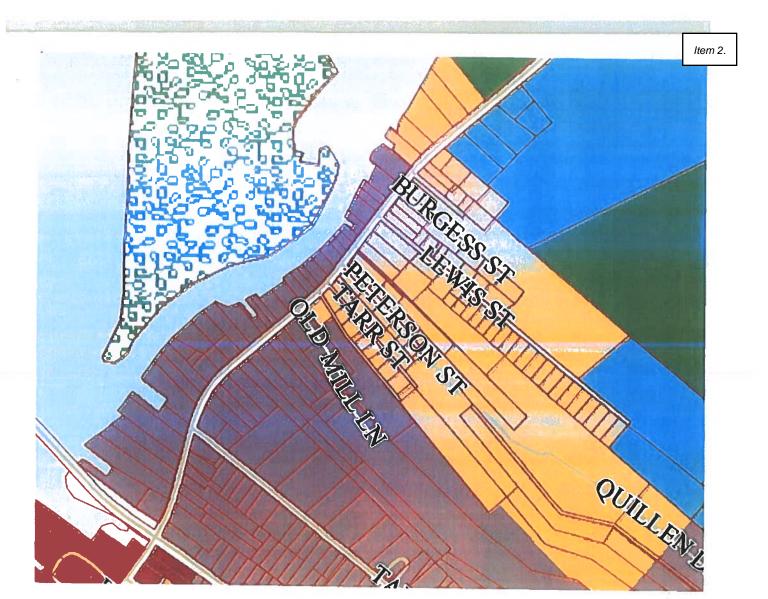
EXISTING LAND USE:
SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING

PROJECT SUMMARY: Peter & Kathleen Becker is requesting to construct a 24 x 14'2" addition on the east side of the existing structure and a 12x12 porch and decks on the back of the existing structure located at 6024 Lewis Street. the proposed 1 story addition and decks would be located 8' from the back property line. The existing dwelling setbacks are 18.91' from the rear property line. The existing dwelling is nonconforming structure which does not meet the 25' required rear yard setbacks. Assessor records show building in year 1920 and in 1984 this structure was moved to the property.



### STAFF RECOMMENDATION

☐ APPROVE	APPROVE WITH CONDITIONS	☐ DENY	☐ CONTINUE



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Sec. 8.2. Powers of the board of zoning appeals. The board of zoning appeals shall have the following powers and duties: 8.2.1. To hear and decide appeals from any order, requirement, decision or determination made by an administrative officer in the administration or enforcement of this ordinance.

8.2.2. To authorize upon appeal or original application in specific cases such variance as defined in section 2.173 from the terms of this ordinance as will not be contrary to the public interest, when, owing to special conditions, a literal enforcement of the provisions will result in unnecessary hardship; provided that the spirit of this ordinance shall be observed and substantial justice done, as follows:

### **CHINCOTEAGUE CODE**

#### CDA:110

When a property owner can show that his property was acquired in good faith and where by reason of the exceptional narrowness, shallowness, size or shape of a specific piece of property at the time of the effective date of this ordinance, or where by reason of exceptional topographic conditions or other extraordinary situation or condition of the piece of property, or of the condition, situation, or development of property immediately adjacent thereto, the strict application of the terms of this ordinance would effectively prohibit or unreasonably restrict the utilization of the property or where the board is satisfied, upon the evidence heard by it, that the granting of the variance will alleviate a clearly demonstrable hardship approaching confiscation, as distinguished from a special privilege or convenience sought by the applicant, provided that all variances shall be in harmony with the intended spirit and purpose of this ordinance.

The board of zoning appeals shall require the applicant for a special use permit to submit written comments from all property owners within 300 feet of the boundary line of the property upon which action is to be taken, when application is made to appeal for a variance, the applicant shall submit signatures from all adjoining property owners including the property owners across the street or across bodies of water adjacent to or dividing two properties. The Board of Zoning Appeals may require the applicant to submit written comments from additional property owners.

No such variance shall be authorized by the board unless it finds:

- (1) That the strict application of this ordinance would produce undue hardship.
- (2) That the hardship is not shared generally by other properties in the same zoning district and the same vicinity.
- (3) That the authorization of the variance will not be of substantial detriment to adjacent property and that the character of the district will not be changed by the granting of the variance.

No variance shall be authorized except after notice and hearing as required by Code of Virginia, § 15.2-2204. However, when giving any required notice to the owners, their agents or the occupants of abutting property and property immediately across the street or road from the property affected, the board may give such notice by first class mail rather than by registered or certified mail. No variance shall be authorized unless the board finds that the condition or situation of the property concerned is not of so general or recurring a nature as to make reasonably practicable the formulation of a general regulation to be adopted as an amendment to this ordinance.

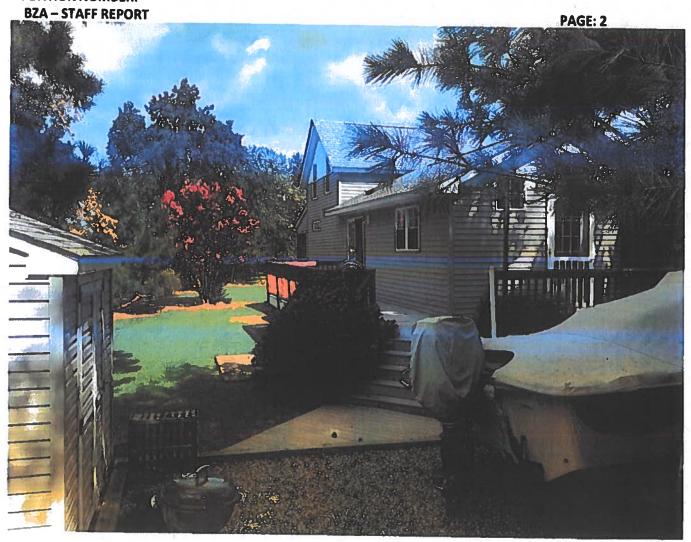
In authorizing a variance, the board may impose such conditions regarding the location, character and other features of the proposed structure or use as it may deem necessary in the public interest and may require a guarantee or bond to ensure that the conditions imposed are being and will continue to be complied with.

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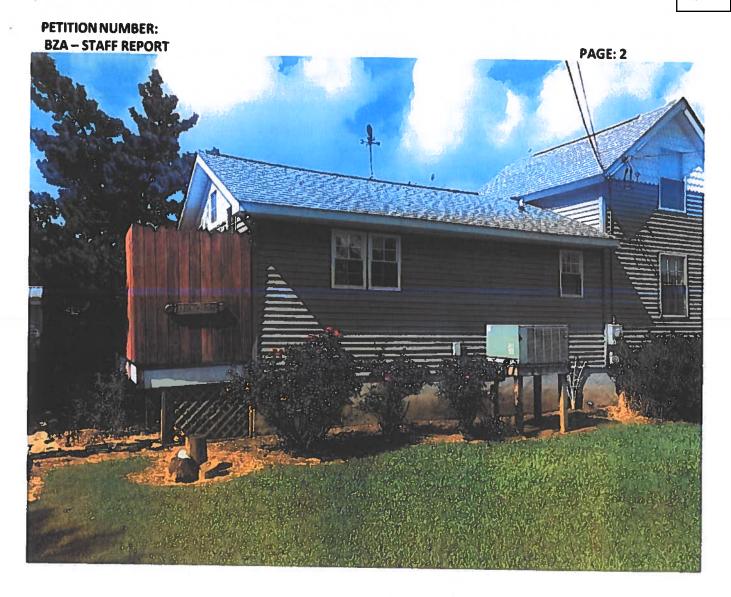
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PUBLIC COMMENTS:		
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The existing structure was moved to this property in 1984. The addition will meet the front and rear yard setbacks and side yard setbacks; the front yard setback is 33.18' and the east side yard setback is 23.72'. The west side yard setback is 31.9'. the rear yard setback is 18.91' without the additions and with the proposed additions the rear yard setback will be 8'. The proposed hardship is the existing dwelling only has one bedroom which is located on the second floor, the access to the second-floor bedroom is winding stairs that are only 24 inches wide with low headroom and the steps have narrow treads which makes access to the bedroom unsafe. I don't see a hardship for the back porch.













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# **ATTACHMENTS:**



# TOWN OF CHINCOTEAGUE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS APPLICATION

APPEAL CASE NUM	BER: <u>V3/08/0-/</u>		MAIL THIS)	
APPLICANT/APPELLANT NAME:	TER + KATHLEE	BECKER LAURALIN	TZ AGENT	
ADDRESS: 2144 STRINGTOW	NRD, SPARKS,	MD 2/152		
PHONE NUMBER 410 967 254	D E-MAIL BEC	KER, KATHLEEN 10	GHALL COT	
OWNER/APPELLANT SIGNATURE:				
ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: 402	•	1		
TAX MAP#: 30A7-A-58	PARCEL#	42005F LOT SIZE: . 20	6 ACRE	
ZONING DESIGNATION:	R-3	DATE ACQUIRED: 82	0/12	
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(X) VARIANCE FROM ZONING REG	GULATIONS			
( ) APPEAL FROM A DECISION OF	THE ZONING ADM	NISTRATOR		
( ) INTERPRETATION OF THE ZONING DISTRICT BOUNDARIES				
( ) APPEAL OF A ZONING VIOLATION NOTICE				
( ) SPECIAL EXCEPTION				
( ) APPEAL FROM ANY ORDER, R DETERMINATION MADE BY AN	REQUIREMENT, DEC IY OTHER ADMINIST	ISION, OR RATIVE OFFICIAL		
( ) REVOCATION OF SPECIAL EXP ACTION.	CEPTION, OR OTHE	R REQUESTED		
( ) APPEAL FROM FLOOD PLAIN	ORDINANCE			
SECTIONS OF ZONING ORDINANC	E UNDER APPEAL:			

PLEASE PROVIDE A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE GROUNDS FOR THE APPEAL, SPECIAL EXCEPTION, OR OTHER REQUESTED ACTION.

ATTACH ADDITIONAL PAGES IF NECESSARY.

IF THE APPLICATION IS FOR A VARIANCE, ANSWER QUESTIONS 1-8 ON THE FOLLOWING PAGES.
Hardship Issues for the Site + Reasons for Variance Request
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Becker's purchase in 2012,
- Existing decks were built before becker's purchase
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BR ACCESS IS by a 2' wide winding Stair
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PLEASE PROVIDE RESPONSES AND EXPLANATIONS WHERE APPLICABLE TO THE FOLLOWING:

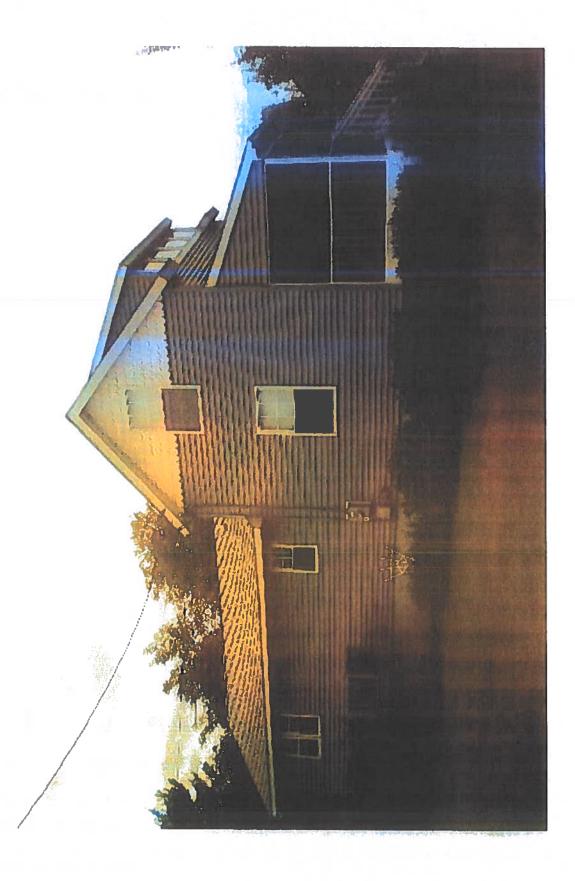
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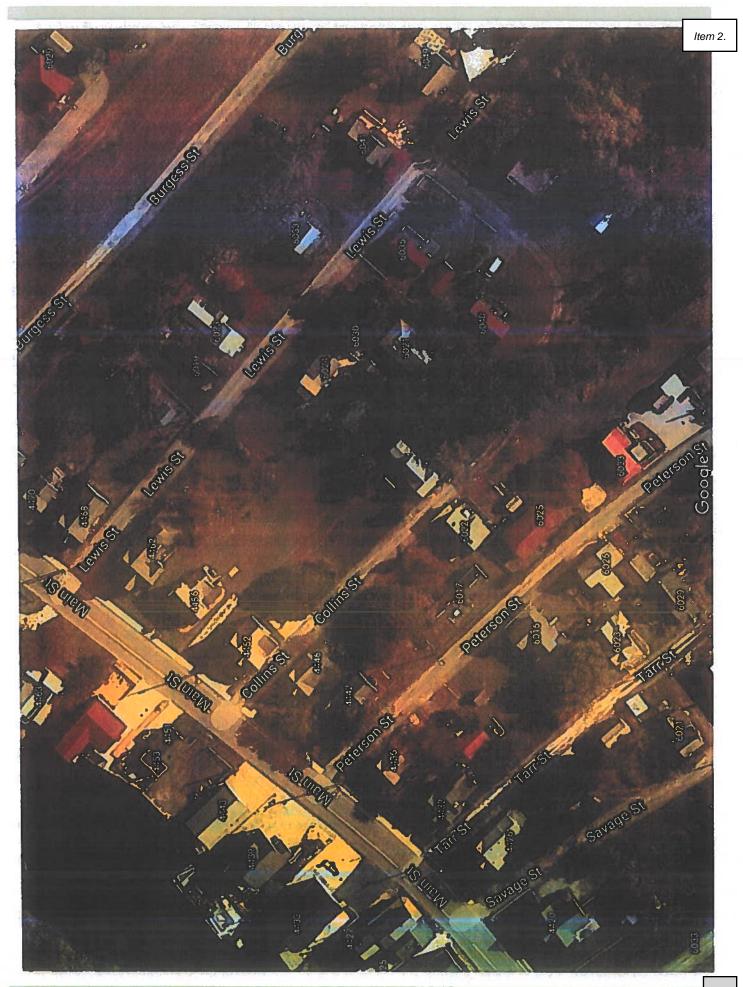
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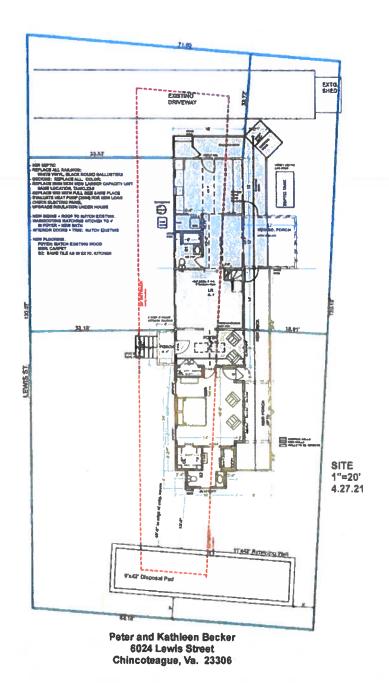
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REPRESENTATIVE'S PHONE NUMBER: 757, 894, 1370	
REPRESENTATIVE'S EMAIL: W W DWATER ARCH ITECTS @ GHALL, ON	
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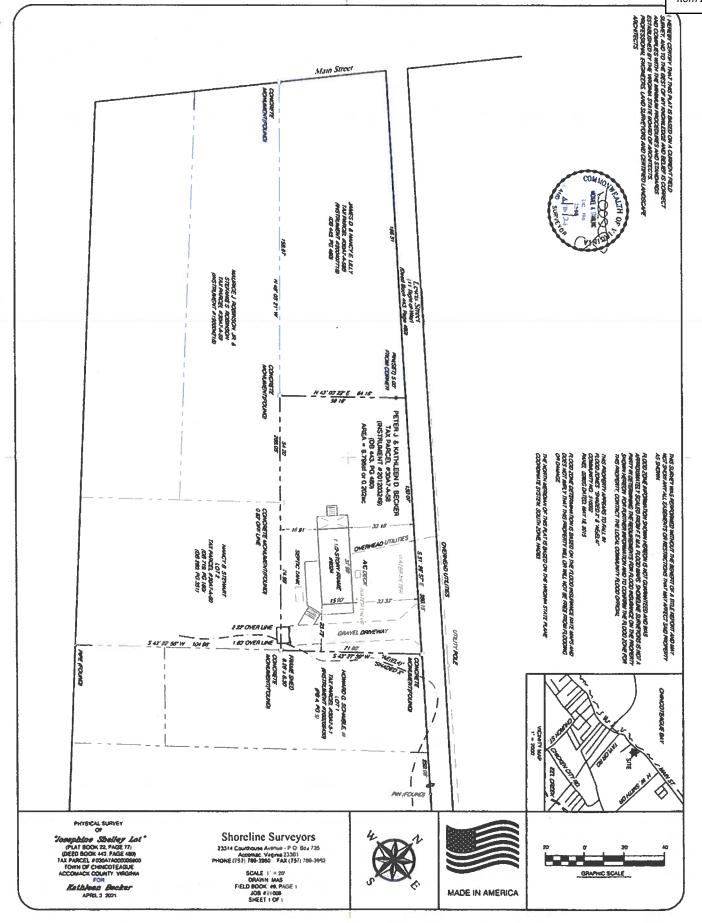
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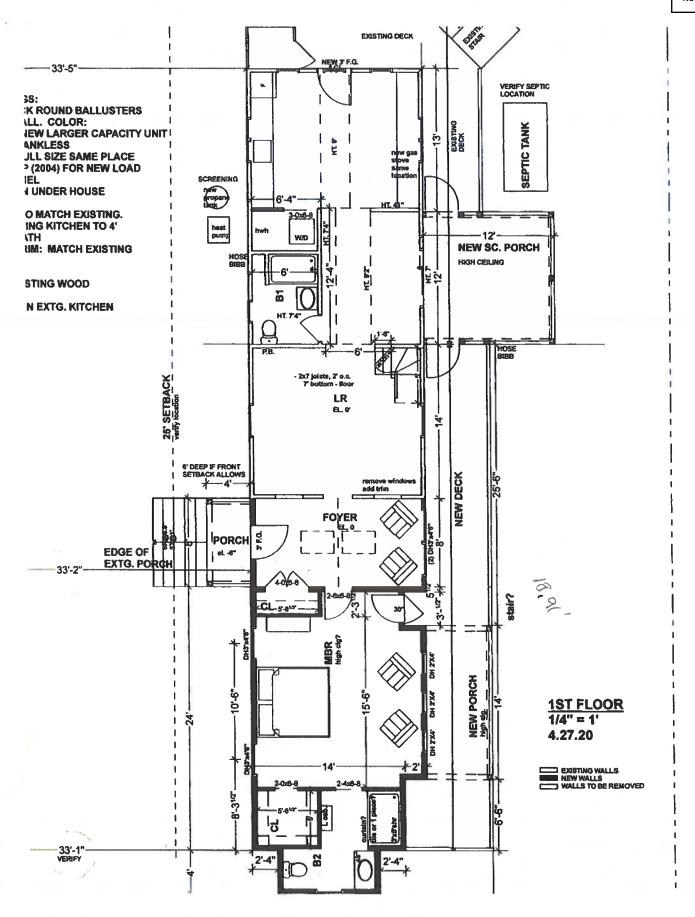


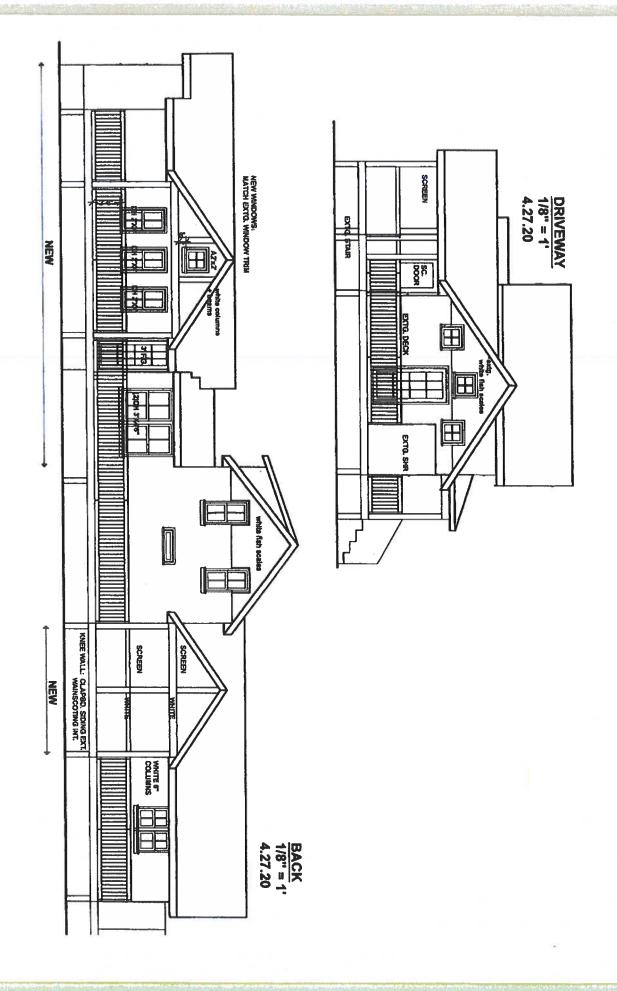




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Cathy A. Costantino 107 West Main St. Burkittsville, Md. 21718 6023 Lewis St. 30A7-A-56 30A7-A-55A Lewis St. parcel

Maurice J. Robinson or Stefanie S. Robinson 15730 River Rd.

Chesterfield, Va. 23838

4456 Main St. 30A7-A-59

James D. Lilly or Nancy E. Lilly 200 Indigo Way Waxahachie, Tx. 75165 4462 Main St. 30A7-A-58B

Nancy S. Stewart C/O Nancy Simmons 6021 Collins St. Chinc. Va. 23336 6021 Collins St. 30A7-A-60

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August 11, 2021

Eastern Shore Post P.O. Box 318 Tasley, VA 23441

Dear Sirs:

The Town of Chincoteague requests the following notice of public hearing be published in the Eastern Shore Post on Friday August 20, 2021, and Friday August 27, 2021:

#### **Public Notice**

The Board of Zoning Appeals of the Town of Chincoteague will hold a public hearing on Thursday September 9, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers located at 6150 Community Drive to receive public comments and views on the following zoning matter:

Appeal V210810-1 A request from Peter & Kathleen Becker 6024 Lewis Street, Parcel 330A7-A-58, for a variance from Article III, section 3.9.3 (2) of the zoning ordinance of the Town of Chincoteague. The applicant wishes to construct an addition to the existing non-conforming home on said parcel. The new addition would be placed 8' from the rear property line Current zoning requires a minimum 25' rear yard setback. The property is zoned R-3.

Mark Bowden Zoning Administrator