

Arlington Zoning Board of Appeals

Date: Tuesday, May 27, 2025

Time: 7:30 PM

Location: Conducted by Remote Participation

Additional Details:

Agenda Items

Administrative Items

1. Conducted by Remote Participation

2. Member Vote: #3822 20 Pond Lane Decision

3. Member Vote: #3844 14 Wachusett Ave Unit 2 Decision

4. Member Vote: #3846 58 Edmund Rd Decision

5. Member Vote: #3847 156 Brattle St Decision

Hearings

6. Docket # 3848 24 Woodbury St

Meeting Adjourn



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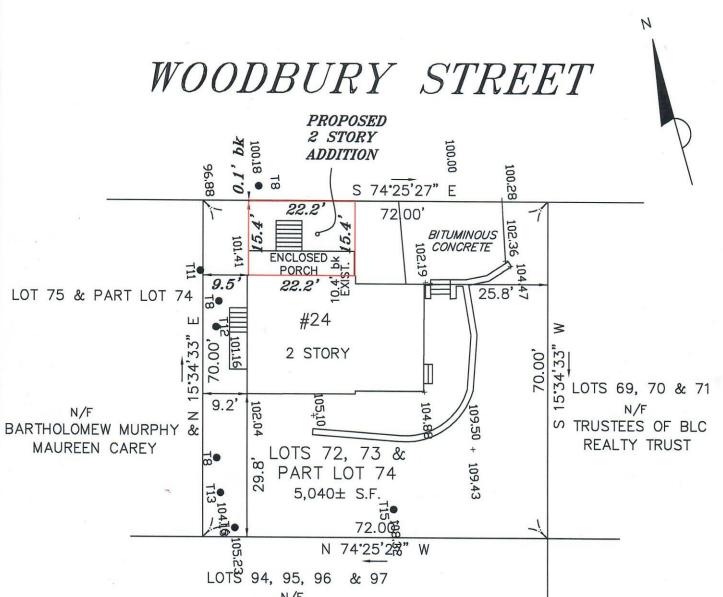
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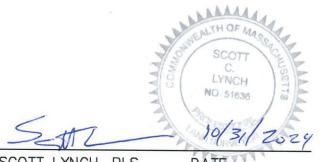
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| D | Reference Material | #3848_24_Woodbury_Combined_Pictures.pdf | #3848 24 Woodbury Combined Pictures |
| D | Reference Material | #3848_24_Woodbury_Street_Memo_to_ZBA.pdf | #3848 24 Woodbury Street Memo to ZBA |
| D | Reference Material | 3848_24_Woodbury_St_abutter_list.pdf | 3848 24 Woodbury St abutter list |
| D | Reference Material | 3848_24_Woodbury_St_abutter_map.pdf | 3848 24 Woodbury St abutter map |



N/F JAIME FORTUNO-LAVIN & HEATHER BURTON

PREPARED FOR: DANIEL & LESLIE O'BRIEN

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE BUILDING IS LOCATED AS SHOWN.



SCOTT LYNCH, PLS

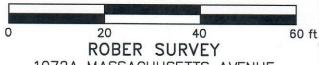
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PROPOSED PLOT PLAN #24 WOODBURY STREET

ARLINGTON, MA (MIDDLESEX COUNTY)

SCALE: 1"= 20'

DATE: 10/31/2024



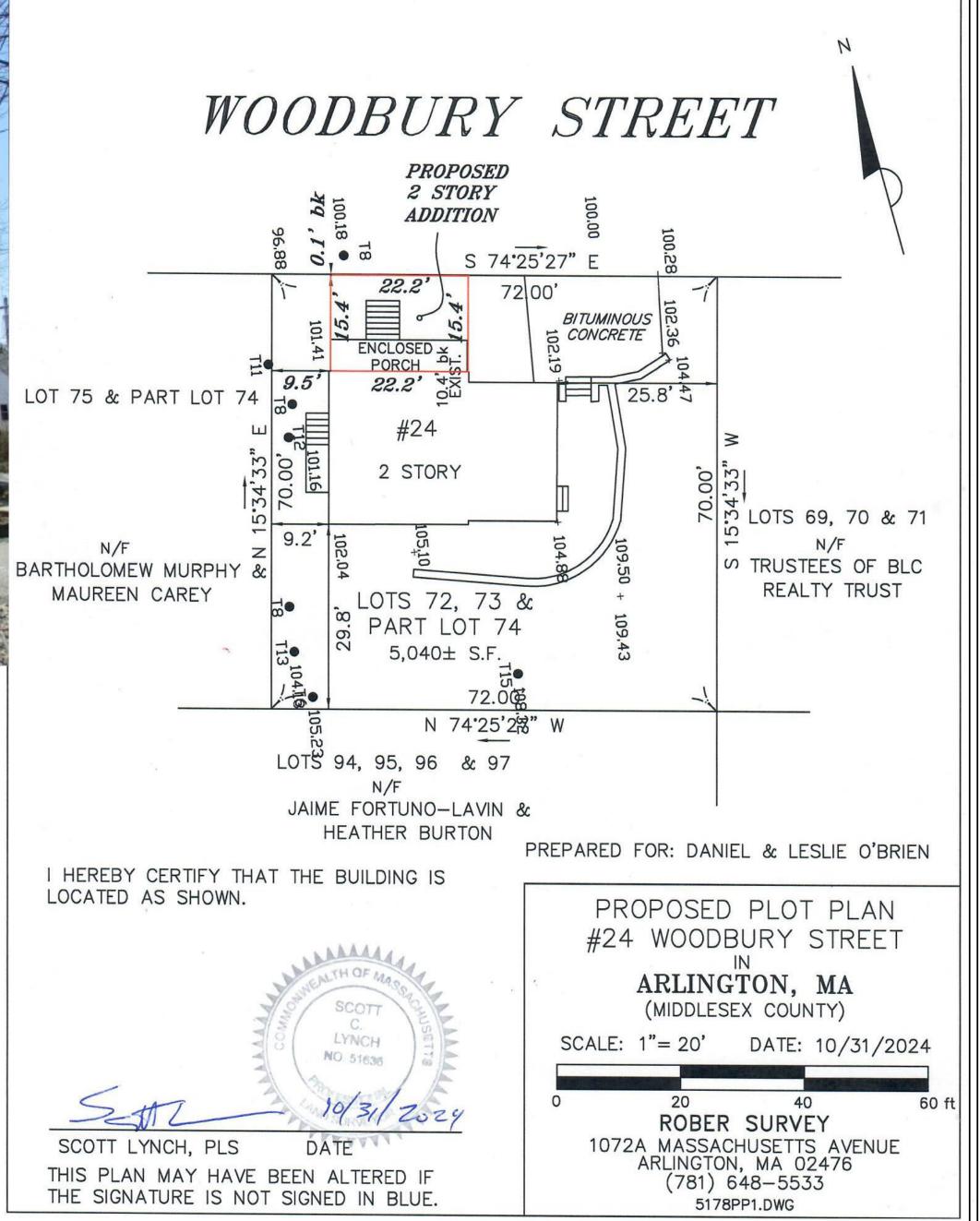
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Scope:

Remove existing sunporch and build new 2 story addition approximately 15' x 22' to include larger sunroom for additional living space on 1st floor and add bathroom and enlarge one bedroom and the office space. Tie new roof into existing ridge to match current hip roof, pitch and details to remain same. Match all existing exterior details and soffit details on addition to main house.



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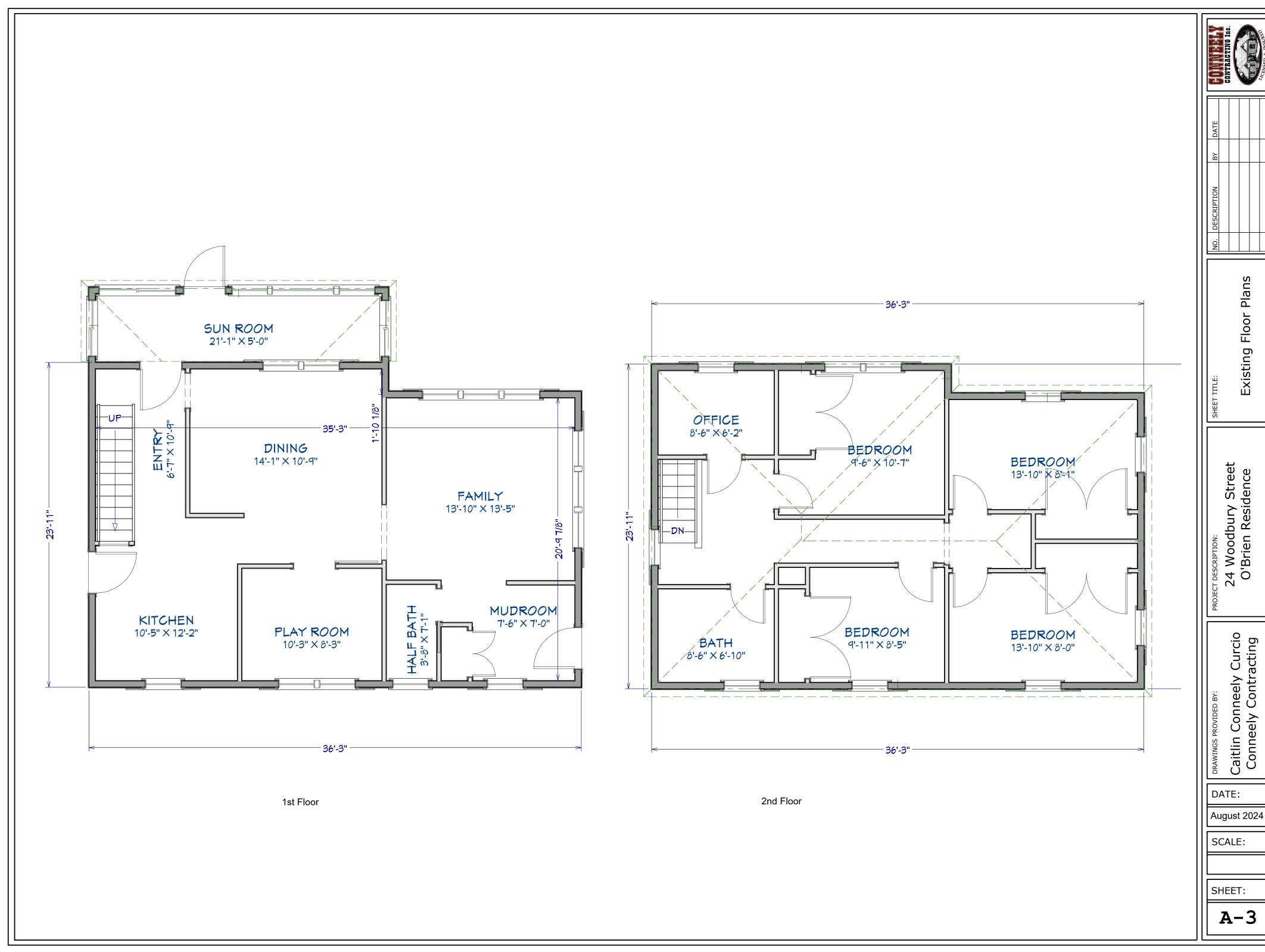
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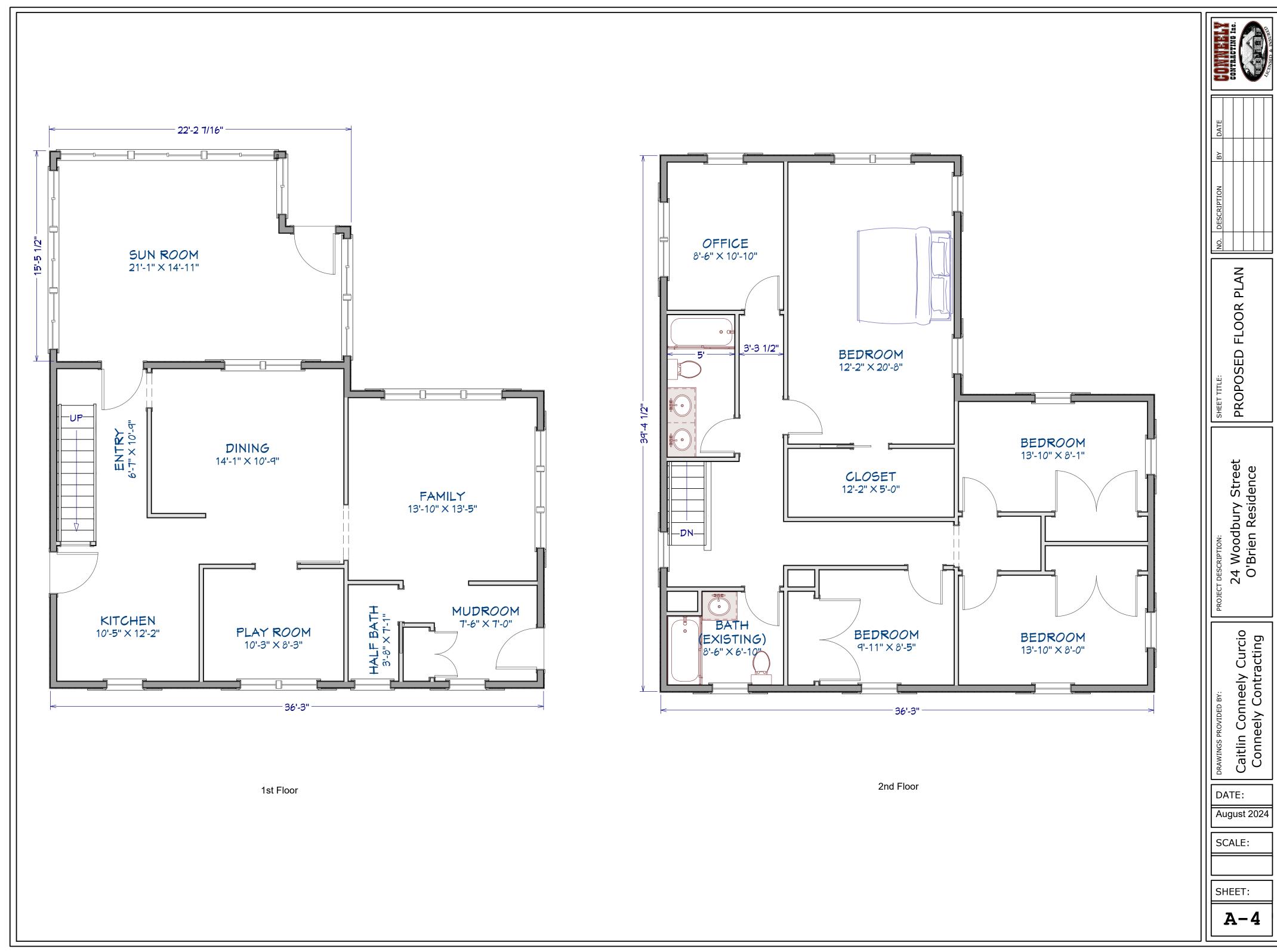
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24 Woodbury Street

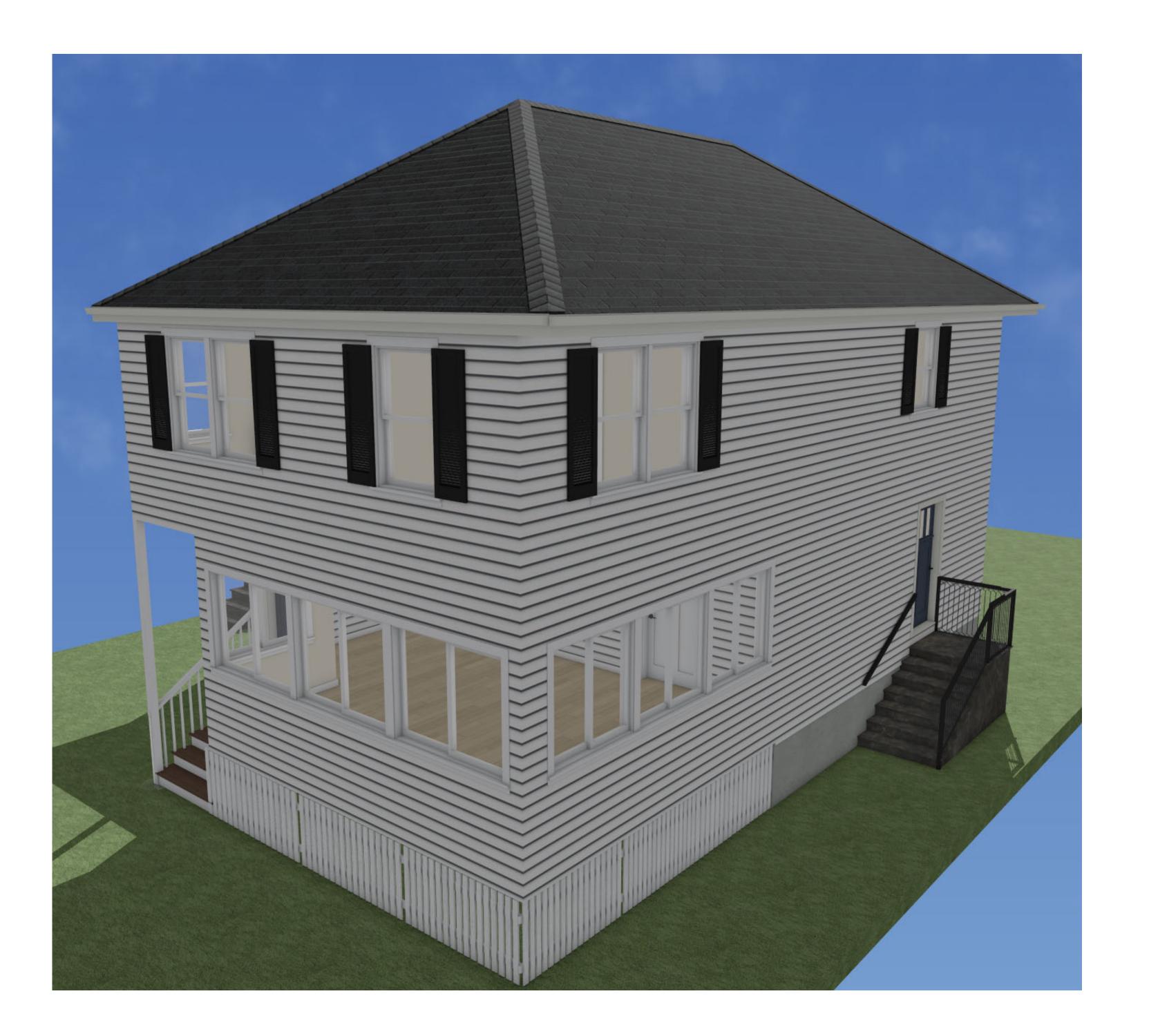
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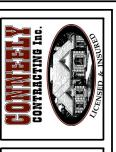
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Exhibit A. Images of front side of house, where extension would occur. Note dead end and "continuation of the road" as an apparent pathway in front of the house.



Exhibit B. Back of the house. Note hill and associated retaining wall making an extension on this side not possible.



Exhibit C. Side of house. Note hill and associated retaining wall making an extension on this side not possible.

MEMORANDUM

TO:

Arlington Zoning Board of Appeals

FROM:

Mary Winstanley O'Connor, Esq.

DATE:

March 31, 2025

RE:

24 Woodbury Street, Arlington, MA

Request for Variance

Applicants: Daniel and Leslie O'Brien

The existing single-family home at 24 Woodbury Street was built in 1914.

It was purchased by the Owners in August, 2013, and it is occupied by them and their family.

The work proposed by the Owners will require a variance due to the nonconforming nature of the property and the unusual shape and topography of the lot.

The existing home is considered an "old style home" and contains six (6) rooms and only one full bathroom.

The home is located in an R-1 zoning district and the existing finished area is 1,672 square feet.

The lot is rectangular in shape but the configuration of the house on the lot and the topography of the lot necessitate a variance to construct an addition on the front of the property.

See the photographs.

The property is located essentially at a dead end. <u>See</u> the photographs.

To the right of the property there is a large retaining wall and uneven topography that precludes expanding to the right-side yard. The rear of the property has substantial ledge and a significant slope.

The Owners are requesting relief to add a new two-story addition, 15' x 22' in size, which would enlarge the existing sunroom on the first floor, include a bathroom, enlarge one bedroom and provide office space.

With respect to the request for a variance, the location of the house on the lot and the extraordinary topography of the lot necessitate a variance. As the Board is able to discern from the site plan, the house is located 9.2 feet from the right-side lot line, 25.8 feet from the left lot line and 29.8 feet from the rear lot line. The property does not comply with the front yard setback and minimum lot size required by zoning. However, the location of the home and the topography conditions described above prevent any construction on the left side of the home or on the rear of the property.

In order to qualify for a variance, the Owners must satisfy the requirements of M.G.L. c.40A, §10. The Board must find all of the statutory requirements.

The statute requires the Board to find:

- 1. Owing to circumstances relating to the soil conditions, shape or topography of such land or structures and especially affecting such land or structures but not generally affecting the zoning district in which it is located.
- 2. A literal enforcement of the Bylaw would involve substantial hardship financial or otherwise to the Applicant.
- 3. Desirable relief may be granted without substantial detriment to the public good without nullifying or substantially derogating from the intent or purpose of the Bylaw.
- 4. Desirable relief may be granted without nullifying or substantially derogating from the intent or purpose of the Zoning Bylaw.

The Owners maintain that the unusual topography of the lot and the positioning of the home on the lot is such that the lot and structure have dimensions and a layout that impedes the ability to do a modest addition. Further the topography of the land impedes the reasonable use of

the property. The statute provides that the shape or topography of the Owner's land must especially affect the Owner's land or structure and be distinct, generally from other lots in the zoning district/neighborhood. Clearly, the position of the structure on the lot and the unusual topography of the lot is distinctly different.

The Owners maintain that if the Board literally enforced the Zoning Bylaw, preventing the construction of the preposed addition, this would constitute a substantial hardship to the Owners.

Finally, the Owners assert that the Board may grant the relief requested without substantial detriment to the public good and without nullifying or substantially derogating from the intent or purpose of the Zoning Bylaw.

The Owners suggest that the home with the proposed addition will not impact the neighborhood as it is essentially located at a dead end. Further, the area in front of the Owners' home was converted to a pathway long before their purchase of the property and is not used by vehicles.

The Owners respectfully suggest the Board may make the statutory findings for the variance needed under the statute.



CERTIFIED ABUTTERS LIST

Date: April 15, 2025

Subject Property Addresses: 24 WOODBURY ST

Subject Property ID: 174-4-3

Search Distance: 300 Feet - Zoning

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| Parcel ID: | Property Location | Owner 1 | Owner 2 | Mailing Address 1 | Mailing Address 2 | Town | State | Zip |
| 174-1-1 | 2 MASS AVE | SILVERA CHRISTOPHER B | | 85 A PLEASANT STREET | | LEXINGTON | MA | 02421 |
| 174-1-2 | 15401542 MASS AVE | KELJIKIAN MALCOLM & JEAN | | 1540 MASS AVE | | ARLINGTON | MA | 02476 |
| 174-1-3 | 1530 MASS AVE | DUNDUTSANG LODEN W | DUNDUTSANG NAMGYAL | 1530 MASS AVE | | ARLINGTON | MA | 02476 |
| 174-1-5 | 1520 MASS AVE | CALIENDO ANTHONY A & ROBERT M/ TRS | J.C. TRUST | 1520 MASS AVE | | ARLINGTON | MA | 02476 |
| 174-1-6 | 1516 MASS AVE | RATHBUN JENNIE H | DINEEN MARIANNE | 1516 MASS AVE | | ARLINGTON | MA | 02476 |
| 174-1-7 | 9 LANCASTER RD | CRANDLE MARKETA | | 9 LANCASTER RD | | ARLINGTON | MA | 02476 |
| 174-1-9 | 33 WOODBURY ST | RAMDIN LARRY AETAL | RAMDIN VALERIA A | 33 WOODBURY STREET | | ARLINGTON | MA | 02476 |
| 174-1-10 | 35 WOODBURY ST | LEPLEY MARGARET A | | 35 WOODBURY STREET | | ARLINGTON | MA | 02476 |
| 174-1-11 | 39 WOODBURY ST | DECOTEAU MICHAEL E/ TRUSTEE | MICHAEL EDWARD DECOTEAU LIVING | 39 WOODBURY ST | | ARLINGTON | MA | 02476 |
| 174-1-15 | 45 WOODBURY ST | MADDEN DAVID J | BAKER KATJA L | 6 HIBBERT STREET | | LEXINGTON | MA | 02421 |
| 174-2-8 | 1484 MASS AVE | ATINIZIAN NIGOGHOS & CAROLYN | TRS/ FRESH POND SHOPPING | 545 CONCORD AVE | SUITE 400 | CAMBRIDGE | MA | 02138 |
| 174-2-9 | 15001502 MASS AVE | 1500 MASS AVE LLC | | 294 HARVARD ST | | MEDFORD | MA | 02155 |
| 174-2-11.A | 15081510 MASS AVE | STATHOPOULOS ZOI | | 1511 MASS AVE | | ARLINGTON | MA | 02476 |
| 174-2-12.A | 46 LANCASTER RD | KWAN JOSEPH F | | 4 LANCASTER ROAD | | ARLINGTON | MA | 02476 |
| 174-2-13 | 8 LANCASTER RD | TRAN THANH NGA TRINH | | 8 LANCASTER RD | | ARLINGTON | MA | 02476 |
| 174-2-16 | 15 WOODBURY ST | KELLAS ANDREAS & CRYSTAL | | 15 WOODBURY ST | | ARLINGTON | MA | 02476 |
| 174-2-18 | 11 WOODBURY ST | LI XIAOLEI | LI JUN | 7 LAMBERT RD | | BELMONT | MA | 02478 |
| 174-2-21 | 35 DUNDEE RD | HOSSEINPOUR MOZHGAN | HEDAYATIAN QUIMARS | 62 CAMBRIDGE ST | | WINCHESTER | MA | 01890 |
| 174-2-22.A | 31 DUNDEE RD | COLLIER RICHARD B/BROOKE A | | 31 DUNDEE RD | | ARLINGTON | MA | 02476 |
| 174-3-2 | 56 WOODBURY ST | LEE VICTOR & ELIZABETH | | 56 WOODBURY ST | | ARLINGTON | MA | 02476 |
| 174-3-5 | 0-LOT WOODBURY ST | SUN PING | | 40 WOODBURY ST | | ARLINGTON | MA | 02476 |
| 174-3-6 | 40 WOODBURY ST | SUN PING | | 40 WOODBURY ST | | ARLINGTON | MA | 02476 |
| 174-3-7 | 38 WOODBURY ST | XIONG XIAOLU | ZHOU QIAO | 55 AUBURN ST | UNIT 55 | NEWTON | MA | 02465 |
| 174-3-9 | 25 LANCASTER RD | CONTOIS ADAM | GORDON LEAH | 25 LANCASTER RD | | ARLINGTON | MA | 02476 |
| 174-3-11 | 37 ARNOLD ST | LUM NANCY L | | 37 ARNOLD STREET | | ARLINGTON | MA | 02476 |
| 174-3-12 | 39 ARNOLD ST | TADDEO RICHARD J & JUDY A | LIFE ESTATE | 39 ARNOLD ST | | ARLINGTON | MA | 02476 |
| 174-3-13 | 43 ARNOLD ST | MAYFIELD THOMAS & | ARNOLD ELIZABETH | 43 ARNOLD ST | | ARLINGTON | MA | 02476 |
| 174-3-14 | 45 ARNOLD ST | RIBEIRO JOSE | | 45 ARNOLD ST | | ARLINGTON | MA | 02476 |
| 174-4-1 | 20 LANCASTER RD | MURPHY BARTHOLOMEW DETAL | CAREY MAUREEN E | 20 LANCASTER RD | | ARLINGTON | MA | 02476 |
| 174-4-3 | 24 WOODBURY ST | OBRIEN DANIEL T & LESLIE R | | 24 WOODBURY ST | | ARLINGTON | MA | 02476 |
| 174-4-5 | 20 WOODBURY ST | CALLAHAN BRIAN & LAURIE A/ TRS | BLC REALTY TRUST | 20 WOODBURY ST | | ARLINGTON | MA | 02476 |
| 174-4-8.A | 14 WOODBURY ST | MERRILL MICHAEL W & KRISTEN C | | 14 WOODBURY ST | | ARLINGTON | MA | 02476 |
| 174-4-11.A | 43 DUNDEE RD | LIMBURSKY RICHARD ETAL/ TRS | LIMBURSKY HAGELSTON TRUST | 212 0025EE ROAD | | ARLINGTON | MA | 02476 |
| 174-4-17 | 5 ARNOLD ST | HILL ROBERT JR | | 19 WARBLER SPRINGS RD | | LINCOLN | MA | 01773 |



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| 174-4-23 | 19 ARNOLD ST | LAVIN-FORTUNO JAMIE A | BURTON HEATHER M | 19 ARNOLD STREET | | ARLINGTON | MA | 02476 | |
| 174-5-12 | 2 ABERDEEN RD | ROBINSON THOMAS | EPSTEIN LINDA F | 2 ABERDEEN RD | | ARLINGTON | MA | 02476 | |
| 174-5-14 | 54 DUNDEE RD | PERKINS CHRISTOPHER | BLAIS MELANIE | 54 DUNDEE RD | | ARLINGTON | MA | 02476 | |
| 174-5-15 | 0-LOT DUNDEE RD | PETERS JO ANNE M | MENZ GERALDINE J | 46 DUNDEE RD | | ARLINGTON | MA | 02476 | |
| 174-5-16 | 4648 DUNDEE RD | PETERS JO ANNE M | MENZ GERALDINE J | 46 DUNDEE RD | | ARLINGTON | MA | 02476 | |
| 174-5-18 | 3840 DUNDEE RD | DOYLE OWEN L & ANNE M | | 34 AVENUE ALFRED DE MUSSET | 78110 LE VESINET | FRANCE | | | |
| 174-7-4 | 2 SMITH ST | HOUSING CORP OF ARLINGTON | | 252 MASS AVE | | ARLINGTON | MA | 02474 | |
| 174-7-5 | 44 ARNOLD ST | CHUNG KENNETH | | 44 ARNOLD STREET | | ARLINGTON | MA | 02476 | |
| 174-7-6 | 38 ARNOLD ST | LEE DENNIS & JENIFER | | 38 ARNOLD ST | | ARLINGTON | MA | 02476 | |
| 174-7-9 | 32 ARNOLD ST | NUSS CHARLES & ISABELLE | | 32 ARNOLD ST | | ARLINGTON | MA | 02476 | |
| 174-7-11 | 41 LANCASTER RD | SIMON BERYL ETAL/ TRUSTEES | SIMON BURAKOFF FAMILY TRUST | 41 LANCASTER ROAD | | ARLINGTON | MA | 02476 | |
| 174-7-14 | 4547 LANCASTER RD | MALOOF JOHN F | | 3 SCHOOLHOUSE LANE | | LEXINGTON | MA | 02421 | |
| 174-8-3 | 48 LANCASTER RD | O`MALLEY PETER | PANCOAST ANNA | 48 LANCASTER RD | | ARLINGTON | MA | 02476 | |
| 174-8-5 | 44 LANCASTER RD | HILL LORI A / TRUSTEE | LORI A HILL REVOCABLE TRUST | 44 LANCASTER RD | | ARLINGTON | MA | 02476 | |
| 174-8-7.A | 40 LANCASTER RD | OLEARY JAMES F | | 40 LANCASTER RD | | ARLINGTON | MA | 02476 | |
| 174-8-10 | 16 ARNOLD ST | ZAGANJOR MUHAMED & ALEMA/ TRS | 16 ARNOLD STREET REALTY TRUST | 16 ARNOLD ST | | ARLINGTON | MA | 02476 | |
| 174-8-12 | 12 ARNOLD ST | POLKING MARK JOSEPH | | 12 ARNOLD ST | | ARLINGTON | MA | 02476 | |
| 174-8-14 | 11 WILLIAMS ST | CHOI SEUNGWON & | PARK HYE YEON | 11 WILLIAMS STREET | | ARLINGTON | MA | 02476 | |
| 174-8-16 | 15 WILLIAMS ST | MCADAMS DANIEL R | CVIJIC SANJA | 15 WILLIAMS ST | | ARLINGTON | MA | 02476 | |
| 174-8-18 | 17 WILLIAMS ST | RAMASWAMY SUNDAR RAJAN | RAJAN BHUVANESWARI SUNDAR | 1 WASHINGTON ST | | BEDFORD | MA | 01730 | |
| 174.A-9-3 | 16 WILLIAMS ST UNIT 16 | HO CHIN-JUNG | | 16 WILLIAMS ST | | ARLINGTON | MA | 02476 | |
| 174-9-7 | 12 WILLIAMS ST | MARKUN DAVID J JR/ TRUSTEE | DAVID J MARKUN JR TRUST | 12 WILLIAMS ST | | ARLINGTON | MA | 02476 | |
| 174-9-9 | 8 WILLIAMS ST | HYPPOLITE GUIBENSON | | 10 COURT ST UNIT 498 | | ARLINGTON | MA | 02476 | |
| 174-9-11 | 4 WILLIAMS ST | MCLAUGHLIN DIANE E | | 4 WILLIAMS ST | | ARLINGTON | MA | 02476 | |
| 174-9-14 | 3 SELKIRK RD | SCHAUSTER HEIDI M | | 3 SELKIRK RD | | ARLINGTON | MA | 02476 | |
| 174.A-9-4 | 18 WILLIAMS ST UNIT 18 | ZHOU TIANYANG | PANG ANGE | 18 WILLIAMS ST | | ARLINGTON | MA | 02476 | |
| 174.A-4-1 | 1 ARNOLD ST UNIT 1 | SCOTT ABBEY C | | 1 ARNOLD STREET UNIT 1 | | ARLINGTON | MA | 02476 | |
| 174.A-4-2 | 3 ARNOLD ST UNIT 2 | CHAPSKI CHRISTINE | | 3 ARNOLD STREET UNIT 2 | | ARLINGTON | MA | 02476 | |
| 174.A-4-9 | 911 ARNOLD ST UNIT 9 | PRESCOTT JAMES H & BRENDA S | | 9 ARNOLD ST | | ARLINGTON | MA | 02476 | |
| 174.A-4-11 | 911 ARNOLD ST UNIT 11 | WANIGASEKARA PRASHAN | DISSANAYAKE CHEVANTHIE | 11 ARNOLD ST | | ARLINGTON | MA | 02476 | |
| 62-1-7 | 1501 MASS AVE | HEALEY JAMES T & JOSEPHINE | | 3501 MASS AVE | | ARLINGTON | MA | 02476 | |
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| 62-1-11.A | 15171519 MASS AVE | IG INVESTMENTS LLC | | 226 HARVARD ST | | BROOKLINE | MA | 02446 | |
| 62-1-12.A | 15211523 MASS AVE | GINIVISIAN GEORGE P-JANET L | TRS/LEMAC TRUST | 55 BOW ST | | LEXINGTON | MA | 02420 | |
| 62-1-14 | 1531 MASS AVE | HUNT PATRICK & KEEGAN MICHAEL | TRS/1531 MASS AVE REALTY TRUST | 1531 MASS AVE | | ARLINGTON | MA | 02476 | |



The Board of Assessors certifies the names and addresses of requested parties in interest, all abutters to a single parcel within 300 feet.

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