

Application is hereby made to the **Board of Selectmen** by

#### Town of Stockbridge Special Permit Application (6.1.2)

(\$200 Application Fee plus the cost of publication of notice of public hearing and postage costs paid by applicant prior to hearing)

Application for: Extension, Alteration, Reconstruction, or Change of Use of Nonconforming Structures, Uses and Lots per zoning bylaw section 6.1.2:

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Applicant (name):	Michael & Rebecca R. Bellora
Applicant Signature:	Without Robacca R. Bellora by La Utcholo Chiat
Applicant Mailing Address:	34 Millard Street, Fairfield, CT 06824 Their Attornor
Applicant phone and email:	mike.bellora@outlook.com; (203) 274-2137
On the day of	August , 2_022 for property shown on the Stockbridge
Assessors Map #101_, Lot	#
Owner of property:	Michael & Rebecca R. Bellora
Owner's signature:	Without Rebecca R. Bellera by tal & Indes Chirat
Address of property:	38 Lake Drive, Stockbridge, MA 01262
Mailing Address:	34 Millard Street, Fairfield, CT 06824
Description of property:	Single family 2 story dwelling
Present use of property:	Residential single family
Project Description:	Replace existing single family dwelling with new single family dwelling
Appropriate Section of Zoning Bylaw: 6.1.2 & 6.3	
Describe the reason you believ Zoning Bylaw: i.e. lacks fronta	we that the lot and/or structure to be in nonconformance with the current age, lacks area square footage, height of structure, infringement on setbacks:
Please see attached letter dated August 12, 2022.	

- 1. Attach six sets of scale drawings or prepared site plan with measurements showing the existing conditions and proposed changes, including location, size and height of proposed building.
- 2. Also attach six plot plans showing the locations of all structures and buildings with scaled measurements to all lot lines and between all structures,
- 3. along with a total of five copies of this application, six complete sets of documents.
- 4. Submit digital plans and application to: selectmen@stockbridge-ma.gov

All applications must be accompanied by seven complete sets of documents, all areas of the above form must be completed and <u>submitted to the Town Clerk</u> with the proper fee paid, or the application will be deemed to be incomplete and returned to the applicant.

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#### VIA HAND DELIVERY

August 12, 2022

Ms. Terri Iemolini, Town Clerk Stockbridge Town Hall 50 Main Street Stockbridge, MA 01262

RE: Special Permit Application for Michael & Rebecca R. Bellora

38 Lake Drive, Stockbridge, MA

Dear Clerk Iemolini:

Enclosed please find a special permit application (6 original applications with a \$200.00 filing fee) along with attachments on behalf of the above referenced applicant pertaining to the property at 38 Lake Drive, Stockbridge (the "Property"). This application to the Board of Selectmen is made pursuant to the Stockbridge Zoning Bylaw (the "Bylaw") Sections 6.1.2 and Section 6.3.

The property at 38 Lake Drive comprises .25 acres of land along the southwest corner of Lake Mahkeenac, near the Lake's outlet, and is served by frontage along Lake Drive. Please see the Assessor's Property Card attached hereto as *Exhibit A*. The single-family residence on the Property (the "House") is a two-story contemporary structure built in 1957. The exterior of the House is clad with cedar shingles/shakes painted dark brown and the roof is clad with black asphalt shingles. The easterly facing façade, toward the Lake, is adorned with a large screened-in

porch and there is a small dock at the water's edge. Please see the photographs of the exterior of the House, attached hereto as *Exhibit B*, for your reference.

The Property is located in the "R-2" zoning district and the Property and the House are pre-existing nonconforming with respect to lot area, lot frontage, front and rear-yard setback and northern side-yard setback. In addition the entirety of the Property and the House are within the 150 foot setback from the mean high water line of Lake Mahkeenac ("Stockbridge Bowl"), rendering both pre-existing nonconforming with respect to the Lake and Pond Overlay District. Please see the Proposed Site Redevelopment Plan, Proposed Septic System Plan and Detail Sheet, last revised 8/3/2022, by White Engineering in conjunction with this project (the "Site Plan")(*Exhibit C*). The area of the Property is 10,703 square feet, equal to .25 acres, as provided on the survey attached hereto as *Exhibit* D, dated December 9, 2021, titled "Survey of Land in Stockbridge, Massachusetts for Michael and Rebecca R. Bellora, December 9, 2021, Scale 1"=15', by Taconic Land Consultants, 44 Imperial Street, Lanesborough, MA 01237. Existing lot area coverage of the House (footprint area) is 1,177 square feet which equals 11% lot area coverage.

The House is proposed to be demolished and replaced with a new single-family residence comprising 3 bedrooms. Please see architectural renderings and plans attached at *Exhibit E*, dated 8/2/2022, by Creative Building Solutions, LLC, project designer and contractor. The proposed plan will shift the house approximately ten (10) feet to the south in order to move the structure away from the northern property boundary (currently only about two (2) feet) and abutter, rendering the pre-existing condition significantly less non-conforming (see *Exhibit D*). The plan maintains setbacks to existing improvements at the front (West) and rear/lake facing (East) yards, with the existing distance from the porch to the property line at the edge of the Stockbridge Bowl being approximately thirty-three (33) feet. The proposed plan provides total footprint area of one thousand one hundred and sixty-two (1,162) square feet, which equals just under eleven (11) percent lot area coverage, maintaining the existing non-conforming condition (*Exhibit E*). The proposal further provides for a combined floor area/habitable space of two

thousand one hundred and forty (2,140) square feet (*Exhibit E*), equaling the ratio of twenty (20) percent of lot area, remaining in conformity with the Bylaw.

In conjunction with this Application for a special permit, the applicant has applied for: (1) a Demolition Permit from the Stockbridge Historic Preservation Commission and Building Commissioner, approved May 4, 2002 (see *Exhibit F* attached); (2) project review by the Natural Heritage Endangered Species Program, approval received May 19, 2022, stating that the proposed project will not adversely affect the resource area habitat, (copy on file with the Conservation Commission); (3) project review by the Stockbridge Board of Health, unanimously approved June 16, 2022; (4) a Septic System Plan Approval from TriTown Health Department, approved June 28, 2022, for the proposed new design and upgrade to the septic system (see *Exhibit G* attached); (5) an Order of Conditions from the Stockbridge Conservation Commission pursuant to a Notice of Intent (5/27/22), as amended last on 8/8/2022 (copies on file with the Conservation Commission); and (6) an application for a special permit (8/8/22) from the Stockbridge Planning Board pursuant to Section 6.5 (Lake and Pond Overlay District) of the Bylaw (copy on file with the Planning Board office).

In order to grant this application for a special permit, the Stockbridge Board of Selectmen, as the Special Permit Granting Authority (the "SPGA") pursuant to Sections 6.1.2 and 6.3 of the Bylaws, are required to consider each of the following factors in determining that the proposal to change, extend, alter or reconstruct the pre-existing non-conforming structure or use will not be more detrimental than the pre-existing non-conforming structure or use to the neighborhood:

- a. Is in compliance with all provisions and requirements of the Bylaw, and in harmony with its general intent and purpose;
- b. Is essential or desirable to the public convenience or welfare at the proposed location;
- c. Will not be detrimental to adjacent uses or to the established or future character of the neighborhood;

- d. Will not create undue traffic congestion or unduly impair pedestrian safety; and
- e. Will not overload any public water, drainage, or sewer system or any other municipal facility to such an extent that the proposed use of any existing use in the immediate area or in any other area of town will be unduly subjected to the hazards affecting public health, safety or general welfare.

The applicant respectfully suggests that the instant application meets the above listed requirements, as follows:

- a. The proposed application and use continues the existing single family residential use and nature of the property, which has existed for sixty-five (65) years, while alleviating the intensity of the northern side-yard pre-existing non-conformity, thereby benefitting both the subject property and the northern abutter. Moreover:
  - The proposal allows the home to be relocated and re-constructed in an area that is already cleared, relatively flat and currently a maintained lawn;
  - The proposal complies with the Lake and Pond Overlay District (LPOD) lot coverage requirements by proposing less than 15% of the lot within the LPOD. In this case the entire lot lies within the LPOD;
  - Only select trees will be removed that are diseased and dying with a net increase in trees and vegetative buffers as a result of the proposed work between the house and Stockbridge Bowl as well as the bordering vegetated wetland;
  - The proposal calls for a series of stormwater management best management practices to accommodate the new home that promote groundwater recharge in a decentralized fashion as well as supplement the buffer plantings proposed;
  - The proposal eliminates the existing 'tight tank' septage disposal and provides a sophisticated septic system that utilizes numerous Innovative and Alternative (IA) technologies approved by the Department of Environmental Protection that will have on-going maintenance contracts to ensure the system perform as designed and proactive measures are taken to make repairs, if necessary; and
  - The home will be constructed adhering to the latest building and stretch energy codes providing a far more energy efficient home than the existing structure.
- b. By substantially replicating the existing character, aesthetic and use of the preexisting property and home in an updated and modernized manner, achieved while dramatically improving and upgrading the Property's impacts on its neighbors as delineated by the long list of environmental and ecological benefits

cited above, the resulting proposal is both desirable and essential to the public convenience and welfare and the also neighborhood in general.

- c. The proposed application is not detrimental to adjacent uses or to the established or future character of the neighborhood because the proposal consistently maintains the existing residential character of the property (see photographs attached at *Exhibit H*), alleviates a pre-existing nonconforming condition, dramatically improves the property's impacts on the environment and potential impacts to lake ecology, and improves the value of the property which will positively impact neighboring property values and values in Stockbridge.
- d. There will no impact on traffic whatsoever because the use and bedroom count will remain the same as the existing.
- e. There will be no adverse impact to public utilities or services since the use will remain the same as existing.

The information contained in this application along with our presentation before the Board of Selectmen will show that this proposal is in accordance with Sections 6.1.2 and 6.3 of the Zoning Bylaw as well as controlling case law for the issuance of a special permit as it will not be more detrimental than the pre-existing non-conforming structure or use to the neighborhood.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,

HELLMAN SHEARN & ARIENTI, LLP

C. Nicholas Arienti

**Enclosures** 

#### Table of Exhibits

#### Memorandum in Support of Special Permit Application

• Exhibit A: Assessor's Property Card

• Exhibit B: Exterior Photos of House

• Exhibit C: Site Redevelopment Plan, Proposed Septic System Plan and Detail Sheet

• Exhibit D: Survey of 38 Lake Drive, Stockbridge

• Exhibit E: Floor Plans, Renderings and Elevations

• Exhibit F: Stockbridge Historic Preservation Approval

• Exhibit G: TriTown Health Dept. Septic System Plan Approval

• Exhibit H: Photographs of Neighborhood

### **EXHIBIT A**



#### Property Card: 38 LAKE DR

Town of Stockbridge, MA

**Parcel Information** 

Parcel ID: 101-026-000-000

Vision ID: 626

Owner: BELLORA MICHAEL & REBECCA R

Co-Owner:

Mailing Address: 34 MILLARD ST

FAIRFIELD, CT 06824

Map: 101

Lot: 26

**Use Description: SFR WATER** 

Zone: R2

Land Area in Acres: 0.26

Sale History

Book/Page: 6762/ 31 Sale Date: 11/2/2020

Sale Price: \$637,000

**Assessed Value** 

Land: \$273,300

Buildings: \$258,300

Extra Bldg Features: \$1,700 Outbuildings: \$0

Total: \$533,300

**Building Details: Building #1** 



Model: Residential

Living Area: 1426

Appr. Year Built: 1957

Occupancy: 1

No. Total Rooms:

No. Bedrooms: 02

Style: Modern/Contemp

Stories: 2

No. Baths: 1

No. Half Baths: 0

Int Wall Desc 1: Plywood Panel

Int Wall Desc 2:

Ext Wall Desc 1: Wood Shingle

Ext Wall Desc 2:

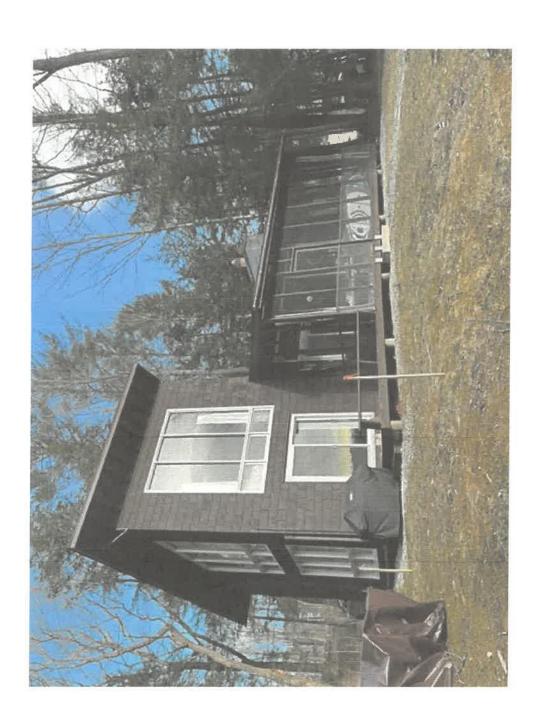
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Roof Structure: Shed

Heat Type: Hot Air-no Duc

Heat Fuel: Gas A/C Type: None

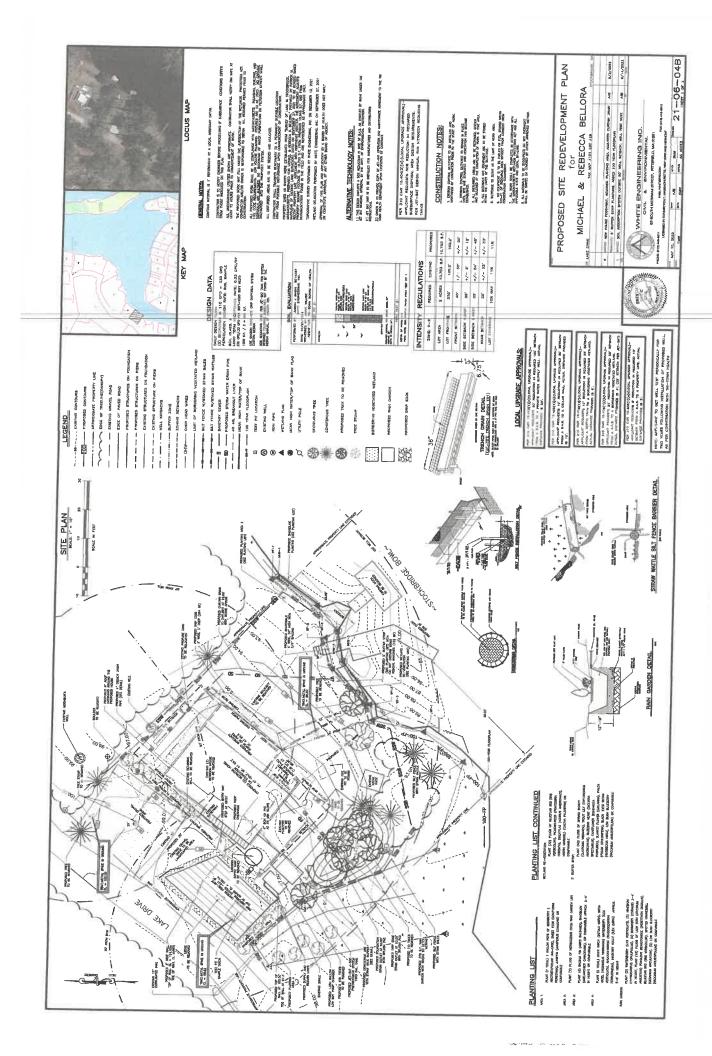
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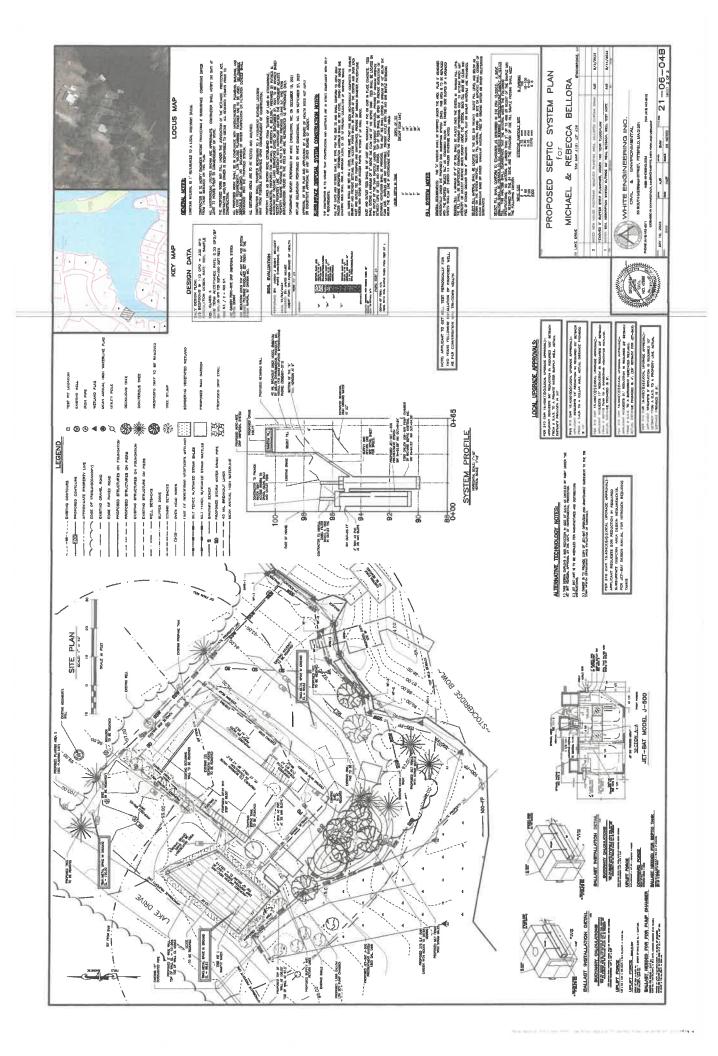


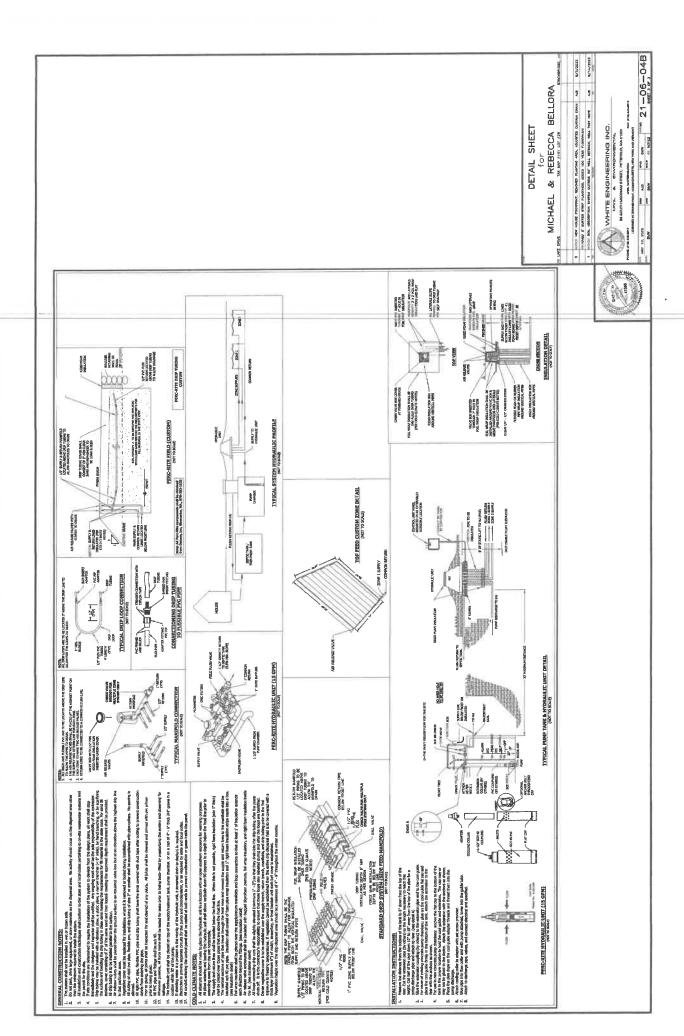




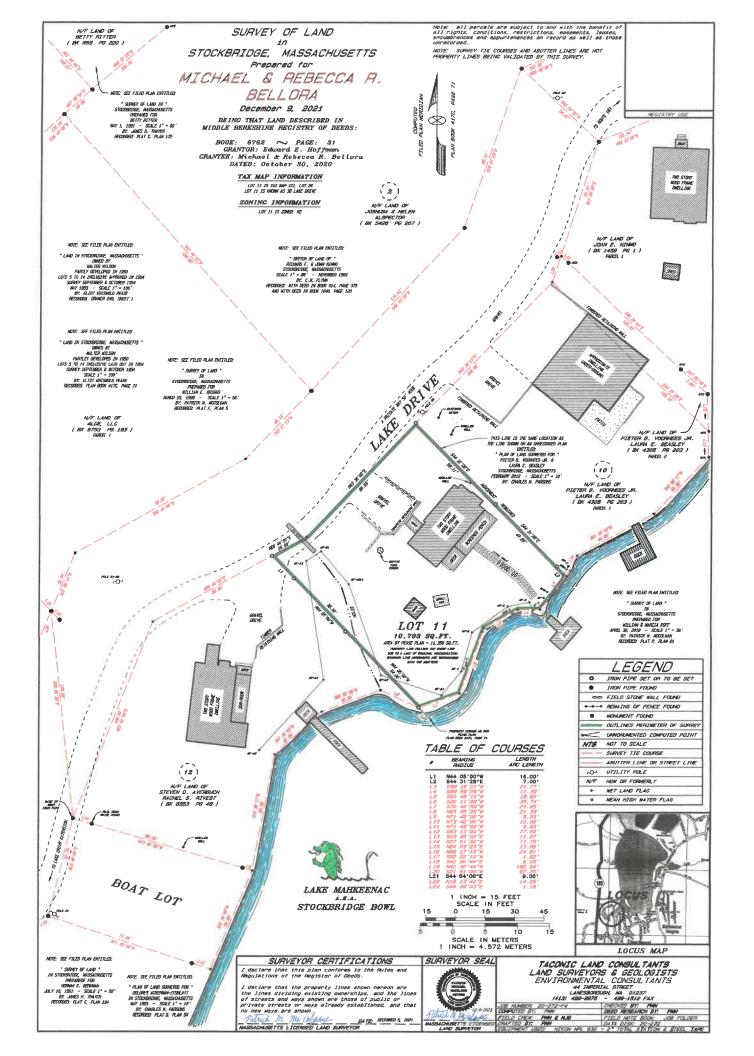
# **EXHIBIT C**







### **EXHIBIT D**



# EXHIBIT E

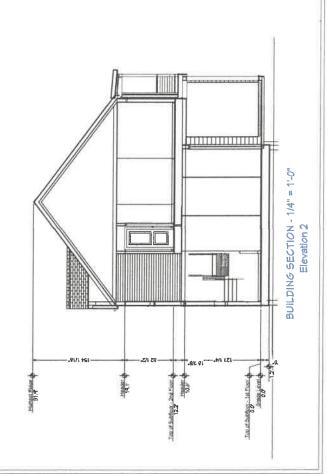
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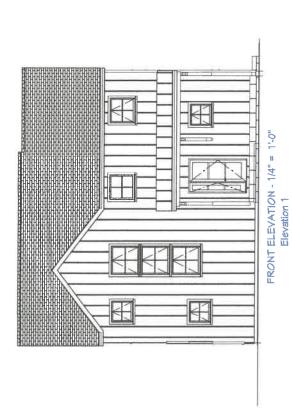
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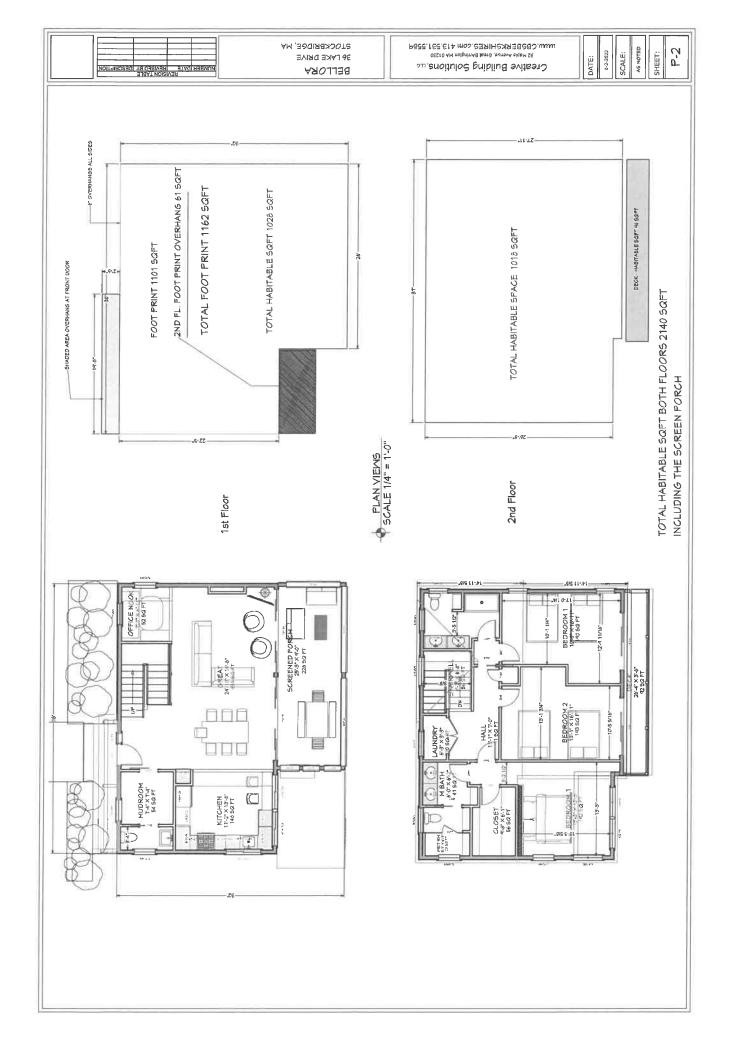




3D ILLUSTRATIONS FRONT & REAR ELEVATIONS - NO SCALE







### **EXHIBIT F**

**MEMORANDUM** 

May 4, 2022

To: Ned Baldwin, Building Inspector

From: Peter Williams, Secretary, Historic Preservation Commission

Re: 38 Lake Drive / Application To Permit Demolition

At the May 2, 2022 meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission, the Commission

considered an Application for Demolition with respect to the House ("the House") at 38 Lake Drive,

filed with the Commission on April 13, 2022. The application was filed by attorney Nick Arienti on

behalf the owners of the House, Michael and Rebecca Bellora. Mr. Arienti attended the meeting and

spoke in favor of the application.

The Commission members had previously reviewed the Application and its supporting exhibits,

and Mr. Arienti summarized them at the meeting. The estimated date of the House according to the

Assessor is 1957. The House is not listed in any Historical Commission records. Based upon the

presentations made and documents reviewed at the meeting, the Commission determined by a

unanimous vote that the House is not a Significant Historic Building under Article XXII of the Town

Bylaws (Historic Preservation and Demolition Delay).

Based upon the Commission's determination, it is the Commission's view that, under

Paragraph 3.4 of Article XXII, there is no impediment under that Bylaw to your office permitting the

proposed demolition of the House.

P. C. W.

cc: Carl Sprague, Chairman

C. Nicholas Arienti, Esq.

### EXHIBIT G



#### TriTown Health Department 45 Railroad St Lee, MA 01238

Phone: (413)-243-5540, (413)-243-5542 Website: http://www.lee.ma.us/tri-town-healthdepartment

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### COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS TOWN OF STOCKBRIDGE

#### **Board Of Health**

NUMBER: DSC-2022-0442

FEE: (\$300-Unibank)

PERMIT ISSUED DATE: 6/28/2022

Septic System Plan Approval

This is to inform you that the Tri-Town Health Department has approved your application to Repair Construct W Upgrade the septic system at the address listed.

Once you have decided on Certified AND Licensed installer, please direct the company to the Tri-Town Health Department for signature of the application. Where the installer obtains a Disposal Works Installer's Permit, and all other paperwork has been filed, your Disposal Works CONSTRUCTION Permit will be issued.

Owner Name: Michael Bellora

Street Address:

Town:

Map #: Lot #:

Stockbridge

38 Lake Drive

THIS IS NOT A DISPOSAL WORKS CONSTRUCTION PERMIT.

THIS IS PLAN APPROVAL ONLY.

NO WORK MAY BEGIN UNTIL YOU POSSESS A DISPOSAL WORKS CONSTRUCTION PERMIT!!

Please be informed that once a contractor is chosen and/or should the contractor be changed, the new contractor must come in and sign the Disposal Works Construction Permit application BEFORE work can begin. The Disposal Works Construction Permit must be issued before work can begin. This is a plan Approval only.

Approved by,

James J. Wilusz
Director/Sanitarian

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cc: Engineer/Designer, Bldg Inspector, File, Owner

# EXHIBIT H









