IN RE: PETITION FOR ADMIN. VARIANCE \*

W side Candlestick Drive, NW corner of Candlestick Drive and Highview Drive 8<sup>th</sup> Election District 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilmanic District

(2 Candlestick Drive)

Norman and Jann Seff Petitioners BEFORE THE

**DEPUTY ZONING** 

\* COMMISSIONER

\* FOR BALTIMORE COUNTY

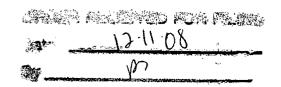
\* Case No. 2009-0088-A

#### FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

This matter comes before this Deputy Zoning Commissioner for consideration of a Petition for Administrative Variance filed by Norman and Jann Seff, the legal property owners, for property located at 2 Candlestick Drive. The variance request is from Section 1A04.3.B.2.b of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.) to allow a rear yard setback of 34 feet in lieu of the required 50 feet. The subject property and requested relief are more particularly described on the site plan that was marked and accepted into evidence as Petitioner's Exhibit 1.

This matter was originally filed as an Administrative Variance, with a closing date of October 20, 2008. On October 10, 2008, an adjacent property owner, Ms. Barbara Smelkinson of 1412 Highview Drive, filed a Formal Demand for Hearing. The hearing was subsequently scheduled for Friday, November 14, 2008 at 10:00 AM in Room 104 of the Jefferson Building, 105 West Chesapeake Avenue, Towson, Maryland. Prior to the hearing date, the hearing was moved to Room 1 located on the second floor of the Jefferson Building. In addition, a sign was posted at the property on October 29, 2008 and an advertisement was published in *The Jeffersonian* newspaper, giving neighbors and interested citizens notice of the hearing.

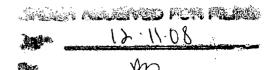
Appearing at the public hearing in support of the requested relief were Petitioners Norman and Jann Seff. Also appearing in support of the requested relief was Diane Torn, Petitioners' architect. Appearing as Protestant was Ms. Barbara Smelkinson, who expressed



opposition to the requested relief and filed the demand for hearing. Ms. Smelkinson was represented at the hearing by Diana Denrich, Esquire, and Wayne M. Willoughby, Esquire. There were no other interested citizens in attendance at the hearing.

Testimony and evidence offered revealed that the subject property is a square-shaped property consisting of approximately 1.69 acres, zoned R.C.5. The property is located at the northeast corner of Candlestick Drive and Highview Drive, south of Broadway Road and just east of Greenspring Avenue in the Greenspring Valley area of Baltimore County. The property is improved with Petitioners' existing single-family dwelling. The property is also served by private water and septic service.

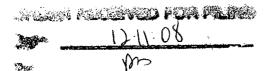
Petitioners acquired the property in 2001 after searching for quite some time for what they characterized as their long term home. Mr. Seff indicated that he and his wife own a design/build construction company and that he is a professional carpenter/cabinet maker. Together, they searched for a home in an area where they could put their own "stamp" on the property, whereby they could invest the construction skills and experience they had put forth in improving other peoples' homes, and now incorporate those attributes into the improvement of their own home. Mr. Seff also indicated that the home, which was built in 1960, was outdated when they purchased it and needed to be renovated and updated. He further stated that the home is fairly small compared with some others in the area, and that it presented a number of positive opportunities for expansion that would make the home a more modern show place. As depicted in the photograph that was marked and accepted into evidence as Petitioners' Exhibit 2A, some of that work has already been completed. This photograph shows an attractive side entrance to the home where it faces Highview Drive. As also depicted in the photographs that were marked and accepted into evidence as Petitioners' Exhibits 2B through 2D, additional work is planned



for the rear and side yard areas of the property that face north. It is this area that is the subject of Petitioners' variance request.

As shown on the floor plan that was marked and accepted into evidence as Petitioners' Exhibit 3, Petitioners have rather grand plans for the property, and the home in particular. They plan to construct a garage that would be located at an angle to the right of the dwelling. They also plan to make improvements that would ultimately result in the home resembling a "U" shape, with something of patio/courtyard in the middle. As part of the improvements, and in connection with the instant variance request, Petitioners desire to change the interior configuration of the bedroom areas of the home, including the location of hallways, bedrooms, and bathrooms. In addition, Petitioners desire to enlarge their master bedroom to more of a "master suite," with a larger bedroom area, sitting room, walk-in closet, and large master bathroom. This enlargement of the master bedroom and the master bathroom is what necessitates the variance relief. As shown by the blue dotted line labeled "Existing 50' Setback" on Petitioners' Exhibit 3 floor plan, the planned master bathroom and a small part of the master bedroom area encroaches into the 50 foot setback -- up to 16 feet into the setback where the master bathroom is located.

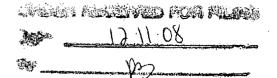
Petitioners indicated there are several factors that necessitate the variance relief. First, although Petitioners are reconfiguring the bedroom and bathroom areas in the home, the bedroom area of the home as a whole is staying the same to a great degree. As Mr. Seff indicated, the "bedroom wing is where it is" and they "can't get around that." In order to make the improvements they believe are warranted, especially to the master bedroom area, it is necessary to add on to the master bedroom as shown on the site plan. Petitioners also indicated that the location of the existing septic system limits their options, in terms of simply building a master bedroom addition on the side yard only of the home, rather than both the side and rear



yards. Their current design goes as close to the septic system -- which is located in the side yard -- as is permissible. Petitioners also indicated that Mr. Seff's health is an issue. He suffers from a bad back and foresees the possibility of a wheelchair in his future. The addition to the master bedroom in its planned location will limit how far he needs to walk down his hallway to get to the bedroom, and will also allow for sufficient space for the rooms and doorways to be wheelchair accessible.

Finally, Petitioners submitted letters of support from neighbors Linda DuVall and Phil Wagner of 1411 Highview Drive dated July 26, 2007 and Marvin and Erma Yaker of 4 Candlestick Drive dated October 5, 2007. These letters were marked and accepted into evidence as Petitioners' Exhibits 5A and 5B, respectively. Ms. DuVall and Mr. Wagner indicated they live directly across the street and would be in direct view of Petitioners' proposed addition, and have no objection to the granting of the variance. Mr. and Mrs. Yaker indicated in their letter that they live on the north side of Petitioners' home and have an obscured view of the proposed addition through the dense foliage. They expressed support of Petitioners' variance request.

Also testifying in support of the requested relief was Petitioners' architect, Ms. Torn. Ms. Torn indicated that she is very familiar with Petitioners' property and their plans to update and renovate the home. She then submitted a "Progress Drawing" showing the proposed residence for the Seff family. This drawing, showing a floor plan and front, side, and rear elevations, was marked and accepted into evidence as Petitioners' Exhibit 4. In reviewing the drawing and the planned location of Petitioners' master bedroom suite, and considering Petitioners' variance request, Ms. Torn indicated that, architecturally speaking, the layout as shown on Petitioners' Exhibit 4 -- including the master bedroom layout -- is the most architecturally feasible configuration. On the one hand, it makes it so the planned courtyard in between the "U" shape will not be so long, and on the other hand, the distance to the master

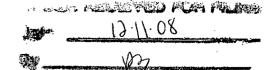


bedroom will likewise not be of such a great distance. In short, Petitioners' plans show a desirable balance in the layout.

Testifying in opposition to the requested relief was Ms. Smelkinson, who resides at 1412 Highview Drive. As depicted on the site plan, Ms. Smelkinson's home is situated on Highview Drive just northwest of the corner of Highview Drive and Candlestick Drive where Petitioners' home is located. In addition, Ms. Smelkinson's home faces Highview Drive and sits at an approximately 45 degree angle from Petitioners' home. The side and rear of Ms. Smelkinson's home has a view of the rear of Petitioners' home. Ms. Smelkinson indicated that she has lived in her home for the past 45 years. Property tax records reveal that her property consists of approximately 1.75 acres and that her home was built in 1964.

Ms. Smelkinson indicated that one of the primary reasons she and her husband moved into the neighborhood so many years ago was the spacious lots and the privacy afforded by a wooded area. She believes that Petitioners' expansion plans, and encroachment into the 50 foot setback toward her direction, may accentuate the view from her home to the back of Petitioners' home. During Ms. Smelkinson's testimony, her attorney, Mr. Willoughby, submitted a number of photographs that were marked and accepted into evidence as Protestant's Exhibits 1A through 1G. These photographs show the view from several vantage points of Ms. Smelkinson's home toward the rear of Petitioners' home. Ms. Smelkinson then indicated that the construction work presently ongoing appears substantial, and that Petitioners' planned master bedroom addition will appear even larger from her home. She also indicated that, as shown in the photographs, the foliage between her property and Petitioners' property is not thick enough to screen her view, especially during the fall and winter months from October to May. Finally, Mr. Willoughby

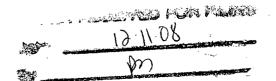
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Not all of Petitioners' improvements have necessitated zoning relief. Presently, Petitioners are constructing an addition to the rear of the home that will enlarge the hallway area and a bathroom. This addition does not encroach into the 50 foot setback and therefore did not require zoning relief.



submitted an Affidavit dated November 13, 2008 from the aforementioned Mr. Wagner that was marked and accepted into evidence as Protestant's Exhibit 2. He indicated that since they became aware of Ms. Smelkinson's opposition to the variance request, they do not object to the variance inasmuch as it does not affect them personally, but on the other hand do not support granting the variance given the fact that an affected neighbor does object to the incursion into the rear yard setback along her property line.

At the conclusion of the testimony, Petitioners inquired as to whether sufficient landscape buffering and screening could allay Ms. Smelkinson's concerns regarding her potential view of Petitioner's addition to the rear of the home. During a break in the proceedings, the parties discussed the situation with one another. When the hearing resumed, Ms. Smelkinson agreed that she would not in all likelihood be opposed to the variance relief if there was sufficient landscaping in place to shield her view of the rear of Petitioner's home, especially since that issue was at the crux of her opposition in the first place. After inquiries made by the undersigned to both parties, it was agreed that the record of this case would be kept open for a short period of time in order to give Petitioners the opportunity to engage at their cost and expense a licensed and reputable landscape contracting firm to create a landscape plan that would be acceptable to both Ms. Smelkinson and Petitioners. On December 10, 2008, Petitioner Mr. Seff delivered a landscape plan prepared by Outside Unlimited, Inc. with offices in Hampstead, MD and Ijamsville, MD (near Frederick, MD). The plan was presented to Ms. Smelkinson and signed off for approval by both parties. The plan was marked and accepted into evidence as Petitioners' Exhibit 6. It shows the location of various plantings for the rear yard of Petitioners' home, and the type of plants specified.

The Zoning Advisory Committee (ZAC) comments were received and are made part of the record of this case. Comments were received from the Department of Environmental



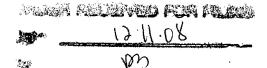
Protection and Resource Management dated November 6, 2008 which indicate that prior to building permit approval, an inspection of the septic system may be required.

Considering all the testimony and evidence presented, I find special circumstances or conditions exist that are peculiar to the land or structure which is the subject of the variance request. In particular, the configuration of the lot facing both Candlestick Drive and Highview Drive is unusual compared with other nearby lots. In addition, based on photographs accepted into evidence, it is clear that the home is placed much further back on the lot than was probably necessary when the home was built almost 50 years ago. The placement of the home in this manner creates limitations on improvements that can be made to the rear of the home. Finally, the placement of the septic system in the side yard -- the same area where the new master bedroom and bathroom addition is to be located -- also limits Petitioners' options with regard to improvements to the property. Therefore I find the property unique in a zoning sense.

I further find that strict compliance with the Zoning Regulations for Baltimore County would result in practical difficulty or unreasonable hardship. If not granted variance relief, Petitioners could not follow through with the updates and renovations they have planned, which appear to be much needed and which will be aesthetically pleasing and add value to the subject home -- as well as other homes in the neighborhood -- without overcrowding the land or being out of character with other nearby homes.

Finally, I find this variance can be granted in strict harmony with the spirit and intent of said regulations, and in such manner as to grant relief without injury to the public health, safety and general welfare.

Pursuant to the advertisement, posting of the property, and public hearing on this petition held, and after considering the testimony and evidence offered by the parties, I find that Petitioners' variance request should be granted.



THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED by the Deputy Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County, this \_\_\_\_\_\_ day of December, 2008, that an Administrative Variance from Section 1A04.3.B.2.b of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.) to allow a rear setback of 34 feet in lieu of the required 50 feet be and is hereby GRANTED, subject to the following:

- 1. Petitioners may apply for their building permit and be granted same upon receipt of this Order; however, Petitioners are hereby made aware that proceeding at this time is at their own risk until such time as the 30 day appellate process from this Order has expired. If, for whatever reason, this Order is reversed, the Petitioners would be required to return, and be responsible for returning, said property to its original condition.
- 2. Prior to building permit approval, Petitioners shall contact DEPRM for a determination of whether an inspection of the septic system is required.
- 3. In order to provide a buffer to neighbors -- and in particular Ms. Barbara Smelkinson at 1412 Highview Drive -- from view of the rear of Petitioners' home, and prior to commencing construction, Petitioners shall plant the landscape screening according to the landscape plan prepared by Outside Unlimited, Inc. and accepted into evidence as Petitioners' Exhibit 6. The plan shall be attached to this Order and incorporated herein.

Any appeal of this decision must be made within thirty (30) days of the date of this Order.

THOMAS H. BOSZWICK
Deputy Zoning Commissioner

for Baltimore County

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## Plant Specifications:

- (4) 7-8' Leyland Cypress
- (3) 7-8' Cryptomeria japonica

Japanese Cedar

- (1) 4-5' Acer palmatum 'Sango Kaku' Coral Bark Maple
- (2) 24" Aucuba japonica
- (4) 30" Mahonia bealei
- (5) 24" Spirea 'Shirobana'
- (11) 1 gal. Rudbeckia fulgida

Black-Eyed Susan

(7) 1 gal. Echinacea purpurea 'Kim's Knee High'

**Dwarf Purple Coneflower** 

(10) 1 gal. Lavandula angustifolia 'Munstead' English Lavender

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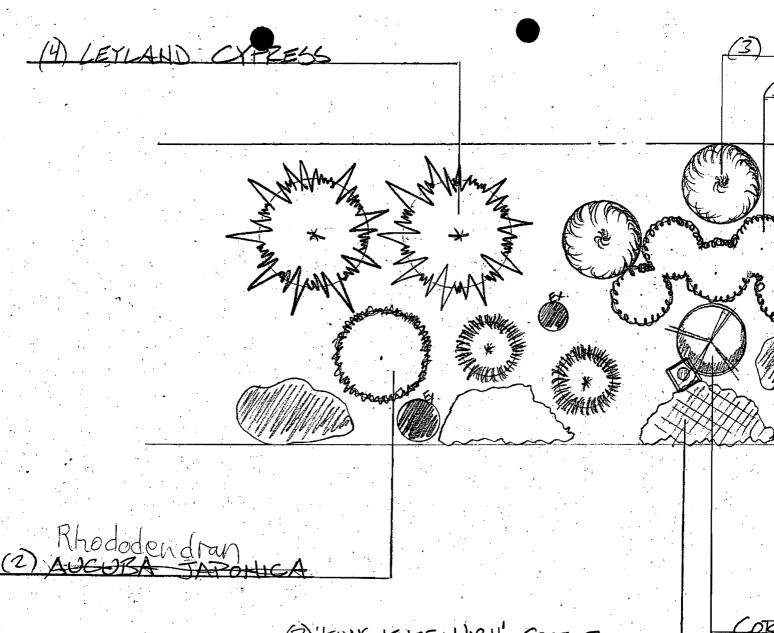
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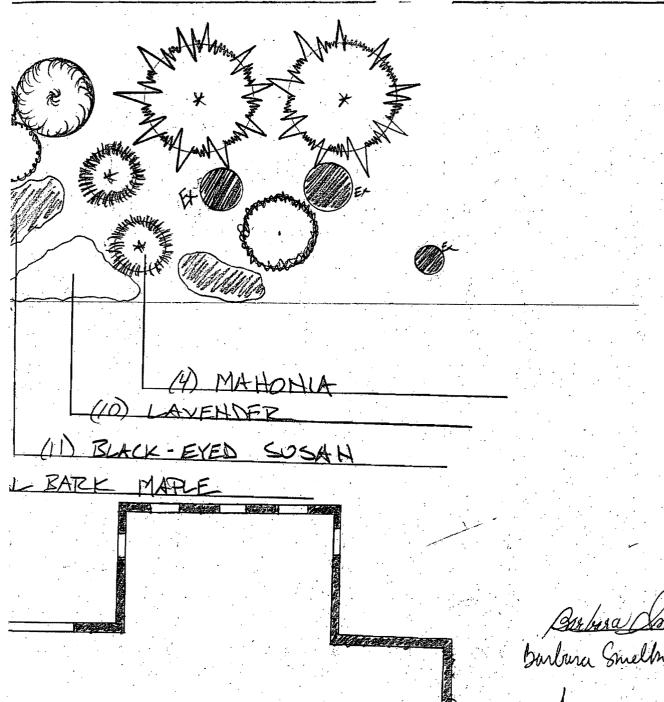
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JAMES T. SMITH, JR. County Executive

THOMAS H. BOSTWICK Deputy Zoning Commissioner

December 11, 2008

NORMAN AND JANN SEFF 2 CANDLESTICK DRIVE LUTHERVILLE MD 21093

> Re: Petition for Variance Case No. 2009-0088-A

> > Property: 2 Candlestick Drive

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Seff:

Enclosed please find the decision rendered in the above-captioned case.

In the event the decision rendered is unfavorable to any party, please be advised that any party may file an appeal within thirty (30) days from the date of the Order to the Department of Permits and Development Management. If you require additional information concerning filing an appeal, please feel free to contact our appeals clerk at 410-887-3391.

Very truly yours,

THOMAS H. BOSTWICK
Deputy Zoning Commissioner
for Baltimore County

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Enclosure

Diane Torn, 3418 Birch Hollow Road, Baltimore MD 21208
 Diana Denrich, Esquire, 215 Main Street, Reisterstown MD 21136
 Wayne M. Willoughby, Esquire, 10 Crossroads, Suite 203, Owings Mills MD 21117
 Barbara Smelkinson, 1412 Highview Drive, Lutherville MD 21093



CASE NO.

REV 10/25/01

## Petition for Administrative Variance

to the Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County

I/We do solemnly declare and affirm, under the penalties of

Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County

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for the property located at 2 CANLESTICK DR.	,
which is presently zoned <u>205</u>	٠.

This Petition shall be filed with the Department of Permits and Development Management. The undersigned, legal owner(s) of the property situate in Baltimore County and which is described in the description and plat attached hereto and made a part hereof, hereby petition for a Variance from Section(s) 1 A DH, 3. B. 2. B. TO ALLOW A

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of the zoning regulations of Baltimore County, to the zoning law of Baltimore County, for the reasons indicated on the back of this petition form.

Property is to be posted and advertised as prescribed by the zoning regulations.

I, or we, agree to pay expenses of above Variance, advertising, posting, etc. and further agree to and are to be bounded by the zoning regulations and restrictions of Baltimore County adopted pursuant to the zoning law for Baltimore County.

perjury, that I/we are the legal owner(s) of the property which is the subject of this Petition. Contract Purchaser/Lessee: Legal Owner(s): Name - Type or Print Signature Address Telephone No. State Zip Code Attorney For Petitioner: Name - Type or Print Representative to be Contacted: Signature Company Address Telephone No. -Telephone No. Address City City Zip Code State Zip Code State A Public Hearing having been formally demanded and/or found to be required, it is ordered by the Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County, that the subject matter of this petition be set for a public hearing, advertised, as required by the zoning regulations of Baltimore County and that the property be reposted. MALGORZATA UTRACKA

Reviewed By

**Estimated Posting Date** 

# Affidavit in Support of Administrative Variance

The undersigned hereby affirms under the penalties of perjury to the Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County, as follows: That the information herein given is within the personal knowledge of the Affiant(s) and that Affiant(s) is/are competent to testify thereto in the event that a public hearing is scheduled in the future with regard thereto.

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Jann & Norman Seff 2 Candlestick Drive Lutherville/Timonium, Maryland 21093 410-337-7181 Tax ID # 08-07-061040

Attached: Practical Difficulty/ Hardship

9/12/08

The original 1800sq.ft. residence constructed in 1960 on 1.69 acre site was built 56 feet from the rear northwest property line leaving 6 feet of remaining "buildable" area. After exhaustive efforts with architects and designers to develop designs that would achieve our goals and stay within the 6' boundary, this effort has proved unsuccessful. This impacts the bedroom and bathroom areas of the residence which are in dire need of upgrade and expansion. This limitation creates a practical difficulty and hardship. There is also a limitation for expansion to the northwest corner septic tank located @ 24' from rear corner. As a result of two lower back surgeries in the past five years it becomes critical for all areas in particular master bedroom, closets, bathroom to conform to ADA standards.

My request is to extend the existing 6 foot building line an additional 16 feet at the rear northwest corner of the residence. This request would adjust the existing 50' setback line to 34'. I am including letters of support from neighbors that either adjoin or are in immediate view of the proposed addition. Thank you for your consideration.

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## **ZONING DESCRIPTION**

# ZONING DESCRIPTION FOR 2 CANDLESTICK DRIVE LUTHERVILLE MARYLAND 21093

Beginning at a point on the WEST side of Candlestick Drive which is 50' wide at the corner of the nearest intersecting street which is Highview Drive which is 50' wide. Being Lot #11 Section B in the subdivision of Greenwood as recorded in Baltimore County Plat Book#19, Folio # 21, containing 1.690 acres. Also known as 2 Candlestick Drive and located in the 8<sup>th</sup> Election District, 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilmanic District.

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#### NOTICE OF ZONING HEARING

The Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County, by authority of the Zoning Act and Regulations of Baltimore County will hold a public hearing in Towson, Maryland on the property identified herein as follows:

Case: # 2009-0088-A

W/side of Candlestick Drive, n/west corner of Candlestick Drive & Highview Drive 8th Election District

2nd Councilmanic District Legal Owner(s):Norman &

Jann Seff Variance: to allow a rear setback of 34 feet in lieu of the reguired 50 feet.

Hearing: Friday, November 14, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. In Room 104, Jefferson Building, 105 West Chesapeake Avenue, Towson 21204

WILLIAM J. WISEMAN, III Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County

NOTES: (1) Hearings are Handicapped Accessible; for special accommodations Please Contact the Zoning Commissioner's Office

(410) 887-4386.
(2) For Information concerning the File and/or Hea/Contact the Zoning Revie/ Tice at (410) 887-3391.

## **CERTIFICATE OF PUBLICATION**

1030,2008
THIS IS TO CERTIFY, that the annexed advertisement was published
n the following weekly newspaper published in Baltimore County, Md.,
once in each ofsuccessive weeks, the first publication appearing
on 10 30 ,20 <u>08</u> .
The Jeffersonian
☐ Arbutus Times
☐ Catonsville Times
☐ Towson Times
Owings Mills Times
☐ NE Booster/Reporter
☐ North County News

LEGAL ADVERTISING

## CERTIFICATE OF POSTING

**ATTENTION: KRISTEN MATHHEWS** 

**DATE:** 10/9/08

Case Number: 2009-0088-A

Petitioner / Developer: NORMAN & JANN SEFF Date of Hearing (Closing): OCTOBER 20, 2008

This is to certify under the penalties of perjury that the necessary sign(s) required by law were posted conspicuously on the property located at: 2 CANDLESTICK DRIVE

The sign(s) were posted on: OCTOBER 5, 2008



Kunda O Keefe
(Signature of Sign Poster)

Linda O'Keefe

(Printed Name of Sign Poster)

523 Penny Lane

(Street Address of Sign Poster)

Hunt Valley, Maryland 21030

(City, State, Zip of Sign Poster)

410 - 666 - 5366

(Telephone Number of Sign Poster)



# FORMAL DEMAND FOR HEARING

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Petitioner(s): NORMON Seld.
TO THE ZONING COMMISSIONER OF BALTIMORE COUNTY:
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() Legal Owner OR () Resident of
1412 HIGHUIEW DR
Address  Luther Ville MD 21093  City State Zip Code
City State Zip Code
410.805-6050
Telephone Number
which is located approximatelyfeet from the property, which is the subject of the above petition, do hereby formally demand that a public hearing be set in this matter.  ATTACHED IS THE REQUIRED PROCESSING FEE FOR THIS
Barbara Smilkingen 10-10-08
Signature Date

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Signature

Revised 9/18/98 - wcr/scj

## **CERTIFICATE OF POSTING**

**ATTENTION: KRISTEN MATHHEWS** 

DATE: NOVEMBER 3, 2008

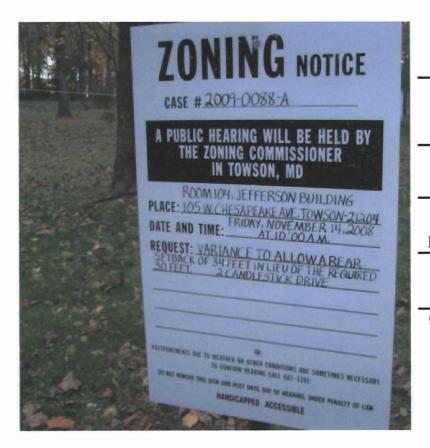
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Petitioner / Developer: MR. & MRS. SEFF

Date of Hearing (Closing): NOVEMBER 14, 2008

This is to certify under the penalties of perjury that the necessary sign(s) required by law were posted conspicuously on the property located at: 2 CANDLESTICK DRIVE

The sign(s) were posted on: OCTOBER 29, 2008



Linda O Keefe (Signature of Sign Poster)

Linda O'Keefe

(Printed Name of Sign Poster)

523 Penny Lane

(Street Address of Sign Poster)

Hunt Valley, Maryland 21030

(City, State, Zip of Sign Poster)

410 - 666 - 5366

(Telephone Number of Sign Poster)



JAMES T. SMITH, JR. County Executive

October 23, 2008
TIMOTHY M. KOTROCO, Director
Department of Permits and
Development Management

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CASE NUMBER: 2009-0088-A

2 Candlestick Drive

W/side of Candlestick Drive, n/west corner of Candlestick Drive & Highview Drive

8<sup>th</sup> Election District – 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilmanic District

Legal Owners: Norman & Jann Seff

<u>Variance</u> to allow a rear setback of 34 feet in lieu of the required 50 feet.

Hearing: Friday, November 14, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 104, Jefferson Building,

105 West Chesapeake Avenue, Towson 21204

Timothy Kotroco

Director

TK:klm

C: Mr. & Mrs. Seff, 2 Candlestick Drive, Lutherville 21093
Barbara Smelkinson, 1412 Highview Drive, Lutherville 21093

NOTES: (1) THE PETITIONER MUST HAVE THE ZONING NOTICE SIGN POSTED BY AN APPROVED POSTER ON THE PROPERTY BY THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2008.

- (2) HEARINGS ARE HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE; FOR SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS PLEASE CALL THE ZONING COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE AT 410-887-4386.
- (3) FOR INFORMATION CONCERNING THE FILE AND/OR HEARING, CONTACT THE ZONING REVIEW OFFICE AT 410-887-3391.

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Please forward billing to:

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## ADMINISTRATIVE VARIANCE INFORMATION SHEET AND DATES

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Case Number 2009- 00 08 -A Address Z CAUDI STICK DR
Contact Person: CAAIG Mc GRAW Phone Number: 410-887-339  Planner, Please Print Your Name
Filing Date: $9-24-08$ Posting Date: $10-5-08$ Closing Date: $10-20$
Any contact made with this office regarding the status of the administrative variance should be through the contact person (planner) using the case number.
1. POSTING/COST: The petitioner must use one of the sign posters on the approved list (on the reverse side of this form) and the petitioner is responsible for all printing/posting costs. An reposting must be done only by one of the sign posters on the approved list and the petitioner is again responsible for all associated costs. The zoning notice sign must be visible on the property on or before the posting date noted above. It should remain there through the closin date.
2. <u>DEADLINE</u> : The closing date is the deadline for an occupant or owner within 1,000 feet to fil a formal request for a public hearing. Please understand that even if there is no formal request for a public hearing, the process is not complete on the closing date.
ORDER: After the closing date, the file will be reviewed by the zoning or deputy zonin commissioner. He may: (a) grant the requested relief; (b) deny the requested relief; or (corder that the matter be set in for a public hearing. You will receive written notification, usuall within 10 days of the closing date if all County agencies' comments are received, as the whether the petition has been granted, denied, or will go to public hearing. The order will be mailed to you by First Class mail.
4. POSSIBLE PUBLIC HEARING AND REPOSTING: In cases that must go to a public hearin (whether due to a neighbor's formal request or by order of the zoning or deputy zonin commissioner), notification will be forwarded to you. The sign on the property must be changed giving notice of the hearing date, time and location. As when the sign was originall posted, certification of this change and a photograph of the altered sign must be forwarded this office.
(Detach Along Dotted Line)
Petitioner: This Part of the Form is for the Sign Poster Only
USE THE ADMINISTRATIVE VARIANCE SIGN FORMAT
Case Number 2009- 0088 -A Address Z CANDLESTICK DR
Petitioner's Name NORMAN SEFF Telephone 410 - 337 - 718
Posting Date: 10-5-08 Closing Date: 10-20-08
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JAMES T. SMITH, JR. County Executive

TIMOTHY M. KOTROCO, Director
Department of Permits and
Development Management
November 5, 2008

Norman & Jann Seff 2 Candlestick Dr. Lutherville, MD 21093

Dear: Norman & Jann Seff

RE: Case Number 2009-0088-A, 2 Candlestick Dr.

The above referenced petition was accepted for processing **ONLY** by the Bureau of Zoning Review, Department of Permits and Development Management (PDM) on September 24, 2008. This letter is not an approval, but only a **NOTIFICATION**.

The Zoning Advisory Committee (ZAC), which consists of representatives from several approval agencies, has reviewed the plans that were submitted with your petition. All comments submitted thus far from the members of the ZAC are attached. These comments are not intended to indicate the appropriateness of the zoning action requested, but to ensure that all parties (zoning commissioner, attorney, petitioner, etc.) are made aware of plans or problems with regard to the proposed improvements that may have a bearing on this case. All comments will be placed in the permanent case file.

If you need further information or have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the commenting agency.

Very truly yours,

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W. Carl Richards, Jr. Supervisor, Zoning Review

WCR:lnw

Enclosures .

c: People's Counsel

## BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

## INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO:

Timothy M. Kotroco, Director

Department of Permits and Development Management

FROM:

Arnold F. 'Pat' Keller, III

Director, Office of Planning

**SUBJECT:** 

Zoning Advisory Petition(s): Case(s) 09-033-Administrative Warfance

DATE: October 14, 2008

The Office of Planning has reviewed the above referenced case(s) and has no comments to offer.

For further questions or additional information concerning the matters stated herein, please contact Jeff Mayhew in the Office of Planning at 410-887-3480.

Prepared By:

CM/LL

#### BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

#### INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO:

Timothy M. Kotroco, Director

DATE: October 7, 2008

Department of Permits & Development Management

FROM:

Dennis A. Kennedy, Supervisor

Bureau of Development Plans

Review

SUBJECT:

Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting

For October 13, 2008

Item Nos. 09-0077-A, 0081, 0085-A, 0086-A,

0088-A and 0089-A

The Bureau of Development Plans Review has reviewed the subject-zoning items, and we have no comments.

DAK:CEN:lrk cc: File

ZAC-10072008 -NO COMMENTS



Martin O'Malley, Governor Anthony G. Brown, Lt. Governor John D. Porcari, Secretary Neil J. Pedersen, Administrator.

Maryland Department of Transportation

Date: 10/10/2008

Ms. Kristen Matthews
Baltimore County Office of
Permits and Development Management
County Office Building, Room 109
Towson, Maryland 21204

RE: Baltimore County

Item No 2009 - SO 86-A 2 CANDLESTICK DRIVE

SEFF PROPERTY ADMIN. VARIANCE

Dear Ms. Matthews:

Thank you for the opportunity to review your referral request on the subject of the above captioned. We have determined that the subject property does not access a State roadway and is not affected by any State Highway Administration projects. Therefore, based upon available information this office has no objection to Baltimore County Zoning Advisory Committee approval of Item No. 2009 - 00 86-A

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Michael Bailey at 410-545-2803 or 1-800-876-4742 extension 5593. Also, you may E-mail him at (mbailey@sha.state.md.us).

Very truly yours,

ASteven D. Foster, Chief For Engineering Access Permits

Division

SDF/MB



TB 11-14-08

#### **BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND**

#### **Inter-Office Correspondence**



DECEIVED L nov 0 7 2008 By:

TO:

Timothy M. Kotroco

FROM:

Dave Lykens, DEPRM - Development Coordination

DATE:

November 6, 2008

SUBJECT:

Zoning Item # 09-088-A

Address

2 Candlestick Drive

(Seff Property)

Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting of October 6, 2008

The Department of Environmental Protection and Resource Management has no comments on the above-referenced zoning item.

<u>X</u> The Department of Environmental Protection and Resource Management offers the following comments on the above-referenced zoning item:

Prior to building permit approval, an inspection of the septic system may be required.

Reviewer:

S. Farinetti

Date: 10/21/08

From:

Thomas Bostwick

To: Date: normseff@gmail.com 11/28/08 12:46:23 PM

Subject:

2 Candlestick Drive, Case No. 2009-0088-A

Mr. and Mrs. Seff,

As you recall, at the conclusion of the zoning hearing a few weeks ago, you and Ms. Smelkinson's family got together during a break and discussed potential landscaping at the rear of your property that would satisfy Ms. Smelkinson's concern that there be a buffer between her property and your planned improvements to you home. In fact, your architect, Ms. Torn, placed redlined landscaping on the site plan to show generally where landscaping is proposed.

I believe it was also discussed that you would hire a landscape architect to put together a basic landscape plan that would be adhered to as you went forward with your plans to your property, and that I would incorporate that plan into my decision and Order in the case.

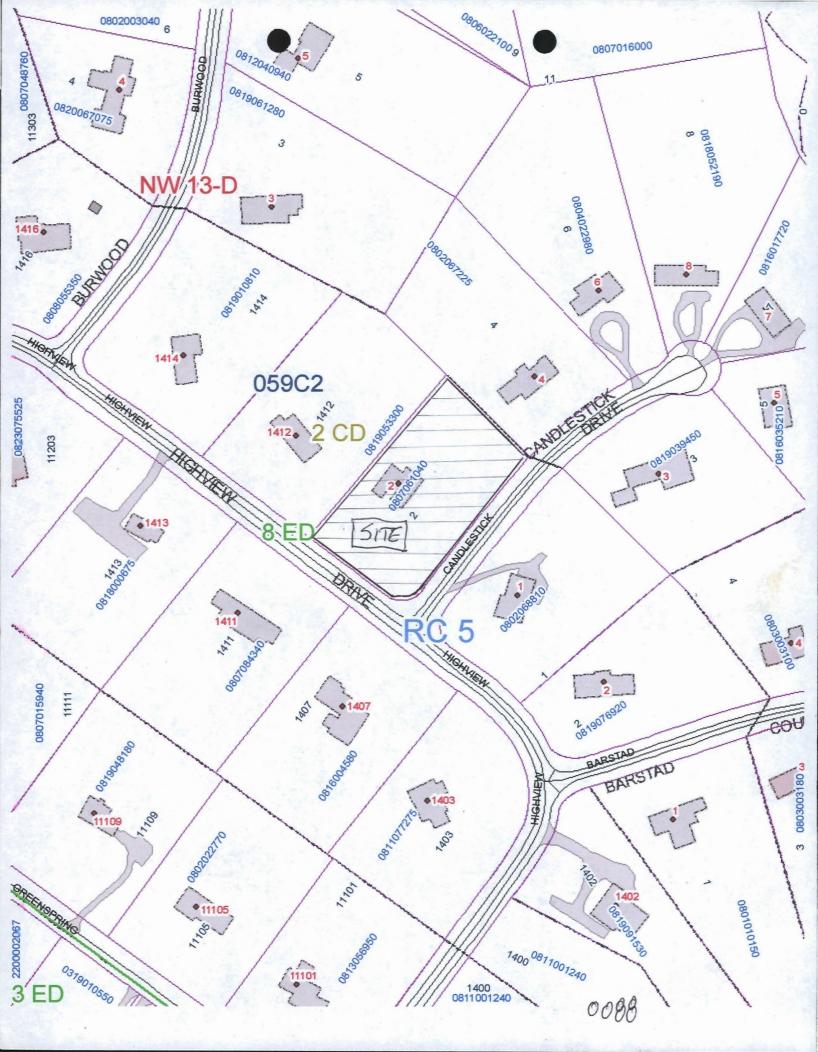
Please let me know what the status of the matter is. I am preparing the Order and want to incorporate all the necessary information so that both parties are satisfied. If my understanding is inaccurate, please also let me know. Thank you.

Thomas H. Bostwick
Deputy Zoning Commissioner
for Baltimore County
105 West Chesapeake Avenue, Suite 103
Towson, Maryland 21204
Phone: (410) 887-3868

Phone: (410) 887-3868 Fax: (410) 887-3468

CC:

ddenrich@dsalawfirm.com; dtorn@comcast.net; wmw@askthelawdoc.com



## PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

CASE NAME_	
CASE NUMBER	A-8800-POUR
DATE 11-14.	-00

# PETITIONER'S SIGN-IN SHEET

NAME	ADDRESS	CITY, STATE, ZIP	E- MAIL
	2 Candlestick Drive	Lutherville MD21093	normseff@gmail.com
DIANE TORN	3418 BIRCH HOLLOW RA	BALTIMORE, MAD 2120	18 Storn @ csucast.
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## PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

CASE NAME2 Candlestick Drive CASE NUMBER 2009 - 6088-A DATE 11/14/08

# CITIZEN'S SIGN-IN SHEET

NAME	ADDRESS	CITY, STATE, ZIP	E- MAIL
Diana Denvich, Esq	215 Main St., Reisterstaun 410 Crossroads, Suite 203	Reisterstown, MD 21134	ddennich Odsalawfirm
Bara Smelkinson	110 Crossroads, Suite 203	Lutherville, MD 21093	(Protester)
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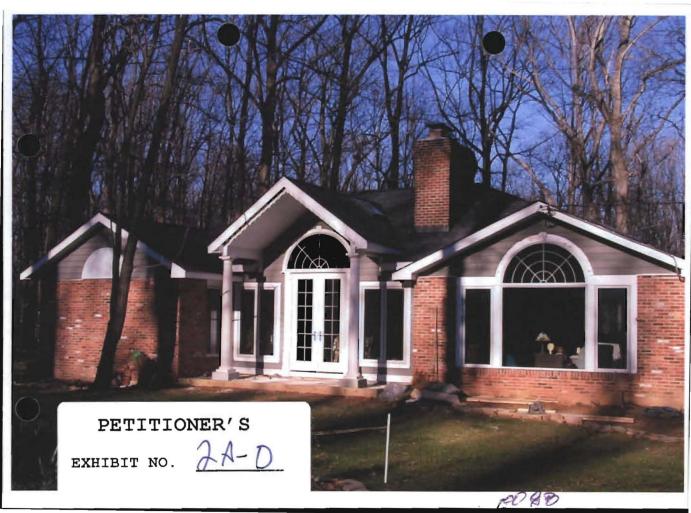
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# Exhibit Sheet

# Petitioner/Developer

## Protestant

No.	Site Plan	Photographs of subject prop.
No. 2	Photographs of Peop-	Affedant of Phil Wagner, are
No. 3	Floor Plan	Floor plan of Pet. planned home
No. 4	Elevations	
No. 5 A+B	Letters of Suggest	
No. 6	Petitioners' londscape	
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No. 8		
No. 9		
No. 10		
No. 11		
No. 12		



Higheren Drive view



View from north @ rear yard @ point of addition



Rear yard staked with adoltwin perimeters View from south



Rein yard showing dense wooded buffer Property line extends 15'-20' into wooded area Visiofrom north July 26, 2007

Zoning Review Department of Permits and Development Management 111 W. Chesapeake Ave Towson, MD 21204

RE: 2 Candlestick Drive/Seff zoning variance request

## To Whom It May Concern:

This letter will confirm a meeting that took place on July 25, 2007 initiated by our neighbor Norman Seff. Mr. Seff discussed his plans for a proposed master bedroom/bath addition to his home. He further explained the complications of designing such an improvement with the current setback limitation. He indicated he will be seeking a variance to allow the addition to be constructed 14 feet into the side setback (common to the property boundary with 1412 Highview Drive).

We live directly across the street and would be in direct view of the proposed addition. We have reviewed Mr. Seff's plan view (copy attached) which includes the 14 foot building setback extension. We have no objection to the granting of his application for a zoning variance.

Please feel free to contact either of us with any questions you may have.

Resident:

Linda DuVall

8/22/08 Date 8/22/08

Phone: 410-561-4323 1411 Highview Drive Lutherville, MD 21093 Tax Account # 0807084340

Subdivision: Section B Greenwood Lot#4 Section B, Greenwood

GLB 19/21

PETITIONER'S

EXHIBIT NO.

Zoning Review
Department of Permits and Development Management
111 W. Chesapeake Ave
Towson, MD 21204

October 5, 2007

RE: 2 Candlestick Drive/ Seff zoning variance request

## To Whom It May Concern:

This letter will confirm a meeting that took place at my home on July 24, 2007 initiated by our neighbor Norman Seff. Mr. Seff discussed with us his plans for a proposed master bedroom/bath addition to the rear (west side) of his home. He further explained the complications of designing such an improvement with the current 6 foot setback limitation and would be seeking a variance to extend that setback 14 feet with Baltimore County Zoning Office. We live on the north side of the Seff's home and would have an obscured view through the dense foliage of the proposed addition. We have carefully reviewed Mr. Seff's building plans including the 14 foot building setback extension requested. We are in support of this request and authorize your approval for his application for a zoning variance. Please contact me with any questions you may have.

Resident:

Marvin Yaker

Lrna Yaker

Date

10-05-07

Erma Yaker

Date

Phone: 410-583-1958 4 Candlestick Drive Lutherville, MD 21093 Tax Account # 0802067225

Subdivision: Section B Greenwood

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(301) 865-8102 FAX: (301) 865-8103

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Norm and Jan Seff 2 Candlestick Dr. Lutherville, MD 21093 (410)337-7181

## Plant Specifications:

- (4) 7-8' Leyland Cypress
- (3) 7-8' Cryptomeria japonica

Japanese Cedar

- (1) 4-5' Acer palmatum 'Sango Kaku' Coral Bark Maple
- (2) 24" Aucuba japonica
- (4) 30" Mahonia bealei
- (5) 24" Spirea 'Shirobana'
- (11) 1 gal. Rudbeckia fulgida

Black-Eyed Susan

(7) 1 gal. Echinacea purpurea 'Kim's Knee High'

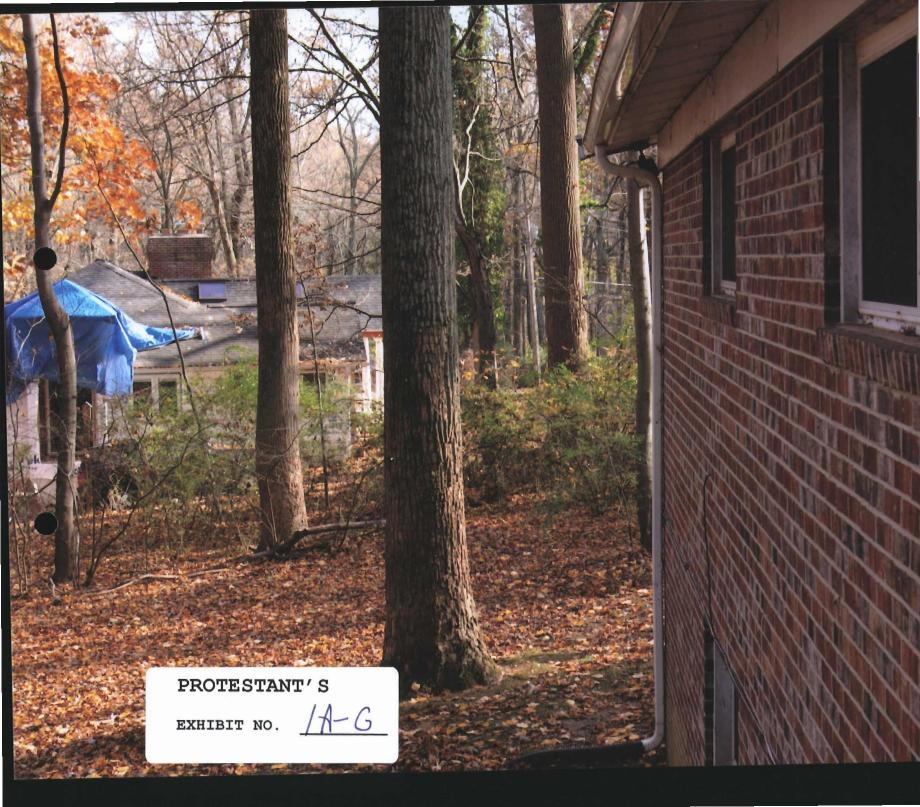
**Dwarf Purple Coneflower** 

(10) 1 gal. Lavandula angustifolia 'Munstead' English Lavender

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Approval & Plus Barbara Smelbinger 10/08 BARBARA SMELLINSON















## **AFFIDAVIT OF PHIL WAGNER**

- 1. My name is Phil Wagner, and I am over age 18 and competent to testify regarding the matters described herein.
- 2. I reside with my wife Linda DuVall at 1411 Highview Drive, Lutherville, MD 21093. My phone number is 410-561-4323.
- 3. 1411 Highview Drive corresponds to Lot #4, Section B Greenwood development.
- 4. My home is across Highview Drive from Mr. Seff's property at 2 Candlestick Drive.
- 5. In July 2007, Mr. Seff approached me regarding a variance that would allow him to build 14 feet into the 50-foot setback on the property line he shares with his neighbor at 1412 Highview Drive.
- 6. During the discussion, Mr. Seff stated that the septic system and tree location complicated the design of his addition and necessitated an encroachment on the setback.
- 7. Mr. Seff stated that no neighbor objected to the variance.
- 8. Mr. Seff did not mention the ADA or any medical problem as a reason for seeking the variance or as a reason for his home remodeling and addition project.
- 9. He handed me a prepared letter stating, in part, that my wife and I do not object to the variance, and asked that we sign and return it to him.
- 10. I showed the letter to my wife and we discussed Mr. Seff's request. Inasmuch as the variance does not affect our property line, and believing no other neighbor objected, my wife and I signed the letter.
- 11. Subsequently thereto, at least one of the trees Mr. Seff referred to as complicating his design plans was removed because of disease.
- 12. My wife and I recently learned that Barbara Smelkinson, the owner of 1412 Highview Drive, in fact does object to the encroachment on the setback.

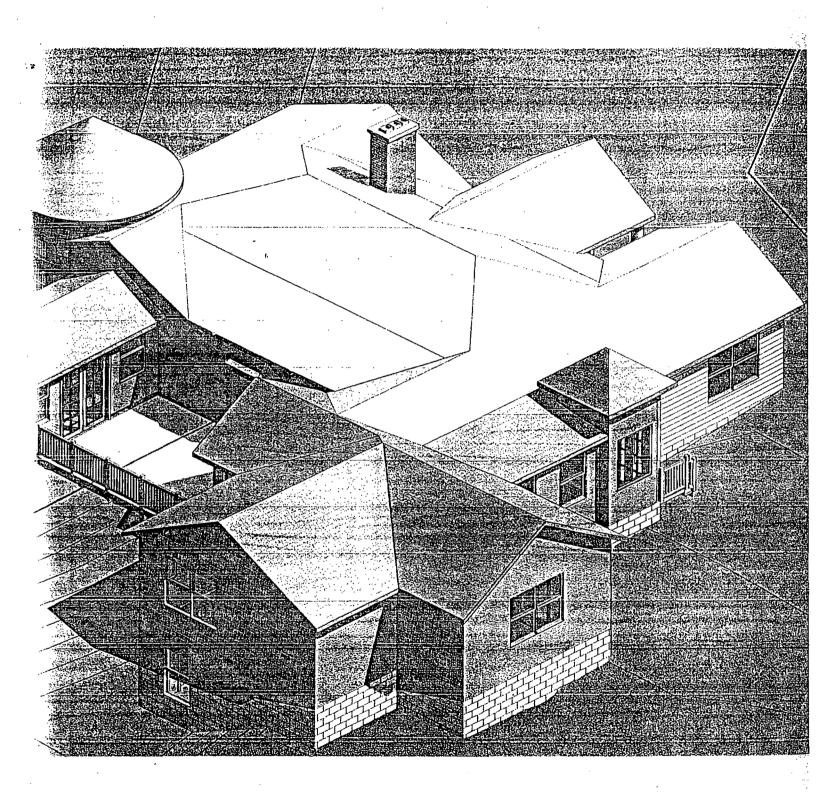
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- 13. My wife and I discussed the situation.
- 14. Although we believe the variance does not affect us personally, and thus we do not object to the variance, we do not support granting the variance given the fact that the affected neighbor objects to the incursion into the setback along her property line.
- 15. Now that the tree removal has taken place, perhaps an alternative design can be developed to overcome or mitigate objections.

I solemnly affirm under the penalties of perjury and upon personal knowledge that the contents of the foregoing paper are true.

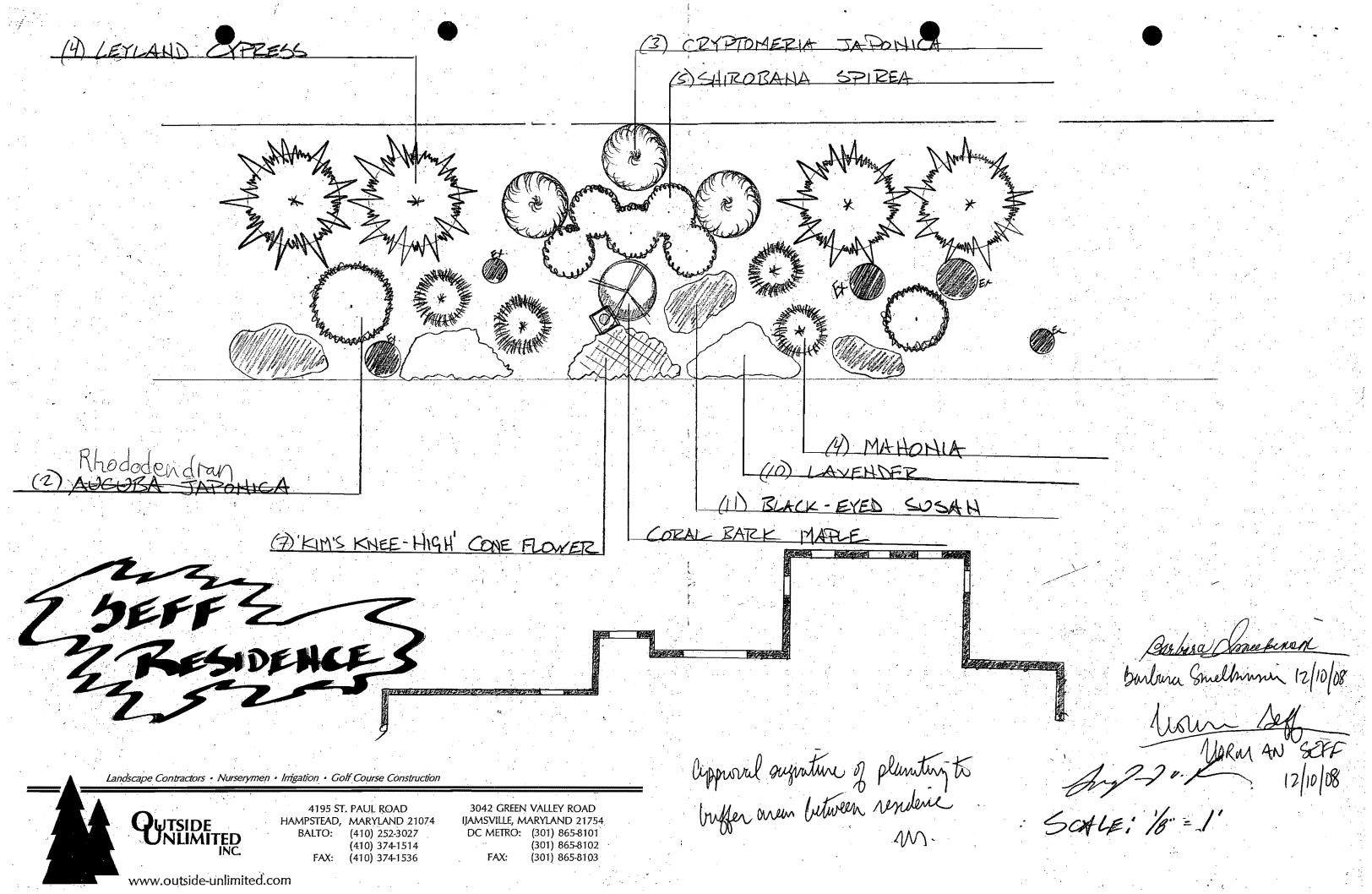
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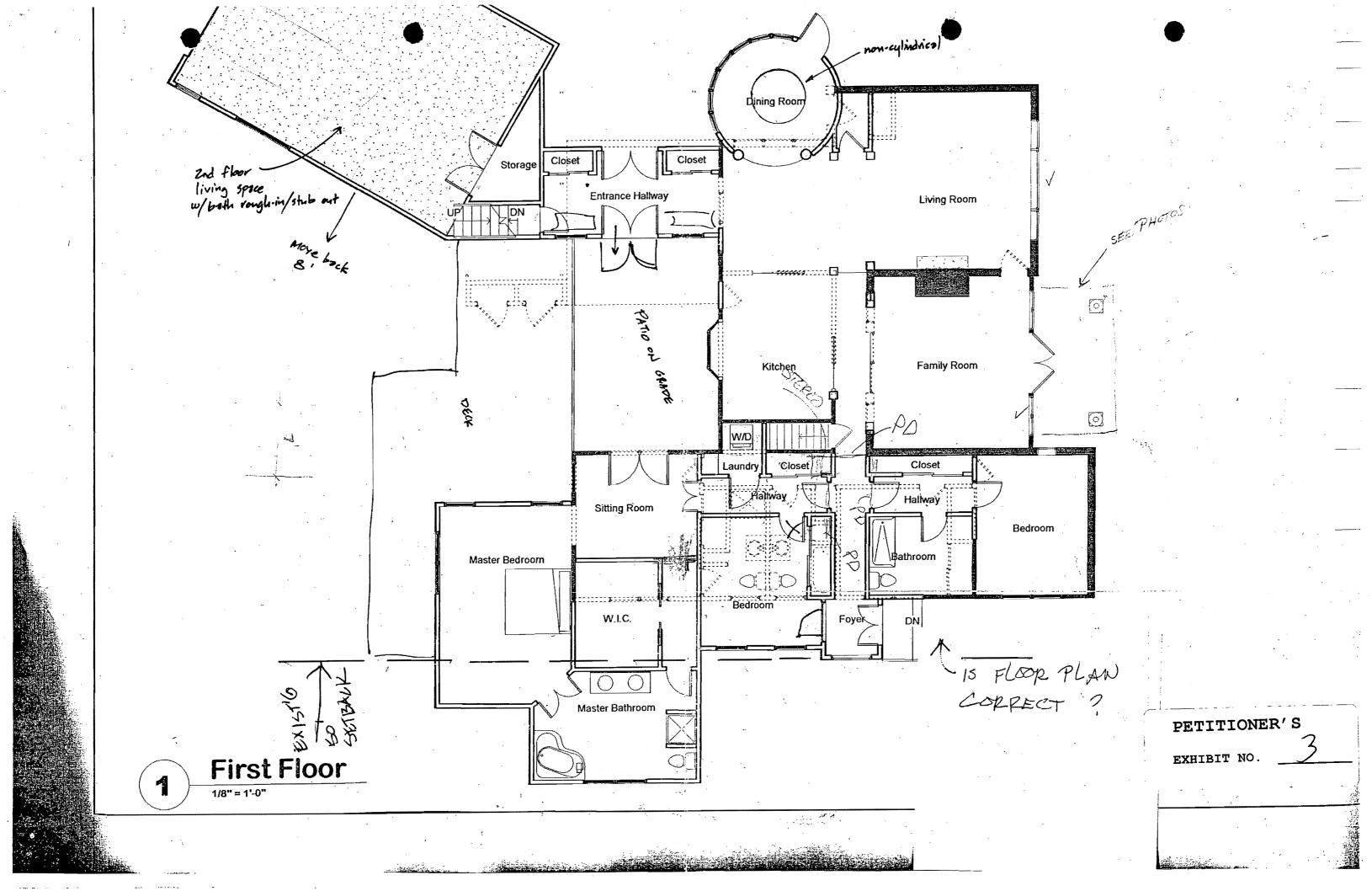


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	PLAT TO ACCOMPANY PETITION FOR ZONING VARIANCE PROPERTY ADDRESS 2 CANDLESTICK DELVE SEE PAGES 5 & 6 OF THE CHECKLIST FOR	
	SUBDIVISION NAME GREENWOOD	
	PLAT BOOK # 19 FOLIO # 21 LOT # 11 SECTION # B	
	OWNER JANN - NORM SEFF	Broadway Rd. W. Radonia
		and way Rd. Wigo
		Brown 5
	BARBARA SMELKINSON 1412 HIGHNEW DRIVE  TAX # 0819053300  LOT.12 LIBER.19 FOLID:21  PHONE: 410-825-6050	Ave Pring Highview Ed  Greenspring Valley Dr.
	MARVIN · ERMA YAKER 4 CAN DLESTICK DRIVE TAX #082067225	VICINITY MAP  SCALE: 1" = 1000'
	LIBER 19 FOLIO 21	LOCATION INFORMATION
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		COUNCILMANIC DISTRICT 2
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	NORTH TAX # 0807061040	ZONING OFFICE USE ONLY REVIEWED BY ITEM # CASE #
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