Marge Schmuckal - Re: 34 Howard St.

From: Lauren Reiter < lauren jreiter@yahoo.com>

To: Marge Schmuckal <MES@portlandmaine.gov>

Date: 9/10/2014 6:01 PM **Subject:** Re: 34 Howard St.

CC: Tom Landry <tomlandry@benchmarkmaine.com>

Thanks Marge. I'll get revised "official" drawings to you by end of this week, including the stair bulkhead, and hopefully we can talk on Tuesday when you return. Please call my cell 917-502-2225, or email me. Or, I'll be in town Tuesday and Wed. if you want to meet to go over them. (I will give them the original date, as I understand that this is how things have to be entered in the system.)

Have a great weekend!

Lauren

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On Wednesday, September 10, 2014 4:54 PM, Marge Schmuckal <MES@portlandmaine.gov> wrote:

Hi Lauren,

What you marked up looks like it could work. I would need a little more info on how the stairs to the roof would be constructed along with a good elevation.

To let you know, I am going out of town on a long weekend and will be back next Tuesday so we can finalize this permit and get it out to you.

thank you, Marge

>>> Lauren Reiter <laurenjreiter@yahoo.com> 9/9/2014 5:09 PM >>> Marge, I've attached a marked-up A4/Proposed Plan drawing to try to communicate what the Owner would like to do at this point, following the results of our meeting yesterday. The notes on the drawing indicate the following:

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Based on our conversation, I am assuming that all of the above items present no issues relative to zoning.

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thanks so much! Lauren

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Date: Subject: 9/9/2014 5:10 PM 34 Howard St.

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Tom Landry >a href="mailto:com/">>a href="mailto:com/">a href="mailto:com/">>a href="mailto:com/">a href="mail Attachments: 34 Howard Proposed Plan revisions 9-09-14.JPG

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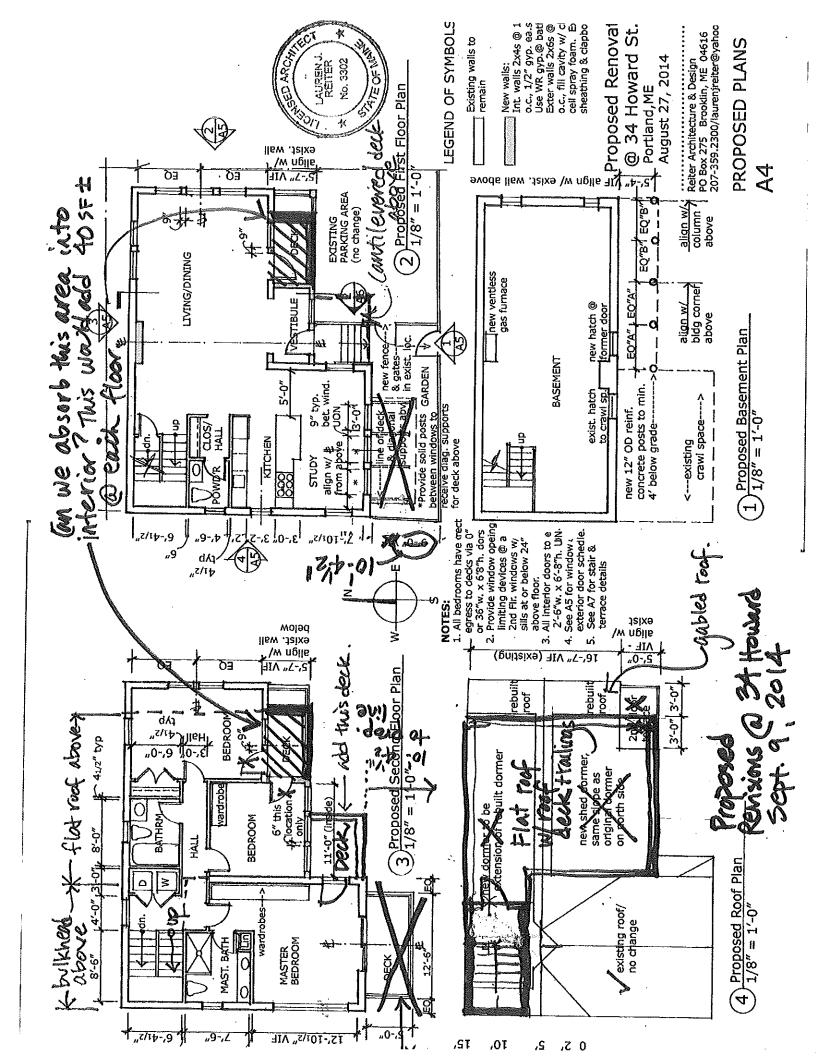
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Marge Schmuckal - 34 Howard St.

From: Lauren Reiter < lauren jreiter@yahoo.com>

To: Marge Schmuckal <mes@portlandmaine.gov>

Date: 9/8/2014 3:27 PM **Subject:** 34 Howard St.

CC: Tom Landry com/

Marge, thanks for the meeting this morning - I think it was very helpful for both of us. I wanted to confirm a few things and also ask a question.

- 1. We do not have adequate setback for the proposed second floor deck off the master bedroom where currently shown, so I will take that off the drawings. However, we would like to place it instead off the east side of the same room -i.e. over the outside entrance stairs, which I assume is acceptable based on our conversation today. This would not encroach on the 10' setback.
- 2. I am going to revise the drawings to show a deck over part of the re-built roof area. The highest original roof will still be intact, and there will still be a gabled building end facing Howard, to maintain a similar look to the end of the building as original.
- 3. The question is this: in lieu of the small outside decks facing Howard St. off the living room on the 1st floor and bedroom on the second floor, could these spaces be enclosed at each floor and become additional interior space? It would add approximately 50 additional square feet at each floor and would be done be extending the new dormer in the direction of Howard St..

It might be easiest if I send a quick diagrammatic sketch to you showing all of the things noted above, which I will send tomorrow. However, I just wanted to let you know what the general revisions would be, as discussed.

thanks, Lauren

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Marge Schmuckal - RE: Peaks Island library/community center

From:

"Dick Reed" <dreed@reedarchitecture.com>

To:

"'Marge Schmuckal'" <MES@portlandmaine.gov>, <campbell@portland.lib.me.us>

Date:

9/2/2014 10:25 AM

Subject: RE: Peaks Island library/community center

From: Marge Schmuckal [mailto:MES@portlandmaine.gov]

Sent: Friday, August 29, 2014 1:40 PM

To: campbell@portland.lib.me.us; dreed@reedarchitecture.com

Subject: Peaks Island library/community center

Marge,

Thanks for checking on this and for seeing what other sections of the Ordinance might apply.

A couple of guestions:

How do conditions existing and approved since the 1970's, with a permanent foundation and roof, affect the porch enclosure?

If the porch enclosure is not allowed by current Ordinances due to setback requirements, what is the process for an exception?

Regards,

Dick

Hi Dick & Sara,

I promised to get back to you on the zoning matter of enclosing the existing "porch" as you described it. Section 14-427. Enclosure of porches:

"Any open porch existing with a roof over the same on June 5, 1957, and encroaching upon any yard required by this article may be enclosed if the major portion of the enclosure is of glass."

So I can't use this section of the Ordinance because this was not in existence in 1957. I will do a little more research concerning this property to see how this was originally approved and to try to figure out if another section of the Ordinance might apply.

Have a great Labor Day weekend.

Marge

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Marge Schmuckal - Re: 34 Howard Street - 2014-01970 - 014-E-019

From: Lauren Reiter < lauren jreiter@yahoo.com>

To: Tom Landry tomlandry@benchmarkmaine.com, 'Marge Schmuckal' MES@portla...

Date: 9/3/2014 1:12 PM

Subject: Re: 34 Howard Street - 2014-01970 - 014-E-019

Marge, I left you a phone message this morning, but I am hoping I can answer your questions here.

1. The Residential Addition application notes: "Renovation of existing single-family home, including re-building of inadequate...roof framing at one part of the building.....No change to building footprint other than....new living space in former area of access hatch." The expanded square footage to create new living space (SF noted on the cover sheet) is entirely in the area above the original access hatch, on both the first & second floors.

- 2. The existing roof plan on Drawing A2 notes that a large section of the roof is to be re-built (largely due to very insufficient existing framing). Existing elevations on Drawing A3 also note the areas of roof to be re-built.
- 3. The Proposed Roof Plan on Drawing A3 and Proposed Elevations on Drawing A4 indicate which is existing dormer area to be re-created, and where expanded or new dormers are located.
- 4. Most importantly, the **overall height of the building is not changed**, as the highest roof-line is existing and is to remain. **The net additional square footage is 78 SF**, created by the new dormer on the south side of the east-west roof, and includes footage on both the first and second floors (though the majority of added footage is at the second floor). This number is well under the additional footage allowable for a non-conforming building when the existing roof-line limits head height. **The building footprint, relative to it's lot lines, is also not changed**. There is no change to curb-cut or location of perimeter fencing.
- 5. As a point of clarification, the proposed deck off of the second floor Master Bedroom is technically not cantilevered, as diagonal steel supports attached to the wall below are included rather than posts that land on grade.

I hope that this answers your questions and will allow review of the project to proceed. If not, please let me know what other information I can provide.

best regards, Lauren

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On Tuesday, September 2, 2014 6:38 PM, Lauren Reiter <laurenjreiter@yahoo.com> wrote:

Marge, I'd love to have a chat with you over the phone - tomorrow if possible - but could also meet with you this Friday, if that is needed. But, I think I can answer your questions over the phone, and can follow-up with additional information as needed.

Is there a convenient time to call you tomorrow (Wednesday)? thanks and best regards, Lauren

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On Tuesday, September 2, 2014 3:45 PM, Tom Landry <tomlandry@benchmarkmaine.com> wrote:

Hi Marg, I have ccd the Architect, Lauren Reiter, she will be better to answer these questions. Always happy and find it productive to meet. If needed work out a day and time and just lmk. Be well!

Tom Landry Broker/Owner Direct: 207-939-0185

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Sent: Tuesday, September 02, 2014 3:08 PM **To:** tomlandry@benchmarkmaine.com

Subject: 34 Howard Street - 2014-01970 - 014-E-019

Hi Tom.

I am in receipt of your application for work at the above address. Your application did not mention the expansion of the dormer. Because the building is legally nonconforming as to setbacks, 14-436 limits how much you can expand upward on the nonconforming building. I did not see any calculations provided for this expansion. I also am not sure where the cantilever deck is being placed. It might be easier to meet to go over these items. Feel free to e-mail or call me to set up a time to go over this project. I have to put your permit on hold until such time I am sure that it is meeting the Land Use Zoning Ordinance.

Marge Schmuckal Zoning Administrator City of Portland, Maine (207) 874-8695

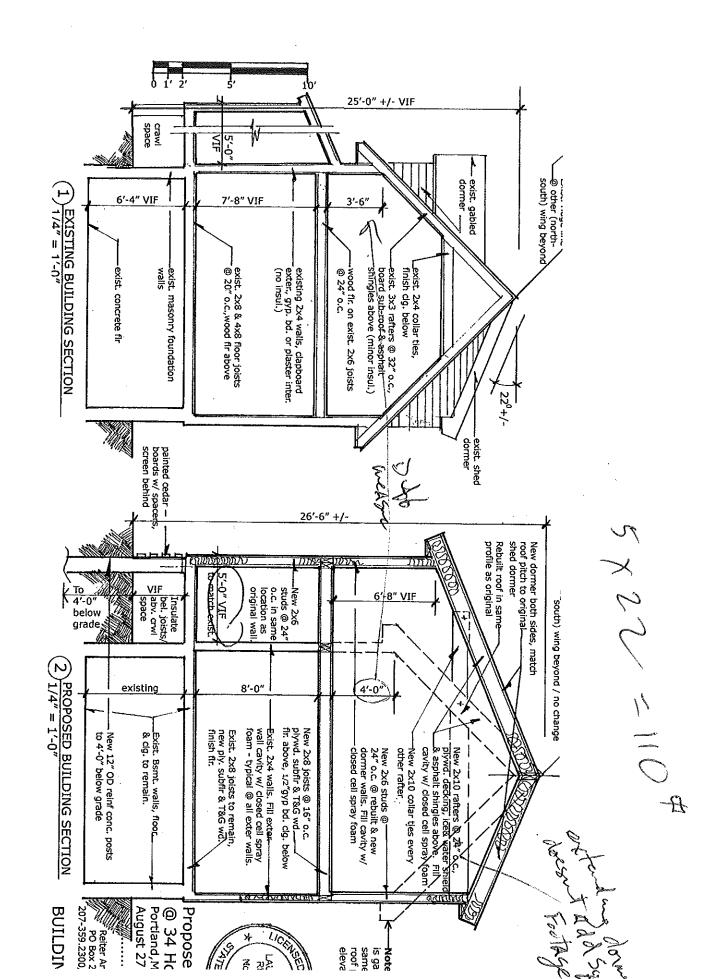
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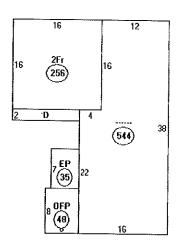
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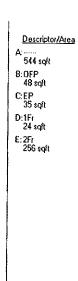
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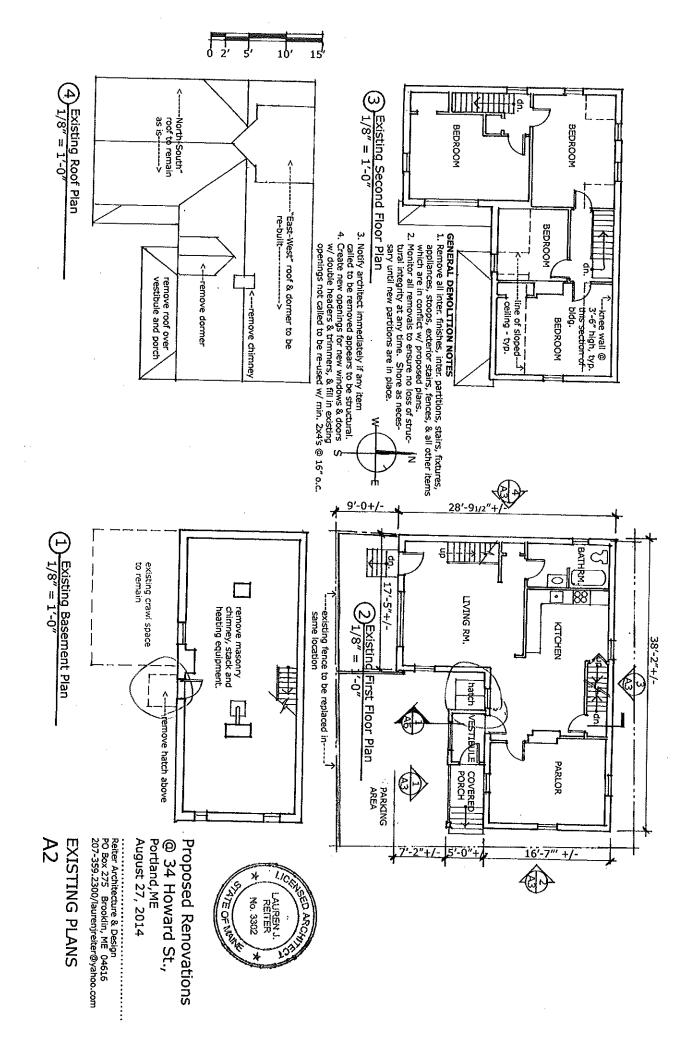
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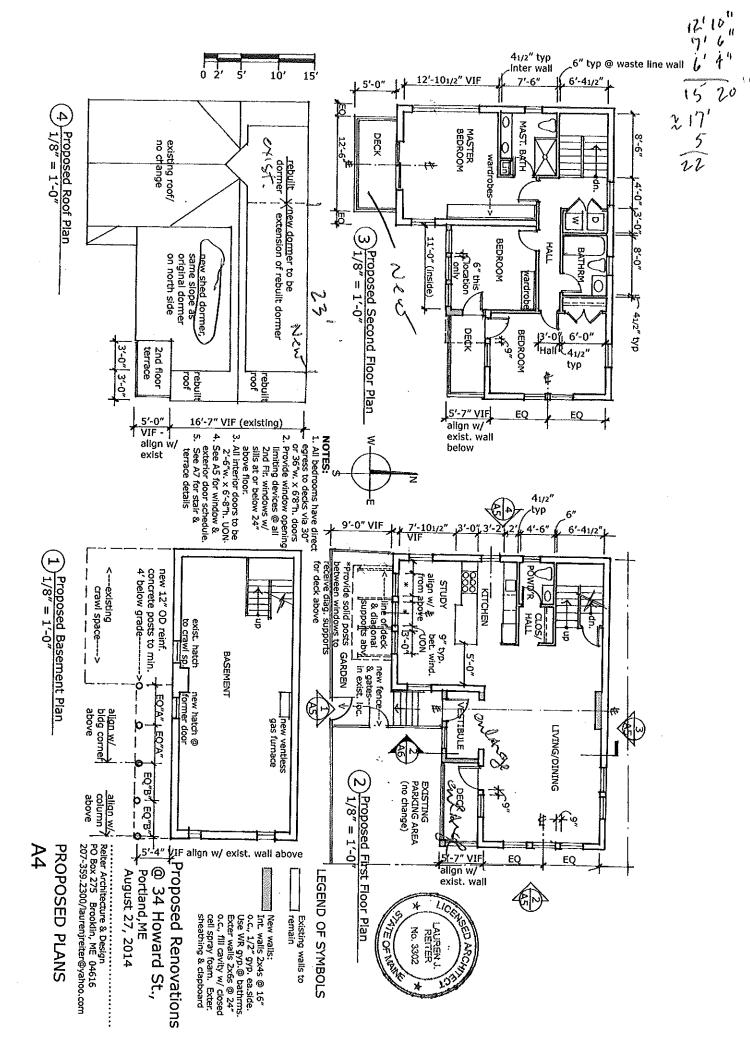
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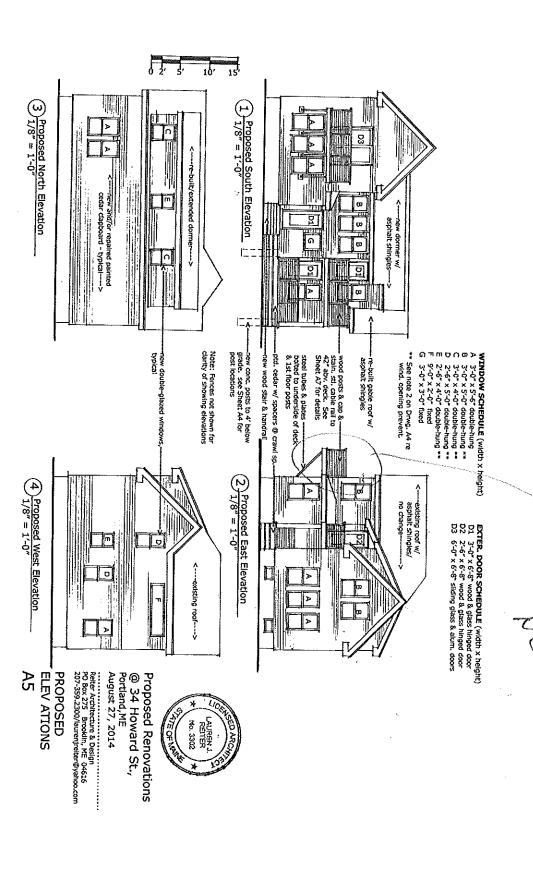












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