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PLANNING DIVISION HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ALTERATION OF A LOCAL HISTORIC DISTRICT (LHD) PROPERTY STAFF REPORT

Site: 101 School Street

Case: HPC.ALT 2022.56

Applicant: Briana Militana

Owner: Jane Messinger & Ben Messinger

Legal Ad: The Applicant seeks a Certificate of Appropriateness to alter an LHD property by removing existing window openings to install a doorway.

HPC Meeting Date: October 18, 2022



The purpose of a staff report is to provide the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) with a professional assessment of alteration proposals made for Local Historic District (LHD) properties. These assessments are based on the Historic District Ordinance (HDO) in compliance with M.G.L. Chapter 40C, and the associated Design Guidelines. A Staff Report is <u>not</u> a determination/decision and does not represent findings. A staff report does not constitute authorization in any form.



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I. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

<u>Subject Property</u>: The locus is the c.1889 Colonial Revival structure. This property is located within the Central Hill neighborhood. A full description of the property is provided in the attached Form B survey held by the Massachusetts Historical Commission (MHC).

Proposal: The Applicant proposes the following:

a. Replace four existing windows with a sliding glass door on the rear of Unit 1

II. FINDINGS

The HPC must make findings based on the Historic District Ordinance (HDO) in compliance with M.G.L. Chapter 40C, and associated Design Guidelines. Applicable regulations are discussed below.

C. Altering existing windows openings

The applicable Somerville LHD Design Guidelines is C. "Windows & Doors"

Due to the change of exterior features the HPC has purview over this work.

Applicant Proposal

The Applicant is proposing to remove an existing set of triple, two-over-one, double hung sash windows and a single two-over-one double hung sash window and replace it with a Pella Lifestyle Series aluminum-clad wood, four-panel sliding glass door. The two center doors would be sliding doors, with the outer two panels being fixed.



Above: Existing rear elevation of 101 School Street

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Above: Proposed rear elevation of 101 School Street

Preservation Planning Assessment:

The most relevant portion of this Design Guideline is as follows:

Retain original and later important door and window openings where they exist. Do not enlarge or reduce door and window openings for the purpose of fitting stock window sash or doors, or air conditioners.

The proposed work does not comply with the above referenced section of the Design Guidelines as it will remove existing window openings to be replaced with a doorway; however, the existing windows are later replacement windows and not original to the building. The proposed door is not consistent stylistically with the date of construction and architectural style of the structure. The proposed work location, though on the rear of the property, is visible from Prescott Street.

On June 19, 2017, a Certificate of Non-Applicability was issued to the top right unit of the building (Unit 6) allowing the removal of two existing windows and the installation of a set of French doors. The plans approved in 2017 permitted the removal of two of the set of triple, two-over-one double hung windows. Remaining was the third window of that set and the standalone two-over-one double hung window.

Considering that the proposed work will be on the rear of the property, the effected windows are not original, and the precedence of Unit 6; a consistent design on the rear could be created by allowing the Applicant to install French glass doors to match those approved in 2017 for Unit 6.

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Should the HPC vote in favor of removing windows to install a doorway, Preservation Staff recommends the following conditions be included in addition to those listed in Section IV 'Recommended Conditions' below.

- 1. The two windows closest to the center of the building on the rear of Unit 1 may be altered to French glass doors to match those approved for Unit 6 in 2017.
- 2. The exterior door casings shall match the existing window casings.
- **3.** Replacement windows shall not present a warped or mirrored reflection.
- **4.** Replacement windows shall not be tinted.

HPC Determination:

- The HPC must determine if, based on a review of the documentation presented, the proposed project complies with the Design Guidelines
- The HPC must structure their motion to include their own specific findings on the prosed project.

III. <u>VOTE</u>

When bringing the matter to a vote the HPC must state their findings and reasons on why they take their position.

IV. RECOMMENDED CONDITIONS

Preservation Planning recommends the following conditions be attached to any Certificate of Appropriateness that the HPC might grant for this project:

- 1. The Applicant/Owner shall file the Certificate with the Inspectional Services Department (ISD) by uploading it to the CitizenServe permitting portal with their application for zoning compliance/building permit.
- 2. This Certificate is valid for one year. If work has not commenced within one year of the HPC's date of determination, this Certificate shall expire, and the Applicant shall re-apply for re-issuance of this Certificate. Provided that no changes have been made to the proposal, this shall be a Stafflevel re-issuance of the Certificate.
- 3. The two windows closest to the center of the building on the rear of Unit 1 may be altered to French glass doors to match those approved for Unit 6 in 2017.
- 4. The exterior door casings shall match the existing window casing.
- 5. Replacement windows shall not present a warped or mirrored reflection.
- 6. Replacement windows shall not be tinted.
- 7. Any changes to this proposal made prior to the commencement of work or in-the-field changes shall be submitted to Preservation Planning for their review to determine if the changes come under the purview of the HPC.

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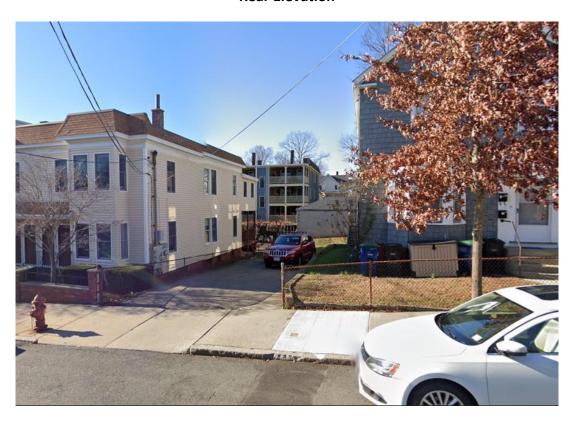
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8. A written narrative or descriptive checklist identifying the completion or compliance with permit conditions must be submitted to the Inspectional Services Department with a copy to preservation Planning at least fifteen (15) business days in advance of a request for a final inspection.

9. The Applicant shall contact Preservation Planning at historic@somervillema.gov a minimum of fifteen (15) business days prior to final ISD walk-through so that Preservation Planning or their designee can confirm if the project was completed according to HPC approvals.

Photos

Rear Elevation

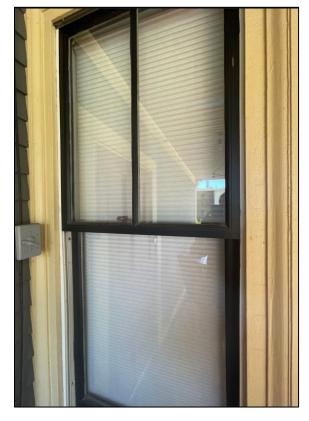


Front Elevation:



Window close-up

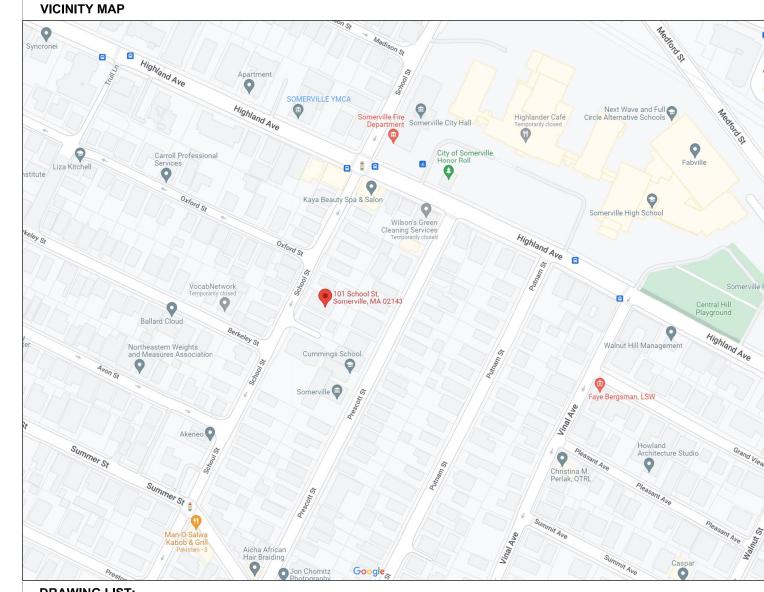












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PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

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INTERIOR ELEVATIONS

THE PROPOSED PROJECT IS AN INTERIOR RENOVATION OF UNIT #1 OF A 6-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL BUILDING. THE PROPOSED RENOVATION FOCUSES ON THE REMOVAL OF SEVERAL WALLS AT THE REAR OF THE UNIT TO CREATE AN OPEN LIVING CONCEPT. THE RENOVATION ALSO INCLUDES A NEW KITCHEN, NEW INTERIOR FINISHES, & A NEW SLIDING DOOR OPENING TO THE BACK PORCH. NO CHANGES TO THE FLOOR AREA OR BUILDING FOOTPRINT ARE PROPOSED.

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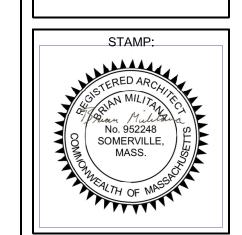
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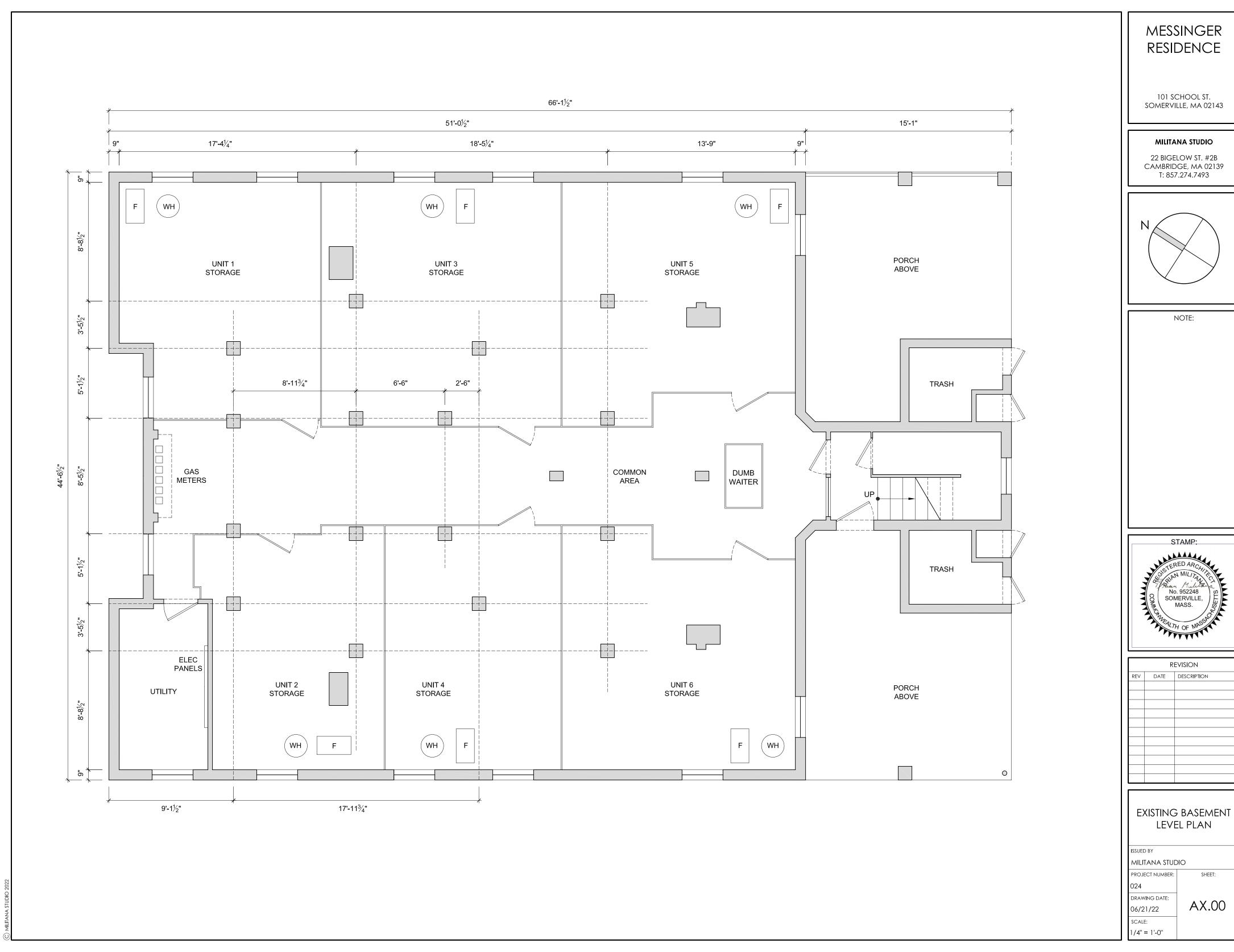
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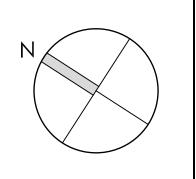
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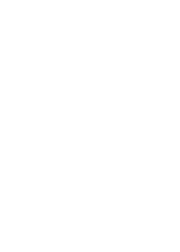


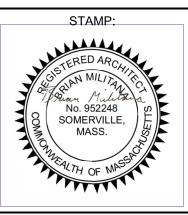
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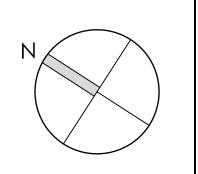
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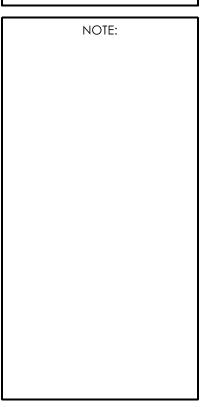


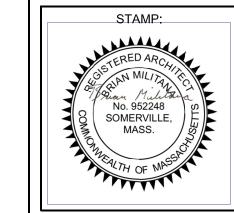
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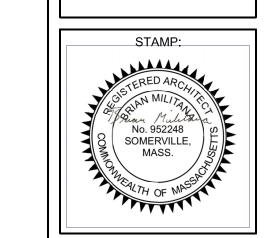


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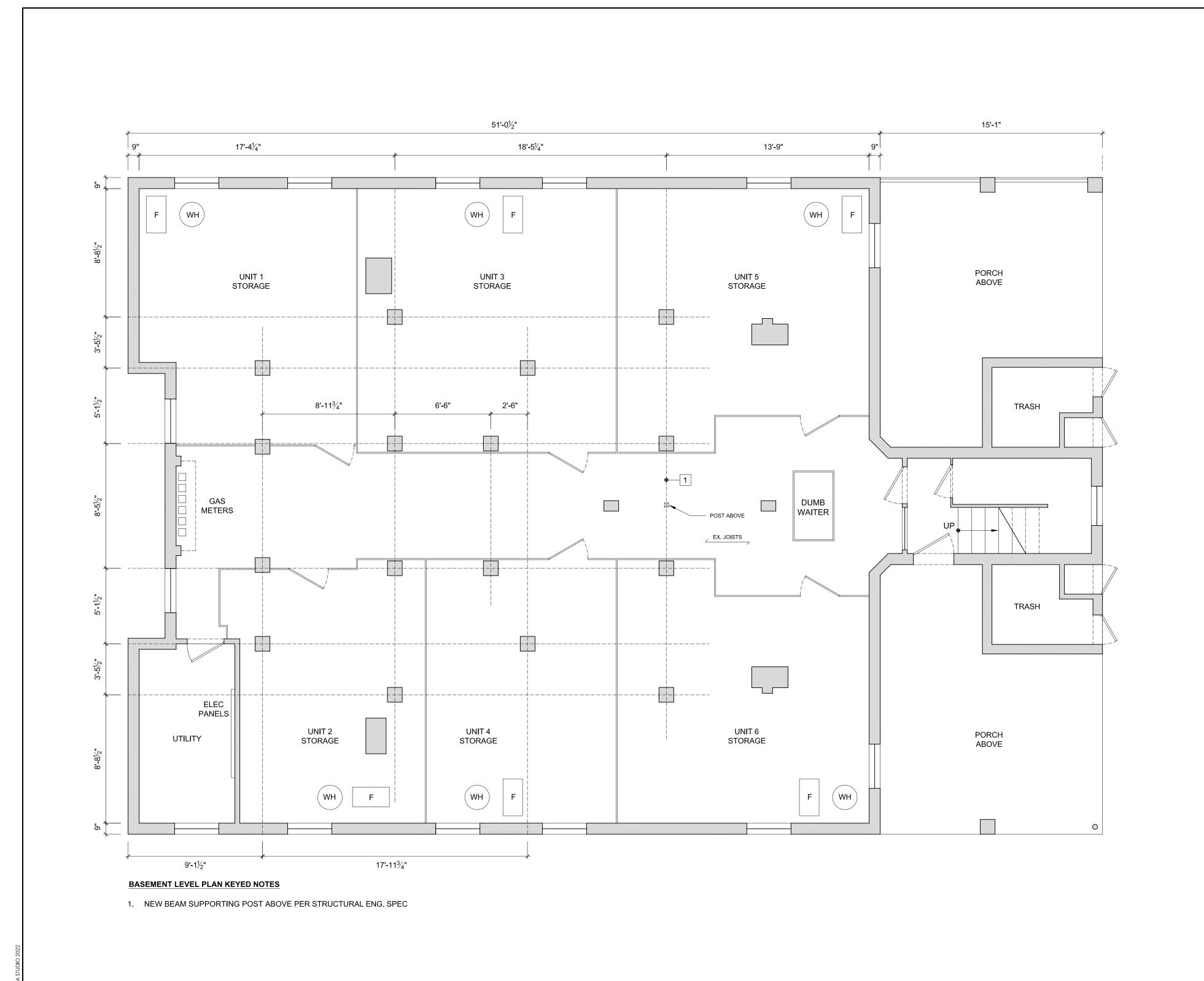
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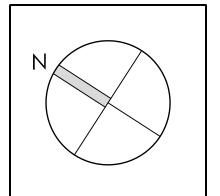
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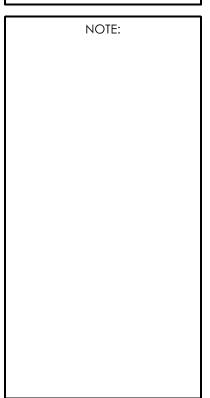


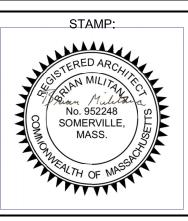
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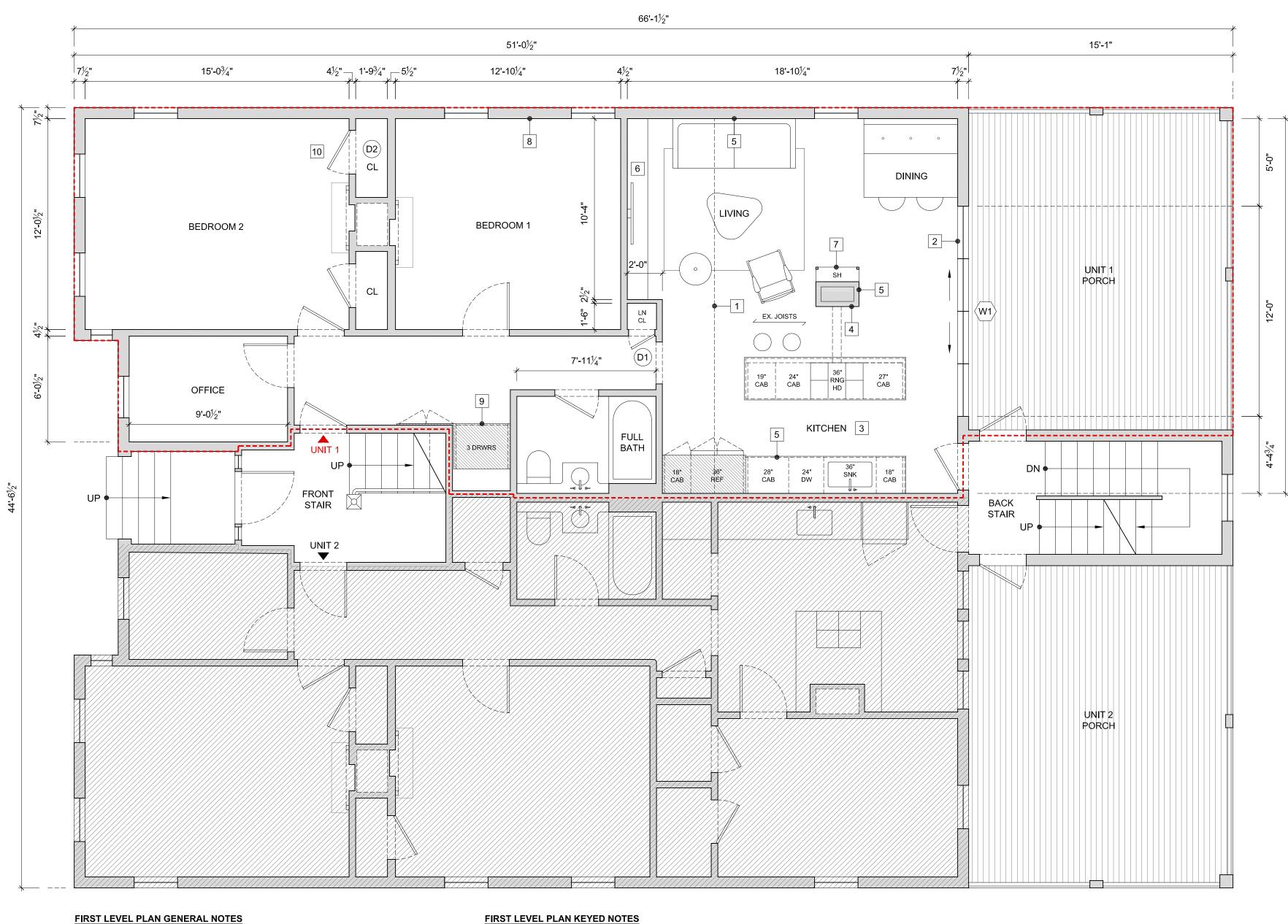






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- 1. PAINT EXISTING WALLS & TRIM IN ALL ROOMS EXCEPT KITCHEN, LIVING & DINING; BEN MOORE, COLOR TBD
- 2. ROMAN CLAY PORTOLA PAINT ON DRYWALL IN KITCHEN, LIVING & DINING AREAS; COLOR TBD; REVIEW SAMPLE W/ ARCHITECT
- 3. NEW FLOORING IN KITCHEN, LIVING & DINING AREA; 6" FLAT SAWN SOLID WHITE OAK FLOORING FROM THE HUDSON COMPANY; "BARE" FINISH

FIRST LEVEL PLAN KEYED NOTES

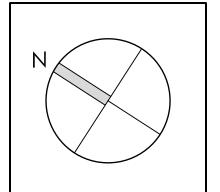
- 1. FLUSH STEEL BEAM PER STRUCTURAL ENGINEER SPEC
- 2. LVL HEADER OVER 12'-0" SLIDER PER STRUCTURAL ENGINEER SPEC
- 3. NEW KITCHEN; WHITE OAK FLAT PANEL MILLWORK (25K ALLOWANCE); NEW STONE COUNTERTOP & BACKSPLASH(12K ALLOWANCE); NEW PLUMBING FIXTURES & APPLIANCES PURCHASED BY OWNER; SPEC TBD; NEW HOOD TO VENTILATE THROUGH EXISTING CHIMNEY
- 4. REMOVE FRAMING & DRYWALL TO EXPOSE BRICK CHIMNEY; RELOCATE ELECTRICAL PANEL; REVIEW NEW LOCATION W/ ARCHITECT & ELECTRICIAN
- 5. NEW RUNTAL RADIATORS; EXACT SIZE TO BE VERIFIED BY SUBCONTRACTOR
- 6. NEW WHITE OAK SHELVING; SEE ELEVATIONS
- 7. NEW WHITE OAK SHELVING; SEE ELEVATIONS
- 8. REMOVE EXISTING RADIATOR & REPLACE W/ RADIATOR FROM BEDROOM 2 IN EXISTING PLANS
- 9. REPLACE EXISTING STORAGE W/ BUILT IN MILLWORK; SEE ELEVATIONS
- 10. FLIP BEDROOM 1 CLOSET; DOOR TO MATCH CLOSET DOOR ON THE OPPOSITE SIDE OF THE FIREPLACE SURROUND; REVIEW EXACT LOCATION W/ ARCHITECT ON SITE

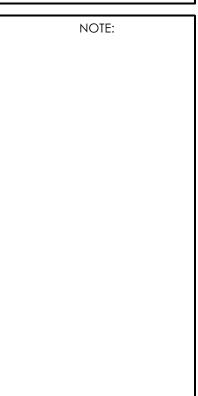
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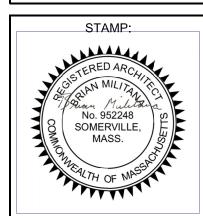
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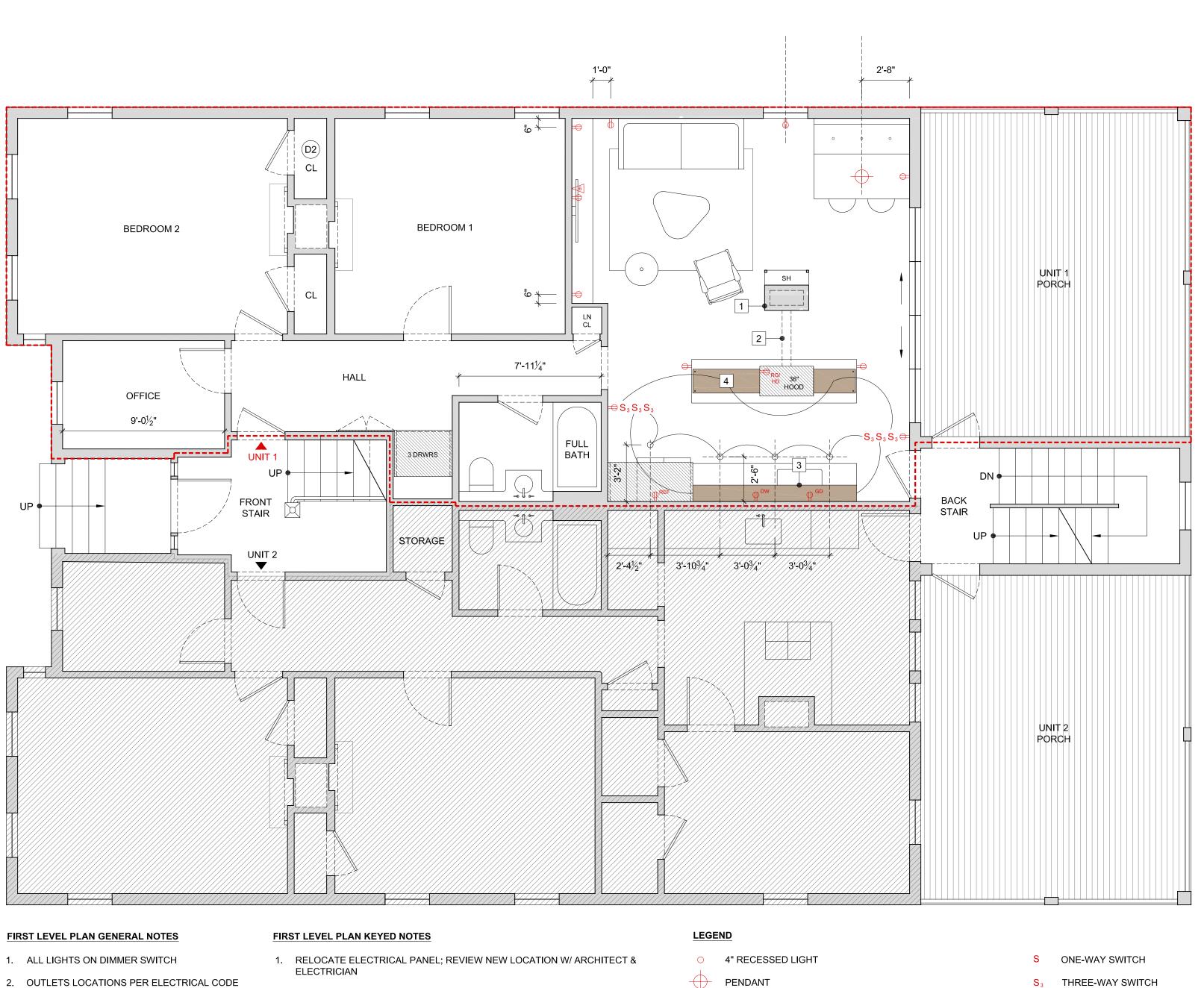






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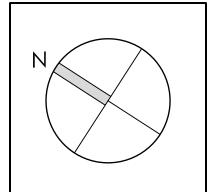
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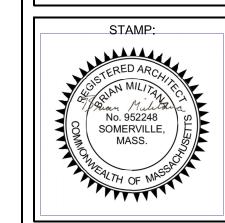
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- 2. OUTLETS LOCATIONS PER ELECTRICAL CODE
- 2. EXPOSED GALVANIZED STEEL HOOD DUCT TO VENTILATE THROUGH
- 3. LED LIGHTING & OUTLET STRIP RECESSED UNDER BOTTOM SHELF; SEE INTERIOR ELEVATIONS FOR SECTION
- 4. LED LIGHTING & STRIP RECESSED UNDER BOTTOM SHELF; SEE INTERIOR ELEVATIONS FOR SECTION

PENDANT

→ DUPLEX RECEPTACLE OUTLET

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2. NEW EXISTING PAINTED WOOD TRIM

3. NEW 4-PANEL SLIDING GLASS DOOR

4. EXISTING PAINTED WOOD RAILING

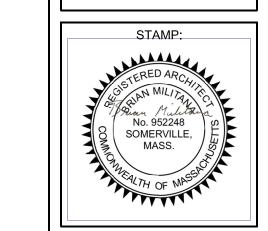
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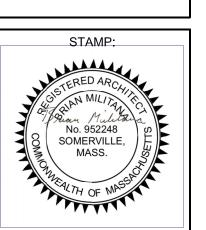
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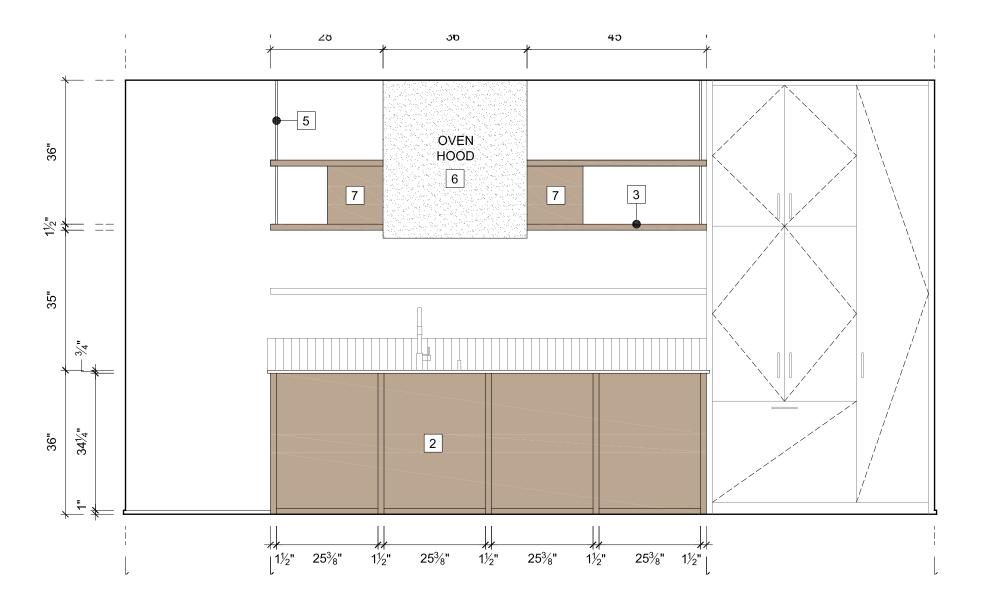
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| D1 | HALL | SWING | MATCH EXISTING | 18" x 80" | 20" X 82 ½" | 1 3/8" | DUMMY | BLACK SATIN | |
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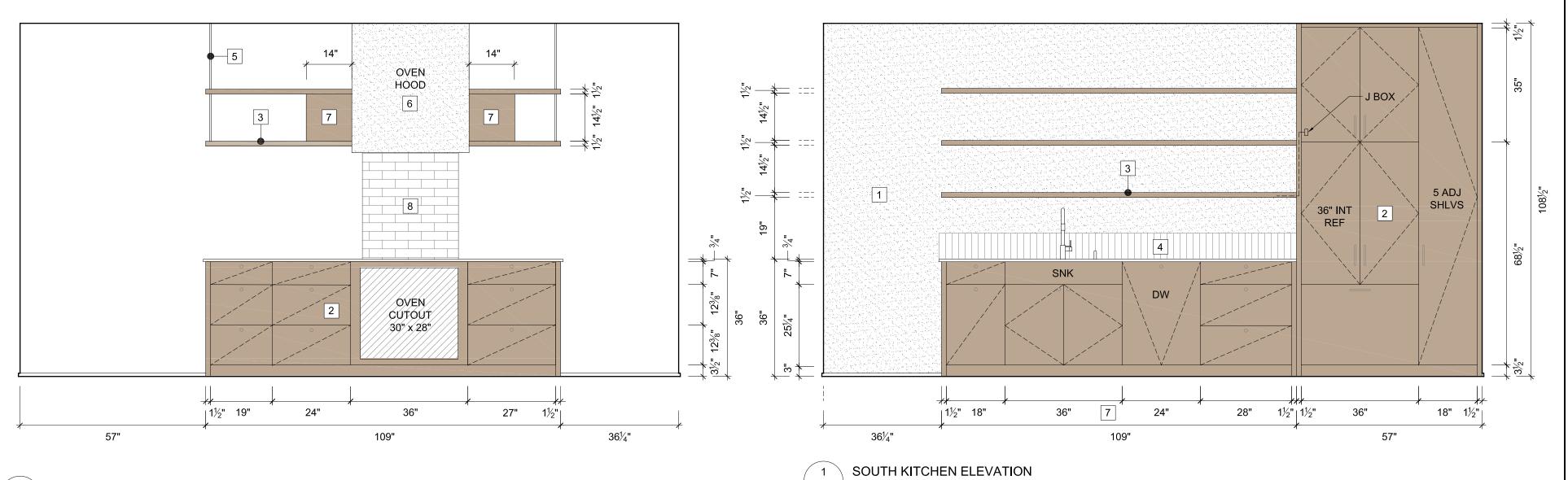
WINDOW SCHEDULE

| 1 | | WINDOW | | SIZ | ZE | SILL HEIGHT | PE | LLA | FINIS | SH | HARD | WARE | DIVIDED | | | MISC |
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| | W1 | LIVING ROOM | 4 PANEL SLIDER | 11'-11" x 7'-0" | 12'-0" x 7'-0 ½" | @ SUBFLOOR | LIFESTYLE | CUSTOM | BLACK | PRIMED | PLAZO | MATTE BLACK | NONE | INVIEW | NONE | |

- 1. ROMAN CLAY PORTOLA PAINT ON DRYWALL IN KITCHEN, LIVING & DINING AREAS; COLOR TBD; REVIEW SAMPLE W/ ARCHITECT; REVEAL BASEBOARD; 3/4" PAINTED ALUMINUM REGLET
- 2. WHITE OAK FLAT PANEL OVERLAY CABINET DOORS & DRAWERS; MAPLE PLYWOOD CABINET BOXES
- 3. WHITE OAK SHELVING; SEE SECTIONS FOR LED & OUTLET STRIP LOCATIONS
- 4. TILE BACKSPLASH; SPECT TBD
- 5. 1/2" PAINTED STEEL ROD
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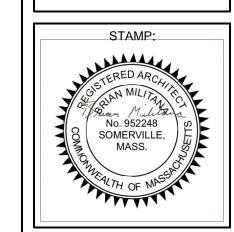
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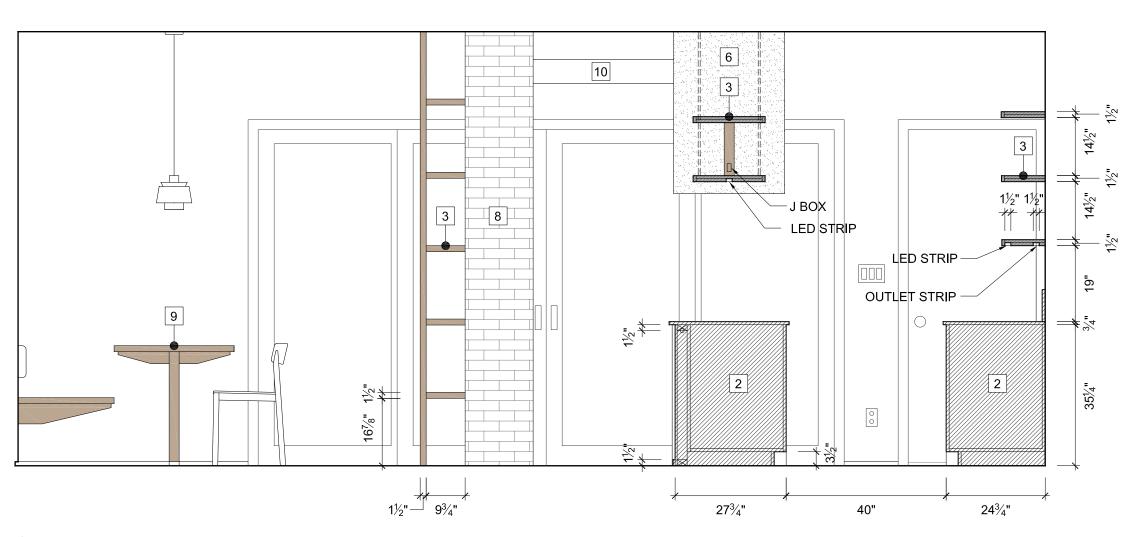
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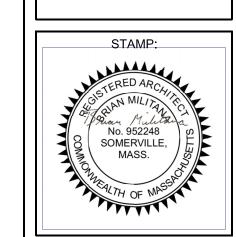
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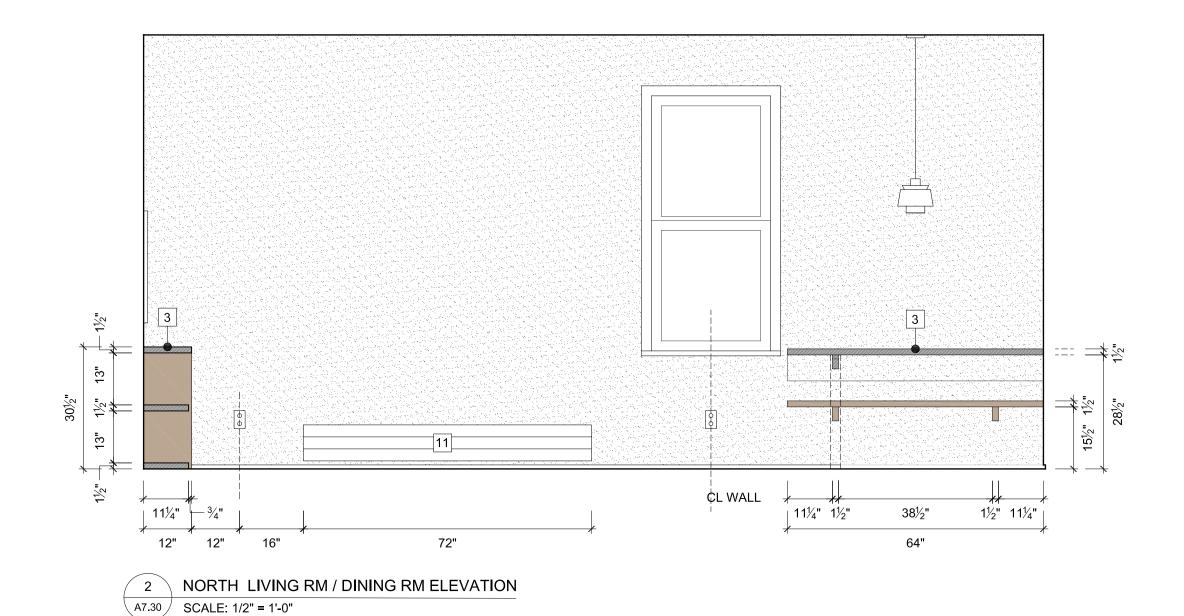
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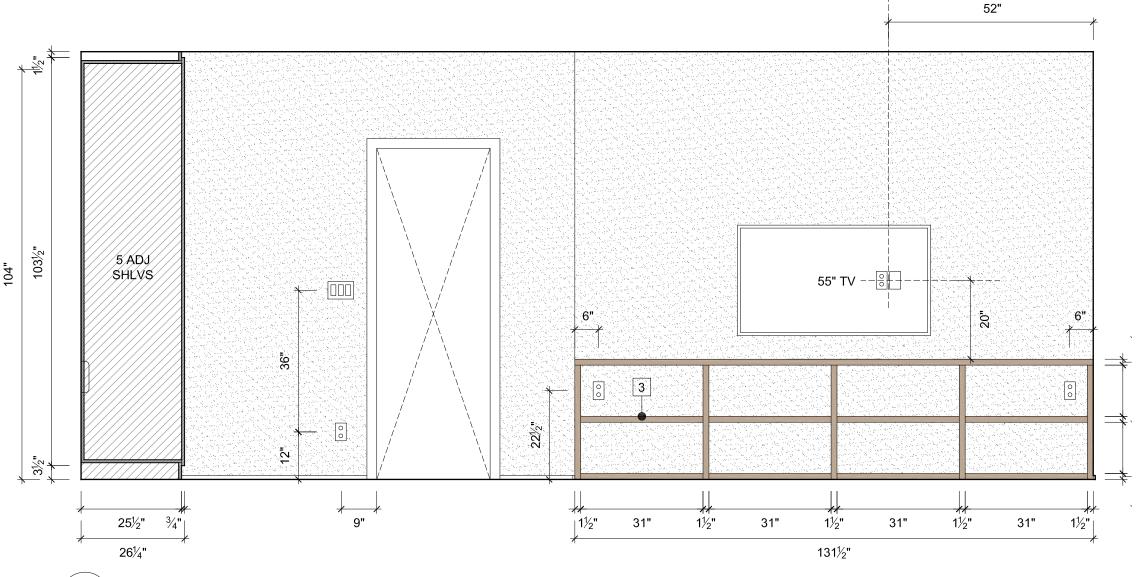
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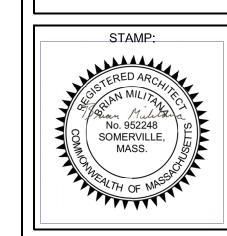
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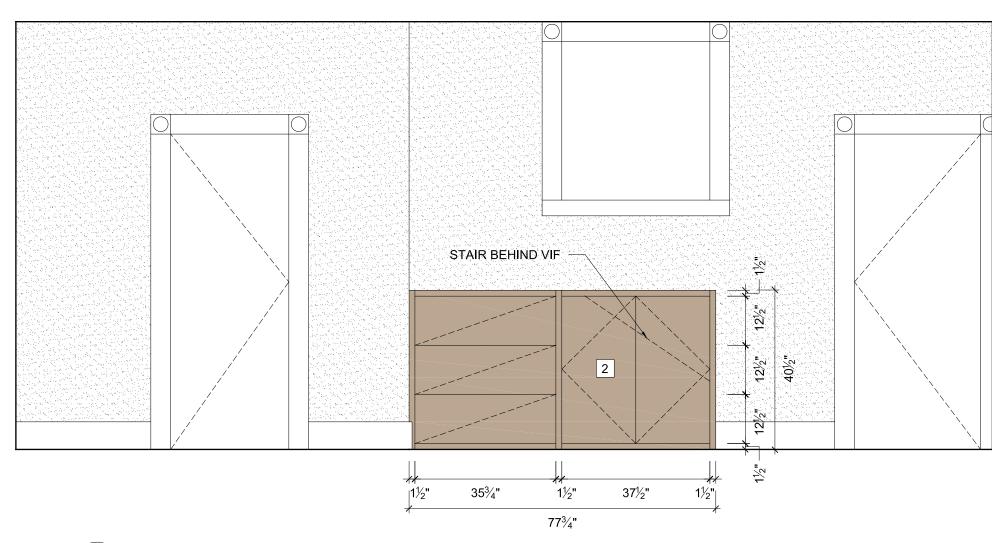
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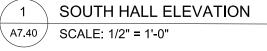
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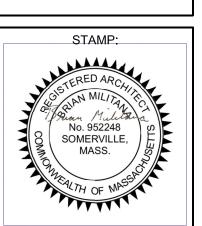
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#1 performing wood window and patio door¹

For the combination of energy, sound and value.

37 time-tested innovations

Create unique, room-by-room solutions to meet real-life needs.

83% more energy efficient²

On average compared to single-pane windows – with performance solutions for improved comfort.











Exceptional performance and style.

Style flexibility. Whether your client's home is traditional, modern or somewhere in between, create beautiful windows and patio doors that fit their style.

Redefining performance. Get both unrivaled energy efficiency and sound performance at an incredible value. With the Ultimate Performance package, windows are on average 79% more energy efficient and reduce 52% more outside noise than single-pane windows.^{2,5}

Enhanced durability. Our windows and patio doors are designed to stand the test of time with exterior wood parts treated with exclusive EnduraGuard® wood protection and an aluminum-clad exterior with EnduraClad® finish.

Room-by-room solutions.

Most desired features, options and innovations.

Complement your project with the most popular colors, finishes, grille patterns and more. Many innovative solutions also come standard.

Integrated blinds and shades. Intentionally designed to be accessible, blinds and shades are tucked between glass panes and are protected from dust, pets and little hands.

Added security and convenience. Add peace of mind with optional Pella Insynctive* built-in window and door sensors and motorized between-the-glass blinds and shades that raise and lower with a button.

Create solutions that are perfect for real life. Covered by the best limited lifetime warranty in the industry for wood windows and patio doors, Pella Lifestyle Series offers everything you love about wood – including beauty, durability and style flexibility.³ Begin with dual- or triple-pane glass and then select from the most desired features and options.⁴

Pella Lifestyle Series is the #1 performing wood window and patio door for the combination of energy, sound and value.¹ Packed with purposeful innovations like Integrated Blinds, Shades and Security Sensors, we designed windows and patio doors to work for your project, room by room.

- Performance solutions require upgrades to triple-pane, Advanced Comfort Low-E and mixed glass thickness. Based on comparing product quotes and published STC/OITC and U-Factor ratings of leading national wood window and patio door brands.
- ² Window energy efficiency calculated in a computer simulation using RESFEN 6.0 default parameters for a 2000 sq. foot new construction single-story home when comparing Pella Lifestyle Series windows with Advanced Comfort Low-E triple-pane glass with argon and mixed glass thickness to a single pane wood or vinyl window. Double-hung windows are not available with triple-pane glass. The energy efficiency and actual savings will vary by location. The average window energy efficiency is based on a national average of 94 modeled cities across the country and weighting based on population. For more details see pella.com/methodology.
- ³ Based on comparing written limited warranties of leading national wood window and wood patio door brands. See Pella written Limited Warranty for details, including exceptions and limitations, at pella.com/warranty, or contact Pella Customer Service at 877-473-5527.
- ⁴ Double-hung window only available with dual-pane glass.
- ⁵ Reduction in sound based on OITC ratings of Pella Lifestyle Series windows with triple-pane glass with mixed glass thickness to a single-pane wood or vinyl window with an OITC of 19. Calculated by using the sound transmission loss values in the 80 to 4000 Hz range as measured in accordance with ASTM E-90(09). Actual results may vary.

Available in these window and patio door styles:



Special shapes also available

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Reduction³

Colors & Finishes

Wood Type

A beautiful wood species to complement a home's interior.



Prefinished **Pine Interior** Colors

We can prefinish in your choice of a variety of beautiful paints and stains. Unfinished or primed and ready-to-paint are also available.



Aluminum-Clad **Exterior Colors**

Our low-maintenance EnduraClad® exterior finish resists fading and helps protect windows and patio doors for years.



Glass¹

InsulShield® Low-E Glass²



Advanced Low-E insulating dual-pane glass or triple-pane glass with argon



AdvancedComfort Low-E insulating dual-pane glass with argon and triple-pane glass with argon



NaturalSun Low-Einsulating dual-pane glass with argon or triple-pane glass with argon



SunDefense™ Low-E insulating dual-pane glass with argon or triple-pane glass with argon

Additional Glass Options

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Tempered glass available on dual and triple-pane



frosted obscure glass available on dual- and triplepane products

Performance Packages

To make things easier, we've created performance packages that highlight what's most important to your customers.

Performance solutions offer an unbeatable combination of energy efficiency, sound control and value. 1 Upgrade from a dualto a triple-pane glass design with the packages below to meet the unique needs of each room in your customer's home.

Efficient²

All values below are averages compared with single-pane windows.

| Performance Improved energy efficiency and sound performance. | 71% More Energy Efficient ² | - 34% Noise Reduction ³ |
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| Sound Control Exceptional noise control for a quieter home. | 52% Noise Reduction ³ | |
| Energy Efficiency Superior energy efficiency for a more comfortable home. | 83% More Energy Efficient ² | |
| Ultimate Performance The best combination of energy efficiency and noise control. | 79% More Energy | 52% Noise |



Scan the QR code with your smartphone camera to learn more about how each performance package can benefit your client's home.

³ Reduction in sound based on OITC ratings of Pella Lifestyle Series windows with respective performance package compared to a single-pane wood or vinyl window with an OITC of 19. Calculated by using the sound transmission loss values in the 80 to 4000 Hz range as measured in accordance with ASTM E-90(09). Actual results may vary.

Double-hung window available with dual-pane glass only.

Optional high-altitude Low-E insulating glass does not contain argon in most products. Please see your local Pella sales representative for more information.

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Grilles

Grille Types

Choose the look of true divided light with simulated-divided-light or make cleaning easier by selecting grillesbetween-the-glass.

Dual-Pane:



Divided-Light with Spacer 7/8"



Simulated-Divided-**Light without** Spacer 7/8"



Grilles-Between the-Glass

Triple-Pane:



Grilles-Between-The-Glass

Grille Patterns

In addition to the patterns shown here, custom grille patterns are available.











Top Row

Screens²

Rolscreen®

Rolscreen soft-closing retractable screens roll out of sight when not in use. Available on casement windows and sliding patio doors.

Flat

InView™ screens are clearer than conventional window screens and provide efficient ventilation.



Added Peace of Mind

Integrated Security Sensors

Optional integrated wireless security sensors maintain aesthetics, streamline security installation and ensure no warranty loss is caused by post-installation drilling. Sensors can be monitored via the free Pella® Insynctive® App and are compatible with major security panel systems.3 For more information, go to connectpella.com.

Integrated Blinds & Shades

Integrated Blinds*

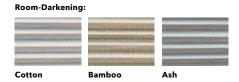
Raise blinds up for an unobstructed view or tilt to let in the right amount of light. Our accessible, integrated blinds are available with or without motorization powered by Pella Insynctive® technology.



Integrated Shades*

Our best integrated fabric shades feature a white exterior fabric for a uniform look from the street. Our accessible, integrated shades are available with or without motorization powered by Pella Insynctive® technology.





Haven't landed on a final blind or shade color yet? No problem.

Our most popular designs with finishes to suit every style.

With our patented triple-pane design, your customers can make the decision later in the process. Our triple-pane products come with all of the hardware to add blinds or shades before they arrive to the home or later in the building or remodeling process.



Scan the QR code with your smartphone camera to learn more about our motorized Insynctive blinds and shades.

Window Hardware

Essential Collection







Patio Door Hardware

Essential Collection

Elevate your style and transform a home with elegant selections.



Hinged Patio Door Handle



Sliding Patio



Appearance of exterior grille color may vary depending on the Low-E insulating glass selection.

² Warning: Use caution when children or pets are around open windows and doors. Screens are not designed to retain children or pets.

³ Requires the Insynctive App on a smart device, an Insynctive Bridge and a wireless home router with internet connection.



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS OFFICE OF STRATEGIC PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT JOSEPH A. CURTATONE MAYOR

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HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

June 19, 2017

Michael K. Saha Hotel Waquoit Condominium Trust 101 School Street, # 6 Somerville, MA 02143 ITY CLERK'S OFFICE

HPC 2017.035 – 101 School Street

Certificate of Non-Applicability-Visibility

Mr. Saha,

Re:

The Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) received your application for a Historic District Property Certificate on May 31, 2017. After a review of the application, Staff made an initial determination on behalf of the HPC (as authorized on May 20, 2014) that alterations are exempt from review by the HPC if the location is not visible from public right-of-way. In keeping with the application for interior alterations as described below and the Historic District Ordinance, the HPC grants a Certificate of Non-Applicability to the Applicants, Mi.

- 1. All appropriate building permits shall be obtained prior to the start of any work.
- 2. If changes are necessary to the proposed design for which this Certificate of Non-Applicability was issued render the alterations visible from the public right of way, the new plans shall be submitted to Historic Staff prior to commencing the work.
- 3. The two windows furthest from the edge of the building on the south side rear may be altered to French doors as located in the floor plans.
- 4. The exterior door casings shall match the existing window casing.
- 5. Historic Staff shall issue a sign-off upon completion of the project that this was done in accordance with the Certificate and approved plans.



If the work authorized by this Certificate is not commenced within one year after the date of issue, or if work is suspended in significant part for a period of one year after it has begun, this Certificate shall expire.

Please take this letter to the Inspectional Services Department if a building permit is also necessary.

Sincerely,
Misti Cuas

Kristenna P. Chase Preservation Planner

Cc: Paul Nonni, Sr. Building Inspector, Inspectional Services Division

George Proakis, Director, Planning Division

Hans Jensen, Zoning Review Planner

John Long, City Clerk

¹ This Certificate of Non-Applicability is in accordance with the Somerville Historic District Ordinance Section 2.f, Definitions, which states, "Exterior architectural feature means such portion of the exterior of a building or structure as open to view from a public street, public way, public park or public body of water...," and is granted upon the condition that the work authorized herein is commenced within one year after the date of issue.

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Common Name: Barnes, Myron House

Address: 101 School St

City/Town: Somerville

Village/Neighborhood: Prospect Hill

Local No:

Year Constructed:

Architect(s):

Architectural Style(s): Colonial Revival; Triple-decker

Use(s): Apartment House

Significance: Architecture

Area(s): SMV.BA: Somerville Single Building Local Historic District

SMV.C: Central Hill

Designation(s): Local Historic District (10/31/1989)

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Somerville Historic

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Organization Preservation Commission

Date ______ May, 1988

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE Describe important architectural features and evaluate in terms of other buildings within the community.

The three story apartment house has a recessed center entrance, flanked by three story slightly projecting bays with pediments. The building is clad in clapboards with some decorative shingles covering a wide band marking the first and second story division. There are decorative fans in the gable peaks of the projecting bays. The building is symmetrical and has several decorative motifs from the Colonial Revival style.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE Explain the role owners played in local or state history and how the building relates to the development of the community.

Once divided into large agricultural tracts for Charlestown residents, Spring Hill evolved into a prime residential neighborhood of Somerville form the mid 1800s. Many of the first houses built in Spring Hill subdivisions were substantial single family homes on ample lots. By the 1870s with the expansion of the industries on Milk Row (now Somerville Avenue) and the horsecar and later the streetcar on Summer Street from Union to Davis Square came the expanded development of the area with smaller single and two family workers' housing, attached rows and some tenements.

School Street, a main local north-south route from the late 1700s was developed with modest residences in the mid to late 1800s. By the 1890s there was substantial development of apartment houses to accomodate the rapidly growing population of Somerville. This three story Queen Anne/Colonial Revival apartment house is no exception. Built in 1889 it was the home of clerks, railroad agents, and other workers.

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