1Town of Kittery2Planning Board Meeting3August 10, 20234

5 ITEM 5 – 50 Dion Avenue– Shoreland Development Plan Review

Action: Accept or deny application. Approve or deny plan: Pursuant to §16.9.3 Shoreland Development
 Review of the Town of Kittery Land Use and Development Code, owner/applicants David and Jessica

8 Hunter request approval for a two-story addition to an existing house located on the property of 50 Dion

9 Ave, Tax Map 23. Lot 5-A, in the Residential-Urban (R-U) and Shoreland Overlay (OZ-SL-250') Zones.

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11 PROCESS SUMMARY

REQUIRED	ACTION	COMMENTS	STATUS
Yes	Staff Review	August 3 rd , 2023	Pending
No	Site Visit	Optional	Optional
No	Public Hearing	Optional	Optional
Yes	Final Plan Review	TBD	TBD

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13 PROJECT INTRODUCTION

14 50 Dion Avenue is located on the western bank of Spruce Creek within the Residential Urban (R-U) and

15 Shoreland Overlay (OZ-SL-250') Zones. The property is a legally non-conforming lot of 15,742 sq ft.

16 containing an 843 sq ft house partially within the 100' setback from the Highest Astronomical Tide (HAT)

17 line. The house maintains a height of 25 feet and an attached 98 sq ft screen porch 82' from the HAT line.

18 Also located on the property is a 55 sq ft shed fully within the 100' setback.

19 The plan proposes a 2-story, 380 sq ft addition with a garage and new bathroom on the first floor and a 20 bedroom on the second floor. The addition would match both the height and setback of the existing house.

20 bedroom on the second moor. The addition would match both the height and setback of the existing house.

21 The existing shed will be removed to maintain the 30% expansion maximum, and part of the driveway will

22 be removed to reduce the devegetated area of the lot.

Per §16.7.3.A.(1), Planning Board review of the proposal is required due to the lot's proximity within the Shoreland Overlay Zone. Any development must reduce non-conformity to the shoreland to the greatest practical extent and must not expand building coverage by more than 30% of the building footprint existing on January 1st, 1989.

Additionally, the applicant has submitted an application to the Kittery Port Authority to build a dock involving a 4' x 80' pier on the property, part of which is above the HAT line. **§16.7.3.E.(3).(g).[1].** states planning board approval is not required for stairways or piers limited to a maximum of 4' in width, but the portion of the pier above the HAT line would add to the property's devegetated area if approved by KPA.

31 APPLICATION & PLAN REVIEW

- 32 Staff reviewed the submitted application and plan and have the following comments:
- The proposed addition is part of a large-scale renovation of the house (see building design in packet materials). If/when the planning board grants approval to the proposed expansion, all interior renovations will be subject to code enforcement review before work may begin.
- General provision §16.1.8.C.4.(b). requires expansion of structures within base zone setback in the
 shoreland overlay zone not exceed 30% of the total footprint of structures existing within the

property on January 1, 1989. With a total structure footprint of 1,084 sq, the allowable expansion
is 325 sq ft, up to a total of 1,409. The proposed development would expand the footprint to the
allowable limit of 1,409 sq ft.

- a. Because the screen porch has a wall and roof, it is included in the expansion calculations.
 3. The Shoreland Overlay Zone Ordinance §16.4.28.E.(3).(a). requires new principal and accessory structures to be set back at least 100 feet, horizontal distance, from the normal high-water line of any water bodies, tributary streams, the upland edge of a coastal wetland, or the upland edge of a freshwater wetlands. The current house maintains a setback of 82 feet and the proposed addition will be built directly adjacent to the existing house with the same setback, which would not increase the nonconformance of the structure.
 - a. By removing the shed fully within the setback, the proposal will reduce nonconformance on the lot.
- 4. §16.4.28.E.(2). allows 20% of total lot area in the shoreland zoning overlay to be comprised of non-vegetated surfaces or structures. With a lot size of 15,742 sq ft, current devegetation sits at 3,512, or 22.3%. The proposed development would maintain the current devegetation of the lot.
 - a. The portion of the proposed pier mentioned above would add 82.6 sq ft. of devegetated surface to the lot. The applicant has included this proposed area in the plan to show that they are removing enough paved area to maintain the current devegetated area.

56 DISCUSSION, NEXT STEPS, AND RECOMMENDATIONS

57 By meeting the existing setback, reducing paved area, and ensuring the development meets structure 58 footprint maximums, the proposal as it stands would reduce the nonconformance of the lot without 59 increasing nonconformance of the existing house. Staff suggest approval and allowing the applicant to 60 pursue approval of KPA and permitting requirements. The Planning Board should discuss the plan and 61 determine if it meets the requirements to accept the plan, and/or direct the applicant to make any changes 62

62 that are necessary.

63 **RECOMMENDED MOTIONS**

64 Below are motions for the Planning Board's consideration:

65 *Motion to accept the application*

66 Move to accept the plan for a shoreland development application from owner/applicants David Hunter and

agent John Chagnon requesting request approval for a two-story addition to an existing house located on

the property of 50 Dion Ave, Tax Map 23. Lot 15-A, in the Residential-Urban (R-U) and Shoreland Overlay

- 69 (OZ-SL-250') Zones.
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71 *Motion to approve the application*

- 72 Move to approve the plan for a shoreland development application from owner/applicants David Hunter
- and agent John Chagnon requesting request approval for a two-story addition to an existing house located
- 74 on the property of 50 Dion Ave, Tax Map 23. Lot 15-A, in the Residential-Urban (R-U) and Shoreland
- 75 Overlay (OZ-SL-250') Zones.

Planning Board Application – Shoreline Development Plan for 50 Dion Ave, Kittery

David & Jessica Hunter 50 Dion Ave. Kittery, ME 03904 Phone: 603-812-6299 (cell)

July 20, 2023

Dear Planning Board Chair, Vice Chair, and Members,

Upon submitting our Shoreline Development Plan for the Planning Board's consideration, we would like to take the opportunity to present a few notes and thoughts regarding the proposed addition to and renovation of the existing house at 50 Dion Avenue.

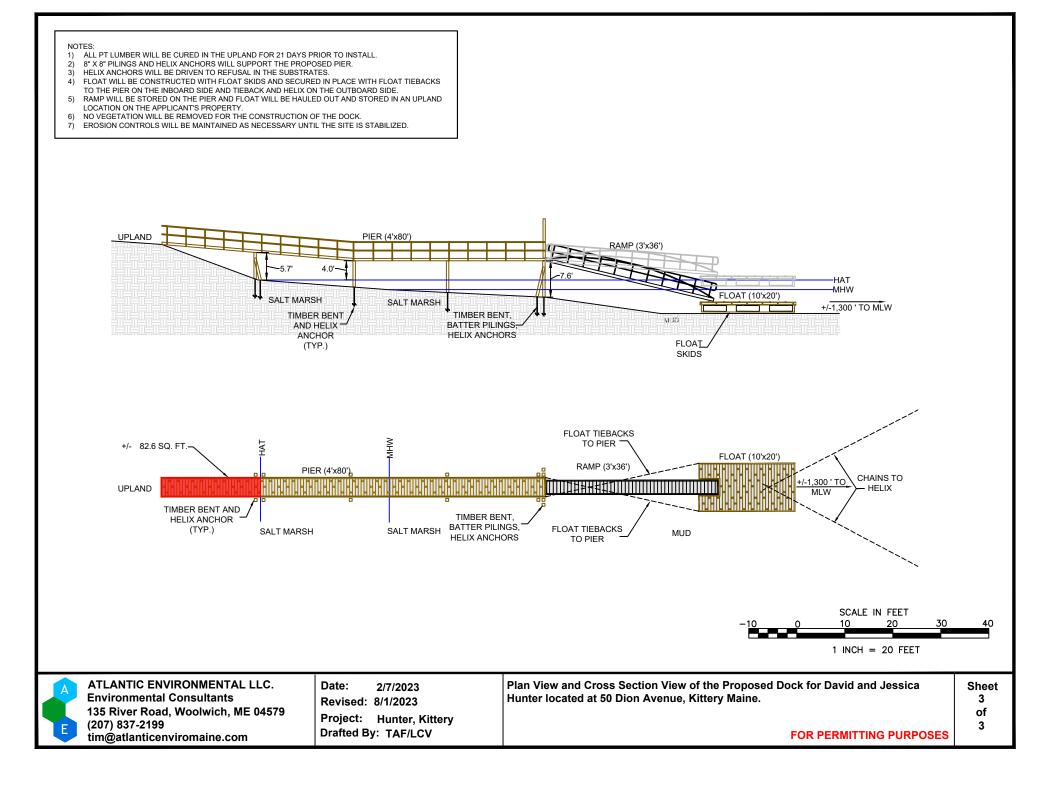
First and foremost, we understand the need to be sensitive of development near the waterfront and appreciate Kittery's prioritization of shoreline conservation and environmental concerns in general. We feel privileged to live in this beautiful location and to be able to observe and enjoy the natural beauty of this part of our community, and only wish to bring this outdated home up to reasonable current standards of comfort and convenience, without unduly impacting the shoreline or the surrounding natural setting.

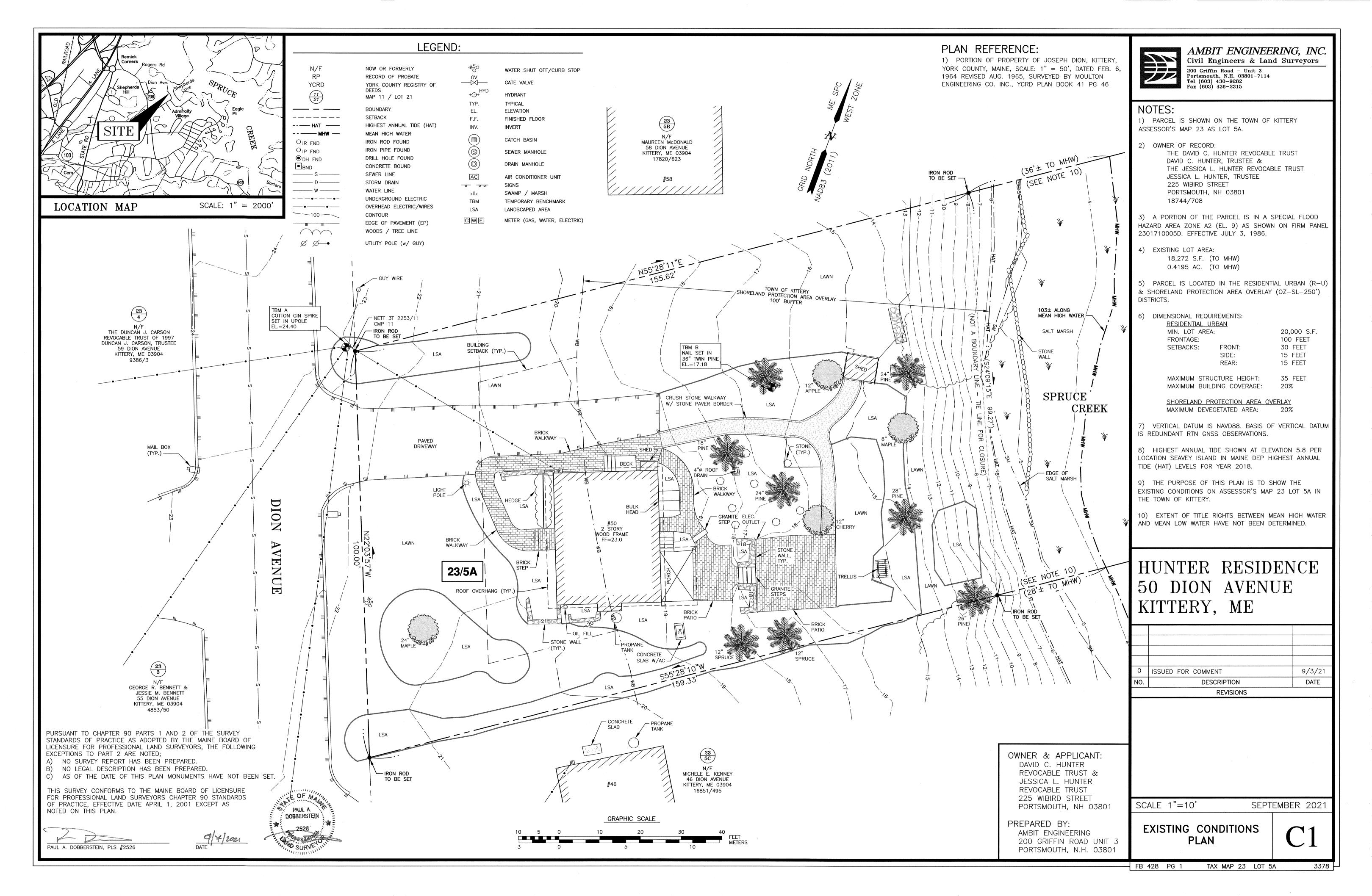
Rather than demolishing the existing structure and seeking to build up the kind of over-sized home that many people are pursuing on waterfront lots these days, we hope to add a reasonably sized one-car garage with new primary bedroom and bathroom above, and at the same time undertake a thorough renovation of the existing kitchen and a significant refresh of the exterior of the property, to include new windows, siding, and roof. We fully propose to keep this work within the allowable 30% maximum expansion, and to achieve this with no increase of the overall devegetation of the lot.

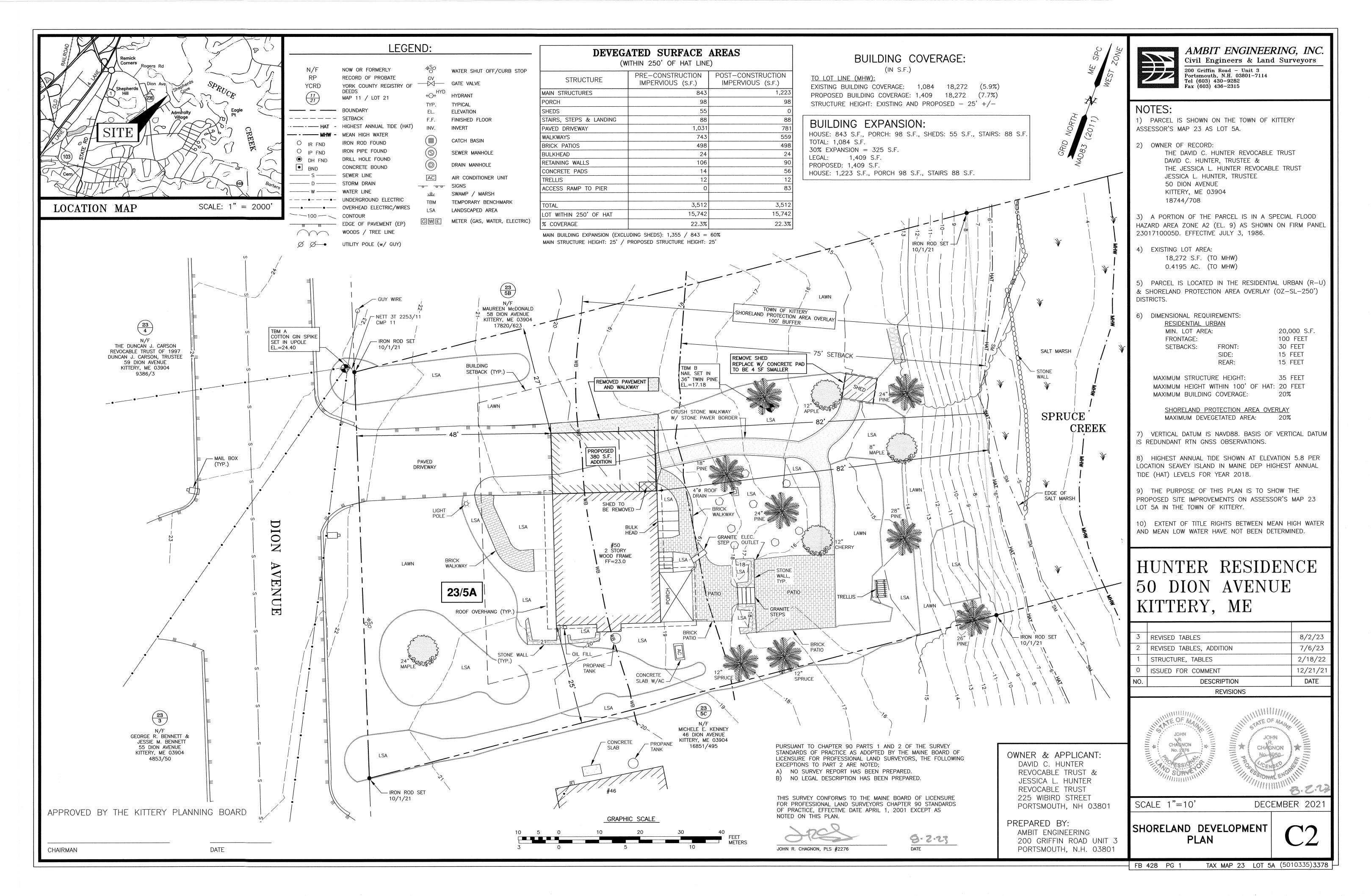
We feel that any examination of these plans will find our intentions entirely in keeping with the neighboring properties. Indeed, even after our intended expansion the footprint of our house will be smaller—and set back further from the waterfront—than the homes on either adjacent property. It also strikes us as rather unusual that such a house was built in the 1960s without a garage in the first place, and we would hope that any reasonable assessment of the current structure and lot and the proposed addition would deem this to be a modest request, and likely the least that anyone seeking to renovate this property would hope to achieve.

Thanks in advance for your consideration; we welcome your comments and observations.

Very best wishes,	Contents
	1 – Shoreline Development Plan
	2 – Existing Conditions plan
	3 – Proposed design: a) 1 st Floor, b) Front Elevation
David & Jessica Hunter	4 – Photos of existing house
	5 – Aerial photo of property
	6 – Tax Map with property indicated
	7 – GIS USGS Map







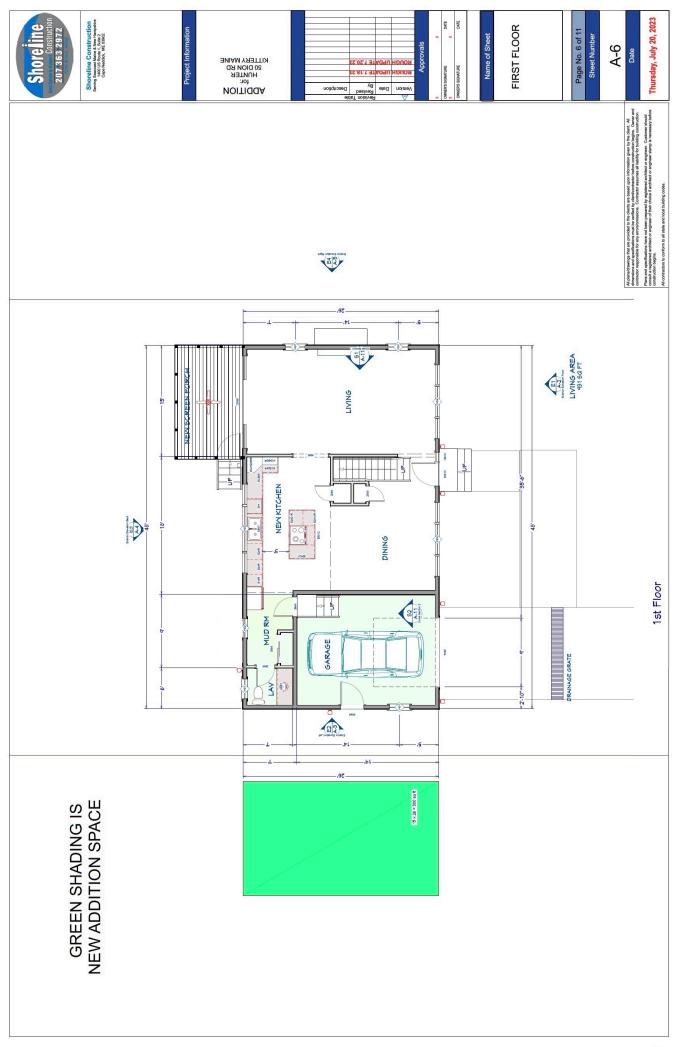
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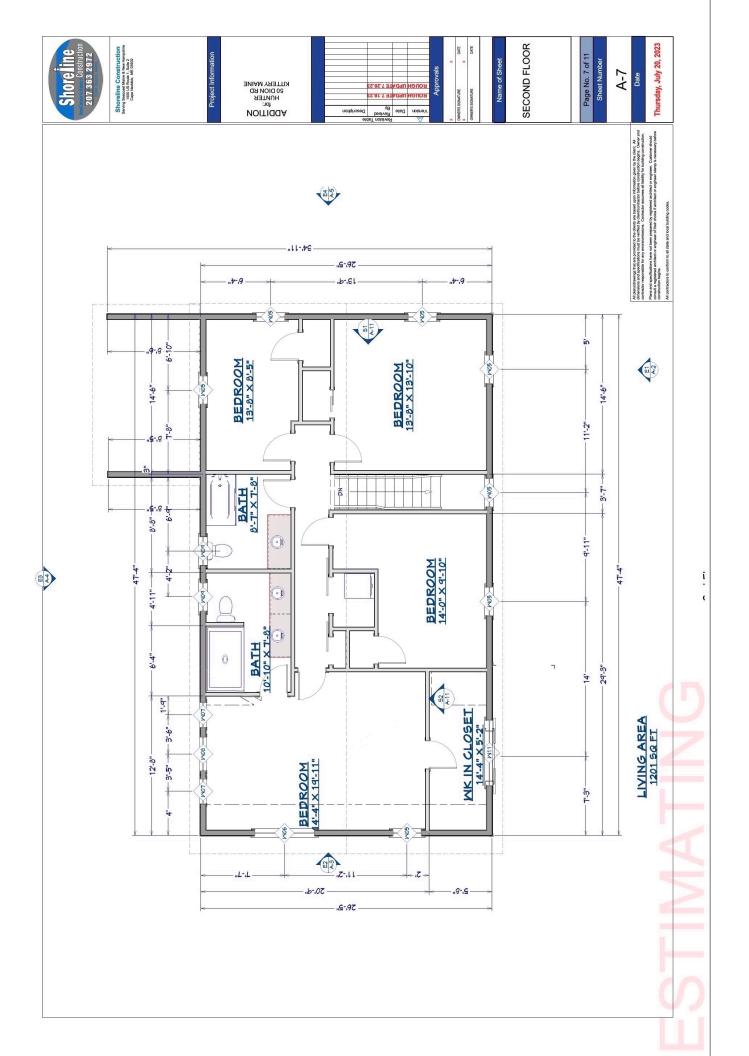


Aerial Orthography

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50 Dion Ave, Kittery, ME 03904 – Perspectives of existing structure.







