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IN THE MATTER OF RICHARD M. FOLIO,

Legal Owner/Petitioner 6200 Glen Falls Road Reisterstown, MD 21136

Re: Petition for Variance for Pool House In Front Yard in lieu of Side Yard

- * BEFORE THE
- * BOARD OF APPEALS
- * OF
- * BALTIMORE COUNTY
- * Case No. 14-185-A

OPINION

This case comes to the Board on appeal of a final Order on Motion for Reconsideration of the Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ") dated June 30, 2014, granting a Petition for Variance seeking relief from Section 1A09.7.C.2.e and 400.3 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations ("B.C.Z.R.") to permit a proposed accessory structure (pool house/garage) to be located in the front yard in lieu of the required side or rear yard.

Public hearings were held before this Board on October 16, 2014, June 16, 2015 and September 24, 2015. Petitioner, Richard M. Folio was represented by Lawrence E. Schmidt, Esquire and Smith, Gildea & Schmidt, L.L.C. (hereinafter, the "Petitioner"). The Protestant, Donna M. Ward (hereinafter, the "Protestant") was *pro se*. Peter Max Zimmerman, Office of People's Counsel, participated in the hearings.

A public deliberation was held on December 3, 2015.

Factual Background

Petitioner, Richard Folio (the "Petitioner") is the owner of the property located at 6200 Glen Falls Road, Reisterstown, MD 21136 in the northwest area of Baltimore County, near the Carroll County line (the "Property"). The Property consists of 3.001 acres and is zoned R.C.8. It is improved with a single family, detached dwelling which fronts on Glen Falls Road. A garage sits slightly back from the front of the house. To the west of the house is a pool enclosed by a fence. To the rear are a tennis/basketball court and a turf soccer field.

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Previously, the Property was zoned RC4. It was part of a larger tract of land encompassing 26.6 acres known as the 'Plummer Property.' In 1989, the County (under the County Review Group (CRG)) approved the subdivision of the Plummer Property into five (5) building lots plus a non-buildable one-acre parcel designated as Parcel B. The Petitioner has owned his Property (Lot 1) since 1998.

On the first day of *de novo* hearings before this Board (Oct. 14, 2014), the Parties, through their respective counsel, jointly requested that this Board stay this case, retain jurisdiction and require the Baltimore County Planning Director, or her designee, to perform their review function prescribed legislatively for specified zoning and development petitions in the RC8 zone. The Office of Planning had previously taken the position that the RC8 requirements for a certification by the Planning Director did not apply to this Property because, at the time of the subdivision of the Plummer Property, the zoning was RC4.

By Opinion and Order to Stay Proceedings dated December 15, 2014, this Board ordered the Planning Director or her designee to submit to this Board a written finding, determination and certification for the Property as required in BCZR §1A09.4.A for properties in the RC8 zone, within forty-five (45) days of the date of the Order.

After a site visit on December 31, 2014, the Director of Planning submitted to this Board on January 22, 2015, a certification that the proposal was inconsistent with the spirit and intent of the regulations. (Pet. Ex. 8). However, the Office of Planning suggested that the Petitioner redesign the proposed structure to reduce its mass in order that it would be complementary to the site and surrounding community. *Id.* The Office of Planning specifically recommended that "the structure be redesigned to eliminate the storage level, change the roof design and window treatment to look more like a garage than a residence and locate the structure in line with the front setback of existing house." *Id.*

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Prior to the second day of hearings before this Board (June 16, 2015), the Petitioner requested that the Office of Planning review his redesigned structure wherein he removed the second level of the building as requested to keep the height of the building under the maximum 15 ft. height requirement. With removal of the second floor, the Office of Planning submitted to this Board on June 15, 2015, a "Recommendation of Revised Design" finding that the variance request was now consistent with the spirit and intent of the BCZR subject to the conditions that: (1) the second floor of the pool house is eliminated; (2) the shutters are removed from the windows; (3) a cupola is added to the roof; and (4) landscaping is added to the side of the structure. The Office of Planning accepted the Petitioner's assertion that the grade prevented the location of the pool house behind the front of the residence.

On the second day of hearings before this Board, the Petitioner testified before this Board that he has owned the land since 1997 and built the existing home in 1998. He described the home as a 2-story colonial measuring 2,100 sq. ft., not including the partially-finished basement. There is a detached-garage connected to the home by a breezeway. (Pet. Ex. 1A, 1B,1C and 1F).

The Petitioner indicated that he, and his 3 teenage children, need more living space. Toward that end, he hopes that the approval of the proposed pool house/garage into the front yard will permit the existing 2-car garage to be converted to living space for his family. He would propose to enclose the breezeway. In 2004, the Petitioner had a pool built in the rear yard, which sits to the west of the existing garage. (Pet. Ex. 1D and 1J).

The Petitioner testified that his home was the smallest house in the neighborhood. He related that other homes in the neighborhood had pools, detached and non-detached garages, as well as sheds. His Property has a circular driveway which, according to the Petitioner, sits at a lower elevation than Glen Falls Road. The Petitioner added that the topography slopes down toward the garage and that the slope becomes severe as it reaches the rear of the Property. (Pet. Ex. 1F and 1G).

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The Petitioner highlighted that the existing pool measures 28x16. From the vantage point of the pool, he said that Glen Falls Road cannot be seen. When the pool was built, he explained that a retaining wall was constructed due to the slope. Importantly, the Petitioner testified that locating the proposed pool house/garage entirely within the rear yard would require "a lot of paving."

On cross examination, the Petitioner testified that the house had to be built in its present location due to the severity of the slope. He described the rear of the Property as including a "flex court" for use as both a tennis and basketball court, as well as a soccer field with a synthetic turf. The tennis/basketball court is equipped with lights. An aerial photograph of the Property accurately depicts these recreational features. (Pet. Ex. 12).

The Petitioner stated that, due to the lack of his financial resources at the time that the pool was installed, it was not 'practical' to locate the pool at the rear end of the Property. While the Petitioner admitted that he had not measured the slopes of neighboring properties, he believes that the slope on his Property is 'more severe' than his neighbors. In response to questions about whether there was an option to build the proposed structure on the east-side of the house, the Petitioner conceded that it would be too expensive.

A site plan for the proposed structure was prepared by Gregory Little, the owner of a design company known as "GBL Custom Home Design, Inc." (Pet. Ex. 10). Mr. Little is not an architect but designs structures under the direction of an architect. The site plan shows that the pool house/garage is proposed to be located 59 ft.+/- from the right of way on Glen Falls Rd. and 70' from the paving on Glen Falls Rd.

Specifically, the proposed structure is described in the elevations plans (Pet. Ex. 10). It consists of a 2 car garage with the 'pool house/bar' along with a porch to be located closest to the pool. Per the elevation drawings, the proposed garage measures 26 ft. in width, the 'pool

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house/bar' measures another 12 ft. in width, and the porch is an additional 6 ft. in width. Thus, the total width of the proposed structure is 44 ft.

The proposed garage is equipped with HVAC. (Pet. Ex. 10). The proposed pool house/bar has a bathroom and a storage room. *Id.* The drawings also show an area for a bar with stools. *Id.* The proposed porch has concrete steps leading to the fence for the pool. *Id.* The drawings show that the structure would include a cupola, would not have shutters on the windows but would include landscaping as recommended by the Office of Planning.

Mr. Little described the slope surrounding the pool as 'severe'. Using the topography map, he commented that steep slopes on the Property are indicated by lines close together. (Pet. Ex. 7). Mr. Little also admitted that there are steep slopes in the neighborhood but that most of the homes were built on flat areas. He explained that the 'front yard' of the Property includes the distance from front wall of the home toward Glen Falls. Mr. Little measured the entire pool area as 50x30 (1500 sf). He also indicated that the tennis/basketball court measures 150x110 (16,500 sf).

On cross examination, Mr. Little agreed that the area to the east of the home was flat. He agreed that the only impediment to locating the proposed structure on the east side of the home was cost. Although Mr. Little was not hired to convert the existing garage to living space, he considered this to be an additional cost for the Petitioner. All of these factors considered together led Mr. Little to the conclusion that the Petitioner would suffer a 'financial hardship' if he was not permitted to locate the proposed structure partly in the front yard.

Testifying against the variance request was the Hanover Road Association, Inc. through its Vice President, Robert Slaterbeck. (Prot. Ex. 3; P.C. Ex. 11). Mr. Slaterbeck said that the Hanover Road Association opposed having another structure built upon this Property which is located within the Association's boundaries. The Association asserted that the Property already had too much impervious surface. He stated that locating a large structure at the crest of the hill would have an adverse impact on aesthetics and property values. Mr. Slaterbeck added that the Petitioner

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could build a second story above the existing garage. He added that no other properties in the area have two (2) garages. Consequently, he believes that this proposal does not fit the neighborhood.

Protestant Donna Ward, 6130 Glen Falls Road, also opposed the request for variance. Her home is located on the east side of the Property. She and her husband built their home in 1995. She testified that the sloping topography of the Property was not unique. She stated that all properties in the neighborhood have similar slopes and that all the homeowners in the subdivision had grading issues when their homes were built. She presented photographs of her home and pointed out the sloping topography. (Prot. Ex. 5-1-B, 5-1-C, 5-1-E, 5-1-F, 5-1-G). Indeed, she was required to build her garage in the rear yard which cost additional funds. She presented a photograph confirming the location of her garage in the rear yard. (Prot. Ex. 5-1-C; Prot. Ex. 5-1-G).

Mrs. Ward stated that the Folio house is not the smallest in the neighborhood; there are 2 houses which are smaller. She testified that the proposed structure could be located on the east side of the Property. She added that not all homes in the neighborhood have a pool but that none of the homes have a pool house. She believes that the pool house is for convenience of the Petitioner. She believes the reason the pool house needs to be partially located in the front yard is due to the location of the pool.

Robert Holtz, 6126 Glenn Falls Road opposed the request. He built his home in 1998. He testified that another structure will increase the impervious surface, which will, in turn, cause water run-off and affect the local stream. In his opinion, the proposed structure would negatively impact the rural character of the neighborhood. Additionally, the size of the proposed structure is nearly the same size as his house.

Karl Locklear, 6134 Glen Falls Road, testified in opposition. He stated that he bought his property in 1995 and that it is steeply sloped. Mr. Locklear characterized this request as 'gross overdevelopment'. He is concerned that granting this variance would set a precedent for more

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development. The size of the structure at 1,200 sq. ft. is equivalent to the size of a standard rancher. He noted that most homes in the area are less than 1,400 sq. ft.

George Harmon, 5429 Waywood Drive, Reisterstown, MD 21136 lives 1 mile away from the Property. Mr. Harmon was past President of the Hanover Road Association, Inc. from 1998-2003. Although he was offered as an expert on the environmental impact on water quality and sought to testify as such, the Board did not accept him as an expert finding that not only was he not qualified to express such an opinion, that such an opinion would not assist the Board in rendering its decision.

Law

In order for a variance to be granted, this Board must be convinced that the Petitioner has met the burden of proof as to both "uniqueness" and "hardship". Section 307.1 of the BCZR states, in pertinent part, as follows:

"...(T)he County Board of Appeals, upon appeal, shall have and they are hereby given the power to grant variances from height and area regulations...only in cases where special circumstances or conditions exist that are peculiar to the land or structure which is the subject of the variance request and where strict compliance with the Zoning Regulations for Baltimore County would result in practical difficulty or unreasonable hardship.... Furthermore, any such variance shall be granted only if in strict harmony with the spirit and intent of said height, area...regulations, and only in such manner as to grant relief without injury to public health, safety, and general welfare...."

This Board is guided by the holding provided by the Court of Special Appeals in *Cromwell* v. Ward, 102 Md. App. 691, 698 (1995), wherein the Court writes:

...The Baltimore County ordinance requires "conditions ...peculiar to the land...and...practical difficulty...." Both must exist. ...However, as is clear from the language of the Baltimore County ordinance, the initial factor that must be established before the practical difficulties, if any, are addressed, is the abnormal impact the ordinance has on a specific piece of property because of the peculiarity and uniqueness of that piece of property, not the uniqueness or peculiarity of the practical difficulties alleged to exist. It is only when the uniqueness is first established that we then concern ourselves with the practical difficulties...."

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In requiring a finding of "uniqueness", the Court of Special Appeals in *Cromwell* referred to the definition of "uniqueness" provided in *North v. St. Mary's County*, 99 Md. App. 502, 514 (1993):

In the zoning context the "unique" aspect of a variance requirement does not refer to the extent of improvements upon the property, or upon neighboring property. "Uniqueness" of a property for zoning purposes requires that the subject property has an inherent characteristic not shared by other properties in the area, i.e., its shape, topography, subsurface condition, environmental factors, historical significance, access or non-access to navigable waters, practical restrictions imposed by abutting properties (such as obstructions) or other similar restrictions. In respect to structures, it would relate to such characteristics as unusual architectural aspects in bearing or parting walls.

Cromwell at 710.

The *Cromwell* Court connected the variance law in Baltimore County with the law in Maryland and emphasized that:

We conclude that the law in Maryland and in Baltimore County under its charter and ordinance remains as it has always been a property's peculiar characteristic or unusual circumstances relating only and uniquely to that property must exist in conjunction with the ordinance's more severe impact on the specific property because of the property's uniqueness before any consideration will be given to whether practical difficulty or unnecessary hardship exists.

Id.

When comparing the property at issue with other properties to determine 'uniqueness,' the terms 'area', 'neighborhood' and district have all been used interchangeably. (*Easter v. Mayor & City Council*, 195 Md. 395, 400 (1950) citing *Rathkopf, Zoning, 2d Ed.*, p. 215); *Marino v. City of Baltimore*, 215 Md. 206, 219 (1957); *Chesley v. Annapolis*, 933 A.2d 475, 176 Md. App. 413 (Md. App., 2007).

If the Property is determined to be "unique," then the issue is whether practical difficulties or unreasonable hardship exist. Toward this end, the Board acknowledges that a variance may be granted where strict application of the zoning regulations would cause practical difficulty to the

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Petitioner and his property. McLean v. Soley, 270 Md. 208 (1973); Trinity Assembly of God v. People's Counsel, 407 Md. 53 (2008).

To prove practical difficulty for an area variance, the Petitioner must produce evidence to allow the following questions to be answered affirmatively:

- 1. Whether strict compliance with the requirement would unreasonably prevent the use of the property for a permitted purpose or render conformance unnecessarily burdensome;
- 2. Whether the grant would do substantial injustice to applicant as well as other property owners in the district or whether a lesser relaxation than that applied for would give substantial relief; and
- 3. Whether relief can be granted in such fashion that the spirit of the ordinance will be observed and public safety and welfare secured.

Mclean at 214-215.

However, the law is clear that self-inflicted hardship cannot form the basis for a claim of practical difficulty. Speaking for the Court in *Cromwell, supra*, Judge Cathell noted:

Were we to hold that self-inflicted hardships in and of themselves justified variances, we would, effectively, not only generate a plethora of such hardships but we would also emasculate zoning ordinances. Zoning would become meaningless. We hold that practical difficulty or unnecessary hardship for zoning variance purposes cannot generally be self-inflicted.

Id. at 722.

The Court of Special Appeals in *Montgomery County v. Rotwein*, 176 Md. 716, 732-33 (2006) citing *Cromwell*, held that economic loss alone does not satisfy the 'practical difficulties' test:

Economic loss alone does not necessarily satisfy the 'practical difficulties' test because, as we have previously observed, 'every person requesting a variance can indicate some economic loss.' *Cromwell* at 715.....Indeed, to grant a variance application any time economic loss is asserted, we have warned, 'would make a mockery of the zoning program.'

Decision

In this case, the Petitioner is seeking a variance under the Performance Standards for Building found in BCZR, §1A09.7.C.2.e which reads in pertinent part as follows:

C. Performance standards. Condition for approval pursuant to this section must be noted on the concept plan and development plan, or minor subdivision plan. The following standards are intended to foster creative development that promotes the goals stated in Section 1A09.1.B.

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2. Buildings.

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e. Structures accessory to residential use, excluding agricultural buildings, but including solar panels, antennas, and storage sheds, are not permitted in the front yard of any principal use. Section 400.1 is not applicable in an R.C.8 zone; however, the height of accessory structures is subject to the provisions of Section 400.

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Because the height variance in this case was eliminated, the only variance remaining here is the area variance for 12 ft. into the front yard. Importantly, even without the variance, the Petitioner is still permitted, under the BCZR, to build the pool house/garage. Without the variance, the Petitioner needs to either reduce the size of the structure or do some grading to keep the pool house in the same location.

We find that, applying the holdings of the cases above to the facts of this case, this request should be denied. First, the Majority of this Board finds that the Property is not 'unique' under *Cromwell, supra*, because it does not have any 'inherent characteristic[s] not shared by other properties in the area' in terms of either, shape, topography, subsurface conditions, environmental factors, historical significance, access or non-access to navigable waters, practical restrictions imposed by abutting properties (such as obstructions) or other similar restrictions. *Id.* at 710.

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The Petitioner contends that his Property has severe slopes, thus making it unique from the other properties in the area. As the Majority of this Board sees it, based on the evidence presented, all the properties in the subdivision have the same steep slopes, and that, the subdivision of the Plummer Property is a 'neighborhood' in itself. The Majority finds that topographical map (Pet. Ex. 7) and the photographs submitted by Donna Ward (Prot. Ex. 5-4-C, 5-4-D, 5-5-C, 5-8-D, 5-9-C, 5-12, 5-13, 5-17-B, 5-17-C, 5-17-D) confirm the slopes are prevalent throughout the area. Testimony from Donna Ward, Robert Holtz and Karl Locklear reiterated the prevalence of steep slopes throughout the area.

The Court in *Cromwell*, *supra*, emphasized that the 'uniqueness' element of a property in Baltimore County must consist of a peculiar characteristic or unusual circumstance relating only and uniquely to the Property at issue, different and apart from other properties in the neighborhood. Accordingly, in this case, the Majority finds that the Property is not 'unique' for zoning purposes, based on the evidence presented. As a result, since 'uniqueness' is not found, there is no need for us to consider whether there are any 'practical difficulties'.

However, in the event that the appellate court would find that the Majority of this Board erred in failing to find 'uniqueness,' this Board unanimously finds that the facts here do not satisfy the 'practical difficulties' test to justify approval of the variance. First, applying the 3-part test in *McLean*, there was no evidence that not having an extra 12 feet for a pool house/garage would unreasonably prevent the Petitioner's use of his Property. The Property is already improved with a 2-car garage. While a pool house might be a nice feature, we cannot find that not having a pool house/second garage, would deprive the Petitioner 'use' of his Property. Indeed, the Property consists of 3 acres and is improved with a variety of recreational amenities which reinforces that the Petitioner is maximizing the use of his Property.

Second, we cannot find that denying 12 feet into the front yard would cause 'substantial injustice' to the Petitioner. At worst, the size of the pool house would be reduced or the Petitioner

will spend money on grading. Conversely, given that the Wards, Holtz and Locklears all endured grading issues while improving their properties to accommodate the natural slopes while keeping within the confines of the setbacks, we find that granting this variance would cause injustice to them.

Third, the Performance Standards of BCZR from which the Petitioner seeks relief, specify that the goal is to "foster creative development that promotes the goals stated in Section 1A09.1.B." When considering all the evidence together, we cannot find that relief from the ordinance could be granted in such fashion that goals set forth in BCZR §1A09.1.B could still be met. If we were to grant the variance, the last 3 goals (i.e. BCZR §\$1A09.1.B.10; 1A09.1.B.11; and 1A09.1.B.12) would be ignored.

The goal set forth in BCZR §1A09.1.B.10 addresses the location of buildings and site conditions. The evidence presented in the Petitioner's photographs gives this Board a perspective on building location and site conditions such that there are no structures located in any front yards. (Pet. Ex. 12; Pet. Ex. 13B, 13C, 13D, 13E, 13F). The goal set forth in BCZR §1A09.1.B.11 discusses limiting the scale of development in order to preserve the traditional character of the community. We find that the photographs submitted by the Protestants accurately depict the limited development and rural character of the community. (Prot. Ex. 5-1-B, 5-1-D, 5-1-E, 5-1-F; Prot. Ex. 5-3-B, 5-3-C, 5-3-D). Adding a structure to the front yard would be tantamount to overdevelopment and would therefore be inconsistent with the rural character of the area.

Finally, BCZR §1A09.1.B.12 is directed toward maintaining the scale and character of Glen Falls Road. In regard to this goal, the Board weighs heavily the photographs of Glen Falls Road produced by the Petitioner. (Photos of Glen Falls Road attached to Pet. Ex. 8). Accordingly, based on the evidence here, permitting a structure in the front yard in this area would not be granted within the spirit of BCZR, §1A09.7.C.2.e.

Fourth, the testimony from both the Petitioner and his expert, Mr. Little, was that the hardship to be suffered by the Petitioner was 'economic.' Both witnesses testified that the only

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impediment to building the pool house on the east side of the home was cost. Each also testified that the Petitioner would incur less grading cost if he could extend the structure into the front yard.

We find that any hardship upon the Petitioner is self-imposed. The size and location of the pool house/garage is for convenience of the Petitioner. The Petitioner has 3 cars – 2 of which are company vehicles. The porch in front of the pool house measures 6ft. in width. The pool house/bar area is 12 ft. The proposed garage is 26 ft. Any of these features could be reduced in size without depriving the Petitioner use of his Property. Alternatively, the size of the structure could remain if additional grading was done or the structure was built on the east of the home.

We also note that the January 22, 2015 Office of Planning Certification stated that the structure should be located behind "the front setback of the existing house." When the Office of Planning reviewed the revised design, the structure was proposed to remain in the front yard. Yet, the Office of Planning approved the revised design based on the Petitioner's assertion that grading prevented him from moving the structure.

We also find that evidence in this case as to the extent of the improvements on the Property was relevant on the issue of self-imposed hardship. The size and location of the existing pool, tennis court/basketball court and soccer field have otherwise reduced the available locations for the proposed pool house/garage. The Petitioner was clear in his testimony that at the time of the pool installation, he did not have the financial resources to build a pool house. The case law as set forth *supra* restricts this Board from considering economic reasons as a basis for finding 'practical difficulty'. As the *Rotwein* Court, citing *Cromwell*, aptly stated: "every person requesting a variance can indicate some economic loss." *Id.* at 732-33 citing *Cromwell* at 715.

For the foregoing reasons, the Petitioner's request for variance is denied.

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ORDER

THEREFORE, IT IS THIS 22d day of February, 2016, by the Board of Appeals of Baltimore County,

ORDERED that the Petition for Variance seeking relief from Section 1A09.7.C.2.e and 400.3 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations ("B.C.Z.R.") to permit a proposed accessory structure (pool house) located in the front yard in lieu of the required side or rear yard, be and the same is hereby **DENIED**.

Any petition for judicial review from this decision must be made in accordance with Rule 7-201 through Rule 7-210 of the *Maryland Rules*.

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As also noted on the majority opinion, when comparing the property at issue with other properties to determine 'uniqueness,' the terms 'area', 'neighborhood' and district have all been used interchangeably. (*Easter v. Mayor & City Council*, 195 Md. 395, 400 (1950) citing *Rathkopf, Zoning, 2d Ed.*, p. 215); *Marino v. City of Baltimore*, 215 Md. 206, 219 (1957); *Chesley v. Annapolis*, 933 A.2d 475, 176 Md. App. 413 (Md. App., 2007). However, I am not convinced the term "area" is confined to one's immediate neighbors, nor do I interpret the law to imply that if two neighbors share

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While testimony was given that other lots in close proximity to the Petitioner's property shared the same steep slopes noted by the Petitioner, properties as near as directly across the street, did not. Consequently, I dissent in the majorities finding that the subject property is not "unique". However, I concur with the majorities finding regarding a lack of "practical difficulty, and consequently, concur with the majority's final decision denying the requested variance relief.

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¹ The 'Dissent' issued on February 22, 2016 was inadvertently titled incorrectly. This Concurring Opinion is identical to the Dissent other than it corrects the title.

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A.2d 475, 176 Md. App. 413 (Md. App., 2007). However, I am not convinced the term "area" is confined to one's immediate neighbors, nor do I interpret the law to imply that if two neighbors share a topographical characteristic, that such a characteristic cannot be considered "unique" when employing the *Cromwell* analysis. In *Umerly v. People's Counsel for Baltimore County*, 108 Md. App. 497 (1996) in commenting on the Board of Appeals failure to make an evidentiary finding regarding "uniqueness", the Court of Special Appeals described "uniqueness" as when the "peculiarity of the property causes the zoning provision to have a disproportionate effect on the property." *Id. at 506*

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RE: In the Matter of: Richard M. Folio Case No.: 14-185-A

Dear Counsel:

Enclosed please find a copy of the final majority Opinion and Order issued this date by the Board of Appeals of Baltimore County in the above subject matter. Also enclosed is a copy of Mr. Belt's Dissent.

Any petition for judicial review from this decision must be made in accordance with Rule 7-201 through Rule 7-210 of the *Maryland Rules*, with a photocopy provided to this office concurrent with filing in Circuit Court. Please note that all Petitions for Judicial Review filed from this decision should be noted under the same civil action number. If no such petition is filed within 30 days from the date of the enclosed Order, the subject file will be closed.

Very truly yours,

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IN THE MATTER OF

Richard M. Folio 6200 Glen Falls Road,

4th Election District

3rd Councilmanic District

Re: Petition for Variance

Petitioner



BEFORE THE

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* BALTIMORE COUNTY

* Case No.: 14-185-A

POST-HEARING MEMORANDUM IN LIEU OF CLOSING ARGUMENT

Richard M. Folio, Petitioner, through Lawrence E. Schmidt and Smith, Gildea & Schmidt, LLC, his attorneys, submits this Post-Hearing Memorandum in Lieu of Closing Argument and respectfully states:

STATEMENT OF THE CASE

This matter comes before the County Board of Appeals ("the Board") as an appeal of the Opinion and Order, as well as the subsequent final Order on Motion for Reconsideration, issued by Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ") John E. Beverungen. In his initial Opinion and Order dated May 23, 2014, ALJ Beverungen denied a petition for area variances requested by Petitioner, Richard M. Folio, owner of the subject property at 6200 Glen Falls Road. The variances requested sought approval to allow an accessory building (a combined detached garage and pool house) to be located in the front/side yard rather than the required side/rear yard (BCZR § 400.1) and with a height of 24 feet, in lieu of the maximum permitted 15 feet (BCZR § 400.3). By Order on Motion for Reconsideration dated June 30, 2014, ALJ Beverungen revised his

decision and granted the requested variances, with restrictions. A timely appeal to this Board was filed by Donna Ward, a neighbor of the subject property.

The Board scheduled and convened the de novo appeal hearing on October 16, 2014. At the onset of the hearing, counsel for all parties jointly moved that the Board stay the proceedings and require that the Baltimore County Planning Director or her designee issue a recommendation about the merits of the proposed variance request pursuant to BCZR § 1A09.4.A. This provision requires that for any variance requested for a property in the RC 8 zone, a recommendation must be provided to the Administrative Law judge, or on de novo appeal, to the Board. Such a recommendation had not been previously provided because the Department of Planning did not believe that the instant matter was subject to the RC 8 requirements, because the property was originally developed as an RC 4 lot and was subsequently rezoned to the current RC 8 zoning classification. The Board concluded that the Department of Planning's conclusion was in error and that the RC 8 regulations controlled. Thus, the Board granted that Motion. The proceedings were stayed and the Board issued an interlocutory order dated December 15, 2014, instructing the Planning Director to issue the required recommendation. An initial recommendation dated January 22, 2015 was issued (Petitioner's Exhibit No. 8) recommending a denial of the variance, which was followed by a revised recommendation dated June 15, 2015 issued by the Department of Planning (Petitioner's Ex. No 9). This revised recommendation recommended that the petition be granted, with conditions. The matter was thereafter rescheduled for a hearing at the Board. Testimony and evidence was taken by the Board on June 16, 2015 and September 24, 2015. At the conclusion of the hearing, the parties requested an opportunity to submit written memoranda in lieu of oral closing argument and this memorandum follows.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The subject property is a 3.001 acre parcel of land presently zoned RC 8 with frontage on Glen Falls Road in rural northwestern Baltimore County. The boundary between Baltimore County and Carroll County is but a short distance away to the west. The property is improved with a single-family detached dwelling, in which Petitioner and his children reside. Testimony and evidence presented was that Mr. Folio acquired the Property in 1998 in joint title with his then spouse. He and his wife subsequently divorced and he acquired the Property in his own name as the result of the divorce settlement. He has resided on the Property since the dissolution of the marriage. In addition to Mr. Folio, it was indicated that his three children also reside on the Property under the couple's custody arrangement. The children are now getting older (two of the three are teenagers) and, as expected, want their own room and "space." He testified that the existing dwelling was relatively small (2,160 square feet, Petitioner's Ex. No. 2) and based upon that fact, he and the children desire additional living area. Thus, he proposes to convert an existing garage which is connected to the dwelling by a breezeway into additional living area. To replace the storage area now provided by the garage, Mr. Folio proposes the detached structure which is the subject of the variance request. In addition to providing space for vehicle and general storage, a portion of the structure will serve as a pool hose. In this regard, the property is improved with an in ground swimming pool which is located a short distance from the dwelling and will be immediately adjacent to the proposed location of the new building. Thus, the new building will have small residential type quarters associated with the pool, namely, a changing area and bathroom.

In addition to the existing house and pool, there are other improvements on the property. These include a combination tennis/basketball court, shed and a turf soccer pitch (field) laid out in the rear of the property. All of the improvements were shown on photographs that the parties submitted as evidence at the hearing.

Although the design of the structure has been amended during the course of this matter before the zoning authorities of Baltimore County, the current plans show it to be located in front of the swimming pool and to the side and partially in front of the dwelling. Therefore, Petitioner requests variances to allow the structure to be in the front/side yard in lieu of the required side or rear yard (BCZR § 400.1). Previously, the building was proposed to be 24 feet high, which is in excess of the maximum permitted 15 feet by BCZR § 400.3. However, the height of the redesigned building has been reduced to one story, so that the proposed building now complies with the 15 foot limitation and the request for the height variance has been withdrawn.

Insofar as the Property's history and neighborhood, the Property was originally part of a larger tract of land encompassing approximately 26.6 acres known as the Plummer property. In 1989, the then owners of the Plummer property proposed a residential subdivision of this tract. Under the then applicable RC 4 Zone regulations, a subdivision was proposed which created five building lots, plus a non-buildable one-acre parcel of land designated as Parcel B. The Folio lot (3.001 acres) was designated as Lot 1. As shown in the recorded subdivision plat, the County Review Group (CRG), then the approving authority, approved the plan for development in 1989, followed by a refinement in 1991. The five lots ultimately were built out and developed accordingly. Mr. Folio is an original owner.

As noted above, the current zoning classification of the property is RC 8. By legislative act of the Baltimore County Council during the 2008 Comprehensive Zoning Map Process

("CZMP"), the property was in an area rezoned from RC 4 to RC 8. At the time that the subdivision of this property was approved by Baltimore County, the property was zoned RC 4. However, the parties agree that the proposed garage/pool house building is governed by the RC 8 (and not the RC 4) regulations. As noted above, this finding was likewise in the Board's interlocutory order.

Although the RC 4 and RC 8 zones are both "resource conservation" zones, they are regulated separately and have different use and development standards. The regulations governing the RC 8 zone came into being via legislative act of the Baltimore County Council in Bill 76-2004. They are set forth in BCZR § 1A09.1 through § 1A09.8. The RC 4 regulations are codified in BCZR § 1A03.1 through 1A03.8.

It is significant to note that when the variances were requested, relief (as to the garage's location) was requested pursuant to BCZR § 400.1 which governs accessory structures in the residential zones. This section requires that an accessory structure (i.e. the proposed garage/pool house) must be located in the rear yard (and not the front or side yard). However, as stated in the "Performance Standards" for the RC 8 zone (BCZR § 1A09.7.C.2(e), "Section 400.1 is not applicable in the RC 8 zone." Rather, the RC 8 regulations specifically govern the location of accessory buildings and require that the garage be located in the side or rear yard. The RC 8 regulations are thus more "generous" then the general regulations, as they permit an accessory structure to be in the side yard. This clearly evidences legislative intent to permit more flexibility in the placement of accessory structures in the RC 8 zone. Thus, the variance request at issue is relatively minor in scope, as it is only for that slight extension of the building into the front yard. The front yard of the property is defined as that area between the front of the house (exterior wall and road). As shown on the plan, the garage is proposed to extend into the front yard a distance

of 12 feet. The garage will be 59 feet from Glen Falls Road, modestly less than the 71 foot setback presently maintained by the dwelling. As noted above, the previously requested height variance has been withdrawn, as the building as now proposed meets the 15 foot height limitation.

THE VARIANCE STANDARD

Like every variance case that comes before the Board (and there have been many over the years), the regulation that the Board must apply to the request at issue is BCZR § 307. This section, as well as the case law that has interpreted it, imposes what has been characterized as a two step process and both steps must be established by the property owner in order for a variance to be granted. See *Cromwell v. Ward*, 102 Md. App. 691 (1995).

The first prong required is a finding of uniqueness. As explained by the Court in Cromwell, the uniqueness must relate to the actual land at issue and drive the need for variance. Id. at 717. Uniqueness can be based upon the following characteristics: property shape, topography, subsurface condition, environmental factors, historical significance, access or non-access to navigable waters, practical restrictions imposed by abutting properties or similar conditions. Id. at 710. In this case, the property is unique based upon its topography and grade. As shown in photographic evidence (Petitioner's Ex. No. 1) and a topography map (Petitioner's Exhibit No. 7) submitted at the hearing, the property is severely sloped. Moreover, the location of this slope on the property is particularly significant. The property falls away (downhill) beginning precisely at the rear of the Petitioner's house, exactly at the location where the garage/pool house is to be located. This is shown in photographs that the house is two stories at grade in the front, but has a walk out basement (three stories) in the rear. Obviously, the location of the house and pool mandate the proposed location of the garage which is to serve those

uses/structures. Thus the slope generates the request for variance in that locating the garage where proposed (slightly into the front yard) is the only practical and suitable location.

It is anticipated that the People's Counsel (in its closing memorandum) will note the language of the Cromwell opinion which infers that variances should rarely be granted, and only under unusual and compelling circumstances. Indeed, People's Counsel has opined in the past that, practically speaking, zoning variances should never be granted (or perhaps one in a million) because of the onerous legal test. But that unyielding and impractical interpretation of the application of § 307 begs the following question: If variances are never to be granted, then why did Baltimore County adopt a variance statute in the first place? If all must and should be denied (as People's Counsel routinely advocates), then there is no need for the statute. Under People's Counsel's theory, blind adherence to the regulations, in all circumstance and on all occasions, should be required.

Interestingly, the appellate Courts of Maryland may be retreating from the draconian application of the *Cromwell* opinion, which opponents of development routinely advocate in variance cases. In *Alviani v. Dixon*, 365 Md. 95 (2001), the court granted variances that it deemed "minor." Writing for the Court, Judge Cathell (who had authored the *Cromwell* decision while a member of the Court of Special Appeals), affirmed the granting of three variances by Board of Appeals of Anne Arundel County, seemingly softening his rigid stance in *Cromwell* that administrative bodies which grant variances act "improperly and contrary to the intent of the legislature." See *Cromwell*, 102 Md. App. at 726. The opinion in *Alviani* suggests a more reasonable and practical application of the variance than advocated by People's Counsel and the Protestants in this case. As importantly, the variance requested in this case, particularly in

considering the property and neighborhood, is in the same character (i.e. minor) as were the variances in *Alviani*.

Moreover, since *Cromwell*, the appellate courts have affirmed the granting of variances from the Chesapeake Bay Critical Areas requirements, the criteria for which are more onerous than the BCZR. In *Assateague Coastal Trust v. Schwalbach*, 223 Md. App. 631 (2014), the Court of Special Appeals affirmed the granting of a variance, holding that the property owner's knowledge of the zoning restrictions at the time of his purchase of the property was not a self imposed hardship. This holding by the Court effectively rebuts the Protestants' assertions (made repeatedly during the hearing) that, "Mr. Folio knew the restrictions of the property when he bought it and he's thus ineligible for a variance." Just because a property owner wishes to reasonably utilize his property for a reasonable purpose and cannot comply with the letter of every zoning ordinance does not make him a scofflaw or outlaw. See also *Chesapeake Bay Foundation v. DCW Dutchship Island, LLC*, 439 Md. 538 (2014).

Even under the most rigid application of BCZR § 307, Petitioner avers that the variance should be granted. Obviously, the proposed structure must be located adjacent to the house and next to the pool. Suggestions that it be located down the hill well in the rear yard are illogical. Do the Protestants actually contend that Mr. Folio tear up his yard, construct a lengthy asphalt driveway to access the new garage and be forced to walk up and down a severe slope to go from the house or pool to the proposed accessory structure? As the building will serve the both the house and the pool, and will be a place for storage of vehicles, it logically needs to be placed in close proximity to those structures and in the front of the lot near the road. To ignore these practical considerations is nonsensical. If Protestants interpretation and application of the law to

this case is as they assert, then Mr. Bumble's assertion in Dickens' Oliver Twist is accurate; indeed "the law is an ass."

THE UNIQUENESS OF THE PROPERTY CAUSED BY THE SLOPE

Several opponents also contended that the severity of the slope cannot be considered a unique factor because "all the properties in the area have hills" and thus the Folio property is not unique. However, this reasoning is also improper. Such an approach is an unrealistic simplification of the issue. It is as if to say that none of the factors identified by the Cromwell Court could ever be found to justify a finding of uniqueness because many properties have steep slopes, streams, unusual shapes or one or more of the factors identified in Cromwell. The mere fact that other properties possess a characteristic that drives the variance here does not mean that the subject property is not unique for the purpose of the application of § 307. Instead, the Board must consider the unique characteristic applicable and determine its' impact upon the reasonable use of a property. The mere fact that there are slopes in the area does not mean that the Folio property is not unique. The uniqueness here is the slope, its location on the property and the disparate impact has on Mr. Folio's ability to place an accessory building in proximity to his dwelling. As stated by the Court of Special Appeals in Umerly v. People's Counsel for Baltimore County, 108 Md. App. 497 (1996), uniqueness of a property is determined when the peculiarity of its physical nature imposes a disproportionate impact on the subject parcel.

Similarly, the fact that neighbors testified "we had to grade our yard when we built our house because of our slope" or similar arguments should not be heeded by this Board. Other owners could have requested a variance. More importantly, the facts of the case as they exist here are not common to other properties. The existing location of the house and the pool, coupled with the proposed location of the garage drive the unusual circumstances presented here. The

issues that the neighbors addressed when they were siting their homes on undeveloped property are not akin to the issue that the Petitioner faces when located an accessory structure on a developed lot. In conclusion, the degree of the slope here and its impact presents a unique circumstance.

Having demonstrated that the property is unique, the second prong of the variance standard requires a finding of "practical difficulty." Practical difficulty has been essentially defined as when the strict application of the zoning requirement would render compliance unduly burdensome. In this case, Mr. Folio is proposing a permitted use (i.e. accessory residential structure) and compliance with the location requirement would not allow this permitted use to exist in a reasonable manner when considering the site constraints imposed by the unique characteristics of Mr. Folio's property..

THE ALLEGED OVERDEVELOPMENT OF THE FOLIO PROPERTY

As was obvious during the Protestants' testimony, their real objection to the request is not the proposed structure and its location. As was testified about repeatedly, the opponents contend that the Folio property is "over developed." They don't like the tennis/basketball court in the backyard and the lights that surround it. They also object to the soccer field. In their opinion, Mr. Folio has excessively developed his property. In their view, "we moved to the country for the wide open spaces and not to see houses with recreational amenities." However, whatever one's opinion is as to whether Mr. Folio should or shouldn't have a tennis court (or soccer field) this complaint is irrelevant to the issue presented. As is the case with the allowance of the accessory structure in the side yard (as opposed to *only* the rear yard) for RC 8 zoned properties, the RC 8 zoning is more flexible in its allowance of residential development than the RC 4 zone. BCZR § 1A03.4.B.3 limits impermeable surfaces in the RC 4 zone to 10% of the lot area. There is no

similar requirement in the RC 8 zone. More importantly, even if there were, the issue of the development of Mr. Folio's property is not an issue. That (assuming there is any violation, which the Petitioner vehemently denies) is a matter for the County to pursue and is not related to the variance issue for an accessory building which this Board must decide.

THE LOCATION OF THE GARAGE IN CONTEXT TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD

In considering the reasonableness of Mr. Folio's request, some sense of the neighborhood is appropriate. Indeed, most of the Protestant's objections are based upon an alleged fear that the grant of variance relief will cause irreparable harm to the neighborhood. However, as noted above, the garage as proposed will sit back 59 feet from Glen Falls Road. This is not an insignificant distance. As importantly, it was admitted by neighbors who testified that other houses on Glen Falls Road are closer to the street. These are mainly the houses on the other side of the road, including the immediately dwellings across the street. Moreover, there is a commercial kennel operation in the immediate neighborhood. Thus, it can not be realistically contended that Mr. Folio's proposed garage will detrimentally impact the neighborhood. The proposed location is entirely consistent with the pattern of development in the neighborhood.

CONCLUSION

This is a simple case. Once one cuts through the confusion of the application of the RC 8 standards versus the RC 4, the missing Department of Planning comment and the objections to Mr. Folio's alleged "recreational facility", the actual issue presented is whether this Property owner can build a garage 59 feet from the road, as opposed to 71 feet. The variance is modest and the request is practical and makes sense. Legally, it is justified and driven by the fact that the property is severely sloped and, realistically, for the building to serve its function, it must be located away from the slope and near the structures it serves. The undersigned anticipates

People's Counsel's typical dissertation about the history of the variance statute, the disfavor on which variances are viewed, etc. But, cutting to the chase, the request is sensible and appropriate, both legally and practically. The variance to allow the garage as proposed under the amended request should be granted.

Respectfully submitted,

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RE: PETITION FOR VARIANCE

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MEMORANDUM OF PEOPLE'S COUNSEL FOR BALTIMORE COUNTY

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MEMORANDUM OF PEOPLE'S COUNSEL FOR BALTIMORE COUNTY

People's Counsel for Baltimore County files this post-hearing memorandum to review the facts and law,

This Case Affects the Public Interest in Many Ways

Richard Folio's (Folio) petition, as amended, asks for variance for an accessory pool house/garage in the R.C. 8 (Environmental Enhancement) Zone. The proposed building, 44' x 32', extends from the side yard and encroaches 12' into the front yard. The petition cites BCZR Sec. 1A09.7.C.2.e, which states, in pertinent part,

"Structures accessory to residential use, excluding agricultural buildings, but including solar panels, antennas and storage sheds, are not permitted in the front yard of any principal use."

People's Counsel submits that the petition still conflicts with all of the BCZR Sec. 307.1 variance standards for uniqueness and resulting practical difficulty. It conflicts as well with the spirit and intent of the R.C. 8 Zone, BCZR Sec. 1A09.1, and the public safety, health, and welfare.

The petition also suffers from threshold defects because it omits conflicts with other specific R.C. 8 Zone area and performance standards in BCZR Sec. 1A09.7. Yet another problem is that it violates the 1991 Plummer Property final development plan (FDP), the zoning requirements for FDP amendments, and the subdivision plat setback.

Equally important, it is contrary to justice and equity. Even as a 1-story building, Folio still proposes a supersized "accessory" building on a 3-acre lot which he has already developed to excess. As big as many houses, his newest project would be the first

"accessory building" in the front yard in this area. Proportionally and visually, it does not fit. There are also plausible citizen concerns about the negative impact on property values, both in itself and as an incongruous precedent.

To downplay the major problems, Folio withdrew the second story from the original proposal and negotiated to secure the blessing of the Planning Director. Folio would like to slacken, loosen, and relax the rule of law ostensibly for a "small" matter of 12 feet encroaching into the front yard.

To begin, it is not just a matter of 12 feet. Folio disregards the additional requirement that,

"Buildings must be located on the least visually prominent portion of the site from the public road" BCZR Sec. 1A09.7.C.2.a.

This means the entire proposal is misplaced, not just the front section.

There is much more. The core function of zoning controls is to set boundaries, like the foul line on a baseball field or out-of-bounds lines in other sports. The Maryland cases set very high legal standards for variances. None of them are met here. They also call for justice. Area citizens have brought up many legitimate points to show the injustice of Folio's proposal from every point of view.

The Petition, ALJ Review, Procedural Context, Appeal, and CBA Stay

To set the stage, we describe the case history. On March 11, 2014, Folio filed the attached petition for administrative zoning variance for property at 6200 Glen Falls Road, zoned R.C. 8. Folio requested a variance from,

""1A09.7.C.2.e BCZR [R.C. 8 Zone] & Section 400.3 BCZR to permit a proposed accessory structure (pool house) located in the front yard in lieu of the required side and rear yard, and to permit a height of 24 feet in lieu of the maximum height of 15 feet."

To repeat, this petition is incomplete. It fails to address deviations from other R.C. 8 Zone area and performance standards, the final development plan (FDP) amendment procedures and criteria, and record plat.

In the absence of a request for hearing, the Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) could have decided the case on the documentary record. County Code Sec. 32-3-303. However, Donna Ward requested a hearing.

Along with his Petition, Folio filed the attached site plan. It was Pet. Exh. 1 at the ALJ hearing. The drawing portion became large Pet. Exh. 3 at the CBA. It is on a printed form. It is skeletal, incomplete, misleading, and deficient under the Zoning Officer's published Zoning Hearing Checklist.

The site plan lists the R.C. 8 Zone, 3-acre lot size, private water and sewer, plat book and deed reference. It shows road frontage but only a front part of the lot. It draws rectangles for the existing house, attached garage, swimming pool area, and proposed detached garage/pool house, but leaves them undefined as to size or dimensions. There is an outline of an "ex. driveway to remain," stating: "modify as req'd," (whatever that means). There are a few distances to property lines. The location plan is bare. An "X" marks the approximate spot of the property on an excerpt of the ADC highway map.

The site plan does not show the entire Folio lot. There are no dimensions at all for the existing house or garage (floor area, length, width, height). There is no mention of the 2-stories or 4 bedrooms, the porch, or the basement. There is no drawing or even mention of the tennis/basketball court; the soccer field; and the equipment shed. There are no topographic lines, well and septic system locations, or drainage features.

The site plan fails to describe adjoining roads other than Glen Falls Road. There is likewise no description of ownership, zoning, location, size, improvements, topography, and features of adjacent properties.

Before the ALJ hearing, the Director of Planning communicated that the petition should be evaluated as if the property were zoned R.C. 4, reasoning that the property had been zoned R.C. 4 at the time of subdivision approval. ALJ John Beverungen then treated it as such. On May 23, 2014, the ALJ initially denied the variance because the proposed new building would add 1,536 square feet (48' x 32') to the existing 12,082 sq. ft, bringing the total impervious surface coverage to 13,618 sq. ft., over the 10% R.C. 4 Zone maximum for the property's 130,680 square feet.

On June 20, 2014, however, Folio filed a motion for reconsideration, stating his willingness to satisfy the 10% limit '... by removal of 600 square feet of existing impervious area (anticipated by reduction of existing driveway, parking or sidewalk area or by the downsizing of the proposed improvements (or a combination of both). On June 30, 2014, the ALJ granted the motion for reconsideration, conditioned on reducing the impervious lot coverage to 10%.

Donna Ward appealed to the County Board of Appeals. The appeal is *de novo* under County Charter Sec. 603. See <u>Pollard's Towing v. Berman's Body Frame & Mechanical</u> 137 Md. App. 277 (2000).

Folio's 3-acre lot is 1 of 6 lots in the 30-acre Plummer Property subdivision. The 1991 subdivision plat and second amended final development plan are in evidence. P.C. Exh. 2, 17. When approved, the subdivision was zoned R.C. 4, allowing a density of 0.2 lots per acre (1 dwelling per 5 acres). In 2008, with Bill 87-08, as part of 141-acre Issue 3-077, the County Council rezoned the area to R.C. 8. P.C. Exh. 4-6. The zoning geography is reflected on the My Neighborhood Zoning Map. P.C. Exh. 3. This zone imposes a much more limited density allowance. BCZR Sec. 1A09.7.B.

Preliminarily, the parties agreed that the current R.C. 8 Zone does apply, rather than the Planning Director revival of the R.C. 4 Zone. On October 16, 2014, they presented to the CBA their reasoning, including People's Counsel Exh. 1-11. The CBA agreed and on December 15. 2014 issued its Opinion and Order to Stay Proceedings. The CBA referred the matter to the Planning Director for findings under BCZR Sec. 1A07.4.

After the Planning Director submitted a finding on January 22, 2015 (Pet. Exh. 8), Folio's representatives negotiated to secure the Director's approval for a one-story garage/pool house which still encroached into the front yard. They represented that grading issues prevented putting the building in the rear yard. The Director accepted Folio's amended proposal at face value. The Director did not communicate with Donna Ward, other interested citizen parties, or the undersigned People's Counsel. This resulted in the Director's revised findings dated June 15, 2015. Pet. Exh. 9.

The Director's revised findings were dated just one day prior to the CBA hearing on the merits June 16, 2015. They were provided initially to the CBA and Folio, without notice to other parties. As we shall explain, the Director's revised findings suffered from procedural irregularity as well as factual and legal errors and insufficiency.

The case proceeded to trial hearing on June 16 and September 24, 2015. At the CBA hearing, Folio introduced architectural elevations both as originally conceived and later modified, with the proposed structure lesser in height but with a cupola. Pet. Exh.4, 6, 10. There was no attempt to correct the numerous other site plan omissions.

A View from the Ridge

The procedural background resembles a jungle or thicket. But there emerged at the trial hearing a picture of the basic facts. To be sure, in order to do this, we had to cross-examine Folio's design consultant to extract many elements and dimensions of the property and improvements. We also were fortunate to have much photography and the descriptions provided by Donna Ward and other area citizens.

By the end of the hearing, we were able to piece together a pretty good record. Realistically, the major facts are not now genuinely in dispute. The Chairman at times politely gave us the impression that the panel has a good grip on the essential facts. The case will come down to the interpretation of these facts based on the law.

The photographic evidence includes the large standard 2011 GIS aerial photo. P.C. Exh. 12. Donna Ward introduced an itemized and extensive group of photos as part of Protestants' Exh. 5. Other photos are in Petitioner's Exh. 1, 12-13 and P.C. Exh. 14. Ms. Ward, Robert Holtz, Karl Locklear, and George Harman filled out the picture nicely.

The history is fairly straightforward. Richard Folio acquired Lot 1, 6200 Glen Falls Road in 1998. Pet. Exh. 2. He and his wife built a home shortly thereafter. It is a 2-story 4-bedroom house with a rear porch and a partially finished basement. Combined, the home amounts to well over 3000 square feet in floor area. They also built a 2-car attached garage. They and their 3 children lived there. In 2004, they added a swimming pool. In 2010, they added a hard tennis/basketball court, a turf soccer field, and an equipment shed. At some point, Folio and his wife and children moved to an even larger

house in Lutherville. After his relatively recent divorce, Folio moved back to GF Road, transferring the Lutherville property to his wife. As noted, on March 11, 2014, he filed this zoning petition. On September 11, 2014, Folio transferred his GF Road property to Richard M Folio, Trustee of the RMF Revocable Trust. Prot. Exh. 5 (2-A).

The Plummer Property subdivision is on the west side of Glen Falls (GF) Road The ADC map shows GF road running from Westminster Pike (Route 140) to Hanover Road (Route 30). P.C. Exh. 1. GF Road runs along a ridge. The topography slopes downward west to the Carroll County line and Liberty Reservoir watershed. On the east side of the road, the land also slopes away downward, though not as steeply. Folio and his neighbors came to the area in the late 1990s. The aerial and other photography depict the location, configuration, and character of area homes and improvements.

As described by Donna Ward and the other neighbors, and corroborated by the photography, the uneven terrain and slopes caused all of the property owners in the subdivision, including Folio, to undertake substantial grading to build their homes, garages, and any swimming pools, sheds, or other improvements. For example, Folio's home is directly on a slope, with 2 stories in front, but the basement facing only the rear. The swimming pool, tennis/basketball court, and soccer field are also built into the slope, with evident grading. See also P.C. Exh. 13, 18 as to Folio's permit history.

The evidence also includes a description of the smaller lots and homes on the other side of GF Road. These came about from the subdivision of a larger property occupied by a kennel. The kennel still remains, but is set back and does not have much visibility.

Questions Presented

- 1. a. Is the Petition for Variance incomplete and defective because of the failure to address deviations from other R.C. 8 Zone area and performance standards and from the zoning requirements applicable to amendments of final development plans?
 - b. Is the site plan incomplete and unsatisfactory?
- c. Do the petition and site plan deficiencies affect the adequacy of public notice, due process, jurisdiction, and the rule of law, and are they grounds for disqualification?

- 2. a. Are Folio's alleged topography and grading difficulties peculiar or unique to his property?
- b. If it be assumed there is the requisite uniqueness, does the proposal also satisfy the "practical difficulty" test, that is to say, unreasonable prevention or burden for a permitted use, substantial justice in relation to justice for other property owners in the district, and consistency with the spirit of the ordinance and public safety and welfare?
- c. Is any alleged "practical difficulty" self-created by Folio's choices to develop and crowd the property with a swimming pool, tennis/basketball court, and soccer pitch?
- d. Is the Planning Director's recommendation based on sufficient facts and sound reasons pertinent to variance law?
 - 3. Does the conflict with the final development plan disqualify the petition?

Baltimore County Zoning Regulations and Code Provisions in the Appendix

- *** BCZR Sec. 102.1 Conformance with regulations.
- *** BCZR Sec. 307.1, Authority to grant variances; procedures and restrictions
- *** BCZR Sec. 1A09, the R.C. 8 Zone, People's Counsel Exhibit 6.
- *** BCZR Sec. 1B01.3.A.7, concerning amendments to final development plans for Density Residential (D.R.) Zones
- ***BCZR Sec. 1A00.4 incorporating the D.R. Zone FDP amendment requirements for the Resource Conservation Zones.
 - *** BCZR Sec. 400, accessory buildings in residential zones
 - *** County Code Secs. 32-3-301-02, zoning petitions, notice

Argument

I. The Zoning Petition and Site Plan

A. The Zoning Petition is Incomplete and Defective

As noted, the petition, as amended, focuses exclusively on the BCZR Sec. 1A09.7.C.2.e prohibition of any accessory structure in the front yard. But this is not the only applicable legal standard or procedure applicable to the proposed garage/pool house. There are the following errors and omissions:

To repeat, BCZR Sec. 1A09.7.C.2.a sets another performance standard, which is stricter and stronger than the front yard restriction,

"Buildings must be located on the least visually prominent portion of the site, consistent with effective resource protection, except where appropriate to continue an established pattern of development along the edge of the road."

But Folio's proposed building is on the most visually prominent portion of the site.

Separately, BCZR Sec. 1A00.4 incorporates BCZR Sec. 1B01.3.A.7 and requires a special hearing for FDP amendments, subject to special exception review and the test of whether the amendment meets the spirit and intent of the original plan. Here, the final development plan shows a building envelope with a 70' setback from Glen Falls Road and then states in Accessory Structure Note 21, P.C. Exh. 17,

"Accessory structures, fences, and projections may be extended into yards, but must comply with Sections 400 and 301 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations. (subject to covenants and applicable building permits)."

BCZR Sec. 400.1 requires accessory buildings to be in the rear yard. To place such a building in the front yard as well as side yard. Folio would have to petition for an FDP Amendment. Moreover, there is no plausible basis to conclude that he could satisfy the requirement that it be consistent with the spirit and intent of the original FDP. The record plat also includes the building envelope and 70' setback. P.C. Exh. 2.

There is also the environmental control in BCZR Sec. 1A09.7.C.1, which states,

"Stormwater management. Stormwater management facilities shall be integrated into the site design to utilize nonstructural practices unless it is demonstrated that this is not possible."

The zoning petition omits stormwater management. Folio never addressed it. The proposed garage/pool house will add to stormwater runoff in the sensitive Liberty Reservoir watershed. While Chairman Belt observed that another accessory structure in the rear yard could also pose problems, it is speculative whether Folio would try or want to build there. Either way, it is necessary to address the stormwater management standard. This failure should not be treated as a loose end to be tied up later.

B. The Site Plan Is Incomplete and Legally Insufficient

We have already described the skeletal and scanty site plan. To make a long story short, the site plan omits and fails to satisfy the following "Hearing Plan Requirements" listed on pages 6-7 of the Zoning Hearing Review Checklist, P.C. Exh. 16:

- "3. Outline of Property.
- 4. Vicinity Map. Legible vicinity map with site outline.
- 9. Streets, Widening, R/w. Easements. "Include all existing boundary streets
- 10. **Buildings.** "Use, dimensions, height, and location of all existing buildings/improvements ... and the use, dimension, and location of all proposed buildings." "The general use, building and lot dimensions and all facing property line setbacks of buildings on adjoining lots."
 - 11. Utilities. This includes well and septic system locations.
 - 12. Features. Streams, storm water management systems, drainage.

C. The Petition and Site Plan Deficiencies Affect the Adequacy of Public Notice, Due Process, Jurisdiction, and the Rule Of Law and are Grounds for Disqualification.

The petition and site plan deficiencies are not just technical and inconsequential.

A prerequisite to subject-matter jurisdiction in a zoning case is the public notice of the nature of the petition and issues presented. Baltimore County Code Sec. 32-3-301 (2003) authorizes the zoning commissioner (now ALJ, Code Sec. 3-12-104) to review and grant zoning variances and other zoning petitions and to interpret the zoning regulations. Code Sec. 32-3-302 provides detailed notice requirements, including

"(b) Notice.

(2) The notice shall provide:

- (i) The address of the property under petition or, if not available, a description of the property; and
 - (ii) The action requested by the petition."

BCZR Sec. 307.1 reinforces the notice requirement for variances,

"Before granting any variance, the Zoning Commissioner shall require public notice to be given and shall hold a public hearing upon any application for a variance in the same manner as in the case of a petition for reclassification."

Code Sec. 32-3-509(c)(2) also compels notice of the "...action requested by the petition."

The scope of "action" embraces the entire scope of relevant zoning relief. The Court of Appeals stated in <u>Cassidy v. County Board of Appeals</u> 218 Md. 418, 421 (1958),

"It has been stated so frequently and so generally that the failure of an administrative official or board to give a proper *422 notice of a hearing, required by law, is fatal to the jurisdiction of the official or the board to conduct the hearing that it requires no citation of authority to support the proposition; hence, we must examine the notice and the proceedings to determine whether the Commissioner and the Board lacked jurisdiction to grant the special exception."

To sustain jurisdiction, the litigation must proceed within the framework of the notice. There may be lesser included issues, but not changed or expanded issues. See 4 Salkin, American Law of Zoning (5th Ed.), Secs. 40:17, et seq., especially Sec. 40:21; 3 Rathkopf's The Law of Planning and Zoning Secs. 57:48, et seq., especially 57:51.

The notice issue overlaps with procedural due process, based on fundamental fairness. Schultz v. Pritts 291 Md. 1, 7 (1981); Ottenheimer Publishers, Inc. v. Employment Sec. Admin. 275 Md. 514, 520 (1975); Dal Maso v. Board of County Comm'rs 238 Md. 333, 337 (1965).

Moreover, whenever a zoning petition is granted, the site plan provides the framework for implementation and as a baseline for future zoning petitions to modify or otherwise relate to the property. For all these reasons, a materially inadequate, incomplete, and/or misleading petition and/or site plan is a ground for disqualification.

II. Variance Law: an Introduction

As background, it is good to keep in mind BCZR Sec. 102.1,

"No land shall be used or occupied and no building or structure shall be erected, altered, located or sued excerpt in conformity with these regulations and this shall include any extension of a lawful nonconforming use."

See <u>Kowalski v. Lamar</u> 25 Md. App. 493, 496-501 (1975); <u>People's Counsel v. Surina</u> 400 Md. App. 662, 688 (2007).

BCZR Sec. 307.1 enables the Zoning Commissioner (ALJ) to grant variances,

"The Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County and the County Board of Appeals, upon appeal, shall have and they are hereby given the power to grant variances from height and area regulations, from off-street parking regulations, and from sign regulations only in cases where special circumstances or conditions exist that are peculiar to the land or structure which is the subject of the variance request and where strict

compliance with unreasonable hardship. No increase in residential density beyond that otherwise allowable by the Zoning Regulations shall be permitted as a result of any such grant of a variance from height or area regulations. Furthermore, any such variance shall be granted only if in strict harmony with the spirit and intent of said height, area, off-street parking or sign regulations, and only in such manner as to grant relief without injury to public health, safety and general welfare. They shall have no power to grant any other variances. Before granting any variance, the Zoning Commissioner shall require public notice to be given and shall hold a public hearing upon any application for a variance in the same manner as in the case of a petition for reclassification. Any order by the Zoning Commissioner or the County Board of Appeals granting a variance shall contain a finding of fact setting forth and specifying the reason or reasons for making such variance." Emphasis supplied.

The essential elements to prove a variance are the peculiarity of the property or, as more commonly described, "uniqueness," and resulting "practical difficulty." Judge Dale Cathell provided an encyclopedic review of the law and highlighted the "uniqueness" element in <u>Cromwell v. Ward</u> 102 Md. App. 691 (1995). The Court of Appeals had already identified the three-pronged "practical difficulty" criteria in <u>McLean v. Soley</u> 270 Md. 208, 213-15 (1973). The Court of Appeals integrated the analysis in <u>Trinity</u> <u>Assembly of God v. People's Counsel</u> 407 Md. 53, 79-85 (2008). This included a discussion of the essential relationship between "uniqueness" and "practical difficulty."

Judge Cathell began his discussion in Cromwell with this observation,

"The general rule is that the authority to grant a variance should be exercised sparingly and only under exceptional circumstances. See, e.g., A. Rathkopf, 3 The Law of Zoning and Planning §38 (1979)." 102 Md. App. at 703.

He explained the "uniqueness" element, 102 Md. App. at 710,

"In the zoning context the 'unique' aspect of a variance requirement does not refer to the extent of improvements upon the property, or upon neighboring property.'

'Uniqueness' of a property for zoning purposes requires that the subject property have an inherent characteristic not shared by other properties in the area, i.e., its shape, topography, subsurface condition, environmental factors, historical significance, access or non-access to navigable waters, practical restrictions imposed by abutting properties (such as obstructions) or other similar restrictions. In respect to structures, it would relate to such characteristics as unusual architectural aspects and bearing or party walls."

Judge Cathell concluded,

"We conclude that the law in Maryland and in Baltimore County under its charter and ordinance remains as it has always been-a property's peculiar characteristic or unusual circumstances relating only and uniquely to that property must exist in conjunction with the ordinance's more severe impact on the specific property because of the property's uniqueness before any consideration will be given to whether practical difficulty or unnecessary hardship exists."

It should be underlined that the "the extent of improvements upon the property" are irrelevant to "uniqueness." As we shall also see, the extent of Folio's improvements contradict any claim of "practical difficulty" and translate to "self-created difficulty."

Even if there is the requisite uniqueness, the unique characteristic must relate to and cause "practical difficulty." Often misunderstood or overlooked, the law has been settled that an essential element of a variance case is this causal connection.

As long ago as <u>Easter v. Mayor & City Council</u> 195 Md. 395 (1950), the Court of Appeals described the heavy burden of proof on an applicant for a variance,

"The burden of showing facts to justify an exception or variance rests upon the applicant, and it must be shown that the hardship affects the particular premises and is not common to other property in the neighborhood."

In Marino v. City of Baltimore, 215 Md. 206 (1957), the Court explained:

"The expression 'practical difficulties or unnecessary hardships' means difficulties which are peculiar to the situation of the applicant for the permit and are not necessary to carry out the spirit of the ordinance and which are of such a degree of severity that their existence amounts to a substantial and unnecessary injustice to the applicant."

"[I]t was incumbent upon the Marinos to have shown... (ii) that the difficulties or hardships were peculiar to the property in question in contrast with those of other property owners in the same district."

Judge Harrell revisited variance law in <u>Trinity Assembly</u>, as the Court affirmed this CBA's findings in denying sign variances,

"In Umerley v. People's Counsel for Balto. County, the Court of Special Appeals opined that a zoning authority must determine, as part of its uniqueness inquiry, whether 'the uniqueness or peculiarity of the property causes the zoning provision [at issue] to have a disproportionate impact.' 108 Md. App. 497, 506 ... (1996). Assuming that a disproportionate impact must be found before a local zoning authority may grant a variance, it is a logical fallacy to say that Board erred on this score. The disproportionate impact consideration, if viable, exists because of the notion that it is not enough for a landowneror user to show merely that the property is somehow physically peculiar or unique; she, he, or it also must prove, to the satisfaction of the tribunal, a connection between the property's inherent characteristics and the manner in which the zoning law hurts the landowner or user. Where a property's physical

characteristics do not cause the landowner to suffer disproportionately due to application of the zoning enactment in question, the property is not 'unique' in the law of variances. For example, if a property has physical characteristics that might justify variance relief from drainage or sewage regulation, those attributes probably would have no bearing on how that property is affected by an ordinance establishing the maximum height for a fence. Here, the Board concluded simply that the physical attributes of the Property are not distinguishing. That conclusion is supported by substantial evidence." 407 Md. at 82-83.

Judge Harrell went on to discuss the criteria for "practical difficulty." 407 Md. App. at 83-85." He brought forward <u>McLean</u> 270 Md. 208, 213-15 (1973), where the Court had "... adopted from Professor Rathkopf's treatise a three-part inquiry to guide local zoning authorities in determining whether a landowner established this element:

- "1) Whether compliance with the strict letter of the restrictions governing area, setbacks, frontage, height, bulk or density would unreasonably prevent the owner from using the property for a permitted purpose or would render conformity with such restrictions unnecessarily burdensome.
- 2) Whether a grant of the variance applied for would do substantial justice to the applicant as well as to other property owners in the district, or whether a lesser relaxation than that applied for would give substantial relief to the owner of the property involved and be more consistent with justice to other property owners.
- 3) Whether relief can be granted in such fashion that the spirit of the ordinance will be observed and public safety and welfare secured."

The Maryland approach tracks the national pattern. In general, the purpose of variance law is to allow relief so a property owner has some reasonable use of his property. See 2 Salkin, American Law of Zoning 5th, § 13:.1 (2009. A key point is that the property owner's inability to comply with zoning law for the purpose of a selected use does not justify a variance. Otherwise, a variance would have to be granted in every case; and zoning law would collapse. Even if we posit that the "practical difficulty" test does not equate to a "taking" test, it is still a very strict test.

As the Court wrote in <u>Carney v. Baltimore</u> 201 Md. 130, 137 (1952), another case involving a setback variance,

"The need sufficient to justify an exception must be substantial and urgent and not merely for the convenience of the applicant, inasmuch as the aim of the ordinance is to prevent exceptions as far as possible, and a liberal construction allowing exceptions for reasons that are not substantial and urgent would have the tendency to cause discrimination and eventually destroy the usefulness of the ordinance. * * *

'The expression 'practical difficulties or unnecessary hardships' means difficulties or hardships which are peculiar to the situation of the applicant for the permit and are not necessary to carry out the spirit of the ordinance and which are of such a degree of severity that their existence amounts to a substantial and unnecessary injustice to the applicant."

The Court quoted this language from <u>Carney</u> in <u>Marino</u>, 215 Md. at 216-17. It was quoted again in <u>Montgomery County v. Rotwein</u> 176 Md. App. 716, 732 (2006).

As a corollary, the potential additional expense of compliance does not justify a variance. Variance claims should not be based on financial considerations. <u>Burns v. Mayor & City Council</u> 251 Md. 554 (1968); <u>Daihl v. County Board of Appeals</u> 258 Md. 157 (1970). As the CSA wrote in <u>Rotwein</u>, 169 Md. App. at 732-33,

"Economic loss alone does not necessarily satisfy the 'practical difficulties' test because, as we have previously observed, 'every person requesting a variance can indicate some economic loss.' <u>Cromwell</u>, 102 Md. App. at 715 ... Indeed, to grant an application for a variance any time economic loss is asserted, we have warned, 'would make a mockery of the zoning program. <u>Cromwell</u>, 102 Md. App. at 715."

"Financial concerns are not entirely irrelevant, however. The pertinent inquiry with respect to economic loss is whether 'it is impossible to secure a reasonable return from or to make a reasonable use of such property."

<u>Marino</u> also observed it is "... incumbent [on the applicant] to [show]... that the hardship was not the result of the applicants' own actions." 215 Md. at 218. <u>Cromwell</u> quoted <u>Marino</u> and cited numerous cases holding self-inflicted hardship "... is never proper grounds for a variance." 102 Md. App. at 721-22. Judge Cathell quoted <u>Steele v.</u> <u>Flavanna Co. Bd. Of Zoning Appeals</u>, 436 S.E.2d 453, 456 (Va. 1993):

"[T]he hardship, if any, was self-inflicted. The placement of the improvements... was within the control of the [applicants] and their contractor."

He concluded, 102 Md. App. at 722,

"Were we to hold that self-inflicted hardships in and of themselves justified variances, we would effectively not only generate a plethora of such hardships but we would also emasculate zoning ordinances. Zoning would become meaningless. We hold that practical difficulty or unnecessary hardship for zoning variance purposes cannot generally be self-inflicted."

A. Folio's Property's Alleged Topography and Grading Difficulties are Not Peculiar or Unique to his Property and Other Area Properties

The short answer to Folio's petition is that there is nothing at all unique about Folio's lot. It is a good-sized lot. Like all the other lots on the west side of Glen Falls Road, it slopes generally down to the Liberty Reservoir. Like all the other lot owners, Folio had to undertake grading to build his house and other structures. The only real difference is that Folio has built more on his property already than anyone else. There is no variance reward for overcrowding a property and then claiming a difficulty. Judge Cathell's observation is worth repeating here,

"In the zoning context the 'unique' aspect of a variance requirement does not refer to the extent of improvements upon the property, or upon neighboring property."

To add perspective, we review a number of illustrative cases.

Easter v. Mayor & City Council 195 Md. 395 (1950). This involved a front yard and occupancy variance for a one-story and basement addition for a tavern and dwelling on Belair Road. The proposed addition varied the minimum front yard setback of 10 feet. The zoning board had granted the variances, finding the "The lot in question is of very shallow depth and irregular in shape" They also had found "... several buildings constructed up to the front lines of the lot and the proposed addition would not affect access for light and air to any neighboring properties, nor would it even cut off the view up and down the street." The Court of Appeals reversed, stating that the irregularity of the lot and the existence even of nonconforming or possibly illegal neighboring buildings did not justify deviation from the general zoning plan. Judge Henderson observed,

"But we think the detriment to the applicant must be weighed against the benefit to the community in maintaining the general plan. 'It is by these gradual encroachments, individually or relative insignificance, that the integrity of the general scheme is undermined and ultimately shattered. One departure serves as justification for another * * *"

North v. St. Mary's County 99 Md. App. 502, 514-20 (1994) foreshadowed Cromwell in reversing the grant of a mean high water mark setback variance for a gazebo of approximately 234 square feet. The property had an existing ranch home and outbuildings. The petitioner claimed a deprivation of property rights because he needed

the gazebo to enhance his view, to contemplate, to read, and (presumably) for shade and protection from rain. The applicant also posited that other property owners had built closer to the water. As Judge Cathell noted, these were probably nonconforming. He covered, among other things, the uniqueness test. The bottom line is that there was nothing unique about the property.

<u>Cromwell v. Ward</u> 102 Md. App. 691 (1995) involved an accessory building for a garage, wine cellar, and storage area for a Ruxton residence. The building height of 21 feet exceeded the 15 feet maximum, a difference of just six feet. The Court nevertheless reversed the CBA's grant of a height variance, 102 Md. App. at 697,

"Simply stated, the variance that is desired (and the difficulties that would exist if it is not granted) cannot be the source of the first prong of the variance process-an inherent uniqueness of the subject property not shared by surrounding properties."

Among cases from other states, Judge Cathell discussed <u>Xanthos v. v. Board of</u>

<u>Adjustment</u> 685 P.2d 1032 (Utah 1984), denying front yard variance for duplex addition to dwelling and <u>Prince William County Bd. Of Zoning Appeals v. Bond</u> 300 S.E. 2d 781 (Va. 1983), affirming denial of variance for conversion of garage into dwelling. Even the difficulties presented by a substandard lot or oceanfront lot restrictions do not justify a variance where this characteristic is common to area properties. <u>Sibley v. Inhabitants of the Town of Wells</u> 462 A.2 27, 30-31 (1983); <u>Town of Indialantic v. Nance</u> 400 So.2d 37, 40 (Fla. App. 1981), aff'd 419 So.2d 1041 (Fla. 1982).

Chester Haven Beach Partnership v. Board of Appeals 103 Md. App. 324, 337-41 (1995) followed Cromwell. The petitioner appealed the denial of a conditional use and variances for a residential subdivision. The primary alleged difficulty involved serious Chesapeake Bay Critical Area environmental constraints. The professional staff supported the development based on these environmental factors. It was again Judge Cathell who wrote the opinion. Notwithstanding the staff support, Judge Cathell observed there was no evidence that the environmental constraints were unique to this critical area property. He went further and criticized the professional staff, stating that the staff "... abdicated its responsibility in its role in respect to conditional uses and

variances." 103 Md. App. at 340. Despite environmental constraints much more serious than any alleged constraints on Folio's residential use, Judge Cathell wrote,

"It is not, however, the function of staff to make such policy decisions in the absence of legislative action. We do not perceive that it was the legislative intention in passing the State or local critical area legislation that zoning variance procedures would be prostituted in order to alleviate the harshness of environmental regulation. If that is the intention of the legislative entities, they have the power to express clearly that intention."

We will return to this in our discussion of the Planning Director's recommendation here.

<u>Umerley v. People's Counsel</u> 108 Md. App. 497, 504-09, cert. denied 342 Md. 584 (1996) is especially apt. The applicant sought to expand his trucking facility operation on Philadelphia Road. He sought a special exception and six variances, including setback variances from the road, wetlands, and a residential zone. He cited the narrowness of the property and the relatively short rear yard adjoining a B. & O. railroad track. The Board of Appeals granted the relief. Upon appeal, the Circuit Court reversed, and the Court of Special Appeals sustained the reversal, thereby denying the petition. The analysis centered on "uniqueness." The Umerleys claimed simply that their property was too small to comply with the trucking facilities law and that their business made a major contribution to the Baltimore County economy, consistent with one of the purposes of the trucking facilities law. But this did not constitute substantial evidence of any inherently unique characteristic of the property, which had a location in common with many other properties situated between Philadelphia Road and the railroad.

Riffin v. People's Counsel 137 Md. App. 90, cert. denied 363 Md. 660 (2001) involved the active litigant well known to this Board. He proposed a special exception for a bungee jumping operation as well as nine variances for a modification of his office building on Greenspring Drive. The property was situated between Greenspring Drive in front and the MTA light rail track in back. In affirming the CBA denial of several variances. Judge Moylan wrote,

"It is this Board's finding that the proposed site is in no way unique, unusual or different from the other properties that are existent in this M.L.-I.M. zone. The Maryland Department of Assessments and Taxation, real Property System map, shows just how similar in size and shape all of the properties are along Greenspring Drive. Testimony by Mr. Patton indicated that this property was consistent with others in the community, and

he noted that the gentle slope off of Greenspring Drive was consistent with other properties, further noting that some chose to fill in their properties before building and have entrances at the rear of their locations.... At no time in the hearing did the appellant entertain any historical significance to the site nor were environmental or subsurface conditions documented. Mr. Riffin did testify as to the damage to the interior of his building but did not document the same with photographic exhibits, receipts for repairs or documentation by some authority regarding the nature or extent of this damage. There was no testimony or evidence regarding abutting properties restricting his activities or imposing any unique characteristics upon his site. In the absence of an initial finding of uniqueness, the inquiry under Section 307.1 stops and, in this case, the three variances must be denied."

Montgomery County v. Rotwein 169 Md. App. 716 (2004). The petitioner requested front and side yard setback variances to build a garage and walkway. Her property was about three-quarters of an acre in size. She had a one-story residence, finished basement, open carport in front, and in the rear a deck, slate patio, swimming pool, and tennis court. It resembles the Folio situation in some ways, but on a much smaller lot. The garage would replace the carport. The zoning board denied the variances.

Petitioner Frances Rotwein rejected various alternative proposals to avoid the need for variances: enclose the carport (but that would obstruct the front door); build a one-car garage (but the neighbors had 2-car garages); move the garage closer to the main house (but that would involve re-grading problems). Petitioner also rejected the suggestion that she build the garage behind the main house because of the steep drop-off. She also claimed mobility problems. Again, the issues bear some resemblance to the present case.

Following <u>Cromwell</u>, the Court affirmed the denial. Judge Krauser described Rotwein's main arguments for uniqueness as her mobility problems and the substantial additional expense for relocation of the garage. Neither of these, however, constituted peculiar or unusual practical difficulties. Moreover, as we shall discuss further below, any difficulty arose from Rotwein's choices in the way she had improved the property.

B. Folio's Proposed Garage/Pool House Fails to Meet the "Practical Difficulty" Test

We shall discuss the <u>McLean/Trinity Assembly of God</u> criteria, having in mind also the instruction that variances are to be granted sparingly and based on substantial and urgent need, not merely for the convenience of the applicant.

"1) Whether compliance with the strict letter of the restrictions governing area, setbacks, frontage, height, bulk or density would unreasonably prevent the owner from using the property for a permitted purpose or would render conformity with such restrictions unnecessarily burdensome."

Here, Folio's application is a matter of convenience. He still proposes a supersized accessory building, as big as many houses, on an overdeveloped property which looks more like an institutional campus than a dwelling. He and his family have enjoyed a very nice house, garage, swimming pool, tennis/basketball court, soccer field, and shed for many years. His current proposal is based on his personal considerations and situation, and has nothing to do with any real difficulty or hardship involving the property.

Every property has constraints. Folio has adjusted to the topography and done the necessary grading for his house and the other improvements. If he chooses to have another building, he can perhaps adjust again and place it in the rear, even if it be more expensive. Whether or not he wishes to do that, he already is fortunate to have an enviable and wonderful use of property in a very nice neighborhood.

Folio would like the CBA to focus only on the accessory building and the supposedly modest encroachment as if this is no big deal. The CSA addressed a similar approach in the **North** case. The applicant there focused only on the part of the property where the gazebo would be located. Judge Cathell underlined that the entire property must be considered, along with the improvements, 99 Md. App. at 517,

"The applicant, Mr. Enoch, the county, and the trial judge for that matter, when discussing the reasonable use of the property seem to restrict their considerations to just the part of the property where Enoch desires to construct the gazebo. That is incorrect. The property at issue here is the 4+ acre site already developed with a ranchhouse of approximately 1,100 square feet with extensive decking, an improved walkway, and a pier, from which expansive views are present. Thus, the property already is subject to a reasonable use."

The Court of Special Appeals addressed practical difficulty in several recent cases. **Motngomery County v. Rotwein**, which we have discussed as to uniqueness, is really on point. Judge Krauser went on to review the "practical difficulty" claim. Applying the law quoted earlier, he wrote, 169 Md. at 733,

"But Rotwein has not demonstrated that, unless her application is granted it will be 'impossible [for her] to make reasonable use of the property.' *Id.* Indeed, she has made more reasonable use of the property, as it houses not only her residence, but, among other things, a swimming pool and a tennis court."

Rotwein, moreover, had made a sympathy argument based on her physical limitations. As a matter of law, this did not, however, justify the setback variances.

Chesley v. City of Annapolis 176 Md. App. 413 (2007) is also apt. The Chesleys built a new 5000 sq. ft. house and swimming pool to replace an existing dwelling on their one-third of an acre lot. They also desired a garage. They needed a front yard setback variance and were able to secure the support of the Planning Staff. They claimed that the garage would help when their wheelchair-bound adult son visited. They also claimed that other area properties had garages within a few feet of the street.

The Zoning Board denied the variance, finding among other things that there was nothing unique about the property, because "... the typical constraints of waterfront development within the critical area and the view cone covenant do not in and of themselves necessitate the requested variance." The CSA affirmed the denial. Turning to the issue of difficulty or hardship under the analogous Chesapeake Bay Critical Area variance provisions, Judge Adkins wrote, 176 Md. App. at 435,

"Rather, the essence of the Chesleys' argument is that a garage would make loading more convenient, and that a variance will allow them to locate the garage where the City's Planning Department preferred. The City Code requires more than a showing of "mere inconvenience [.]" See former Code § 21.80.030(A). As the Court of Appeals has recognized, it generally is not a hardship to be without a desired convenience or amenity on one's property, because zoning restrictions are to be enforced in the absence of a "substantial and urgent" need for a variance. See Belvoir Farms Homeowners Ass'n, 355 Md. at 261, 734 A.2d 227. When a variance would be required to build within the critical area buffer, for example, the fact that a particular improvement would enhance the owner's enjoyment of the property did not establish that it would be a hardship to continue using the property without the variance. See, e.g., Citrano v. North, 123 Md.App. 234, 717 A.2d 960 (1998)(fact that proposed deck created "pleasant amenity"

did not create hardship); North v. St. Mary's County, 99 Md. App. 502, 519, 638 A.2d 1175 (owner's desire to build gazebo to read and view creek is not evidence of hardship), cert. denied sub nom. Enoch v. North, 336 Md. 224, 647 A.2d 444 (1994). The City Code's distinction between "mere inconvenience" and true hardship reflects the application of this principle to setback variances."

In sum, the zoning law does not prevent Folio from making a reasonable use of the property or impose an unnecessary burden.

"2) Whether a grant of the variance applied for would do substantial justice to the applicant as well as to other property owners in the district, or whether a lesser relaxation than that applied for would give substantial relief to the owner of the property involved and be more consistent with justice to other property owners."

For essentially the above reasons, there is no injustice to Folio. He has a satisfactory and even privileged use of his very nice property. The proposal does, however, work an injustice to the area property owners. This would be the first area accessory building in the front yard and at the most prominent location on the site. It conflicts not only with the zoning law, but also with the final development plan and subdivision plat, upon which the neighbors reasonably rely.

Donna Ward testified cogently to the visual impact and the effect on her property value. She also emphasized that she and other neighbors had adjusted to the FDP in building their homes and improvements. Karl Locklear reinforced Ms. Ward's testimony. He identified and emphasized the adverse impact of this proposal as precedent and the opening of a Pandora's Box. The "slippery slope" metaphor is especially apt here.

The CSA in <u>Chesley</u> recognized similar testimony by neighbors concerning visual impact and property values. 176 Md. App. at 441-45. One of the neighbors posited that, "overbuilding and overcrowding loom on the horizon" The Court accepted, among other things, the legitimate concerns about overcrowding and imposing structures which harm the views and enjoyment of the neighborhood.

"3) Whether relief can be granted in such fashion that the spirit of the ordinance will be observed and public safety and welfare secured."

The public safety and welfare overlaps with the problem of injustice, but extends further to the legislative intent of the R.C. 8 Zone. BCZR Sec. 1A09.1.B includes among its goals (7.) maintenance of "the unique character of certain rural and urban areas;" (10.) enhancement of "local character and environmental protection by locating buildings in harmony with site conditions;" and (11.) preservation of "the traditional character of communities by limiting the scale and intensity of development." There are also a series of environmental goals, including protection of the ecosystem and water resources. BCZR Sec. 1A09.1.B.1-3. The performance standards serve these goals. This would be the first zoning variance in the area. It would detract from these legislative goals.

Despite the CBA's cramping of his testimony to some degree, George Harman properly highlighted that the R.C. 8 Zone places substantial additional environmental limitations on development. Indeed, the Plummer Property subdivision density qualified under the R.C. 4 Zone, but could not qualify today as a new subdivision under the more restrictive density limits in BCZR Sec. 1A09.7.B.1. For lots between 10 and 30 acres, just 2 dwelling lots are allowed. The Plummer Property subdivision is vested for 5 lots, and the current R.C. 8 Zone cannot change that. But the newer zone is a factor which weighs against variances, especially involving overcrowding of a property and additional stress on the visual environment as well as the watershed.

To conclude, from every angle or perspective, Folio's proposal does not meet the test of practical difficulty.

C. Folio's Alleged Practical Difficulty is Self-Created

This is a classic case of self-created difficulty. Folio's choices in developing his property intensely have necessarily limited his remaining options. His proposal for a large new garage/pool house at his preferred location is necessarily influenced by what he has done in the placement of his house and improvements. Had he made different

choices about what to build and where, he could even have room for a supersized accessory building of 1408 sq. ft.

To make a long story short, both <u>Rotwein</u> and <u>Chesley</u> illustrate how applicants' choices about where to build homes and improvements, as well as size, may underlie their ostensible claims of difficulty. In <u>Rotwein</u>, Judge Krauser put it well,

"Furthermore, the "hardships" about which Rotwein complains are self-created and, as such, cannot serve as a basis for a finding of practical difficulty. See Cromwell, 102 Md.App. at 722, 651 A.2d 424. Rotwein contends that the requested location for her garage is the only feasible location. But that is so only because of the location of the other improvements to the property, and the decision whether to build those improvements and where to place them was Rotwein's. See id.; see also Steele v. Fluvanna County Bd. of Zoning Appeals, 246 Va. 502, 436 S.E.2d 453, 456-57 (1993)."

D. The Planning Director's Support Lacks a Legally Sufficient Basis

The Planning Director initially opposed as disproportionate the huge 2-story "accessory building" with a ground floor area at least as large as the main house. In the end, however, the Director negotiated and worked with Folio's representatives to support a modified 1-story project with a cupola.

Most important, the Director disregarded the applicable zoning law governing variances. There was no attention paid to uniqueness. There was no attention paid to the criteria for practical difficulty or self-created difficulty. There was no attention paid to the panoply of improvements already on the site.

As an aggravating factor, the Director was aware of the building envelopes on the subdivision plat but chose to support their breach. The Director also disregarded the FDP and the requirements for amendments, to be discussed further below.

As another aggravating factor, the Director took Folio's spin about grading problems at face value and failed to recognize that the topography was a feature to which all area property owners had to adjust in planning their improvements and which did not justify departure from the zoning plan.

Yet another aggravating factor was the Director's failure provide the area residents with equal access or line of communication. Had the Director given the residents a fair opportunity to be heard, the Director may have understood the issues better.

The Director's findings were thus not based either on proper facts, in context, or legally sufficient conclusions. In effect, there was an abdication of legal function.

The situation here is reminiscent of <u>Chester Haven Beach Partnership v. Board of Appeals</u> 103 Md. App. 324, 337-41 (1995) There, as we pointed out earlier, the professional environmental staff supported the proposed variances for development based on environmental factors. Notwithstanding staff support, Judge Cathell observed there was no evidence that the environmental constraints were unique to this critical area property. Judge Cathell went stated that the professional staff "... abdicated its responsibility in its role in respect to conditional uses and variances." 103 Md. App. at 340. Despite environmental constraints much more serious than any alleged constraints on Folio's residential use, Judge Cathell wrote,

"It is not, however, the function of staff to make such policy decisions in the absence of legislative action. We do not perceive that it was the legislative intention in passing the State or local critical area legislation that zoning variance procedures would be prostituted in order to alleviate the harshness of environmental regulation. If that is the intention of the legislative entities, they have the power to express clearly that intention."

Sometimes, professional staffs have agendas which, while worthy from their perspective, do not follow and are not oriented to the zoning law. This is what happened in <u>Chester Haven</u>, and what happened here. Indeed, the staff in <u>Chester Haven</u> appears to have had much more sympathetic reasons to support the variance than the staff did here.

The situation here also tracks <u>Chesley v. City of Annapolis</u> 176 Md. App. 413 (2007). There, the Planning Department negotiated with the applicant and ended up giving strong support to the variances for the proposed garage. For many reasons elucidated in the opinion, the Court found that the staff support had no legal basis.

III. Folio's Proposed Garage/Pool House Conflicts with the Final Development Plan, and with the Requirements for FDP Amendments

It is a big deal that the proposal conflicts with the FDP Note 21, which restricts accessory buildings to the rear yard. The FDP is in the public record. Once lots are for sale, the purchasers can rely on the FDP to know and understand the scope and structure of residential development permitted in the subdivision. The evidence here, moreover, is

that Donna Ward and other property owners did affirmatively review and/or adjust to the FDP. In addition, Folio's proposal conflicts with the subdivision plat's building envelope.

Folio's proposed breach of these lines is disqualified in the absence of an application for and approval of an FDP amendment under BCZR Secs. 1B01.3.A.7 and 1A00.4. Under the circumstances, moreover, it is implausible that Folio could properly receive approval because of the significant conflict with the spirit and intent of the FDP.

The CBA has reviewed petitions for special hearing for FDP amendments pursuant to this zoning provision. The cases include In the Matter of Trees Property Re: Final Approval of Development Plan, CBA No. 95-180 (1995); In the Matter of Thomas and Cynthia Hutson, Petition for Special Hearing, CBA No. 09-035-SPH (2010), Andrew Belt, Panel Chair. Such cases may include a proposal for resubdivision or a change in the building envelopes or controls. The latter is the case here.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 26th day of October, 2015 a copy of the foregoing Memorandum of People's Counsel for Baltimore County was sent to Donna Ward, 6130 Glen Falls Road, Reisterstown, Maryland 21136, Appellant, and Lawrence E. Schmidt, Esquire, Smith, Gildea & Schmidt, LLC, 600 Washington Avenue, Suite 200, Towson, Maryland 21204, Attorney for Petitioner.

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ADMESTRATIVE ZONING PETOON FOR ADMINISTRATIVE VARIANCE – OR – ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIAL HEARING

To be filed with the Department of Permits, Approvals and Inspections

To the Office of Administrative Law of Baltimore County for the property located at:

Address 6200 Glen Falls Road which is presently zoned RC 8

Deed Reference 343 89/00497 10 Digit Tax Account # 2 2 0 0 0 1 0 2 0 2

Property Owner(s) Printed Name(s) Richard M Folio

(SELECT THE HEARING(S) BY MARKING X AT THE APPROPRIATE SELECTION(S) AND ADDING THE PETITION REQUEST)

Administrative Variances require that the Affidavit on the reverse of this Petition Form be completed / notarized.

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

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	Richard M Folio
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Signature	Signature #1 Signature # 2
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A PUBLIC HEARING having formally demanded and/or found to be required, it is ordered by the Office of Administrative Law, of Baltimore County, this _______, 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.

Administrative Law Judge of Baltimore County

Affidavit in Support of Aministrative Variance (THIS AFFIDAVIT IS NOT REQUIRED FOR AN HISTORIC ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIAL HEARING)

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

That the property is not under an active zoning violation citation and Affiant(s) is/are the resident home owner(s) of this residential lot, or is/are the contract purchaser(s) of this residential lot, who will, upon purchase, reside at the existing dwelling on said property located at:

Address	: 6200 Glen Falls Road	Reisterstown	MD	21136
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ZONING DESCRIPTION FOR 6200 GLEN FALLS ROAD

Beginning at a point on the North West side of Glen Falls Road which is 40' wide at the distance of 750' South West of the centerline of the nearest intersecting street Hiltner Road which is 30' wide.

Being Lot # 1 Block 7 in the subdivision of Plummer Property as recorded in Baltimore County Plat Book # 0063, Folio # 0144, containing 3 acres. Located in the 4th Election District and 3rd Council District. Also Known as 6200 Glen Falls Road Reisterstown, MD 21136

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ARTICLE 1. General Provisions SECTION 102. General Requirements

§ 102.1. Conformance with regulations.

No land shall be used or occupied and no building or structure shall be erected, altered, located or used except in conformity with these regulations and this shall include any extension of a lawful nonconforming

ARTICLE 1A. Resource Conservation Zones

SECTION 1A00. General Provisions for All R.C. Classifications

§ 1A00.4. Plans and plats.

Development plans and final subdivision plats shall be required in the manner prescribed under Section 1Bo1.3, and, for the purpose of this section, all references to D.R. Zones shall include the R.C. Zones.

ARTICLE 1A. Resource Conservation Zones SECTION 1A09. R.C.8 (Environmental Enhancement) Zone § 1A09.1. Findings and legislative goals.

A. Findings.

- Master Plan 2010, adopted by the County Council in February 2000, identifies specific resource preservation areas
 where valuable cultural, historic, recreational and environmental resources are located and should be protected
 for the health of the local community and the community at large.
- 2. While the resource preservation areas identified in the Master Plan are predominantly in the rural part of Baltimore County, there are certain areas of environmental significance that are located throughout Baltimore County that require protection.
- 3. An R.C. 8 Zone allows limited development, compatible with the rural and urban community, and at the same time protects environmental resources.
- 4. The County recognizes the importance of retaining certain areas for environmental protection.
- B. Legislative goals. The Baltimore County Council seeks to achieve the following goals in the R.C. 8 Zone:
 - To preserve and protect total ecosystem function, including riparian and aquatic ecosystems;
 - To protect forests, streams, wetlands and floodplains;
 - 3. To protect the water quality of reservoirs, watercourses, the Chesapeake Bay and regional biodiversity;
 - To respect historic sites in their settings;
 - To provide a quality recreational experience to visitors;
 - 6. To protect remaining prime and productive soils, environmental resources in areas not currently protected by the R.C. 2 or the R.C. 7 Zone;
 - To maintain the unique character of certain rural and urban areas by preserving its natural, environmental, historic, cultural, recreational, scenic, architectural and archaeological resources not protected by the R.C. 7 Zone;
 - To provide for the environmentally sound use of land and forest resources, and to prevent forest fragmentation, especially in areas of extensive interior forest;
 - 9. To implement state and federal mandates for the protection of natural resources and rural legacy;
 - 10. To enhance local character and environmental protection by locating buildings in harmony with site conditions;
 - 11. To preserve the traditional character of communities by limiting the scale and intensity of development;
 - To maintain the scale and character of area roads by limiting growth in the volume of traffic generated by local development.

§ 1A09.2. Definitions.

In this section, the following term has the meaning indicated:

BUILDING ENVELOPE

The area on a lot within which all structures except wells, septic systems, stormwater management systems, driveways or fences are permitted to be built.

§ 1A09.3. Permitted uses.

- A. Uses permitted by right. In addition to the uses in Paragraph D of this subsection, the following uses are permitted by right in an R.C. 8 Zone:
 - Dwellings, single-family detached.
 - 2. Farms and limited-acre wholesale flower farms, subject to Section 404.
 - Open space, common.
 - 4. Schools.
 - Streets and ways.
 - 6. Telephone, telegraph, electrical power or other lines or cables, provided that any such line or cable is underground; underground gas mains; shared well and septic systems when approved by the Department of Environmental Protection and Sustainability; or other underground conduits, except interstate pipelines.
 [Bill No. 122-2010]
 - 7. Accessory uses or structures, subject to Section 400, including:
 - Farmer's roadside stand and produce stand, subject to Section 404.4;
 - b. Home occupations;
 - c. Offices or studios of physicians, dentists, lawyers, architects, engineers, artists, musicians or other professionals, provided that any such office or studio is established within the same building as that serving the professional person's primary residence; does not occupy more than 25% of the total floor area of that residence; and does not involve the employment of more than one nonresident employee;
 - d. Parking and residential garage space, subject to Section 409;
 - e. Signs, subject to Sections 450 and 1A09.7.C.5; and
 - f. Swimming pools, tennis courts and other recreational amenities, if accessory to a dwelling.
 - Commercial film production, subject to Section 435.
 - Farmstead creamery, subject to the provisions of Section 404.13.
 [Bill No. 34-2009]
- B. Uses permitted by special exception. The following uses only are permitted by special exception in an R.C. 8 Zone:
 - The following uses, provided that they are located in a principal building that was originally constructed before August 6, 2004, and the building is converted to the new use without any external enlargement after August 6, 2004:
 - a. Antique shop;
 - Bed-and-breakfast;

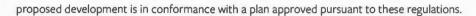
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- Residential art salon.
- 2. Public utility uses not permitted by right.
- 3. Bottled water plant as an agricultural support use, if the source of water is located on the same site as the plant, and provided that the Director of Environmental Protection and Sustainability makes a finding that the proposed facility is not expected to adversely affect the quality or capacity of surface water or groundwater.

 [Bill No. 122-2010]
- Farm market, subject to Section 404.4.
- Horticultural nursery, subject to Sections 404.1 and 404.2.
- 6. Volunteer fire company or ambulance-rescue facilities.
- 7. Winery as an agricultural support use, including accessory retail and wholesale distribution of wine produced on the premises. Temporary promotional events such as wine tasting or public gatherings associated with the winery are permitted within any limits set through the special exception process.
- 8. Wireless telecommunications towers and monopoles; however, they shall be designed and located in a manner that substantially minimizes their visual impact; stealth towers such as flagpoles, flush-mounted monopoles set into wooded hillsides and painted to blend into the trees, and other innovative options. Such poles or antennas shall not project more than five feet above any tree within 25 feet of the monopole. In no case shall a tower or monopole project above a ridge line. Wireless telecommunications facilities that are proposed within a county, state or national historic district or preservation area will be required to be reviewed by the Baltimore County Landmarks Commission. Wireless telecommunications facilities may be incorporated into the structure of existing high-voltage electric transmission lines as a matter of right.
- Conservation burial ground. (See Section 401.1.1.)
 [Bill No. 6-2015]
- C. Application of zone. The R.C. 8 Zone is primarily intended to be applied to forested lands, reservoir watershed areas and extensive natural areas. The R.C. 8 Zone may not be applied to lands currently zoned R.C. 2 or R.C. 7.
- D. Prior zoning. If a property was zoned so that churches and other buildings for religious worship were permitted by right and were owned or under contract to a religious institution prior to being zoned as R.C. 8, churches and other buildings for religious worship are permitted by right on that property.

§ 1A09.4. Plans and permits.

All development must be in accordance with this section and the standards and guidelines for "rural preservation" and "scenic views" adopted pursuant to this section, and published as part of the Comprehensive Manual of Development Policies.

- A. Before the approval of any concept plan, development plan, limited exemption, special exception plan or variance, the Director of Planning or the Director's designee must certify in a written finding that the plan, exemption or variance is consistent with the spirit and intent of these regulations. To support the finding, the Director shall require information such as building elevations, building cross sections or view shed analyses pursuant to Sections 32-4-223 and 32-4-224 of the Baltimore County Code. The Director shall certify that any deviation from this section or the standards and guidelines cited above was necessary to:
 - 1. Meet another standard or guideline;
 - 2. Comply with environmental regulations or otherwise protect resources; or
 - 3. Achieve the best possible site design based on the goals in Section 1A09.1.B.
- B. Before the issuance of any building permit, the Director of Planning or the Director's designee shall certify that the



C. A finding pursuant to this section may be appealed to the Baltimore County Board of Appeals within 30 days of the date of the finding by any person aggrieved by the finding.

§ 1A09.5. Natural resource protection.

[Bill No. 122-2010]

- A. Unless the applicant demonstrates to the Director of Environmental Protection and Sustainability or his designee that greater water quality or forest protection would result, the building envelope shall be located:
 - Outside of forested areas where possible;
 - 2. For forested tracts, within 100 feet of the perimeter of the forest;
 - 3. To minimize the number and length of roads and driveways; and
 - 4. To minimize the number of stream crossings.
- B. The Department of Environmental Protection and Sustainability may require alternative site layouts to achieve the water quality and forest protection objectives of this zone.

§ 1A09.6. Scenic views.

To protect the scenic views or, if necessary pursuant to Section 1A09.4, to mitigate the disturbance of scenic views, the Director of Planning may require that one or both of the following be clearly designated on the final record plat with appropriate notations:

- A. Areas where disturbance of natural vegetation is prohibited; or
- B. Areas where revegetation of landscaping is required.

§ 1A09.7. Development area and standards.

- A. Maximum height. No structure with a height greater than 35 feet is permitted, except as otherwise provided under Section 300.
- B. Area regulations.
 - Maximum lot density. A contiguous tract of land, whether or not in one or more parcels, not part of an approved subdivision may be developed in an R.C. 8 Zone at the following density:

Number of Acres	Number of Lots		
1 to 10	1		
10 to 30	2		
30 to 50	3		
51 acres or more	0.02 lot per acre		

- 2. Lot area. The area of any proposed residential lot in a major or minor subdivision must not be less than three acres
- 3. Building envelope. For residential development, the maximum area of the building envelope on any residential lot other than a farm is 20,000 square feet, and no single dwelling, garage or accessory building shall have a building footprint that exceeds 5,000 square feet. The placement of the building envelope is determined on the basis of:
 - a. The goals for the zone; and

The minimum setbacks for the zone.

- Minimum development allowance. Any lot of record or parcel of land lawfully existing on August 6, 2004, may be developed with a single dwelling.
- 5. Setbacks.
 - a. Any principal building constructed in an R.C. 8 Zone shall be situated at least:
 - (1) Thirty-five feet from the right-of-way of public or private interior streets;
 - (2) Eighty feet from any principal building; and
 - (3) Fifty feet from the rear lot line.

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(1) As determined by the Director of Environmental Protection and Sustainability, any dwelling or accessory residential structure to be constructed shall be located at least 300 feet from an adjacent property that is either:

[Bill No. 122-2010]

- (a) Cultivated or used for pasture, or received preferential agriculture assessment at any time over the past five years;
- (b) Land that is suitable for agriculture production, excluding forestry, that is not in production as part of a federal or state conservation program; or
- (c) Land that is suitable for agriculture production, excluding forestry, and is subject to an agricultural or conservation easement.
- (2) A modification to a residential dwelling in existence prior to August 6, 2004, is exempt from the requirements of this subsection.
- Impervious surface coverage, nonresidential development. Except for residential lots which are subject to a building envelope restriction, no more than 5% of any lot may be covered by impervious surfaces such as structures or pavement.
- 7. Historic properties. No building or structure on a development tract which is officially included on the preliminary or final list of the Landmarks Preservation Commission or the National Register of Historic Places, or which is subject to an easement held by the Maryland Historical Trust will be counted as a lot or dwelling for purposes of calculating density, provided that:
 - There is an area of sufficient size, as determined by the Director of Planning in consultation with the Landmarks Preservation Commission or Maryland Historical Trust, surrounding the building, structure or landmark to preserve the integrity of its historic setting;
 - An overall photographic and written description of the building, structure or landmark identified has been submitted and is determined to be in compliance with the Secretary of the Interior's standards for the treatment of historic properties;
 - c. Documentation of the preservation, restoration and protection for the building, structure or landmark has been approved by the Director of Planning in consultation with the Maryland Historical Trust prior to issuance of any building permit; and
 - d. When provisions of this paragraph apply to any development, the conditions for approval must be noted on the concept plan and development plan, or the minor subdivision plan.
- C. Performance standards. Conditions for approval pursuant to this section must be noted on the concept plan and development plan, or minor subdivision plan. The following standards are intended to foster creative development that

promotes the goals stated in Section 1A09.1.B.

 Stormwater management, Stormwater management facilities shall be integrated into the site design to utilize nonstructural practices unless it is demonstrated that this is not possible.

Buildings.

- a. Buildings must be located on the least visually prominent portion of the site from the public road, consistent with effective resource protection, except where appropriate to continue an established pattern of development along the edge of the road.
- Buildings should reflect the traditional rural character of the area in architectural form, scale, materials and detailing and in landscaping context.
- Dwellings and other principal use buildings should be front-oriented to public rights-of-way; reverse-fronted lots generally will not be permitted.
- All of the exterior walls of a building must be treated similarly with respect to materials, color and architectural details.
- e. Structures accessory to residential use, excluding agricultural buildings, but including solar panels, antennas and storage sheds, are not permitted in the front yard of any principal use. Section 400.1 is not applicable in an R.C. 8 Zone; however, the height of accessory structures is subject to the provisions of Section 400.
- f. If buildings are located in open fields because of site constraints, additional landscaping and berms, or either of them, may be required to soften views.
- 3. Roads, parking areas and storage areas.
 - a. Interior roads must conform to Baltimore County's standards for rural roads, and no paved section of road may exceed a width of 18 feet, except for turnaround areas.
 - Curbing must not be used unless required for storm drainage, as determined by the Department of Public Works.
 - c. Perimeter fencing of residential properties must be in keeping with rural character. Fences must be either split rail or board on post, and the type of fence must be consistent throughout the development.
 - d. Off-street parking and vehicle or equipment storage areas, when necessary for nonresidential or non-farm uses, must be visually screened by fencing, buildings or vegetation, or a combination thereof, from the public roads and dwellings.
 - e. Areas for the outside storage of materials or supplies for nonagricultural commercial uses, except merchandise offered for sale by antique shops, must be visually screened by fencing, buildings or vegetation, or a combination thereof, from all public roads and dwellings.
 - f. Lighting, such as streetlights, elevated security lights, floodlights, high-intensity house and barn lights are not permitted. However, low-intensity, low-level accent lights and sensor lights no more than 20 feet above the ground may be requested as part of the development review. The light fixtures should be of a style that diffuses light by use of full cutoffs.
- 4. Screening. Visual screening for privacy or to block distracting views should be natural in appearance and sensitive to grade relationships. Screens should not disrupt the harmony of the natural landscape or obstruct scenic views.
- Signs.
 - a. Community signs are prohibited. Subdivisions may be identified by street signs.
 - A nonresidential principal use may be identified by:

- (1) An enterprise sign, subject to Section 450; or
- (2) An identification sign, subject to Section 450.

§ 1A09.8. Inconveniences arising from agricultural operations.

Any dwelling in an R.C. 8 or adjacent zone may be subject to inconveniences or discomforts arising from agricultural operations. These may include noise, odors, fumes, dust, the operation of machinery during any twenty-four-hour period, the storage and disposal of manure and the application by spraying or otherwise of chemical fertilizers, soil amendments, herbicides and pesticides. The County shall not consider an agricultural operation to be a public or private nuisance if the operation complies with these regulations and all federal, state or county health or environmental requirements.

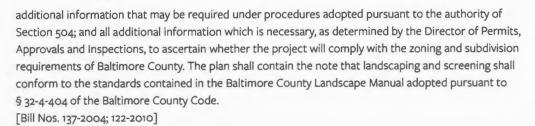
ARTICLE 1B. Density Residential (D.R.) Zones SECTION 1B01. Regulations With Respect to D.R. Zones in General § 1B01.3. Plans and plats.

A. Development plants.

- Purpose. This paragraph is intended:
 - To provide for the disclosure of development plans to prospective residents and to protect those who
 have made decisions based on such plans from inappropriate changes therein; and
 - b. To provide for review of residential development plans to determine whether they comply with these regulations and with standards and policies adopted pursuant to the authority of Section 504.
- 2. Partial development plan. For the purposes of this article, a "partial development plan" is a portion of a final development plan, and a partial or final development plan is "applicable" to a given lot if it covers all property in the subdivision within 300 feet of the given lot, in addition to the lot itself.
- 3. Subdivision lot sales, development and use subject to partial development plan. No interest in any lot which is in a D.R. Zone and is hereafter created by subdivision of a record lot existing on the effective date of this article or created by consolidation of such lots may be sold unless a final or partial development plan applicable to the lot has been approved as required under Paragraph 6, below; further, no use may be established and no construction may take place on any lot so created except in accordance with such a plan. The provisions of this paragraph shall not apply to Class A assisted living facilities.
 [Bill No. 188-1993]
- 4. Notice in conveyance. Any party who sells an interest in real property within an area covered by an approved partial or final development plan shall attach to the instrument of sale a notice directing the buyer's attention to the plan (including any amendment) and listing the location of the various certified copies which may be publicly inspected (Paragraph 6), together with a listing of the recorded plats covering all portions of the subdivision as a whole. The notice shall also generally apprise the buyer of the rights, requirements and remedies provided under the development plan, those provided under this article and these zoning regulations in general, and those set forth in provisions adopted pursuant to the authority of Section 504, and, to this end, the notice shall be on a form issued by the county and approved by the Office of Law, the Zoning Commissioner, and the Planning Board as being clear and sufficient for the purpose.

5. Forms and content of plans.

- a. Forms. Each partial development plan must be filed both as a separable document or set of documents and as part of a final development plan which includes all partial development plans as approved for other portions of the subdivision. Upon approval, each final development plan thus filed supersedes previous final development plans of the subdivision.
- Content. Each partial and final development plan must show: the locations, types and exterior dimensions
 of all proposed structures and all existing structures to be retained; generalized floor plans to scale; layout
 of parking facilities; streets and drives giving access to and lying within the tract; existing topography and
 major vegetation; proposed grading; common amenity open space (including local open space); all



- 6. Initial review and approval procedure. Procedural steps and requirements in the submission and review of various preliminary versions of partial and final development plans shall be as established provisions adopted pursuant to the authority of Section 504 or, in the absence of such provisions, as established by the Department of Planning. In formulating such steps and requirements, the Planning Board or the Department of Planning shall effect maximum coordination between the integration with similar and related steps and requirements in the submission and review of plans pursuant to the subdivision regulations. If the partial and final development plans for a subdivision are approved by the Zoning Commissioner as complying with the zoning regulations, approved by the Director of Planning as being consistent with the subdivision regulations and any subdivision plans filed pursuant thereto, and approved in such other manner as may be prescribed under provisions adopted pursuant to the authority of Section 504, copies of the plans, certified by the Zoning Commissioner and the Director of Planning as having been so approved, shall be filed with such county or state agencies as they may direct and as may otherwise be required, and shall be retained in the files of the Department of Planning, including the files of the Zoning Commissioner.

 [Bill No. 55-2011]
- 7. Amendment of approved development plans. After partial or final development plans have been approved as provided under Paragraph 6, preceding, they may be amended only as provided below:
 - a. Amendment prior to sale of interest in nearby property. The development plans may be amended by simple resubmission, or by the submission of appropriate documents of revision, subject to the same requirements as are applied to original plans, if there is no change with respect to any lot, structure or use within 300 feet of a lot or structure which has been sold since the original plans were filed.
 - b. Amendment after sale of interest in nearby property or upon demand for hearing. In the case of an amendment not allowed under Subparagraph a, by reason of sale of property within the area, or in case of a demand for hearing by an eligible individual or group, the plans may be amended through special exception procedures, in the manner provided under Section 502 and subject to the following provisions:
 - (1) The amendment must be in accord with the provisions of the Comprehensive Manual of Development Policies and with the specific standards and requirements of this article, as determined by the Department of Planning. The Director, on behalf of the Planning Board, shall notify the Zoning Commissioner accordingly. [Bill Nos. 29-1995; 55-2011]
 - (2) Only an owner of a lot abutting or lying directly across a street or other right-of-way from the property in question, an owner of a structure on such a lot, or a homes association (as may be defined under the subdivision regulations or under provisions adopted pursuant to the authority of Section 504) having members who own or reside on property lying wholly or partially within 300 feet of the lot in question are eligible to file a demand for hearing. [Bill No. 29-1995]
 - (3) It must be determined in the course of the hearing procedure that the amendment would be consistent with the spirit and intent of the original plan and of this article.
 [Bill No. 29-1995]
 - c. Amendment upon request by owner of lot within subdivision. The Zoning Commissioner may, without a public hearing but with the concurrence of the Director of Planning, amend the plans with respect to a structure on an individual lot created under the plans and used according to the purpose stated therein, or

with respect to such lot, at the request of the lot owner, under the following requirements and conditions:

- (1) Reasonable notification, by a standard method established pursuant to the authority of Section 504 and approved by the County Attorney, must be given to the occupants and owners of all real property which is fully or partially situated within 300 feet of the lot in question.
- (2) It must be determined that a formal demand for hearing by an eligible individual or group, as described in Paragraph b, has not been filed.
- (3) It must be determined that standards adopted under the authority of Section 504, in addition to the specific requirements under these regulations, will not be violated by the amendment.
- (4) The Zoning Commissioner and the Director of Planning must certify that the amendment is in keeping with the spirit and intent of this article and other Baltimore County land use and development requirements administered by them, and both must certify that the amendment does not violate the spirit and intent of the original plan.
- d. Any amended development plan and any document of amendment of such a plan must be filed with all agencies or officials with whom copies of the original plan have been filed pursuant to paragraph above, and no amendment takes effect otherwise.

B. Final subdivision plat.

- 1. Purpose. Pursuant to the regulations for D.R. Zones, a portion of a tract of land may be subdivided for development at a higher residential density than the maximum average density permitted, lessening the permitted density of development on the remainder of the tract; or a portion of the tract may be subdivided for development at less than the maximum average density, thus increasing the density at which the remainder of the tract may be developed (Section 1B01.2.A). It is the purpose of this paragraph to assure that these factors will be identified in the sale of any portion of a development tract in a D.R. Zone and, in particular, to prevent the unknowing purchase of a tract which, as a result of such prior subdivision, may not itself be developed at the average gross density specified in the regulations.
- 2. Effect. No subdivision of a tract or a portion of a tract may be created after the effective date of this article, except as otherwise provided under Section 1Bo2.3.A.2 unless the final subdivision plat therefore contains a summary showing the total number of dwelling or density units allowed for the entire tract under the applicable D.R. Zones. The summary shall indicate, as appropriate, the number of dwelling or density units utilized by previous final subdivision plats for portions of the same tract, the number of dwelling or density units contained in the current subdivision plat, and the balance of dwelling or density units allowed for the remainder of the tract under the applicable D.R. Zone(s). It is the intent of these zoning regulations to prohibit subdivision or resubdivision of portions of a tract in a D.R. Zone in a manner so as to exceed the total number of dwelling or density units allowed under the applicable D.R. Zone(s) for the entire tract.

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ARTICLE 3. Exceptions to Height and Area Requirements SECTION 307. Variances

§ 307.1. Authority to grant variances; procedures and restrictions.

The Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County and the County Board of Appeals, upon appeal, shall have and they are hereby given the power to grant variances from height and area regulations, from off-street parking regulations, and from sign regulations only in cases where special circumstances or conditions exist that are peculiar to the land or structure which is the subject of the variance request and where strict compliance with the Zoning Regulations for Baltimore County would result in practical difficulty or unreasonable hardship. No increase in residential density beyond that otherwise allowable by the Zoning Regulations shall be permitted as a result of any such grant of a variance from height or area regulations. Furthermore, any such variance shall be granted only if in strict harmony with the spirit and intent of said height, area, off-street parking or sign regulations, and only in such manner as to grant relief without injury to public health, safety and general welfare. They shall have no power to grant any other variances. Before granting any variance, the Zoning Commissioner shall require public notice to be given and shall hold a public hearing upon any application for a variance in the same manner as in the case of a petition for reclassification. [1] Any order by the Zoning Commissioner or the County Board of Appeals granting a variance shall contain a finding of fact setting forth and specifying the reason or reasons for making such variance.

[1] Editor's Note: Apparently conflicts with certain provisions found in the Baltimore County Code, 2003, as revised, which prescribe requirements with respect to notice and hearing regarding conventional reclassification petitions that differ from those which it prescribes regarding variance petitions. See the Appendices of this volume for excerpts from the Baltimore County Code, 2003. See Section 32-3-301 for authority of the Zoning Commissioner to grant variances, and Section 32-3-103 for provision regarding conflicts between Article 32, Title 3 of the Baltimore County Code, 2003 and the Zoning Regulations.

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ARTICLE 4. Special Regulations

SECTION 400. Accessory Buildings in Residence Zones

[BCZR 1955; Bill No. 27-1963]

§ 400.1. Location; lot coverage.

Accessory buildings in residence zones, other than farm buildings (Section 404) shall be located only in the rear yard and shall occupy not more than 40% thereof. On corner lots they shall be located only in the third of the lot farthest removed from any street and shall occupy not more than 50% of such third. In no case shall they be located less than 2 1/2 feet from any side or rear lot lines, except that two private garages may be built with a common party wall straddling a side interior property line if all other requirements are met. The limitations imposed by this section shall not apply to a structure which is attached to the principal building by a covered passageway or which has one wall or part of one wall in common with it. Such structure shall be considered part of the principal building and shall be subject to the yard requirements for such a building.

§ 400.2. Setback.

[Bill No. 2-1992]

Accessory buildings, including parking pads, shall be set back not less than 15 feet from the center line of any alley on which the lot abuts.

§ 400.3. Height.

The height of accessory buildings, except as noted in Section 300, shall not exceed 15 feet.

§ 400.4. Accessory apartments.

[Bill No. 49-2011^[1]]

An accessory apartment is permitted as a temporary use within a principal single-family detached dwelling or within an accessory building situated on the same owner-occupied lot as the principal dwelling in any zone that permits single-family dwellings, subject to the following requirements:

- A. If located within an existing single-family detached dwelling:
 - 1. An applicant shall file with the Department of Permits, Approvals and Inspections an application for a use permit for an accessory apartment, on a form approved by the Department. With the application, the applicant shall submit a declaration of understanding, on a form approved by the Department, including but not necessarily limited to the following terms and conditions:
 - The size of the accessory apartment may not exceed 1/3 of the overall floor area of the dwelling or 2,000 square feet, whichever is less;
 - b. Any and all improvements to be dedicated as an accessory apartment shall be used solely as a single-



- c. The accessory apartment may not have separate utility meters, such as gas and electric service.
- 2. The Director may approve the application upon a finding that the size, location, and purpose of the accessory structure will not negatively affect the health, safety, or general welfare of the surrounding community.
- B. If located within an accessory building on the same owner-occupied property as the principal single-family detached dwelling:
 - An applicant shall file a request for a special hearing and a use permit with the Department, together with a
 declaration of understanding as required by Subsection A1 of this section, and a public hearing before the
 Office of Administrative Hearings is required.
 - 2. The size of the accessory apartment may not exceed 1,200 square feet, and the accessory building shall comply with the requirements of Section 400.
 - 3. Following a public hearing, the Office of Administrative Hearings may grant a request upon a finding that the size, location, and purpose of the accessory apartment conform with Section 502.1 and may impose such conditions, restrictions or regulations consistent with Section 502.2 as may be deemed necessary or advisable for the protection of surrounding and neighboring properties, including the express prohibition that the accessory apartment not be converted to a second dwelling beyond the scope of this section.
 - 4. The accessory apartment may not have separate utility meters or water and sewerage services unless approved by the Office of Administrative hearings based on specific findings of necessity for the accessory building.

C. Approval; renewal.

- 1. Approval. The approval of an application for a use permit in Subsection A or a request for a special hearing and a use permit in Subsection B shall be subject to the following:
 - a. The declaration of understanding and property description, including any conditions, restrictions, or regulations imposed by the Department or the Office of Administrative Hearings, shall be recorded in the land records of Baltimore County and a copy shall be filed with the Department; and
 - b. The accessory apartment shall only be utilized by immediate family members as defined in Section 101 and may not be used by any person other than an immediate family member for any other reason.
 - c. If the accessory apartment is no longer occupied by any person named in the use permit or if the property is sold, the use permit shall terminate, and any proposed changes in occupancy to the accessory apartment by the property owner or subsequent purchaser shall require a new request for a use permit as applicable under Subsections A or B.
- Renewal. The applicant shall renew the use permit with the Department every two years by filing a renewal on
 a form approved by the Department, to be dated from the month of the initial approval, and shall list the name
 of any person occupying the accessory apartment.
- [1] Editor's Note: This Act stated that it applied retroactively to requests for in-law apartments filed on or after 8-1-2010, and also that owners of in-law apartments lawfully approved prior to the effective date of this Act must obtain a use permit required by this Act on or before 10-1-2012.

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(a) In general. The Board of Appeals shall:

(1) Conduct a hearing on the petition within 30 days after the petition was filed or as immediately thereafter as the Board's schedule provides; and

(2) Issue an order within 10 days after the hearing if there is no opposition.

(b) Opposition to a petition. If there is opposition to a petition, the Board of Appeals may continue a hearing to allow for further presentation of the issues. (1988 Code, § 26-134) (Bill No. 42, 1990, § 1; Bill No. 103-02, § 2, 7-1-2004)

§ 32-3-236. EXCLUSIVE PROCEDURE.

A petition filed under this Part is not subject to any procedure for the filing of petitions set forth under this Code but is required to satisfy the procedure as set forth under this Part. (1988 Code, § 26-134) (Bill No. 42, 1990, § 1; Bill No. 103-02, § 2, 7-1-2004)

SUBTITLE 3. VARIANCES

§ 32-3-301. AUTHORITY OF ZONING COMMISSIONER.

- (a) In general. Except as provided in § 32-3-515 of this title and consistent with the general purpose, intent, and conditions set forth in the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations, upon petition, the Zoning Commissioner may:
 - (1) Grant variances from area and height regulations;
 - (2) Interpret the zoning regulations; and
 - (3) Grant special exceptions.

(b) Appeal. A decision of the Zoning Commissioner under subsection (a) of this section may be appealed to the Board of Appeals as provided in this article.

(c) Conditional or restricted variance. The Zoning Commissioner may grant a variance with conditions or restrictions that the Zoning Commissioner determines are appropriate for the purpose of protecting the health, safety, or general welfare of the surrounding community. (1988 Code, § 26-127) (Bill No. 18, 1990, § 2; Bill No. 91, 1990, § 2; Bill No. 1, 1992, § 2; Bill No. 103-02, § 2, 7-1-2004)

§ 32-3-302. SAME - HEARING REQUIRED; NOTICE.

- (a) In general. Except as provided in § 32-3-303 of this subtitle, the Department of Permits, Approvals and Inspections shall schedule a public hearing on a petition for a variance or special exception for a date not less than 21 days and not more than 90 days after the petition is accepted for filing.
 - (b) Notice.
- (1) The Department of Permits, Approvals and Inspections shall ensure that notice of the time and place of the hearing relating to the property under petition be provided:

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- (i) By conspicuously posting the notice on the property for a period of at least 20 days before the date of the hearing;
- (ii) By a notice in at least one newspaper of general circulation at least 20 days before the hearing; and
 - (iii) By posting notice on the county's internet website.
 - (2) The notice shall provide:
- (i) The address of the property under petition or, if not available, a description of the property; and

(ii) The action requested by the petition.

(c) Referral to Director of Planning. Once a hearing date for a petition is established, the Department of Permits, Approvals and Inspections shall promptly forward a copy of the petition to the Director or Deputy Director of the Department of Planning for consideration and a written report containing findings relating to planning factors. (1988 Code, § 26-127) (Bill No. 18, 1990, § 2; Bill No. 91, 1990, § 2; Bill No. 1, 1992, § 2; Bill No. 103-02, § 2, 7-1-2004; Bill No. 122-10, §§ 12, 30, 1-16-2011; Bill No. 55-11, §§ 1, 2, 10-16-2011; Bill No. 15-12, § 1, 5-20-2012)

§ 32-3-303. SAME – ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIAL HEARING.

(a) In general.

- (1) Notwithstanding the hearing requirements under § 32-3-302 of this subtitle, the Zoning Commissioner may grant variances from area and height regulations without a public hearing if the variance petition involves an owner-occupied lot zoned residential, as defined by the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations.
- (2) (i) In order to receive a variance without a hearing, the petitioner shall file a supporting affidavit with the petition under oath made on the personal knowledge of the petitioner that sets forth facts that would otherwise satisfy the petitioner's burden of proof if a hearing were to be required.
- (ii) The affidavit is in addition to the information required by the Zoning Commissioner on the petition.
- (3) The Zoning Commissioner may not grant a variance under this section unless notice of the petition is conspicuously posted on the property for a period of at least 15 days following the filing of the application in accordance with the requirement of the Department of Permits, Approvals and Inspections.
 - (b) Request for public hearing.
- (1) Within the 15 day posting period required under subsection (a)(3) of this section, an occupant or owner within 1,000 feet of the lot in question may file a written request for a public hearing with the Department of Permits, Approvals and Inspections.
- (2) The Department shall schedule a hearing to be held on a date within 75 days after receiving a request for a public hearing.
- (c) Discretion of Commissioner to require a hearing. If a written request for a public hearing is not filed, the Zoning Commissioner may:
- (1) Grant the variance without a public hearing, if the requested variance is in strict harmony with the spirit and intent of the height and area requirements of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations, and any other applicable requirement; or

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IN RE: PETITION FOR VARIANCE (6200 Glen Falls Road)

Richard M. Folio, Petitioner

4th Election District 3rd Councilmanic District

- * BEFORE THE
- * BOARD OF APPEALS
- * FOR
- * BALTIMORE COUNTY
- * CASE NO. 2014-0185-A

OPINION AND ORDER TO STAY PROCEEDINGS

This matter comes before the County Board of Appeals ("the Board") as an appeal of the Opinion and Order, as well as the subsequent final Order on Motion for Reconsideration, issued by Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ") John E. Beverungen. In his initial Opinion and Order dated May 23, 2014, ALJ Beverungen denied a petition for area variances requested by Petitioner, Richard M. Folio, owner of the subject property at 6200 Glen Falls Road. By Order on Motion for Reconsideration, ALJ Beverungen revised his decision on June 30, 2014 and granted the requested variances, with restrictions. A timely appeal to this Board was filed by Donna Ward, a neighbor of the subject property.

The Board scheduled and convened the *de novo* appeal hearing on October 16, 2014. Appearing at the public hearing was Petitioner, Richard M. Folio. He was represented by Lawrence E. Schmidt, Esquire and Smith, Gildea & Schmidt, LLC. Also appearing was Peter Max Zimmerman, Esquire, People's Counsel of Baltimore County. Several residents of the surrounding locale also appeared in opposition to the variance request. These neighbors included George Neubeck, Donna Ward, Paul Joyce, C. Robert Holtz, Vicki Locklear, and Frank Valentine.

At the onset of the hearing, counsel jointly moved that the Board stay these proceedings and require the Baltimore County Planning Director or her designee to perform their review function prescribed legislatively for specified zoning and development petitions in the R.C. 8 (Environmental Enhancement) Zone, including zoning variances. The Board will grant that Motion and, for reasons as stated below, will stay these proceedings, instruct the Planning Director to perform within 45 days the legislatively prescribed review function, and retain jurisdiction to reconvene these proceedings after that is done.

The parties represented and agree as follows. The Folio property is a 3.001 acre property zoned R.C. 8 with frontage on Glen Falls Road in rural northwestern Baltimore County. People's Counsel CBA Ex. No. 3. The boundary between Baltimore County and Carroll County is but a short distance away to the west. The property is improved with a single-family detached dwelling, in which Petitioner and his children reside. The property also has a number of other accessory uses and structures, including a swimming pool, tennis/basketball court, shed and attached garage. There is also a turf soccer pitch (field) laid out in the rear of the property.

The variances are for a proposed new 2-story detached garage/pool house building. This is to be constructed and located in front of the swimming pool and to the side and partially in front of the dwelling. Therefore, Petitioner requested variances to allow the structure to be in the front/side yard in lieu of the required rear yard (BCZR § 400.1) and with a height of 24 feet, in lieu of the maximum permitted 15 feet (BCZR § 400.3). As noted, ALJ Beverungen initially denied the variances but, upon reconsideration, granted them with conditions.

The preliminary Motion for Stay made by the parties here relates to the current zoning classification of the property (i.e. R.C. 8) and the applicable regulations. By legislative act of the Baltimore County Council during the 2008 Comprehensive Zoning Map Process ("CZMP"), the property was in an area rezoned from R.C. 4 (Watershed Protection) to R.C. 8. Bill 87-08, Issue 3-077. People's Counsel CBA Ex. No. 4.

Prior to this rezoning and at the time of subdivision approval, the subject property was zoned R.C. 4. The subject property was originally part of a larger tract of land encompassing approximately 26.6 acres known as the Plummer property. In 1989, the then owners of the Plummer property proposed a residential subdivision of this tract. Under the then applicable R.C. 4 Zone regulations, there was proposed a subdivision which created five building lots, plus a non-buildable one-acre parcel of land designated as Parcel B. The Folio lot (3.001 acres) was designated as Lot 1. As shown in the recorded subdivision plat (Pet. ALJ Exh. No. 2), the County Review Group (CRG), then the approving authority, approved the plan for development in 1989, followed by a refinement in 1991. The five lots ultimately were built out and developed accordingly. Mr. Folio has owned his property since 1998.

Although the R.C. 4 and R.C. 8 zones are both "resource conservation" zones, they are regulated separately and have different use and development standards. The regulations governing the R.C. 8 zone came into being via legislative act of the Baltimore County Council in

Bill 76-2004, People's Counsel CBA Ex. No. 5. They are set forth in BCZR § 1A09.1 through § 1A09.8. (People's Counsel CBA Ex. No. 6). The R.C. 4 regulations are codified in BCZR § 1A03.1 through 1A03.8.

The R.C. 8 zone is an "environmental enhancement" zone and is applied to rural areas of the county where there are viable historic, cultural, recreational and environmental resources. Limited development is allowed in the zone by right, including single-family dwellings and accessory structures. Significantly, BCZR § 1A09.4 provides, in part, that before any variance can be approved "the Director of Planning or the Director's designee must certify in a written finding that the . . .variance is consistent with the spirit and intent of these regulations." If the Planning Director finds "... any deviation from this section or the standards and guidelines cited above," (in the introduction to BCZR Sec. 1A09.4), then the proposal must meet one of three enumerated criteria to qualify for certification. BCZR Sec. 1A09.4.1, 2, 3.

For the sake of completeness, BCZR Sec. 1A09.4.A states,

"BCZR 1A09.4 Plans and Permits: All development must be in accordance with this section and the standards and guidelines for "rural preservation" and "scenic views" adopted pursuant to this section, and published as part of the Comprehensive Manual of Development Policies.

- A. Before the approval of any concept plan, development plan, limited exemption, special exception plan or variance, the Director of Planning or the Director's designee must certify in a written finding that the plan, exemption or variance is consistent with the spirit and intent of these regulations. To support the finding, the Director shall require information such as building elevations, building cross sections or view shed analyses pursuant to Sections 32-4-223 and 32-4-224 of the Baltimore County Code. The Director shall certify that any deviation from this section or the standards and guidelines cited above was necessary to:
 - 1. Meet another standard or guideline;
 - 2. Comply with environmental regulations or otherwise protect resources; or
 - 3. Achieve the best possible site design based on the goals in Section 1A09.1.B.

As noted by the parties, no such written finding, determination, or certification has been authored by the Director of Planning. To the contrary, the parties explained that the Director of Planning, via her staff, opined that no such certification is required.

On May 14, 2014, the day before the ALJ hearing, as stated in an e-mail from then area planner in reply to Petitioner Folio's counsel's request for review, the Office of Planning took

the position that because the subdivision was approved when the property was zoned R.C. 4, the R.C. 8 requirements do not apply in this case. (People's Counsel CBA Ex. No. 7).

Obviously, neither People's Counsel nor Petitioner could compel the Department of Planning to prepare a certification at that time. Indeed, People's Counsel was not copied on the e-mail. The case proceeded before ALJ Beverungen as if the R.C. 4 Zone applied.

After Donna Ward filed her appeal, People's Counsel reviewed in detail the record and found, in his opinion, that there is no legal basis for the Planning Department's substitution of the R.C. 4 Zone for the R.C. 8 Zone. He communicated his view to counsel for Petitioner Folio, Mr. Schmidt, and to Donna Ward. Consistent with his original view, counsel for Petitioner agreed with People's Counsel. This led to the joint motion to stay the present proceedings.

The bottom line is that the Board currently has no written finding, determination, or certification by the Planning Director to consider when it deliberates on the variances. Upon review of the applicable law, the Board agrees with the parties that such is required.

At the Board hearing, Petitioner and Peoples' Counsel explained why, notwithstanding the Planning Director's opinion, the R.C. 8 zone and its requirements do apply to this case, It is well settled law in Maryland that zoning laws are to be applied *retroactively* absent a legislative requirement to the contrary. As noted by the Court of Appeals in <u>Layton v. Howard County Board of Appeals</u> 339 Md. 36, 65 (2007), "in land use and zoning cases, the law shall be applied as it is in effect at the time of argument."

When the zoning classification or regulations applicable to a property change, they apply retroactively unless the new zoning legislation explicitly narrows its impact, has a grandfather clause, or affects vested rights. Accordingly, a relevant change in zoning law ordinarily applies to pending cases. Banner v. Home Sales Company D 201 Md. 425, 428 (1953); Lake Falls Ass'n v. Board of Zoning Appeals of Baltimore County 210 Md. 561, 565 (1956); Yorkdale Corp. v. Powell 237 Md. 121 (1964); Grasslands Plantation v. Frizz King Enterprises 410 Md. 191, 217-28 (2009); Maryland Reclamation Assoc. v. Harford County 414 Md. 1, 44-45 (2010); and McHale v. DCW Dutchship Island 415 Md. 145, 159-71 (2010). The Court of Appeals wrote long ago in Banner,

[&]quot;The zoning contested in this case before the Court has been superseded by the [legislative] zoning authorities." 201 Md. at 428.

The Court quoted <u>Banner</u> in <u>Lake Falls Ass'n</u>, carried it forward in the oft-quoted <u>Yorkdale</u> case, and has adhered to this principle ever since.

Nevertheless, the May 14 Planning staff (Bialek, J.) e-mail stated,

"This subdivision was created under RC 4 zoning therefore, pursuant to Section 103.1 of the BCZR, there is no need for the DOP to issue a finding."

It is this e-mail which triggered the issue as to choice of zone, so to speak.

BCZR Sec. 103.1 was originally enacted as part of the 1955 Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (People's Counsel Ex. No. 8). It contains substantially the same language today. This section states, in pertinent part (People's Counsel CBA Ex. No. 9):

"Section 103 – Application of Zoning Regulations

103.1 – These Regulations shall apply as of the date of their adoption but the provisions pertaining to use, height, area and density of population shall not apply to any development, subdivision or parcel of land, the preliminary plan for which was originally submitted to the then Baltimore County Planning Commission, now Planning Board, and approved or tentatively approved (including any approval made subject to any condition or conditions) under the then existing official procedure in Baltimore County, prior to the adoption of these Regulations. The zoning regulations applicable to any such development, subdivision or parcel of land as aforesaid shall be the zoning regulations in effect at the time such plan, as aforesaid, was originally submitted to the Baltimore County Planning Commission."

It thus contains certain grandfathering language that provides that the regulations shall not apply to development which was originally submitted and approved by the County Planning Commission (now Planning Board). BCZR \$103.1 further states that such development shall be governed by the regulations then in effect. Similar language appears elsewhere in the BCZR. For example, BCZR § 1B02.3 provides for certain previously existing standards to be applied to existing residential development in the D.R. zone.

The Baltimore County Planning Commission was the institution which reviewed and approved subdivision plans prior to the 1956 adoption of the Baltimore County Charter. BCZR Sec. 103.1 was a transitional provision to grandfather subdivisions approved by the Commission under the previous 1945 zoning regulations, some of which subdivisions likely were still in various stages. It was not intended to control subdivisions filed and reviewed in future generations by newly created institutions (Planning Board, CRG, Hearing Officer). It was not intended to freeze the zoning governing a plan approved by the CRG in 1989, 34 years later.

Indeed, if BCZR 103.1 had that scope, then every new residential zoning case would require an inquiry into the zone in place when the subdivision was created and also the particular zoning regulations of the zone at that time. This is not done, and it would be unreasonable to do so. BCZR Sec. 103.1 does not have the expansive scope given here by the Planning Director.

Accordingly, we conclude that the general rule of law is applicable; that is, that the current R.C. 8 regulations apply to the requested variances, notwithstanding that the property was "developed" when zoned RC 4. Therefore, we find the Planning Director or her designee must review the petition, make a finding and determination and consistency, and issue a certification in accordance with BCZR § 1A09.4.A before this Board can consider this case.

We also note BCZR § 1A09.4.C provides that the certification can be independently appealed to the Board "by any person aggrieved by the finding." In this case, one of the parties (Mr. Folio or the opposing neighbors/People's Counsel) may feel aggrieved by the finding and/or certification from the Planning Director either that the proposed variances are consistent or not with the spirit and intent of the R.C. 8 regulations.

Under the present circumstances, we do not believe that a separate appeal of that certification is required. Because of the unusual posture of this case, in the interest of justice and efficiency, the Board shall retain jurisdiction.

In this regard, we note the provisions of BCZR § 501.4 and our holding in the recent matter, *In Re: Luthervilla*, Case No. 14-009. In that case we observed that the Board can employ such technical, expert or other assistance as in its judgment may be required to determine a question before it. The Board may also, on its own authority, subpoena witnesses. (See Board's Rules of Practice and Procedure, Rule 5) Under this authority, the Board will therefore stay the proceedings in the instant case. Although retaining its jurisdiction in this matter, the Board hereby directs that a copy of this Opinion and Order be forwarded to the Planning Director, with instructions that that Office transmit to the Board the findings, determination, and/or certification required under BCZR § 1A09.4.A within forty five (45) days hereof. Upon receipt of that transmission, the Board shall reschedule this case for further proceedings, including a reconvening of the public hearing. At that hearing, the parties can address and the Board will consider all issues concerning this matter, including both the Planning Director's certification, as well as the underlying variance. In other words, the stay shall not prejudice the right of any party

to challenge the Planning Director's finding, determination, or certification in the same manner as they could on a direct *de novo* appeal.

ORDER

THEREFORE, IT IS THIS _______ day of <u>December</u>, 2014 by the County Board of Appeals for Baltimore County

ORDERED, that this case be and is hereby STAYED and that a copy of this Order be forwarded to the Department of Planning in accordance with the provisions herein; and

ORDERED, that the Planning Director or her designee prepare and submit to the Board a written finding, determination, and certification as required in BCZR § 1A09.4.A within forty five (45) days of the date of this Order; and

ORDERED, that upon transmittal of that certification to the Board by the Planning Director as described herein, the Board shall thereafter schedule this matter for further proceedings (including a reconvening of the public hearing) as may be required, with no further action to be taken on this Ruling until such time as the Board's final decision is issued; and

ORDERED, that the Board hereby retains jurisdiction, that it is not necessary for any party aggrieved or dissatisfied by the Planning Director's finding. conclusion, or certification to file an appeal, and that any party may raise issues or challenge the Planning Director's determination upon the resumption of Board proceedings.

(SIGNATURES ON FOLLOWING PAGE)

THE COUNTY BOARD OF APPEALS FOR BALTIMORE COUNTY, by

Andrew M. Belt, Chair

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AGREED AS TO SUBSTANCE AND FORM:

Peter Max Zimmerman, Egg

Peter Max Zimmerman, Esquire
People's Counsel for Baltimore County
The Jefferson Building
105 West Chesapeake Avenue, Room 204

Towson, MD 21204

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Board of Appeals of Baltimore County

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December 15, 2014

Lawrence E. Schmidt, Esquire Smith, Gildea & Schmidt, LLC 600 Washington Avenue, Suite 200 Towson, Maryland 21204 Peter Max Zimmerman People's Counsel for Baltimore County Office of People's Counsel 105 W. Chesapeake Avenue, Room 204 Towson, Maryland 21204

RE: In the Matter of: Richard M. Folio, Petitioner Case No.: 14-185-A

Dear Counsel:

Enclosed please find a copy of the Order issued this date by the Board of Appeals of Baltimore County in the above subject matter.

Pursuant to the enclosed, this Order is not a final decision of the Board of Appeals for Baltimore County and does not constitute an appealable event at this time. This matter will be held open on the Board's docket until such time as a final opinion can be issued.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Very truly yours,

Krysundra "Sunny" Cannington

Administrator

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IN RE: PETITION FOR VARIANCE (6200 Glen Falls Road)

4th Election District 3rd Councilmanic District Richard M. Folio Petitioner BEFORE THE

* OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE

* HEARINGS FOR

* BALTIMORE COUNTY

*. CASE NO. 2014-0185-A

ORDER ON MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION

Petitioner sought variance relief to construct a pool house/garage on his property at 6200 Glen Falls Road. Following a public hearing, that petition was denied by Order dated May 23, 2014.

Petitioner has filed in a timely fashion a Motion for Reconsideration, received in the Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH) on June 20, 2014. Therein, Petitioner correctly notes that the petition for variance was denied because the proposed improvements would have exceeded the 10% impervious coverage limitation in the RC 4 zone. The May 23rd Order in fact recited that the configuration of the lot and the grade change throughout the site rendered the property unique. That Order also indicated Petitioner would experience a practical difficulty if the regulations were strictly interpreted.

Petitioner now requests that variance relief be granted, with the condition that the impervious coverage on the lot be reduced below 10%, as required by B.C.Z.R. §1A03.4.B.3. Since this was the only impediment identified in the original Order, the Motion shall be granted.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED, this 30th day of June, 2014 by the Administrative Law Judge for Baltimore County, that the Motion for Reconsideration be and hereby is GRANTED; IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Petition for Variance to permit a proposed accessory

structure (garage/pool house) located in the front yard in lieu of the required side or rear yard; and to permit a height of 24' in lieu of the maximum height of 15', be and is hereby GRANTED, subject to the following:

> Prior to issuance of any permits for construction and/ or grading, Petitioner shall reduce to below 10% the impervious coverage on the lot, as determined in the sole discretion of the Department of Permits, Approvals and Inspections (PAI) and/or Department of Environmental Protection and Sustainability (DEPS).

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

JOHN E. BEVERUNGEN Administrative Law Judge for

Baltimore County

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KEVIN KAMENETZ County Executive LAWRENCE M. STAHL
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JOHN E. BEVERUNGEN
Administrative Law Judge

June 30, 2014

Lawrence E. Schmidt, Esquire Smith, Gildea & Schmidt, LLC 600 Washington Avenue Suite 200 Towson, Maryland 21204

RE: Motion for Reconsideration-Petition for Variance

Property: 6200 Glen Falls Road

Case No.: 2014-0185-A

Dear Counsel:

Enclosed please find a copy of the Motion for Reconsideration Opinion and Order rendered in the above-captioned matter.

In the event any party finds the decision rendered is unfavorable, any party may file an appeal to the County Board of Appeals within thirty (30) days of the date of this Order. For further information on filing an appeal, please contact the Office of Administrative Hearings at 410-887-3868.

Sincerely,

JOHN E. BEVERUNGEN Administrative Law Judge for Baltimore County

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OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

Re: Folio - 6200 Glen Falls Road Case No. 2014-0185-A

Dear Administrative Law Judge Beverungen:

This is in reference to your Opinion and Order issued in the above captioned case dated May 23, 2014. Pursuant to Rule K of your Rules of Practice and Procedure, kindly accept this letter as a Motion for Reconsideration of that decision.

Your decision recites the facts of this case and concludes that the subject property is unique, given its configuration and topography. Thus, that prong of the legal test enunciated in <u>Trinity Assembly of God v. People's Counsel</u> 407 Md. 53 (2008) is satisfied. Your written decision further states that the property owner (Mr. Folio) would suffer a practical difficulty if the variance were denied. Thus, the second (and remaining) test enunciated in Trinity is satisfied.

Notwithstanding these findings, you denied the variance due to the requirements of BCZR Section 1A03.4.B.3. This provision relates to the RC 4 zone and limits impervious lot coverage to an area not to exceed 10% of the property. Your opinion finds that the subject property is three acres in area (130,680 square feet) and notes that a calculation of the existing impervious area was submitted into evidence by an interested neighbor. This calculation opined that the existing impervious surface is 12,082 square feet and that the proposed improvements will increase that coverage to 13,618 square feet. As you stated, this "would exceed (by nearly 600 square feet) the allowance referenced above."

For the purposes of this Motion only, my client does not dispute the neighbor's calculation, which was the only evidence offered on this issue. However, my client does ask that you reconsider your decision. Specifically, in view of your findings insofar as to uniqueness and

John E. Beverungen, Esquire Office of Administrative Hearings June 20, 2014 Page 2

practical difficulty, we ask that you grant the variance but condition that approval. That condition would be that the Petitioner comply with the findings in your decision via the removal of 600 square feet of existing impervious area (anticipated by reduction of existing driveway, parking or sidewalk area) or by the downsizing of the proposed improvements (or a combination of both). A reduction and/or adjustment of the existing/proposed impervious area on the property as proposed herein would bring the property into compliance as required in your decision. Obviously, this condition could easily be enforced when building permits are issued for the proposed garage structure, which will (as required) reference this case.

Your favorable consideration of this request is appreciated.

Very truly yours,

Lawrence E. Schmidt

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CC: Rick Folio

Paul E. Joyce

Donna Ward

Vicki Locklear

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5/23/14

IN RE: PETITION FOR VARIANCE
(6200 Glen Falls Road)

4th Election District 3rd Councilmanic District Richard M. Folio Petitioner BEFORE THE

* OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE

* HEARINGS FOR

BALTIMORE COUNTY

CASE NO. 2014-0185-A

OPINION AND ORDER

This matter comes before the Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH) as a Petition for Variance filed by the legal owner of the property, Richard M. Folio, for property located at 6200 Glen Falls Road. The Petitioner is requesting Variance relief from Sections 1A09.7.C.2.e and 400.3 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.) to permit a proposed accessory structure (pool house) located in the front yard in lieu of the required side or rear yard; and to permit a height of 24 ft. in lieu of the maximum height of 15ft.

Though originally filed as an Administrative Variance, a neighbor requested (in a timely fashion) a formal hearing on this matter. The hearing was subsequently scheduled for Friday, May 16, 2014 at 1:30 PM in Room 205 of the Jefferson Building, 105 West Chesapeake Avenue, Towson. The Petition was advertised and posted as required by the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations. There were no substantive Zoning Advisory Committee (ZAC) comments received.

Appearing at the public hearing in support of the Petition was Richard M. Folio and Lawrence Schmidt, Esq., from Smith, Gildea & Schmidt, who represented the Petitioner. Several neighbors and representatives of the Hanover Road Association attended the hearing and opposed the Petition.

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The subject property is approximately 3 acres and is zoned RC 8. The property is improved with a single family dwelling, pool and other amenities. The Petitioner indicated he needs additional storage space, and proposes to construct a detached garage/pool house, as shown in the architectural drawings admitted as Petitioner's Exhibit 7. Given the height and proposed placement of the garage, variance relief is required.

Based upon the testimony and evidence presented, I will deny the petition for variance.

To obtain variance relief requires a showing that:

(1) The property is unique; and

(2) If variance relief is denied, Petitioner will experience a practical difficulty or hardship.

Trinity Assembly of God v. People's Counsel, 407 Md. 53, 80 (2008).

I believe the configuration of the lot and the topographical changes throughout the site render the property unique. I also believe Petitioner would experience a practical difficulty if the regulations were strictly interpreted, since the proposed placement of the garage is the only feasible location due to the topography of Petitioner's rear yard. But the Petition must be denied because the proposed structure would (in combination with existing improvements) exceed the lot coverage limitations of the RC 4 zone.

The property is currently zoned RC 8, which requires, prior to approval of a variance, the Department of Planning ("DOP") to issue a written finding that the request is in keeping with the "spirit and intent" of the regulations. B.C.Z.R. §1A09.4.A. The DOP has not issued such a finding, because it considers the property vested under the RC4 regulations, which was the zoning at the time the subdivision was approved in 1991. See Petitioner's Exhibit Nos. 2 (subdivision plat) and 5 (e-mail from DOP). The RC 4 regulations contain a lot coverage limitation of 10%. B.C.Z.R. §1A03.4.B.3.

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The Petitioner's lot is 3 acres or 130,680 square feet. Ten percent (10%) of that figure is 13,068 square feet, which under the B.C.Z.R. is the limitation on "impermeable surfaces." Id. One of Petitioner's neighbors submitted a calculation of the existing impermeable surface coverage on the subject property, by adding together the square footage of the house, garage, pool, basketball/tennis court, driveway and turnaround area. That figure is 12,082 square feet, which the author concedes is "approximate." Protestant's Exhibit 4A. The proposed garage measures 32' x 48', or 1,536 square feet. That would bring the total lot coverage to 13,618 square feet, which would exceed (by nearly 600 square feet) the allowance referenced above.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED, this 23rd day of May, 2014 by the Administrative Law Judge for Baltimore County, that the Petition for Variance from Sections 1A09.7.C.2.e and 400.3 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations ("B.C.Z.R."), to permit a proposed accessory structure (pool house) located in the front yard in lieu of the required side or rear yard; and to permit a height of 24 ft. in lieu of the maximum height of 15ft., be and is hereby DENIED.

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

Administrative Law Judge for

Baltimore County

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KEVIN KAMENETZ
County Executive

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JOHN E. BEVERUNGEN
Administrative Law Judge

May 23, 2014

Lawrence E. Schmidt, Esquire Smith, Gildea & Schmidt, LLC 600 Washington Avenue Suite 200 Towson, Maryland 21204

RE:

Petition for Variance

Property: 6200 Glen Falls Road

Case No.: 2014-0185-A

Dear Counsel:

Enclosed please find a copy of the decision rendered in the above-captioned matter.

In the event any party finds the decision rendered is unfavorable, any party may file an appeal to the Baltimore County Board of Appeals within thirty (30) days of the date of this Order. For further information on filing an appeal, please contact the Baltimore County Office of Administrative Hearings at 410-887-3868.

Sincerely,

JOHN E. BEVERUNGEN Administrative Law Judge for Baltimore County

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ADMINISTRATIVE ZONING PETTION FOR ADMINISTRATIVE VARIANCE - OR - ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIAL HEARING

To be filed with the Department of Permits, Approvals and Inspections

To the Office of Administrative Law of Baltimore County for the property located at:

Address 6200 Glen Falls Road

which is presently zoned RC 8

Deed Reference 343 89/00497

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Property Owner(s) Printed Name(s) Richard M Folio

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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

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 ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIAL HEARING to approve a waiver pursuant to Sections 32-4-107(b), 32-4-223.(8), and Section 32-4- 416(a)(2): (indicate type of work in this space to raze, alter or construct addition to building)

of the zoning regulations of Baltimore County, to the zoning law of Baltimore County

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

I, or we, agree to pay expenses of above petition(s), 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.

Legal Owner(s) Affirmation: I / we do so solemnly declare and affirm, under the penalties of perjury, that I / We are the legal owner(s) of the property which is the subject of this / these Petition(s).

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A PUBLIC HEARING having formally demanded and/or found to be required, it is ordered by the Office of Administrative Law, 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.

Administrative Law Judge of Baltimore County

___day of

Affidavit in Support of Administrative Variance (THIS AFFIDAVIT IS NOT REQUIRED FOR AN HISTORIC ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIAL HEARING)

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

That the property is not under an active zoning violation citation and Affiant(s) is/are the resident home owner(s) of this residential lot, or is/are the contract purchaser(s) of this residential lot, who will, upon purchase, reside at the existing dwelling on said property located at:

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ZONING DESCRIPTION FOR 6200 GLEN FALLS ROAD

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Being Lot # 1 Block 7 in the subdivision of Plummer Property as recorded in Baltimore County Plat Book # 0063, Folio # 0144, containing 3 acres. Located in the 4th Election District and 3rd Council District. Also Known as 6200 Glen Falls Road Reisterstown, MD 21136

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FORMAL DEMAND FOR HEARING

CASE NUMBER: 2014-0185A
Address: 6200 GLEN FALLS RD
Petitioner(s): DONNA WARD
TO THE ZONING COMMISSIONER OF BALTIMORE COUNTY:
I/We DONNA WARD Name - Type or Print
() Legal Owner OR () Resident of
6130 GLEN FAUS RD Address
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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 DEMAND.
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CERTIFICATE OF POSTING

Date: 4-24-14

RE:	Case Number:	2014-0185-A

Petitioner/Developer: Richard Folir

Date of Hearing/Closing: May 16, 2014 (04H

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LUNING NOTICE

CASE # 2014-0185-A

A PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD BY THE ZONING COMMISSIONER IN TOWSON, MD

DATE AND TIME: FRI. HAY 16,2014 IDAM

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Baltimore, Maryland 21278-0001

April 24, 2014

THIS IS TO CERTIFY, that the annexed advertisement was published in the following newspaper published in Baltimore County, Maryland, ONE TIME, said publication appearing on April 24, 2014

The Jeffersonian

THE BALTIMORE SUN MEDIA GROUP

By: Susan Wilkinson

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son 21204.

ARNOLD JABLON, DIRECTOR OF PERMITS, APPROVALS AND INSPECTIONS FOR BALTIMORE COUNTY NOTES: (1) Hearings are Handicapped Accessible; for special accommodations Please Contact the Administrative Hearings Office at (410) 887-3868.

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ADMINISTRATIVE VARIANCE INFORMATION SHEET AND DATES

Case Number 2014- 0185 -A Address 6200 Glen Falls Rd 21130
Contact Person: Gary Hurik Please Print Your Name Phone Number: 410-887-3391
Filing Date: 3 11 14 Posting Date: 3 23 14 Closing Date: 4 7 14
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. Any 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 closing date.
2. <u>DEADLINE</u> : The closing date is the deadline for an occupant or owner within 1,000 feet to file 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 zoning commissioner. He may: (a) grant the requested relief; (b) deny the requested relief; or (c) order that the matter be set in for a public hearing. You will receive written notification, usually within 10 days of the closing date if all County agencies' comments are received, as to 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 hearing (whether due to a neighbor's formal request or by order of the zoning or deputy zoning 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 originally posted, certification of this change and a photograph of the altered sign must be forwarded to this office.
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Petitioner's Name Richard Folio Telephone 443-398-0988
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KEVIN KAMENETZ County Executive

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C: Richard Folio, 6200 Glen Falls Road, Reisterstown 21136 Beverly True, 3920 London Bridge Road, Sykesville 21784

NOTES: (1) THE PETITIONER MUST HAVE THE ZONING NOTICE SIGN POSTED BY AN APPROVED POSTER ON THE PROPERTY BY SATURDAY, APRIL 26, 2014.

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JEFFERSON BUILDING SECOND FLOOR, SUITE 203 105 WEST CHESAPEAKE AVENUE TOWSON, MARYLAND, 21204 410-887-3180 FAX: 410-887-3182

August 6, 2014

NOTICE OF ASSIGNMENT

IN THE MATTER OF:

RICHARD M. FOLIO

6200 GLEN FALLS ROAD

14-185-A

4TH ELECTION DISTRICT; 3RD COUNCILMANIC DISTRICT

Re: Petition for Variance from 1A09.7.C.2.e and 400.3 of the B.C.Z.R. to permit a proposed accessory structure (pool house) located in the front yard in lieu of the required side or rear yard; and to permit a height of 24 ft. in lieu of the maximum height of 15 ft.

5/23/14

Opinion and Order of Administrative Law Judge wherein the Petition for Variance was DENIED.

6/30/14

Order of Administrative Law Judge whereby the Motion for Reconsideration was GRANTED, with conditions.

ASSIGNED FOR:

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2014, AT 10:00 A.M.

LOCATION:

Hearing Room #2, Second Floor, Suite 206

Jefferson Building, 105 W. Chesapeake Avenue, Towson

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TUESDAY, JUNE 16, 2015, AT 10:00 A.M.

LOCATION:

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August 13, 2015

NOTICE OF ASSIGNMENT

IN THE MATTER OF:

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14-185-A

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Opinion and Order of Administrative Law Judge wherein the Petition for Variance was DENIED.

6/30/14

Order of Administrative Law Judge whereby the Motion for Reconsideration was GRANTED, with conditions.

ASSIGNED FOR: THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2015, AT 10:00 A.M. - Day 3

LOCATION:

Hearing Room #2, Second Floor, Suite 206

Jefferson Building, 105 W. Chesapeake Avenue, Towson

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October 9, 2015

NOTICE OF DELIBERATION

IN THE MATTER OF:

RICHARD M. FOLIO

6200 GLEN FALLS ROAD

14-185-A

4TH ELECTION DISTRICT; 3RD COUNCILMANIC DISTRICT

This matter having been heard and concluded on October 16, 2014, June 16, 2015, and September 24, 2015, public deliberation has been scheduled for the following:

DATE AND TIME: THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2015 at 9:30 a.m.

LOCATION:

Jefferson Building - Second Floor Hearing Room #2 - Suite 206

105 W. Chesapeake Avenue

NOTE: Closing briefs are due on Monday, October 26, 2015 by 3:30 p.m. (Original and three [3] copies)

NOTE: ALL PUBLIC DELIBERATIONS ARE OPEN SESSIONS; HOWEVER, ATTENDANCE IS NOT REQUIRED. A WRITTEN OPINION /ORDER WILL BE ISSUED BY THE BOARD AND A COPY SENT TO ALL PARTIES.

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Deputy Administrative Officer
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Approvals & Inspections

May 8, 2014

Richard M. Folio 6200 Glen Falls Road Reisterstown MD 21136

RE: Case Number: 2014-0185 A, Address: 6200 Glen Falls Road

Dear Mr. Folio:

The above referenced petition was accepted for processing **ONLY** by the Bureau of Zoning Review, Department of Permits, Approvals, and Inspection (PAI) on March 11, 2014. 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: jaf

Enclosures

c: People's Counsel
Beverly True, 3920 London Bridge Road, Sykesville MD 21784

Maryland Department of Transportation

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James T. Smith, Jr., Secretary Melinda B. Peters, Administrator

3/21/14

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

RE: **Baltimore County**

Item No 2014-0185-A Administrative Variance Richard M. Folio 6200 ChenFalls Poss

Dear Ms. Lewis:

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. 2014-0185-12.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Richard Zeller at 410-545-5598 or 1-800-876-4742 extension 5598. Also, you may E-mail him at (rzeller@sha.state.md.us).

Sincerely,

Steven D. Foster, Chief/ Development Manager

Access Management Division

SDF/raz

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO:

Arnold Jablon, Director

DATE: March 21, 2014

Department of Permits, Approvals

And Inspections

FROM:

Dennis A. Kennedy, Supervisor

Bureau of Development Plans

Review

SUBJECT:

Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting

For March 24, 2014

Item No. 2014-0177, 0179, 0180, 0181, 0182, 0183, 0184, 0185, 0186,

and 0187.

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

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BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO:

Board of Appeals of Baltimore County

DATE:

January 22, 2015

BALTIMORE COUNTY BOARD OF APPEALS

FROM:

Andrea Van Arsdale

Director, Department of Planning

SUBJECT:

6200 Glen Falls Road Variance Requests

INFORMATION: RC 8 Written Finding

Item Number:

2014-0185A.

Petitioner:

Richard M. Folio

Zoning: RC 8

Requested Action: Finding Conclusion: Change Design of Proposed Structure

SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Department of Planning has completed a findings as required by BCZR 1A09.4.A in response to Order by the Board of Appeals in Case No. 2014-0185-A.

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The property is located in a RC 8 (Environmental Enhancement) zone. This is a relatively new zone adopted in 2004. The Findings and legislative goals (BCZR 1A09.1) for this zone reflect a greater emphasis on "environmental protection" and to "maintain the unique character of certain rural and urban areas by preserving its natural, environmental, historic, cultural, recreational, scenic, architectural ... resources."

The zone requires (BCZR 1A09.4.A) that prior to the approval of a variance there be a finding from the Director of Planning or the Director's Designee that the variance "is consistent with the spirit and intent of these regulations."

A site visit was conducted on December 31, 2014. The subject property and immediate neighbors form a small cluster of residences surrounded by woods and fields (aerial photo). There are smaller fields and pockets of woods and trees proximate to the homes (Photos 1 & 2). It is a rural setting with some newer homes (Photo 3) that have blended in well with the existing older smaller homes (Photo 4). An example of a detached garage in the vicinity is shown in Photo 5.

The property was developed under the RC4 regulations. It is an approximately 3 acre lot. There is a main dwelling and attached garage (Photo 6). The garage is slightly set back from the front of the house. To the west of the house there is a pool and to the rear a tennis court and a turf field. Otherwise the property is in grass with a few trees in the rear of the property

Glen Falls Road is **not** a designated Baltimore County Scenic Route. However, BCZR 1A09.4 as well as the BOA Order, directs that "All development must be in accordance with this section and the standards and guidelines for "rural preservation and "scenic views" adopted pursuant to this section and published as part of the CMDP." The applicable CMDP standard for this situation is Division VI, Section A, number 6 found on Page 178. This guideline states, "Design new structures to complement the site and surrounding community. This can be accomplished through the repetition of scale, proportion, mass, material and/or details of the existing buildings on the site or in the community."

The petitioner is requesting relief to allow a proposed accessory structure (garage/pool house) located in the front yard in lieu of the required side or rear yard and to permit a height of 24 feet in lieu of 15 feet. RC 8 (BCZR 1A09.4.A) requires elevations and drawing submittals to assure the proposed structure complies with the Comprehensive Manual of Development Policies (CMDP) pursuant to BCC Sections 32-4-223 and 32-4-224.

A review of the community found several residences had garages which were either attached or detached. The detached garages that were observed were smaller in height than is requested by the petition (Photos 3 & 5). No garages were observed in the front of a dwelling and the garages all looked like garages.

The petitioner has submitted a site plan, elevations and photographs to illustrate the existing as well as the proposed conditions. The plans do not illustrate grading or landscaping. The proposed structure is "cape cod" style, 1 ½ stories with full dormers and a projection on the north side. The first level contains garage and pool house. The second level is designated as storage. The structure is to be placed forward of the existing dwelling and 70' building restriction line established by the plat. Because of its design, scale and mass, the structure looks like a residence from the front and particularly from the rear view of the structure. The structure's position on the site is not complementary to the other residences found along that area of Glen Falls Road, nor to that established by the existing house location.

The Department of Planning finds that the proposal is inconsistent with the spirit and intent of the regulations at this time. It is suggested that the petitioner redesign the proposed structure to reduce its mass and to be complementary to the "site and surrounding community." It is recommended that the structure be redesigned to eliminate

the storage level, change the roof design and window treatment to look more like a garage than a residence and locate the structure in line with the front setback of the existing house.

For further information concerning the matters stated here in, please contact Wallace S. Lippincott, Jr. at 410-887-3480.

Prepared By:

AVA/LL Enclosure

c: Lawrence E Schmidt, Smith, Gildea & Schmidt
Peter Max Zimmerman, Office of People's Counsel
Lawrence m. Stahl, Managing Administrative Law Judge
Arnold Jablon, Director of Permits, Approvals, and Inspections





My Neighborhood Map

Baltimore County

My Neighborhood

6200 6 len Falls Rd

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Printed 12/30/2014

Photo 1: View East along Glen Falls From vicinity of 6200 Glen Falls



Photo 2: View West along Glen Falls From 6200 Glen Falls



Photo 3: Larger dwelling east of 6200 Glen Falls



Photo 4: Smaller dwelling east of 6200 Glen Falls

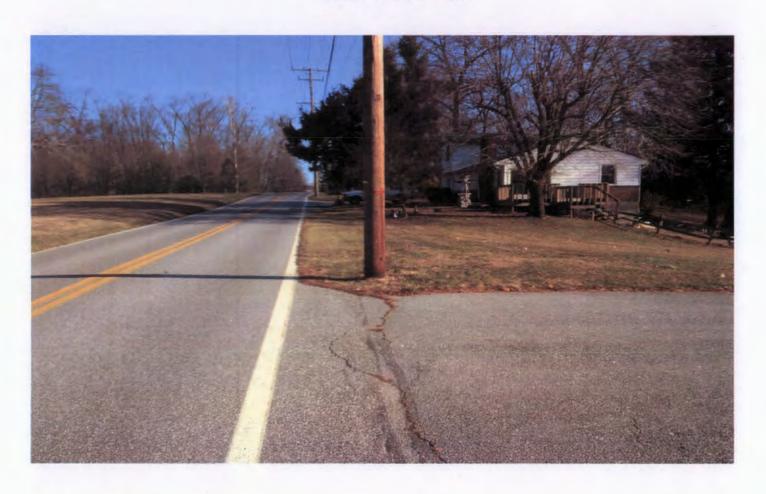
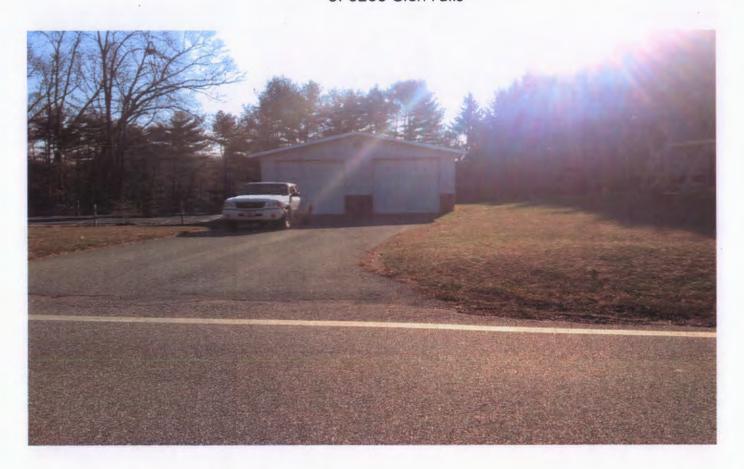


Photo 5: Detached Garage Vicinity of 6200 Glen Falls



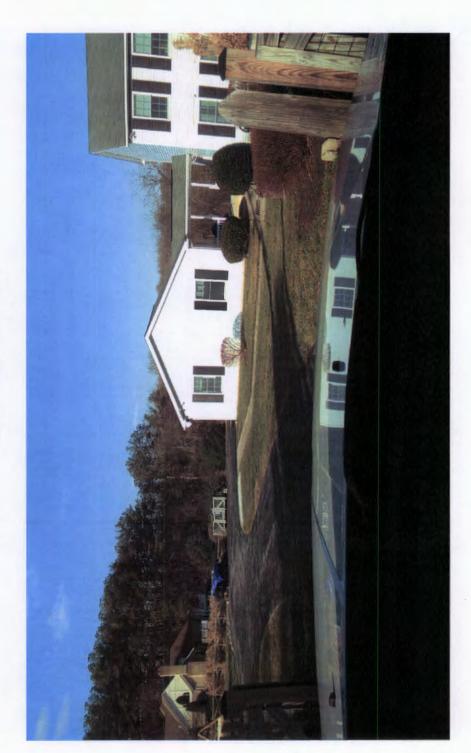


Photo 7: 6200 Glen Falls

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

BALTIMORE COUNTY

BOARD OF APPEALS

TO:

Board of Appeals of Baltimore County

DATE:

June 15, 2015

FROM:

Andrea Van Arsdale

Director, Department of Planning

SUBJECT:

6200 Glen Falls Road Variance Requests

INFORMATION: RC 8 Written Finding

Item Number:

2014-0185A,

Petitioner:

Richard M. Folio

Zoning: RC 8

Requested Action: Recommendation of Revised Design

SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Department of Planning completed an initial findings as required by BCZR 1A09.4.A on January 22, 2015 in response to Order by the Board of Appeals in Case No. 2014-0185-A. The Petitioner submitted a response to that Finding on June 11, 2015. Below is a review of the request followed by a response to the revision.

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The property was developed under the RC4 regulations. It is an approximately 3 acre lot. There is a main dwelling and attached garage. The garage is slightly set back from the front of the house. To the west of the house there is a pool and to the rear a tennis court and a turf field. Otherwise the property is in grass with a few trees in the rear of the property

Glen Falls Road is **not** a designated Baltimore County Scenic Route. However, BCZR 1A09.4 as well as the BOA Order, directs that "All development must be in accordance with this section and the standards and guidelines for "rural preservation and "scenic views" adopted pursuant to this section and published as part of the CMDP." The applicable CMDP standard for this situation is Division VI, Section A, number 6 found on Page 178. This guideline states, "Design new structures to complement the site and surrounding community. This can be accomplished through the repetition of scale, proportion, mass, material and/or details of the existing buildings on the site or in the community."

The petitioner has redesigned the proposed structure and is now requesting relief to allow a proposed accessory structure (garage/pool house) located in the front yard in lieu of the required side or rear yard. RC 8 (BCZR 1A09.4.A) requires elevations and drawing submittals to assure the proposed structure complies with the Comprehensive Manual of Development Policies (CMDP) pursuant to BCC Sections 32-4-223 and 32-4-224.

A review of the community found several residences had garages which were either attached or detached. The redesigned structure (Attachment 1) is now more similar in height to the other garage structures in the community (Photos 3 & 5).

The petitioner is requested a variance to locate the garage in front of the house in lieu of the rear of the dwelling (BCZR 400.1). The petitioner has indicated that this is not possible due to the grade. If moving the house back cannot be accommodated it is recommended that the petitioner makes some additional minor changes to differentiate the structure from the residence, add visual interest, and reduce visual impact from the roadway. It is recommended that the shutters be removed from the window, add a cupola to the roof, and landscape the side of the proposed structure. With these adjustments the proposed structure will be complementary to that of other residences found along that area of Glen Falls Road.

The Department of Planning finds the variance subject to the following conditions is consistent with the spirit and intent of these regulations.

- Petitioner's redesigned structure eliminating the need for a height variance (Attachment 1)
- Removal of shutters from the window
- Addition of a cupola to the roof

Landscape the side of the proposed structure

For further information concerning the matters stated here in, please contact Wallace S. Lippincott, Jr. at 410-887-3480.

Prepared By:

AVA/WSL Enclosure

c: Lawrence E Schmidt, Smith, Gildea & Schmidt
Peter Max Zimmerman, Office of People's Counsel
Lawrence M. Stahl, Managing Administrative Law Judge
Arnold Jablon, Director of Permits, Approvals, and Inspections

Attachment 1.

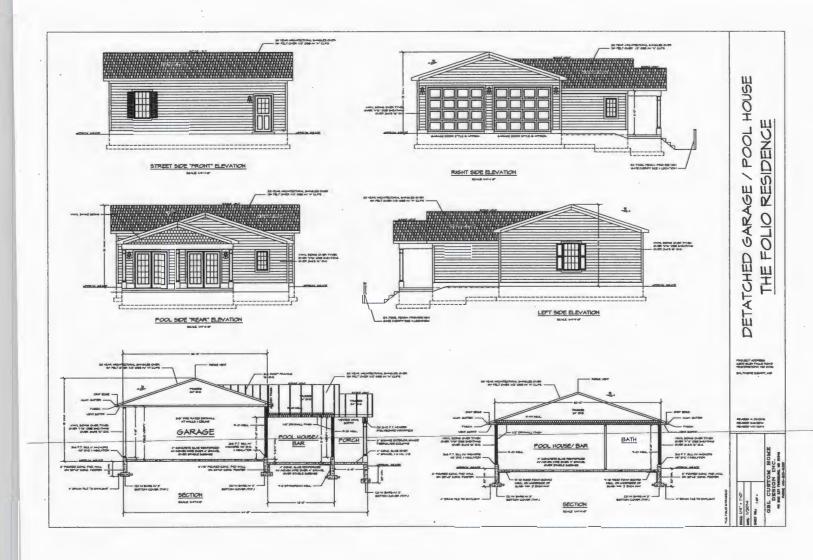




Photo 1: View East along Glen Falls From vicinity of 6200 Glen Falls



Photo 2: View West along Glen Falls From 6200 Glen Falls



Photo 3: Larger dwelling east of 6200 Glen Falls

Photo 4: Smaller dwelling east of 6200 Glen Falls

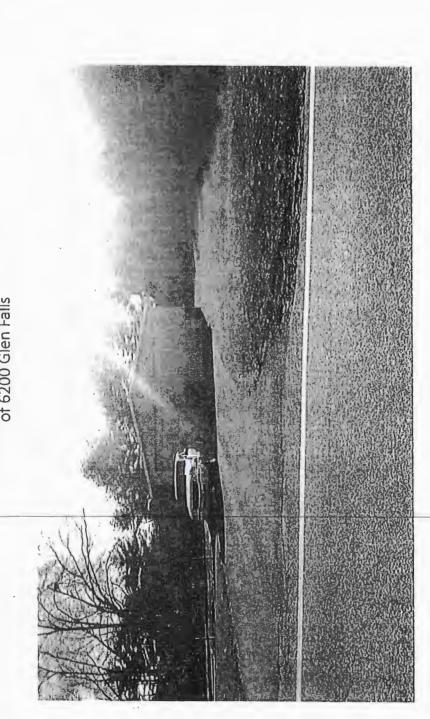


Photo 5: Detached Garage Vicinity of 6200 Glen Falls

RE: PETITIONER FOR ADMINISTRATIVE VARIANCE

6200 Glen Falls Road

4th Election & 3rd Council Districts

Petitioner(s): Richard M. Folio

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APPEALS FOR

BALTIMORE COUNTY

* 2014-185-A

ENTRY OF APPEARANCE

Pursuant to Baltimore County Charter § 524.1, please enter the appearance of People's Counsel for Baltimore County as an interested party in the above-captioned matter. Notice should be sent of any hearing dates or other proceedings in this matter and the passage of any preliminary or final Order. All parties should copy People's Counsel on all correspondence sent and all documentation filed in the case.

Peter Max Zimmerman

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People's Counsel for Baltimore County

Carole S. Demilio

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 22 day of August, 2014, a copy of the foregoing Entry of Appearance was sent to Paul Joyce, 15713 Dover Road, Upperco, Maryland 21155; Donna Ward, 6130 Glen Falls Road, Reisterstown, Maryland 21136; Vicki Locklear, 6134 Glen Falls Road, Reisterstown, Maryland 21136; S. Glenn Elseroad, 5423 Mt. Gilead, Reisterstown, MD 21136; and Lawrence E. Schmidt, Esquire, Smith, Gildea & Schmidt, LLC, 600 Washington Avenue, Suite 200, Towson, Maryland 21204, Attorney for Petitioner.

Peter Max Zummerman

PETER MAX ZIMMERMAN People's Counsel for Baltimore County 6130 Glen Falls Road Reisterstown, MD 21136

July 25, 2104

Baltimore County Board of Appeals Jefferson Building Towson, MD

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JUL 29 2014

OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

Re:

Case No. 2014-0185-A

Property: 6200 Glen Falls Road

To Whom It May Concern:

Please accept this letter as my request to appeal this case to the Baltimore County Board of Appeals.

Please address all correspondence to Donna Ward, 6130 Glen Falls Road, Reisterstown, MD 21136.

The reason for the appeal is that the subject property is not unique, and that any practical difficulty was caused by the property owners own actions, among other factors to be demonstrated at the appeal hearing.

Several neighboring property owners shall appear with, and support me at the appeal hearing.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

Arana Ward

Donna Ward

Richard M. Folio, 6200 Glen Falls Road, Reisterstown, MD 21136
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BALTIMORE COUNTY BOARD OF APPEALS

August 1, 2014

Lawrence E. Schmidt, Esquire Smith, Gildea & Schmidt, LLC 600 Washington Avenue Suite 200 Towson, Maryland 21204

RE: APPEAL TO BOARD OF APPEALS - PETITION FOR VARIANCE

Property: 6200 Glen Falls Road

Case No.: 2014-0185-A

Dear Mr. Schmidt:

Please be advised that an appeal of the above-referenced case was filed in this Office on July 29, 2014. All materials relative to the case have been forwarded to the Baltimore County Board of Appeals ("Board").

If you are the person or party taking the appeal, you should notify other similarly interested parties or persons known to you of the appeal. If you are an attorney of record, it is your responsibility to notify your client.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to contact the Board at 410-887-3180.

Sincerely,

LAWRENCE M. STAHL
Managing Administrative Law Judge

for Baltimore County

LMS:sln

c: Baitimore County Board of Appeals
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APPEAL

Petition for Variance
(6200 Glen Falls Road)

4th Election District – 3rd Councilmanic District

Legal Owner: Richard M. Folio

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BALTIMORE COUNTY
BOARD OF APPEALS

Case No. 2014-0185-A

✓ Petition for Variance Hearing (March 1, 2014)	
Zoning Description of Property	
Notice of Zoning Hearing (April 7, 2014)	
Certificate of Publication (April 24, 2014)	
Certificate of Posting (April 24, 2014) J. Lawrence Pilson (Formal Demand requested by Donna W 4-3-2014)	ard on
(March 22, 2014) J. Lawrence Pilson	
Entry of Appearance by People's Counsel - None	
Petitioner(s) Sign-in Sheet – One	
/Citizen(s) Sign-in Sheet – One	
✓ Zoning Advisory Committee Comments	
Petitioner(s) Exhibits -	
1. Site Plan	
2. Plat Plummer Property	
3. 3A-3J Color Photos	
4. 4A-4B Google Earth Photos	
5. E-mail from Department of Planning	
6. SDAT records	
7. Architectural Drawings	
Protestants' Exhibits –	
1. Letter 5-16-2014 (Hanover Road Ass'n)	
2. 2A-2B Google Earth Photos	
3. Letter May 12, 2014 (Michael Snyder)	
4. 4A- Letter with attachments-Holtz	
4B- Letter Valentine	
Miscellaneous (Not Marked as Exhibits)	
Administrative Law Judge Order and Letter (DENIED - May 23, 2014)	
Motion for Reconsideration Request by Lawrence Schmidt on June 20, 2014	
✓ Order on Motion for Reconsideration- (GRANTED- June 30, 2014)	
√Notice of Appeal –July 29, 2014 by Donna Ward 6130 Glen Falls Road	

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Lawrence E. Schmidt, Esquire Smith, Gildea & Schmidt, LLC 600 Washington Avenue, Suite 200 Towson, MD 21204

Protestant/Appellant:

Donna Ward 6130 Glen Falls Road Reisterstown, MD 21136

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Richard M. Folio, Petitioner							BOARD OF APPEALS						
6200 Glen Falls Road 4th Election District 3rd Councilmanic District						* OF							
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BALTIMORE COUNTY BOARD OF APPEALS

BOARD OF APPEALS OF BALTIMORE COUNTY MINUTES OF DELIBERATION

IN THE MATTER OF:

Richard Folio

14-185-A

DATE:

December 3, 2015

BOARD/PANEL:

Andrew M. Belt, Chairman

Maureen E. Murphy Benfred B. Alston

RECORDED BY:

Tammy A. McDiarmid, Legal Secretary

PURPOSE:

To deliberate the following:

Re:

Petition for Variance from 1A09.7.C.2.e and 400.3 of the B.C.Z.R. to permit a proposed accessory structure (garage/pool house) located in the front yard in lieu of the required side or rear yard; and to permit a height of 24 ft. in

lieu of the maximum height of 15 ft.

PANEL MEMBERS DISCUSSED THE FOLLOWING:

- The Board reviewed the history of this matter. This parcel was originally zoned RC4, but was rezoned several years ago to RC8.
- The height variance was withdrawn prior to the hearing.
- The Petitioner wishes to construct a garage/pool house on his property which will be located in the side yard, but as proposed, will extend 12' into the front yard. The RC8 zone allows structures to be built in the side yard. Thus, the only issue before this Board was a 12'variance into the front yard. Once the case was appealed to the Board, the parties agreed to send the case back to the Department of Planning for written recommendations of the proposed building in the RC8 zone,
- The Board convened for a hearing and several neighbors testified in opposition to the proposed structure. The neighbors also opposed the extent of the improvements on the property i.e. a turf field, tennis court and pool. The opposing neighbors live to the rear and side of the Applicant.
- The Board discussed the issue of uniqueness and the application of Cromwell v. Ward. There was discussion as to what the definition of neighborhood is? How far do you look in the "area"? Is it the subject property itself, neighboring properties, or a 2 mile radius? One Board Member was of the opinion that the property was unique due to steep slopes located on the property.
- The Board discussed the issue of practical difficulty. Even if the Property was unique under Cromwell, was the Applicant's hardship self-inflicted due the placement of the pool and various other structures on the property? Is it considered a hardship because the property would need to be regraded to accommodate the structure? At least one neighbor testified they had to regrade a portion of their property to accommodate a garage.

RICHARD FOLIO
14-185-A
MINUTES OF DELIBERATION

<u>FINAL DECISION:</u> After thorough review of the facts, testimony, and law in the matter, the Board unanimously agreed to DENY the requested Petition for Variance.

NOTE: These minutes, which will become part of the case file, are intended to indicate for the record that a public deliberation took place on the above date regarding this matter. The Board's final decision and the facts and findings thereto will be set out in the written Opinion and Order to be issued by the Board.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tammy A McDiarmid



Baltimore County, Maryland

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BALTIMORE COUNTY BOARD OF APPEALS

December 4, 2014

HAND-DELIVERED Andrew M. Belt, Panel Chairman County Board of Appeals of Baltimore County The Jefferson Building 105 West Chesapeake Avenue, Suite 203 Towson, MD 21204

Re:

Richard Folio

6200 Glen Falls Road Case No.: 2014-185-A

Dear Mr. Belt

Enclosed for the Board's review and approval is the proposed Opinion and Order to Stay Proceedings. We trust the Board will find it is consistent with the Board's decision on October 16, 2014.

In the course of the preparation of this proposal, Lawrence Schmidt and I have kept all the interested parties informed of the progress and have circulated various drafts. So far as we know, there have been no corrections or additions suggested.

Accordingly, both Mr. Schmidt and I have signed our agreement as to substance and form. I now deliver the proposed order to the Board along with Mr. Schmidt's letter to me dated December 2, 2014 requesting same.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Max Zimmerman

People's Counsel for Baltimore County

Peter Max Zimmerman

PMZ/rmw

Lawrence Schmidt, Esquire, Attorney for Petitioner



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February 23, 2016



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Re: Richard Folio

6200 Glen Falls Road Case No.: 2014-185-A

Dear Panel:

We are in receipt of and appreciate the February 22, 2016 County Board of Appeals decision and opinions in this case. Please accept, however, this letter as a request for clarification and technical correction, under the rubric of reconsideration, of the apparently inadvertent inaccuracy in the title of Panel Member Andrew Belt's "Dissent."

It is plainly not accurate to title Mr. Belt's opinion exclusively as a "Dissent." A review of the content of the opinion, highlighted by the last paragraph, reflects that Mr. Belt concurs in the majority opinion's result, including the finding regarding a "lack of practical difficulty," but he dissents from the majority's finding as to "uniqueness."

It would be accurate to title Mr. Belt's opinion as "Concurring Opinion;" or "Concurring in the Result, but with Dissent as to "Uniqueness." This is important for accuracy and to avoid any future confusion or misunderstanding as to the nature of the opinion.

Maureen E. Murphy, Chair Benfred B. Alston, Panel member Andrew M. Belt, Panel member February 23, 2016 Page 2

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Max Zimmerman

People's Counsel for Baltimore County

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cc: Lawrence Schmidt, Esquire, Attorney for Petitioner

Donna Ward, 6130 Glen Falls Road, Reisterstown, Maryland 21136



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March 4, 2016

Peter M. Zimmerman, Esquire People's Counsel for Baltimore County The Jefferson Building, Suite 204 105 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

> RE: In the Matter of: Richard Folio - Legal Owner Case No.: 14-185-A

Dear Mr. Zimmerman:

We are in receipt of your letter dated February 23, 2016 requesting clarification and technical correction of the title of Panel Member Belt's Dissent issued February 22, 2016 with the Majority Opinion.

Pursuant to the Board's Rules of Practice and Procedure, Rule 11 states: "Revisory power of the board. Within thirty (30) days after the entry of an order, the board shall have revisory power and control over the order in the event of fraud, mistake or irregularity."

Enclosed please find the Concurring In The Result But Dissent As To Uniqueness in the above referenced matter.

Please be advised that Panel Member Belt's position and written decision have not changed other than in title. The issuance of this correction shall not affect the appeal period or process in any way.

Pease do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Very truly yours,

Krysundra "Sunny" Cannington

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February 4, 2015

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Peter Max Zimmerman People's Counsel for Baltimore County Office of People's Counsel 105 W. Chesapeake Avenue, Room 204 Towson, Maryland 21204

RE: In the Matter of: Richard M. Folio, Petitioner Case No.: 14-185-A

Dear Counsel:

Enclosed please find a copy of the recommendations from the Department of Planning as requested in the Order of Stay issued in the above subject matter on December 15, 2014.

The Order of Stay indicates that the Board can hold a hearing upon receipt of the recommendations by the Department of Planning. Please advise if you believe a hearing on this matter is necessary.

Thank you in advance for your prompt response.

Very truly yours,

Krysundra "Sunny" Cannington

Sunny Cannington

Administrator

Enclosure Multiple Original Cover Letter

c: Richard M. Folio Donna Ward



Board of Appeals of Baltimore County

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April 16, 2015

Lawrence E. Schmidt, Esquire Smith, Gildea & Schmidt, LLC 600 Washington Avenue, Suite 200 Towson, Maryland 21204 Peter Max Zimmerman People's Counsel for Baltimore County Office of People's Counsel 105 W. Chesapeake Avenue, Room 204 Towson, Maryland 21204

RE: In the Matter of: Richard M. Folio, Petitioner Case No.: 14-185-A

Dear Counsel:

In an effort to rescheduled this matter, please be advised that the Board generally has hearings on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. The following dates are currently available on the Board's docket. All hearings begin at 10:00 a.m.

Tuesday, June 9, 2015, Wednesday, June 10, 2015, Thursday, June 11, 2015, Tuesday, June 16, 2015, Wednesday, June 17, 2015, or Thursday, June 18, 2015

Please contact this office as soon as possible regarding your availability.

Very truly yours,

Krysundra "Sunny" Cannington

Sunny Cannington

Administrator

Enclosure
Duplicate Original

c:

Richard M. Folio Donna Ward

From:

Alyssa Fiore <afiore@sgs-law.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, April 28, 2015 10:31 AM

To:

Krysundra Cannington

Subject:

Folio / 14-185-A

Sunny,

Hope everything went well yesterday on your settlement! Congrats again on home ownership ©

I heard back from our client yesterday and he is available either June 16th or 17th. Larry is available both days as well. Let me know when this matter has been rescheduled.

Thanks!

Alyssa M. Fiore
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From:

Alyssa Fiore <afiore@sgs-law.com>

Sent:

Wednesday, June 17, 2015 8:47 AM

To:

Krysundra Cannington

Subject:

Folio/6200 Glen Falls Road

Sunny,

Good morning ©

Larry indicated the hearing in the above matter was not concluded yesterday. Please let me know when you have dates available for rescheduling and I can confirm with our team.

Thanks!

Alyssa M. Fiore
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From:

Krysundra Cannington

Sent:

Wednesday, July 08, 2015 10:05 AM

To:

Lawrence Schmidt, Esquire; Peoples Counsel; 'rdcjward@verizon.net'

Cc: Subject: Alyssa Fiore Folio 14-185-A

Good morning,

As you are aware, the matter of Richard Folio, case number 14-185-A, did not conclude on June 16, 2015. Please advise if Thursday, September 10, 2015 would be agreeable for the next day of hearing.

Thank you,

Sunny

Krysundra "Sunny" Cannington
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Confidentiality Statement

From:

Ron and Donna Ward <rdcjward@verizon.net>

Sent:

Wednesday, July 08, 2015 7:38 PM

To:

Krysundra Cannington

Subject:

RE: Folio 14-185-A

That is fine with me.

Donna Ward

Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone

At Jul 8, 2015, 10:04:54 AM, Krysundra Cannington wrote:

Good morning,

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Thank you,

Sunny

Krysundra "Sunny" Cannington

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From:

Alyssa Fiore <afiore@sgs-law.com>

Sent:

Monday, July 13, 2015 11:29 AM

To:

Krysundra Cannington; Lawrence Schmidt; Peoples Counsel; rdcjward@verizon.net

Subject:

RE: Folio 14-185-A

Sunny,

September 10th does not work for Larry. Please let me know what other days are available.

Thanks!

Alyssa M. Fiore
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Sent: Wednesday, July 08, 2015 10:05 AM

To: Lawrence Schmidt; Peoples Counsel; rdcjward@verizon.net

Cc: Alyssa Fiore

Subject: Folio 14-185-A

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Thank you,

Sunny

Krysundra "Sunny" Cannington Administrator Board of Appeals for Baltimore County The Jefferson Building, Suite 203 105 W. Chesapeake Avenue

From:

Krysundra Cannington

Sent:

Monday, July 27, 2015 9:08 AM

To:

Andrew Belt; Alston, Ben; Maureen Murphy

Subject:

Scheduling

Importance:

High

Good morning,

I am attempting to schedule the following cases on the same date;

Dimick: Andy and Maureen – Counsel has agreed to proceed with the 2 of you for the public deliberation on the Motion for Reconsideration.

Volvo: Maureen is going to read into this case to take over for David. We need to have a public deliberation on the Motion for Reconsideration.

Folio: needs a day 3.

Please let me know if you are available August 25, 26, 27, September 8, 9, 10, 14, 15, 17, 30.

I will send the available dates to Counsel for Folio and schedule Dimick and Volvo on the same day.

Thank you.

Sunny

From:

Krysundra Cannington

Sent:

Monday, July 27, 2015 9:39 AM

To:

Lawrence Schmidt, Esquire; 'rdcjward@verizon.net'; Peoples Counsel

Subject:

Folio 14-185-A

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Please be advised, in order to use the August dates, we must hear from you by the end of this week.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with questions.

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Monday, July 27, 2015 1:14 PM

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Subject:

Re: Folio 14-185-A

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I have heard back from the panel and unfortunately the only date offered this morning that works for everyone is September 8. Please let me know if this is an agreeable date. If not, I will check again with the panel to determine additional possibilities.

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From:

Ron and Donna Ward <rdcjward@verizon.net>

Sent:

Wednesday, July 29, 2015 12:43 PM

To:

Krysundra Cannington

Subject:

RE: Folio 14-185-A

Sunny,

These are the dates that I am NOT available: 10/1, 10/2, 10/8, 10/9, 10/15, 10/28, 10/29, 10/30.

Donna Ward

Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPad

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From:

Krysundra Cannington

Sent:

Wednesday, August 05, 2015 9:05 AM

To:

Maureen Murphy; Andrew Belt; Alston, Ben

Subject:

Folio

Good morning,

Checking one last time before I set Folio in for another day. Are you available on September 24, 28, 30, October 5, 6, and/or 7.

Thanks.

S.

From:

Krysundra Cannington

Sent:

Thursday, August 06, 2015 8:29 AM

To:

Lawrence Schmidt, Esquire; 'Ron and Donna Ward'; Peoples Counsel

Subject:

Folio

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From:

Ron and Donna Ward <rdcjward@verizon.net>

Sent:

Thursday, August 06, 2015 4:04 PM

To:

Krysundra Cannington

Subject:

RE: Folio

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Donna Ward

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On Aug 6, 2015, 8:28:44 AM, Krysundra Cannington wrote:

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From:

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Sent:

Monday, August 10, 2015 9:28 AM

To:

Alyssa Fiore

Subject:

Folio

Good morning Alyssa,

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Let me know.

Thanks!

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From:

Alyssa Fiore <afiore@sgs-law.com>

Sent:

Wednesday, August 12, 2015 11:13 AM

To:

Krysundra Cannington

Subject:

RE: Folio

Attachments:

IMG_5621.jpg; IMG_5607.jpg; IMG_5613.jpg

Sunny,

Sorry again for my delay in getting back to you on this matter! I did enjoy my "vacation" to Colorado...although it was for my bestie's wedding and I am certainly not a mountain, high altitude fan. Next time, it will be the beach! I attached a couple photos for you guys to see how beautiful the venue (Arapahoe basin) was.

I received confirmation from our team that they are available on September 24th.

YAY! One less case to schedule @

I will await the hearing notice.

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Let me know.

From: George Harman <harmangeorge@hotmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, October 22, 2015 11:14 PM

To: Appeals Board

Cc: Peoples Counsel; lschmidt@sgs-law.com

Subject: Folio case

Attachments: Board of Appeals for Baltimore Count 2015 10 22.docx

Please enter the attached file into the record for the case referenced in the attachment.

George Harman 410-429-6035 Board of Appeals for Baltimore County The Jefferson Building, Suite 203 105 W. Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

via email

RE: PETITION FOR VARIANCE BEFORE THE BOARD OF APPEALS FOR BALTIMORE COUNTY

Petitioner(s): Richard M. Folio 6200 Glen Falls Road 4th Election & 3rd Council Districts 2014-185-A

Dear Board Members:

The point that I had hoped to get into the testimony during the hearing before the Board in the referenced case involved the removal of the maximum 10% imperviousness of the previously classified RC-4 parcel and replacing it with qualitative goals in the new RC-8 classification. The parcel in question had been classified as RC-4 prior to the last CZMP changes approved by Councilman McIntire eight years ago. He reclassified many parcels to RC-8, including the subject parcel. The purpose behind the creation of the new classification and applying it to RC-4 land was apparently to restrict the number of residential units in the watershed protection areas and providing the degree of environmental protection originally conceived. However, the new RC-8 classification eliminated the 10% limit on imperviousness that had been in place under the RC-4 classification and replaced that protective measure with a non-quantitative goal to protect ecosystem function, streams, wetlands, floodplains, water quality, and reservoirs (Article 1A - 1A09.1 B 1,2 & 3).

While the Board decided to deny my qualifications as an expert witness based on the objections of Lawrence Schmidt, who had misrepresented the intent of Mr. Zimmerman to qualify me as an expert in water quality standards and not as an expert in stormwater management, I do have over forty years of work and experience in developing water quality programs. In addition, I had the honor of managing the unit within the Maryland Department of the Environment during the ten years prior to my retirement that maintained the State's water quality regulations.

Excessive imperviousness is a well-documented negative factor that reduces ecosystem function and runs contrary to the goals that are required for RC-8 land. Five percent

imperviousness can be expected raise water temperatures and result in the loss of cold water-loving brook trout, the only native trout in Maryland. Ten percent imperviousness can be expected to prevent even the more hardy introduced brown and rainbow trout from reproducing and surviving. Twenty percent imperviousness will generally eliminate the more desirable insect life that is needed for viable warm water fish such as bass. The existing imperviousness of the Folio lot (20%) will not by itself destroy the downstream ecosystem, but it has the precedent setting potential through gradual approval of similar variances on other parcels to cumulatively negate the stated goals for RC-8 land.

The streams receiving runoff from properties west of Md. Route 30, including the stream behind the community in question, all support high quality ecosystems with desirable fish populations where the size of the streams are of sufficient size (personal knowledge). Two of the streams immediately to the south are even recognized by the Maryland Department of Natural Resources and the Maryland Department of the Environment as being streams of exceptional quality. Within the State's Water Quality Standards streams of this higher caliber are categorized as Tier II streams and watershed development of these streams must be carefully controlled to prevent imperviousness from reaching critical thresholds.

The existing twenty percent imperviousness of the Folio property is by itself excessive. The 10% impervious limit in the previous RC-4 classification was a reasonable target for individual parcels in preserving ecosystem function and should not be ignored under the new classification. As the County has replaced the quantitative limit from the Code with a new qualitative standard, we need have our arbitrators protect the goals established in the new land use classification. The use of the prior quantitative limit on imperviousness is a reasonable means of assuring that the goals of the new RC-8 classification are met.

It is hereby requested that your deliberations in this variance request carefully consider the ecosystem function goal in the new RC-8 classification.

George Harman 5429 Weywood Drive Reisterstown, MD 21136 410-429-6035 harmangeorge@hotmail.com

From:

Ron and Donna Ward <rdcjward@verizon.net>

Sent:

Friday, October 23, 2015 5:19 PM

To:

Appeals Board

Subject:

Folio Variance Request

Attachments:

Folio Variance Request Letter.pdf

Please provide the attached letter to the Board of Appeals regarding the Richard Folio variance request. A signed original was mailed yesterday.

Thank you,

Donna Ward

Ronald L. Ward and Donna M. Ward 6130 Glen Falls Road Reisterstown, MD 21136

October 20, 2015

In the Matter of:

Richard M. Folio 6200 Glen Falls Road

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- Proposed structure extends forward of the front of the house.
- The proposed structure doesn't fit the rural scope of the surrounding neighborhood.
- In our opinion, the improvements that have been made to the subject property to this
 point have been beyond what would be considered typical for the amount of acreage
 owned and the size of the residence.

We feel these factors would negatively impact the continuity of this residential area. While custom homes lend themselves to improvements beyond the scope of what is found in neighborhoods with more restrictive covenants, this is a <u>rural</u> residential area which borders state property and a reservoir, and efforts should be made to maintain that presence. Thank you for taking ours and other neighbors positions into consideration.

Ronald L. Ward

Donna M. Ward

Cc: Peoples Counsel < peoplescounser@baltimorecountymd.gov >; Ron and Donna Ward < rdcjward@verizon.net >; Alyssa Fiore < afiore@sgs-law.com >

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Sent: Wednesday, February 24, 2016 11:30 AM

To: Lawrence Schmidt

Cc: Peoples Counsel; Ron and Donna Ward

Subject: Richard Folio 14-185-A

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From:

Lawrence Schmidt < lschmidt@sgs-law.com> Wednesday, February 24, 2016 11:33 AM

Sent: To:

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Sent:

Wednesday, February 24, 2016 11:46 AM

To:

'Lawrence Schmidt'

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Peoples Counsel; Ron and Donna Ward; Alyssa Fiore

Subject:

RE: Richard Folio 14-185-A

Attachments:

Folio 14-185-A Opinion and Dissent.pdf

Larry,

I have attached a pdf copy of the Folio Opinion with "Dissent" for your convenience.

Thank you.

Sunny

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Sent:

Wednesday, February 24, 2016 12:03 PM

To:

Krysundra Cannington

Cc: Subject: Peoples Counsel; Ron and Donna Ward; Alyssa Fiore

RE: Richard Folio 14-185-A

Thanks Sunny. I will respond to you by the close of business tomorrow as I am going to be out of the Office most of this afternoon.

Thanks for sending.

Larry Schmidt

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To: Krysundra Cannington < kcannington@baltimorecountymd.gov >

From:

Lawrence Schmidt < lschmidt@sgs-law.com>

Sent:

Thursday, February 25, 2016 11:41 AM

To:

Krysundra Cannington

Cc:

Peoples Counsel; Ron and Donna Ward; Alyssa Fiore

Subject: RE: Richard Folio 14-185-A

Sunny: I've had the opportunity to review the decision (both the majority and "dissent"), as well as Mr. Zimmerman's correspondence. I do not have any objection to a re-labeling of Mr. Belt's decision but ultimately leave it to his discretion as to what he chooses to do (and call it). Larry Schmidt

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Sent via Hand Delivery

Peter Max Zimmerman, Esquire People's Counsel for Baltimore County The Jefferson Building105 West Chesapeake Avenue, Room 204 Towson, MD 21204

Re: Folio - 6200 Glen Falls Road

Dear Pete:

Enclosed for your review please find the final draft of the Opinion and Order to Stay Proceedings in the above referenced matter pending before the Board of Appeals. This draft combines both of our edits and should be acceptable as is. However, please review the enclosed and sign where indicated under "Agreed as to Substance and Form" on page 8. Upon execution, please deliver to the Board of Appeals for signature.

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me. As always I am

Very truly yours,

Lawrence E. Schmidt

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cc: Rich

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February 20, 2015

Via Hand Delivery

Krysundra Cannington, Administrator Board of Appeals of Baltimore County 105 W. Chesapeake Avenue, Suite 203 Towson, MD 21204

Re: In the Matter of: Richard M. Folio, Petitioner Case No. 14-0185-A

Dear Sunny,

I write by way of follow up to your February 4, 2015 letter in connection with the above referenced matter. In accordance with the December 15, 2015 Opinion and Order to Stay Proceedings, please accept this letter as a request for a hearing to be scheduled to reconvene on this matter. At the least, I wish to offer evidence and argument regarding the Department of Planning's recommendation to the Board. I understood that the parties, upon their request, would be given this opportunity.

Please contact Alyssa Fiore in my office to coordinate calendars so that a mutually agreeable hearing date can be assigned

Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,

Lawrence E. Schmidt

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cc: Peter Max Zimmerman, Esquire

Richard M. Folio

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Via First Class Mail

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Re:

6200 Glen Falls Road

Case No. 14-0185-A

Dear Sunny,

I write by way of follow up to the appeal which was filed in the Office of Administrative Hearings in the above referenced matter on July 29, 2014.

Please be advised that I represent the Appellee, Richard M. Folio in this matter. Accordingly, please be sure to include me on any notices sent.

Please call should you have any interim questions.

Very truly yours,

Lawrence E. Schmidt

LES/amf

cc: Richard M. Folio

Ronald L. Ward and Donna M. Ward 6130 Glen Falls Road Reisterstown, MD 21136



October 20, 2015

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- Proposed structure extends forward of the front of the house.
- The proposed structure doesn't fit the rural scope of the surrounding neighborhood.
- In our opinion, the improvements that have been made to the subject property to this
 point have been beyond what would be considered typical for the amount of acreage
 owned and the size of the residence.

We feel these factors would negatively impact the continuity of this residential area. While custom homes lend themselves to improvements beyond the scope of what is found in neighborhoods with more restrictive covenants, this is a <u>rural</u> residential area which borders state property and a reservoir, and efforts should be made to maintain that presence. Thank you for taking ours and other neighbors positions into consideration.

Ronald L. Ward

Donna M. Ward

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HANOVER ROAD ASSOCIATION, INC.

P.O. BOX 121 UPPERCO, MARYLAND 21155



BALTIMORE COUNTY BOARD OF APPEALS

June 9, 2015

Board of Appeals of Baltimore County Jefferson Building 2nd Floor, Suite 203 105 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, MD 21204

Re:

Case Number: 2014-0185-A

6200 Gen Falls Road

NW/s of Glen Falls Road, 750 ft. SW of centerline of Hiltner Road

4th Election District – 3rd Councilmanic District

Legal Owners: Richard Folio

Dear Judges:

I am the Vice-President of the Hanover Road Association. The subject property is located within the area represented by the Association. Please accept this letter on behalf of the Association.

In a letter dated May 12, 2014, to the Administrative Law Judges, this Association stated its opposition to this requested variance. This letter shall serve to confirm the Association's opposition for the following reasons.

It is well established under Maryland case Law from the Maryland Court of Appeals and Maryland Court of Special Appeals that an applicant cannot base his variance request on practical difficulty or undue hardship which was created by the applicant. In this case Mr. Folio constructed many improvements to his property, including a swimming pool, tennis court, soccer field, and basketball court in the rear of his property. He is now claiming that because of these structures there is no room for the proposed new building. This he may not do because he has created his own practical difficulty and undue hardship.

The proposed building may violate the front building setback line as shown on, and required by the recorded subdivision Plat for this subdivision; which Plat is recorded among the Land Records of Baltimore County in Plat Book No. 63, folio 144.

The correct zoning for this property is RC8. It was formerly RC4 but was changed to RC8 several years ago. All setback requirements should be determined by RC8 zoning because that is the zoning designation in effect at the time this variance was requested. The prior RC4 zoning is irrelevant for any current variance request.

Board of Appeals of Baltimore County June 9, 2015 Page 2

The proposed building should not be permitted except in the rear of the current dwelling, meaning behind the projected rear line of the existing dwelling.

There is sufficient space in the rear of his property to construct the new building. He may not claim that these locations in the rear of his dwelling are not suitable merely because the grading is not to his liking.

No other neighboring properties have any buildings constructed in the front or side yards. All such buildings are constructed in the rear. To allow this proposed structure is completely out of character for the neighborhood, and will result in diminished values to the neighboring properties. It also would set a precedent to permit other properties to do so, causing further economic devaluations.

The proposed new building should not be permitted a variance for height. The proposed new building should comply with the required 15' height limit as all other such buildings in the neighborhood.

The Hanover Road Association has standing in this matter. The Hanover Road Association is a non-profit, non-stock, homeowners association, whose territory of concern is centered on the Rt. 30 corridor, including the areas south of Rt. 30 to Rt. 140, from Reisterstown to Finksburg and Hampstead.

Thank you for your consideration of the Association's position in this matter.

Very truly yours, Labort Docterhead

Robert Slaterbeck, Vice-President

Hanover Road Association

cc:

Office of People's Counsel 105 W. Chesapeake Avenue, Room 204

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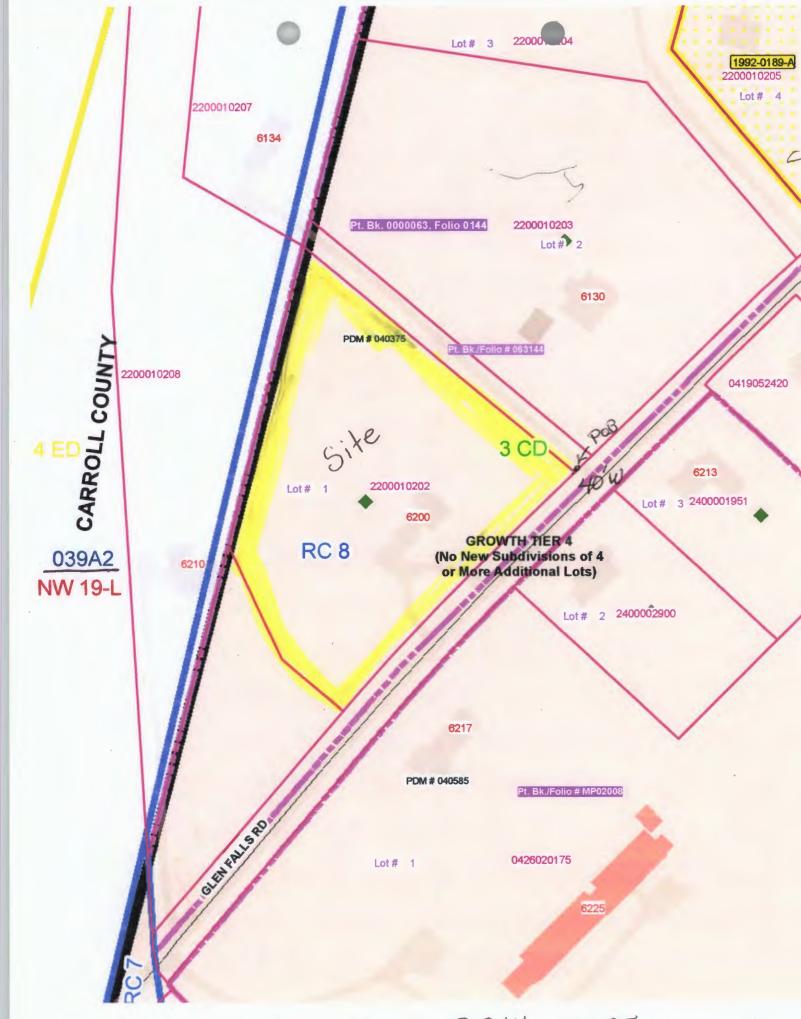
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CITIZEN'S SIGN - IN SHEET

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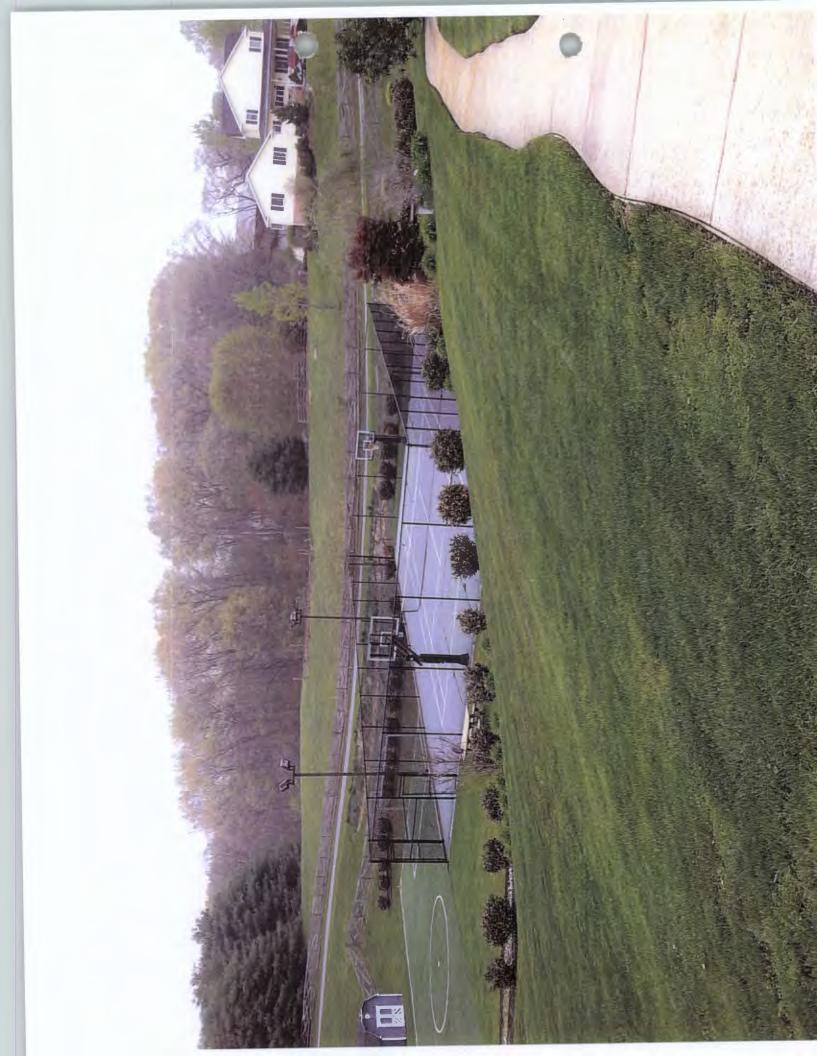
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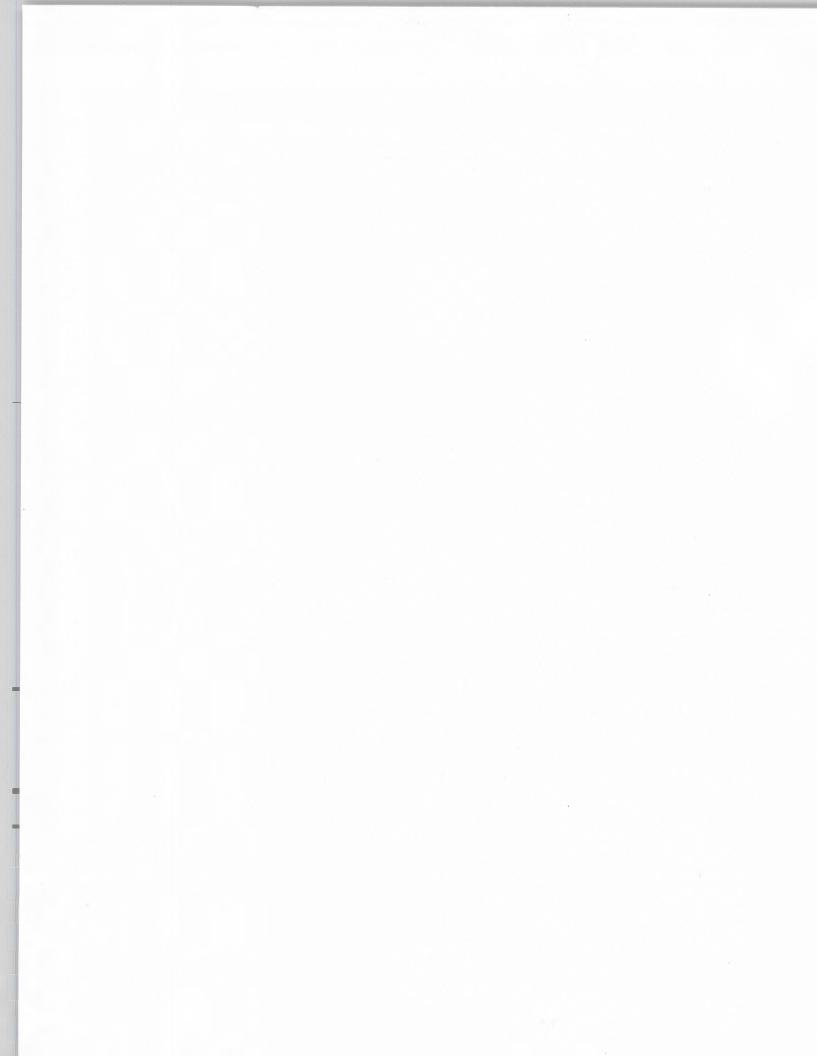








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RESOLVED: That at the General Manberth meeting of the
HANOVER ROad Association held on
Apr. 1 10, 2013 [DATE], it was decided by the Association that
responsibility for review and action on all zoning matters for the period April 2013 - 2016 be placed in the (Board of Directors)
(Zoning Committee) consisting of the following members, each of whom is hereby
authorized to testify on behalf of the Association before the County Board of Appeals or
other duly constituted zoning agency, body, or commission: Mike Snyder, Chairman Zoning committee Glenn Elseroad or. George New Beach Palty Fallon
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AS WITNESS OUR HANDS AND SEAL THIS 15 day of
ATTEST: Hanover Road Association INC.
Secretary President

AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF MARYLAND BALTMORE COUNTY, SS:

TO WIT: ROBERT SLATERBECK
13929 OLD HANOVER ROAD
RESITERSTOWN, MD 21136
410-429-5701
SLAT66@YAHOO.COM

I HEREBY SWEAR UPON PENALTY OF PERJURY THAT I AM A DULY ELECTED MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, ZONING COMMITTEE AND VICE PRESIDENT OF THE HANOVER ROAD ASSOCIATION. INC.

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ATTEST:

HANOVER ROAD ASSOCIATION, INC.

DATE: JUNE 14, 2015

HANOVER ROAD ASSOCIATION, INC.

RESOLVED: That the position of the Hanover Road Association, Inc. as adopted by the Zoning Committee on the matter known as: BOA case 14-185-A Re: Petition for Administrative Variance 6200 Glen Falls Road

is that: the Hanover Road Association, Inc. continues to object to any and all variances. The property is already overbuilt with a pool, tennis court and soccer court. The addition of another large structure, in full view from the the road, will be in violation of county regulations, and adversely impact the property values of surrounding properties.

AS WITNESS OUR HANDS AND SEAL THIS 14 14 DAY OF

Drene , 2015

ATTEST: HANOVER ROAD ASSOCIATION, INC.

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President

People's Counsel Sign-In Sheet

Case Name: Richard Folio
Case No.: 14-185-A

Date: 9-34-15

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Exhibit Explanations:

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Exhibit #:	Detail:	4/24
1 - A	Ward Property Tax Record	C-1:
1 - B	Ward property as viewed from front right corner of Folio property	Foul
1-C	Ward property showing detached garage behind back wall of house	
1-D	Ward property as viewed from Holtz driveway showing topography	
1 - E	Ward property as viewed from Holtz driveway showing topography	
1-F	Ward property as viewed from Locklear driveway showing topography	
1-G	Ward garage showing amount of brick foundation required due to topography	
	Additional cost for Ward garage due to restrictions of topography and	
	the zoning requirement to place it behind the back wall of the house \$18,000	
	(\$13,000 brick foundation work; \$5,000 in additional asphalt required)	
1-H	Plans of Ward house showing actual square footage is 2,677 and not 3,300 as	
1-1	shown on Baltimore County Tax Records; the only deviation from original plans	
1-J	is 2 x 6 walls and mirror image which do not increase the square footage	
2 - A	Folio Property Tax Record	
2 - B	Folio property as viewed from Ward back yard	
2 - C	Folio property as viewed from Locklear front yard	
2 - D	Folio property as viewed from Ward side yard showing large amount of undevelo	ped area on
	right side of house	
2 - E	Folio property as viewed from Valentine front yard	
2 - F	Folio property viewed from Wetzler front yard	
2 - G	Folio property ariel view showing amount of development	
3 - A	Valentine Property Tax Record	
3 - B	Valentine property viewed from Folio front yard	
3 - C	Valentine property back yard looking toward Wetzler yard showing significant dro	
3 - D	Valentine property back yard looking toward Lee yard showing significant drop of	ff
4 - A	Holtz Property Tax Record	
4 - B	Holtz property viewed from front yard (house is not easily visible from street)	
4 - C, D	Holtz property viewed from back yard showing significant drop off	
5 - A	Locklear Property Tax Record	
5 - B	Locklear property as viewed from driveway (house sits directly behind Ward prop	erty)
5 - C	Locklear property showing steep grade in back yard	
6 - A	McLeod Property Tax Record	
6 - B	McLeod property as viewed from front street	
7 - A	Crumbacker Property Tax Record	
7 - B	Crumbacker property as viewed from driveway (house is not visible at all from str	eet as it
	has no road frontage other than driveway and sits well back on 13 acres)	
8 - A	Wetzler Property Tax Record - This property has been for sale for over 1 year	
8 - B	Wetzler property as viewed from Folio front yard	
8 - C	Wetzler side yard	
8 - D	Wetzler back yard showing topography	

9 - A	Lee-Young Property Tax Record (This is currently rental property and was the original farm that Folio, Ward, Holtz and McLeod propertys were developed from)
9 - B	Lee-Young property as viewed from Holtz driveway
9 - C	Lee-Young property as viewed from Ward right side yard
10 - A	Lee Property Tax Record
10 - B	Lee property as viewed from Ward front yard
11 - A	Carla Uhler Property Tax Record
11 - B	Carla Uhler farm house - this is the only property on the street where a structure sits in front of the house; the structures exisisted prior to the house being built and all structures sit several hundred feet off of the road; property on this side of the road consists of 86 acres of farmland
12 & 13	Uhler farm property which is on the other side of Glen Falls road from the house and barns
14	Mt. Gilead United Methodist Church at 5302 Glen Falls Road
15 & 16	Cemetary on Glen Falls Road dating back to 1700's. The cemetary is surrounded by the Uhler farm.
17 - A	Barb Uhler Ness Property Tax Record
17 - B	Barb Uhler Ness property at 6022 Glen Falls Road which consists of 54 acres. Ms. Ness keeps cows and horses on her property.
17 - C, D, E	Grazing field for Ness cows
18	Horses kept in field next to Mt. Gilead United Methodist Church
19	Aerial view of all properties that were originally part of the farm (Plummer Property), the Crumbacker properties and two additional properties that were subdivited from the Wetzler property (Valentine and Lee)
20	Letter from McLeods who cannot be at court due to wife's illness
21	Letter from Julie Crumbacker who cannot be at court due to job
22	Country Crier article which emphasizes Mr. Folio's "personal sports complex which stands in stark contrast to the bucolic woods which border his property" and his "recreational paradise."

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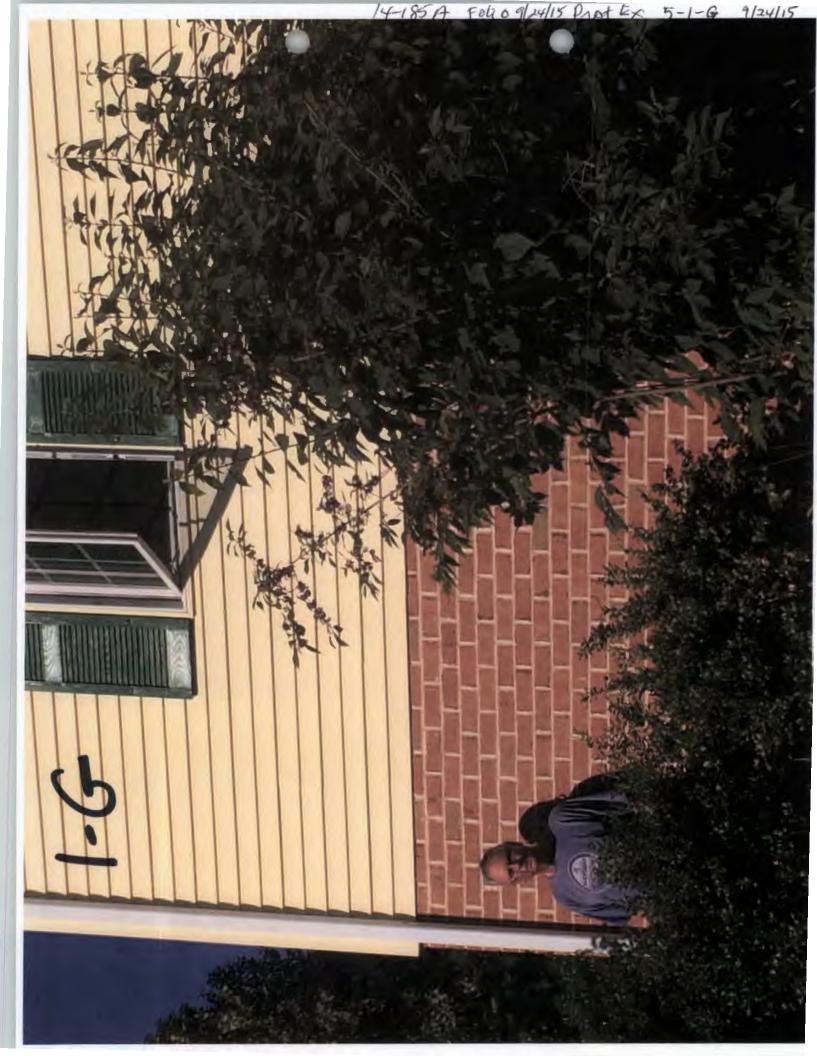
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The Riverbend

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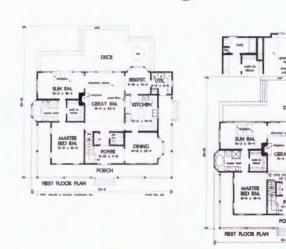
Rear Exterior

A double gabled roof with front and rear palladian windows give this wraparound porch house plan a stately elegance. Vaulted ceilings in the two-story foyer and great room reinforce the visual drama of the palladian windows, while a loft/study overlooks both areas. The covered front porch and outstanding rear deck expand living space to the outdoors. The spacious first floor master suite accesses the large sun room from a luxurious master bath with garden tub, shower, and double vanity. Upstairs in this floor plan, the largest of the three bedrooms serves as a second master suite with a private bath and walk-in closet.

Floor Plans

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Plan Packages

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AutoCAD Files	\$2,435.00
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1 Review Set	\$860.00

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Great Room:			15' 4" x 23' 2"		
Master Bedroom:			12' 8" x 16' 4"		
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Other House Plan Resources
Sater Design Floor Plans

** Total Square Footage does not include "Bonus Room" or "Optional (Unfinished) Basement Foundation" square footage.

Alternate foundations are available for an additional charge. Please contact us for options.

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Seller: INCOG ASSOCIATES LLC Type: ARMS LENGTH VACANT		Date: 01/02/1998 Deed1: /12584/ 00144				Price: \$82 Deed2:	2,000					
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Homestead Application Status: No Application

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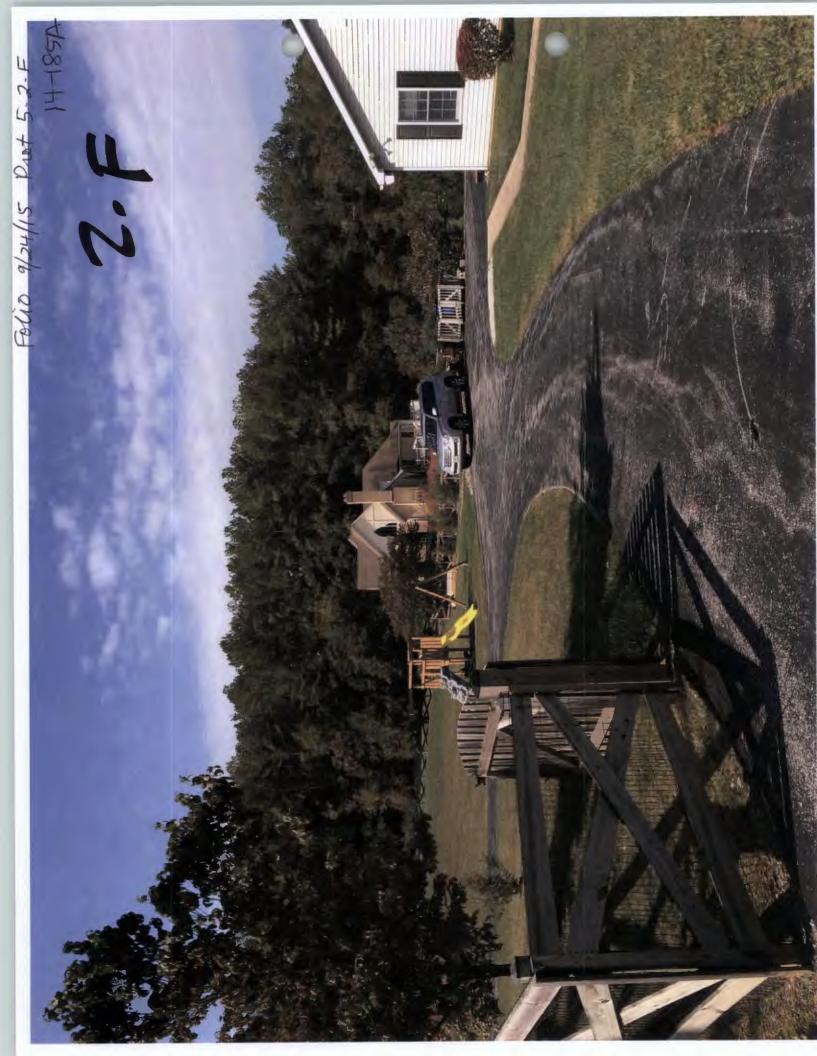
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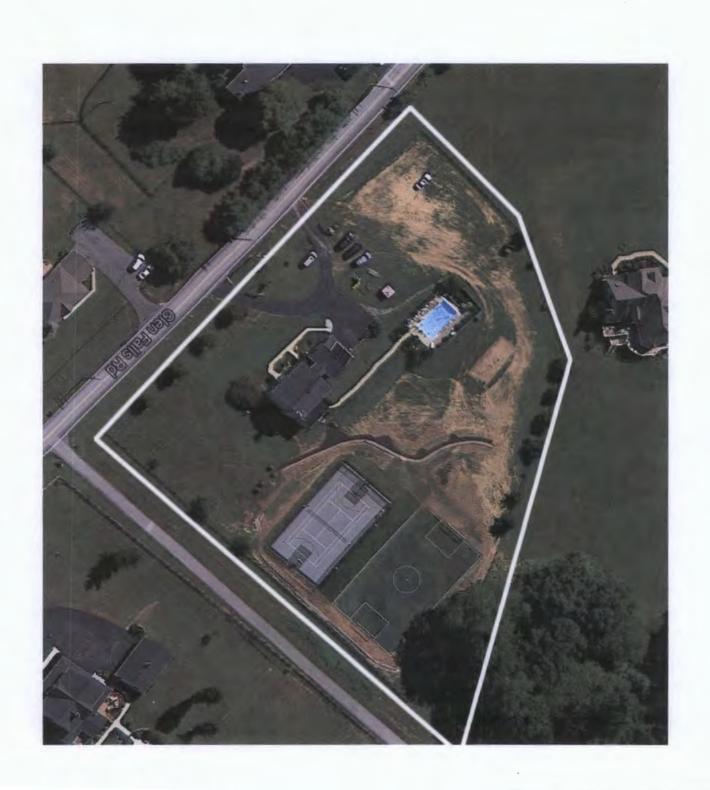
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View N	Nap		View Ground	Rent Re	demption	1	,	View C	iround	Rent Regi	stration	
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Owner N	lame:				RANK A 3 ONNA M	RD	Use: Principal	Pasidar	ico.	RESIDEN	TIAL	
Mailing A	Addres	ss:	6215 GI	EN FA	LLS RD VN MD 21		Deed Refe			/17641/ 00	460	
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Specia	I Tax A	reas:				Town: Ad Valore Tax Class				NON	E	
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						As of 01/01/2013	3	As of 07/01/2	015		of 01/2016	
Land:			91,00	0		91,000						
Improv	ement	S	285,7			285,700						
Total:	-4:-11	a made	376,7	00		376,700		376,700)			
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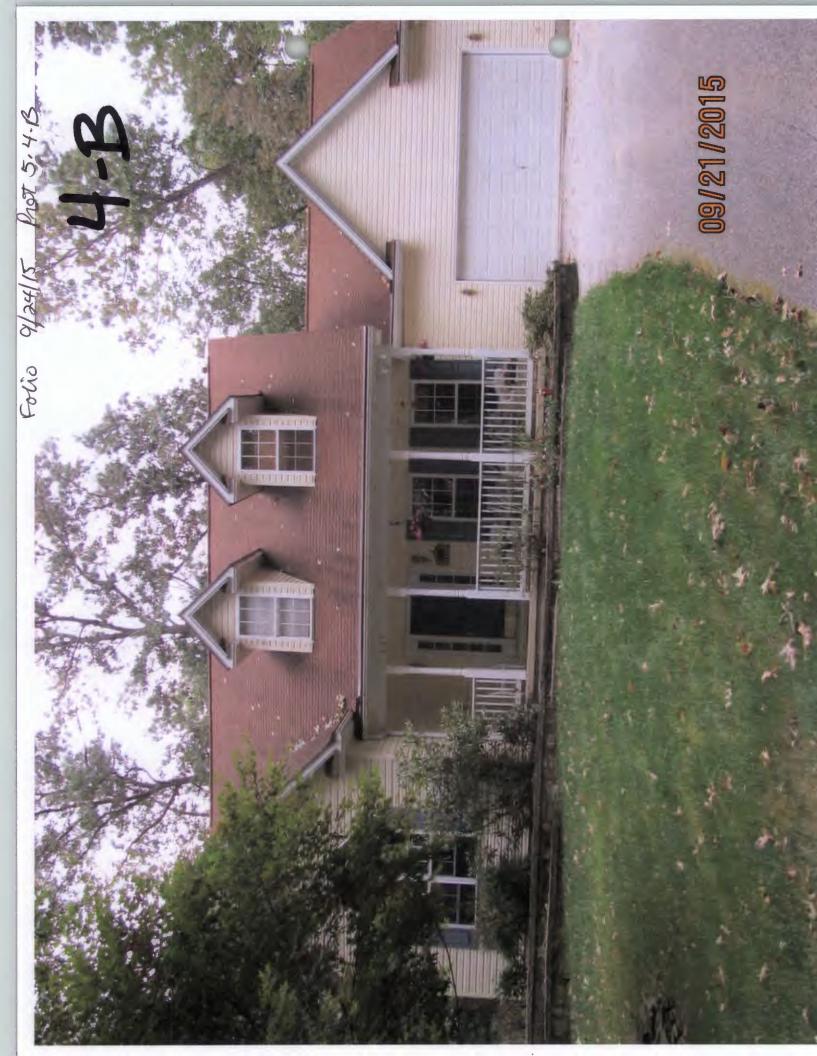
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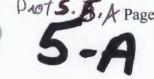
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0039	0007	0062		0000				3	2016		Plat Ref:	0063/
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Land:			126,2			126,200						
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Homestead Application Status: Approved 12/18/2012



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				Loca	tion & Str	ructure Inf	ormation				
Premise	s Addr	ess:			ALLS RD WN 2113	6-0000	Legal De	scription:	ì	3.239 AC NW/S GL	EN FALLS RE
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0060	0007	0011		0000					2014		Plat Ref:
Specia	I Tax A	reas:				Town: Ad Valore Tax Class				NONE	
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Owner N				6110 GI	D BAR	ARD L BARA J LLS RD VN MD 21	136-	Use: Principal Deed Refe			RESIDE YES /10019/		
				4010	Loca	ation & St	ructure In	formation					
Premise	s Ad	dres	s:	6110 GI 0-0000	EN FA	LLS RD		Legal Des	criptio	n:	NS	C EN FAL	
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0039	000	7	0062		0000				5	2016		Plat Ref:	0063/ 0144
Specia	l Tax	Are	as:				Town: Ad Valor Tax Class				NO		0144
Primar Built 1994	y Str	uctu	ire	Above Grad Area 2,088 SF	e Enclo	sed	Finished Area	Basement	1	Property Area 5.8800 A		Co Use 04	unty e
Stories 2		ase ES	ment	Type STANDARD	UNIT	Exterior SIDING	Full/Ha	alf Bath 1 half	Garag		Last Ma	jor Ren	ovation
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	tion & St	tructure in	formation					
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Mailing	Ad	dress	3 :	6217 GL REISTEI 4517			136-		eed Refer	ence:		/26657/ 000	612	
					Loca	tion & S	truct	ure info	rmation					
Premise	s A	ddre	88:	6217 GL 0-0000	EN FAL	LS RD		Le	gal Desc	ription:		16.829AC 6217 GLEN 8165 FT W	FALLS F	₹D R PIK
Мар:	G	rid:	Parcel:	Sub District:	Subd	ivision:	Se	ction:	Block:	Lot:	Ass Yea	essment r:	Plat No:	MS
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Land:				115,1				,100						
Improv	/em	ents		568,7				,700						
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Seller:						Date:					-	rice:		
Type:						Deed1					D	eed2:		
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			Base	Value		Value			Phase	e-in Ass	sessmen	ts	
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Land:			132,0	00		132,00	0						
Improv	ements	;	99,30			99,300							
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Seller: W	ETZL	ER ROBE	RTA		Date: 0	3/27/2003			Pr	ice: \$110,	000	
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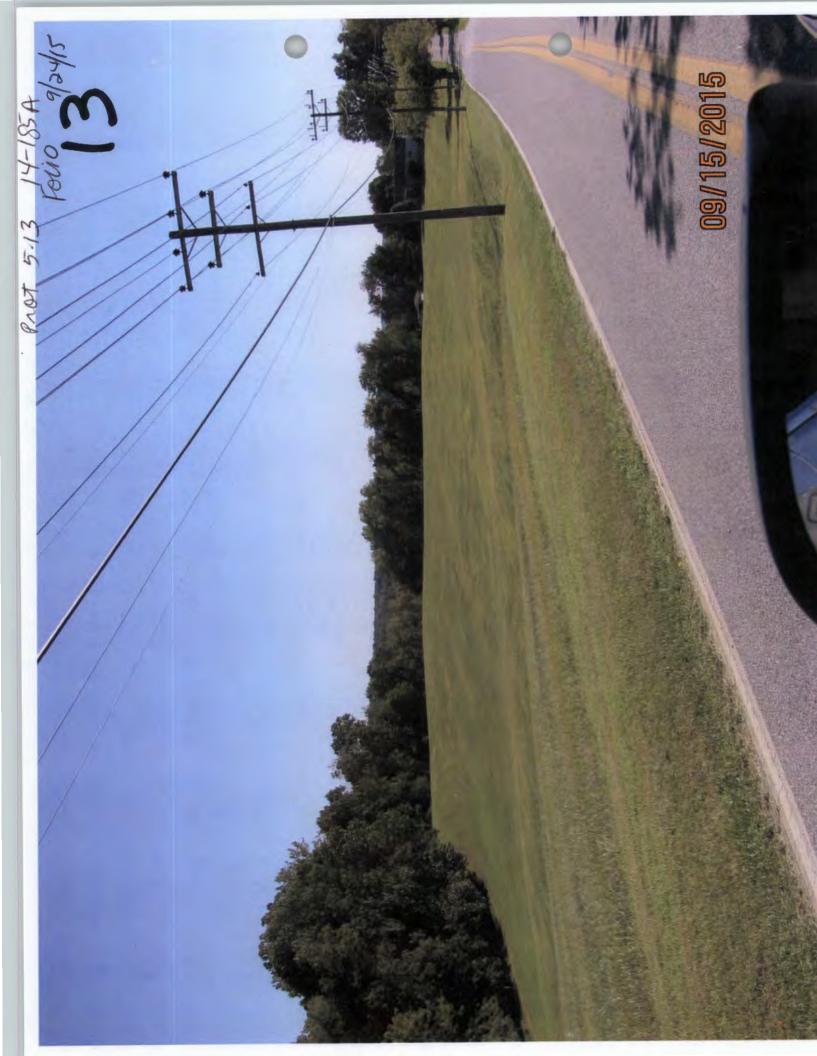
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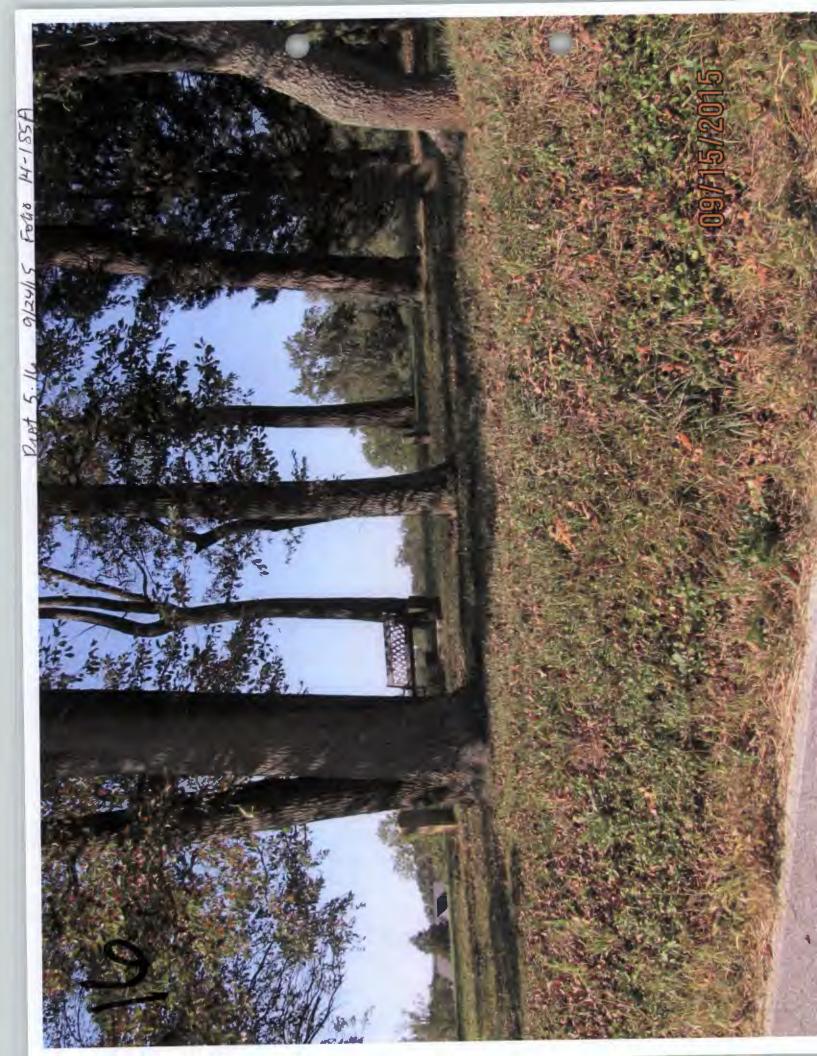
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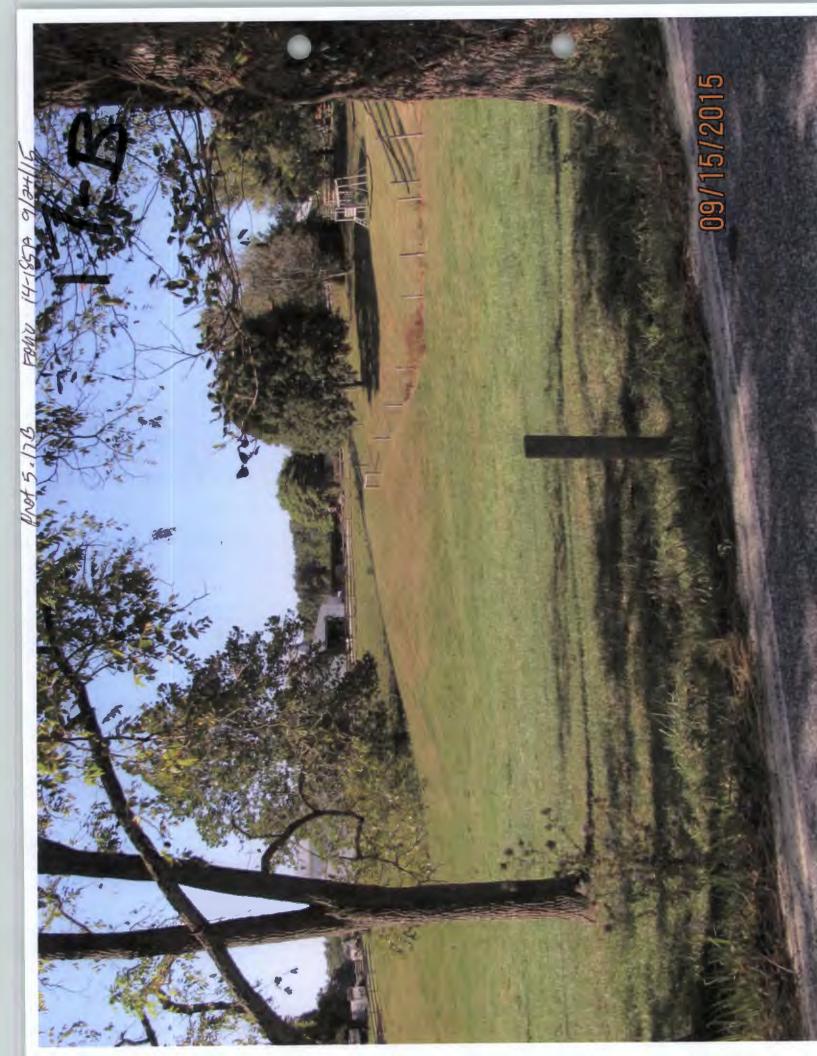


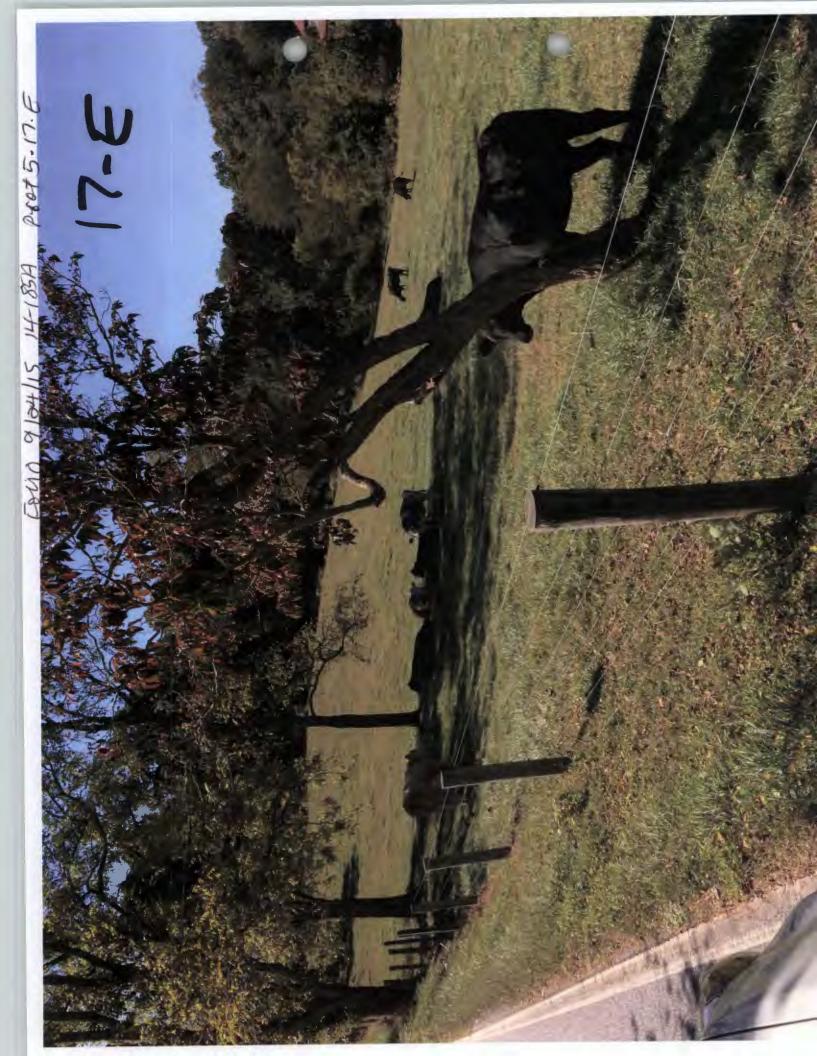


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MY NAME IS WILLARD MC LEOD AND I LIVE AT 6110 GLEN FALLS ROAD.

MY WIFE BARBARA AND I ARE 100 % OPPOSED TO RICK FOLIO S REQUEST TO BUILD A NONCONFORMING STRUCTURE ON HIS PROPERTY.

WHEN THE PLUMMER PROPERTY WAS SUBDIVIDED IN THE 1990 S INTO 7 RESIDENTIAL BUILDING LOTS, THE BUYERS BELIEVED THAT THEY WOULD BE LIVING IN A RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITY.

THAT WAS IN FACT WHAT TRANSPIRED AS THE PROPERTIES HAVE BEEN DEVELOPED INTO A VERY AESTHETICALLY APPEALING NEIGHBORHOOD.

IF MR FOLIO IS ALLOWED TO PROCEED, THE NEIGHBORHOOD WILL BEGIN TO LOOK MORE COMMERCIAL THAN RESIDENTIAL AS HE ALREADY HAS INSTALLED A TENNIS COURT AND SOCCER FIELD ON THE PROPERTY.

IN A DEMOCRACY, THE WILL OF THE MAJORITY IS SUPPOSED TO PREVAIL OVER THE WILL OF THE MINORITY.

FOR THE ABOVE STATED REASONS, WE ASK THE ZONING AUTHORITIES TO UPHOLD

THEIR ORIGINAL DECISION AND DENY MR FOLIO S ATTEMPT TO RIDE ROUGHSHOD OVER

ALL THE OTHER RESIDENTS ON GLEN FALLS RD.

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WILLARD AND BARBARA MC LEOD

To whom it may concern,

I am writing this letter to oppose the the Folio's building request for a nonconforming structure on his property.

It is my position that the large structure, that will exceed height zoning codes, as well as the fact that the structure will sit at the front of his property, will be obtrusive and negatively impact our rural setting.

For these reasons, I feel that the proposed project exceeds what is considered a normal residential renovation. Furthermore, this project has the potential to negatively impact our neighborhood, our property values and our understanding of the strict zoning codes in this watershed neighborhood.

I respectfully ask that you reconsider this project and the many neighbors that it will impact and deny this project during the appeal process.

Julie Crumbacker

6125 Glen Falls Road

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News

Upperco Pool House Nixed For Front Yard, Then OK'd

by Michael Ruby

A lighted basketball court, tennis court and turf soccer field adorn the backyard of Richard Folio's Upperco home, tucked away on Glen Falls Road near the Carroll County line. And that's not all: he's got an in-ground

pool to complement his personal sports complex which stands in stark contrast to the bucolic woods which border his property.

Though Folio's recreational paradise fills up the backyard of his threeacre property, it is not

complete. That's why the homeowner is seeking permission on October 16 from Baltimore County officials to put a pool house, including a two-car garage and upper-level storage area, in his front yard.

County regulations allow such accessory uses in the side or backyards only and, while most of the proposed 42-foot by 32-foot pool house/garage is at the

side of Folio's home, a portion of the structure juts out so it is closer to Glen Falls Road than the primary residence. That, according to zoning regs, places it in the front yard for which Folio needs special permission before he will be issued the necessary grading and building permits.

'Difficult to place'

Why not just move the pool house/garage back a little and avoid the county scrutiny? Can't, claimed Folio in a letter to the county's top zoning official.

The slope of the rear yard combined with the design of the existing home (and other recreational amenities) "makes it difficult to place this detached garaged with pool house on the lot anywhere else," according to Folio's application to the administrative law judge who decides whether to permit the structure in the front yard.

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On The Cover: Photographer Owen Dawson grew up in Glen Arm but now lives in Parkville. He has been pursuing photography for the last 10 years shooting landscapes here and in the Southwest. To view more of his work, visit his website at www.owen-dawsonphotography.com and you may contact him at owenpga@comcast.net.

We Wanted to Know, Too: Last month's cover photograph by Chuck Robinson of the full rainbow over a local farm caught the attention of many readers who called to find out whose farm it was and where was the picture taken. Mr. Robinson could not identify whose farm he shot but it is located near the intersection of Black Rock and Lower Beckleysville roads.

"These are some good concessions."

> - Donna & Frank Valentine

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"I am asking you to allow a detached garage in the front/side yard of the house to accommodate our family's needs," continued Folio in his petition to the zoning official. "The proposed detached garage will add value and beauty to the existing neighborhood and will match existing homes."

'When it will stop'

Then why did the Hanover Road Association, the area's community group, and several Glen Falls Road neighbors oppose the proposal at the May 16 public hearing?

"It sets a dangerous precedent," said Paul Joyce, president of the Hanover Road Association. "Accessory structures are not supposed to be in the front yard."

Also, Joyce said he objected to the pool house/garage's proposed height of 24 feet when only 15 feet is allowed by the rural zoning.

Neighbors Donna and Frank Valentine, who live across the street from Folio, expressed their disapproval of the proposal in a letter to the zoning official.

"We have already survived the construction of the recreational facilities...[which] increase the noise level and light up the front of our house," said the couple in the letter. "Construction of the pool house would continue to increase the noise level and decrease the property values [of Glen Falls homes].

"We are wondering where and when it

will stop."

Even Administrative Law Judge John E. Beverungen, who presided over the May 16 hearing, denied the request but not for the reasons argued by opponents.

Beverungen agreed that the property's topography and configuration rendered the site unique which qualified if for the requested variances. However, continued the zoning official, when combined, the rooftops of the existing house and garage, the pool, basketball/tennis court and driveway areas are just under the amount of impermeable surfaces allowed by the rural zoning.

If the pool house/garage were permitted, the total coverage would exceed that limitation by 600 square feet so Beverungen denied Folio's requests in a three-page order dated May 23, 2014.

Reduction of driveway

But before neighbors could celebrate their victory, Beverungen reversed his decision after the attorney representing Folio proposed a revision to the plan which would bring the impermeable surface total to within the allowable amount.



Upperco Pool House Nixed For Front Yard, Then OK'd

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According to a June 20 letter from attorney Lawrence E. Schmidt to Beverungen, Folio agreed he would reduce the amount of existing impermeable surface by at least 600 square feet either "by reduction of existing driveway, parking or sidewalk area or by the downsizing of the proposed improvements (or a combination of both)."

No additional testimony before the administrative law judge is necessary, argued Schmidt, since "the condition could easily be enforced when building permits are issued for the proposed garage structure," he said in the motion for reconsideration.

In a two-page order dated June 30, Beverungen granted Folio's original requests -- including exceeding the 15-foot height limit -- as long as any plan presented for building permits shows the total impermeable surface is below that allowed by the zoning.

By his own action

That's not OK with Donna Ward, a Glen Falls resident, who on July 23 appealed the revised ruling to the Baltimore County Board of Appeals, the next step in the administrative review process.

In her letter requesting the appeal, Ward said the property is not unique and that any "practical difficulty" (the legal term used to justify a variance) experienced by Folio is caused by his own actions.

Ward promised in her appeal request that several other Glen Falls residents "will appear with and support me" at the October 16 hearing before the appeals board.

Even Schmidt conceded in an interview after the amended order was issued that the area calculations were introduced by a neighbor who said he did not go onto the property for precise measurements. So Schmidt could not verify their veracity or accuracy which could alter how much existing impervious surface must be reduced to meet zoning regulations.

Bolstering her argument

Plus, Schmidt said he did not know if the existing artificial turf soccer field was an impervious surface and should be included in the total. That, too, could alter what Folio must do to comply with the rural rules.

That's just another reason to have the matter heard before the Baltimore County Board of Appeals instead of allowing an amended order to hold sway without any opportunity for additional community input.

Also, bolstering Ward's arguments before the Board of Appeals is a June 23 decision by Beverungen which denied variances being sought for a proposed McDonald's restaurant at the corner of St. Thomas Lane and Reisterstown Road in Owings Mills. In that ruling, Beverungen noted that Maryland law states that when seeking a variance, a petitioner must overcome "daunting odds" and, as such, "variances are rarely appropriate."

He concluded that McDonald's efforts to shoehorn the proposed restaurant onto the 1.3-acre parcel did not constitute a practical difficulty that was not of their own making. Therefore, the site was not unique and did not qualify for the variance relief.

McDonald's officials have since dropped their efforts to build a restaurant on the site.

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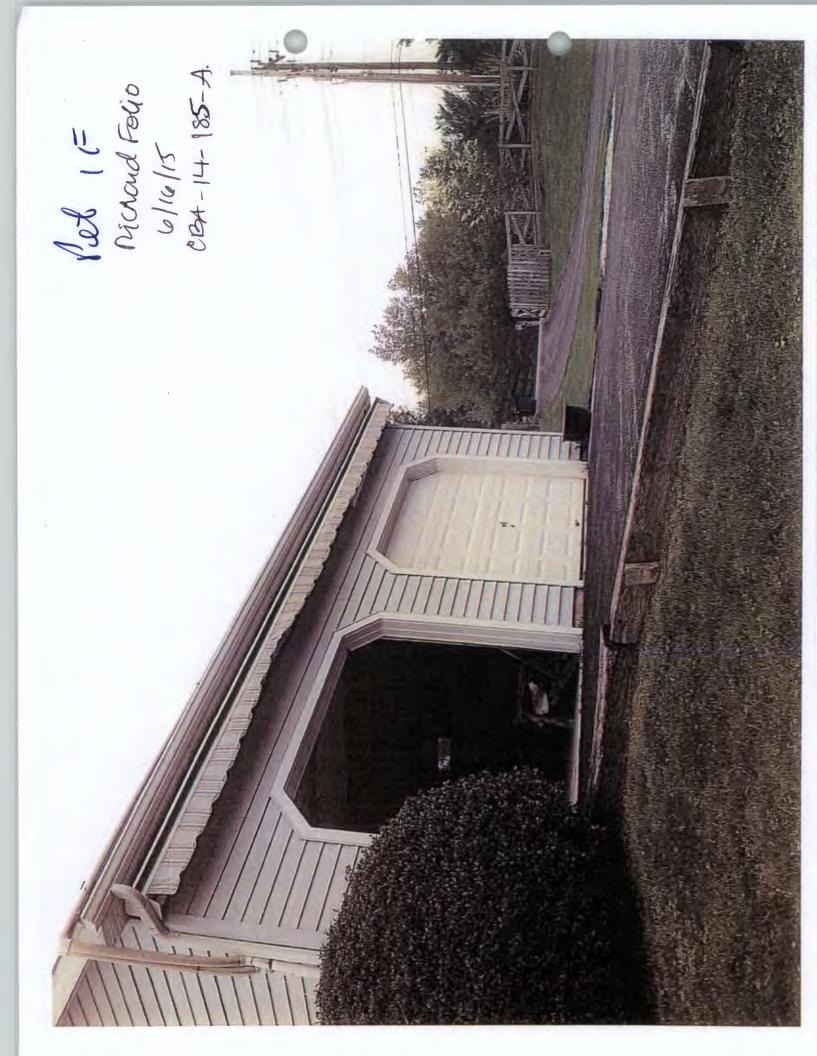
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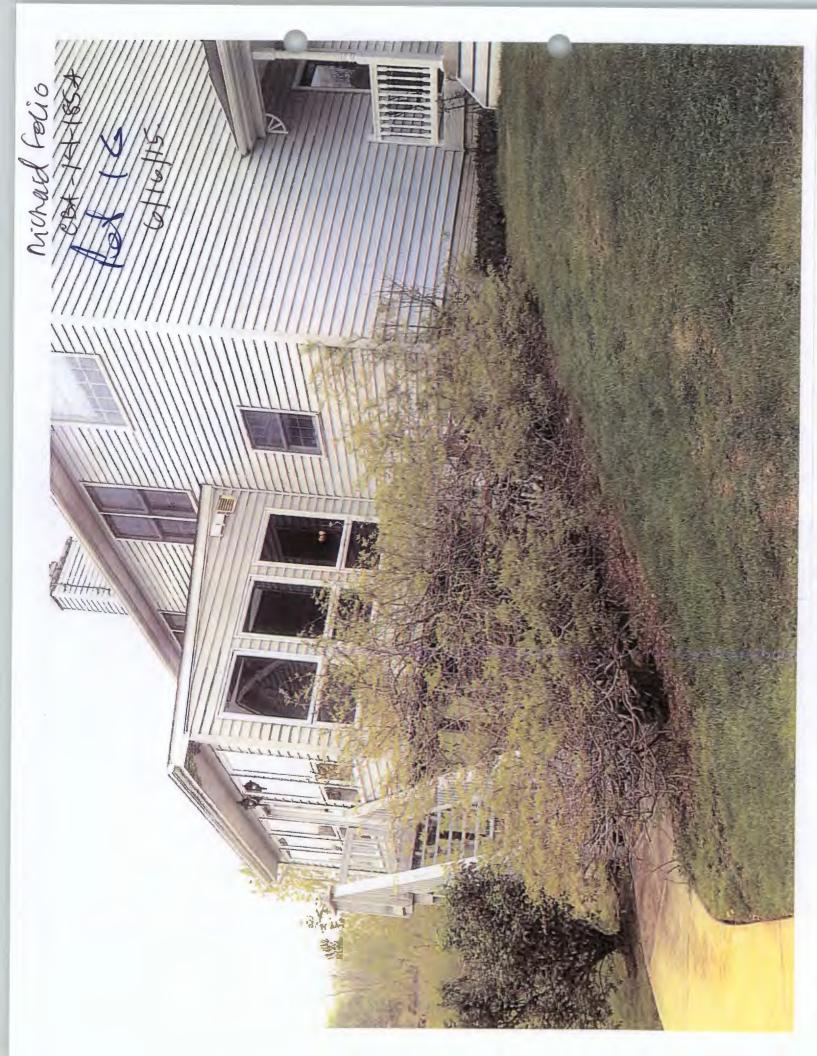
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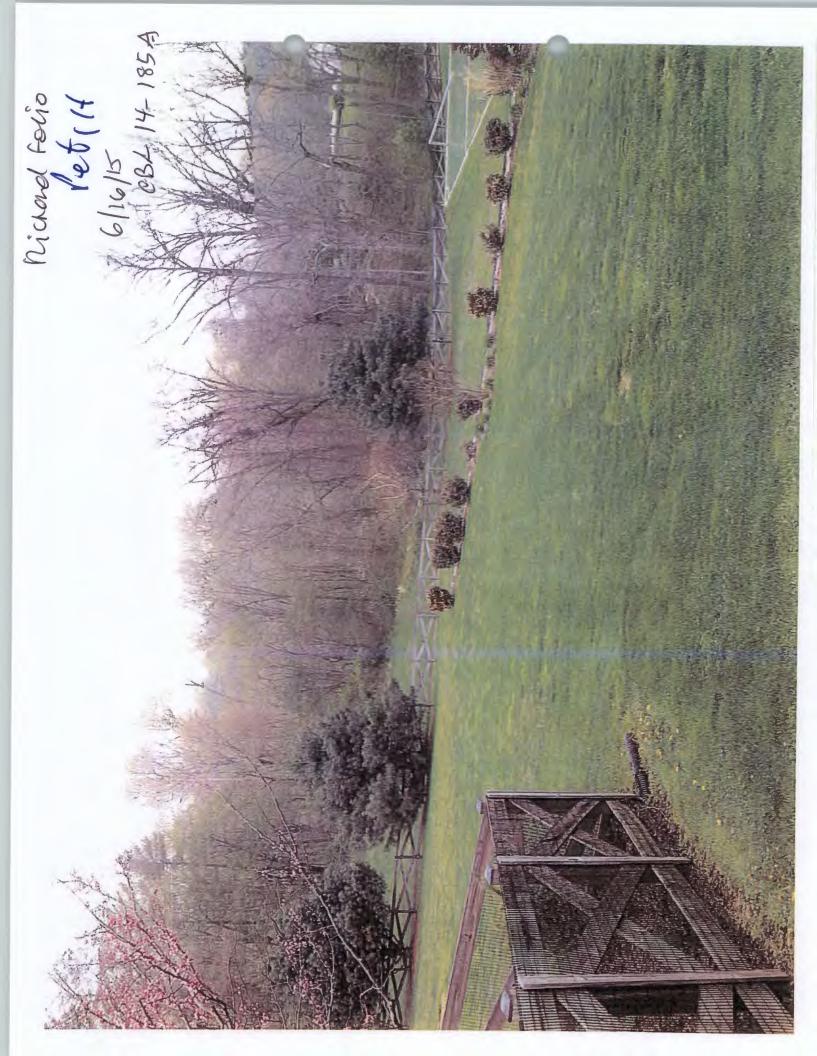
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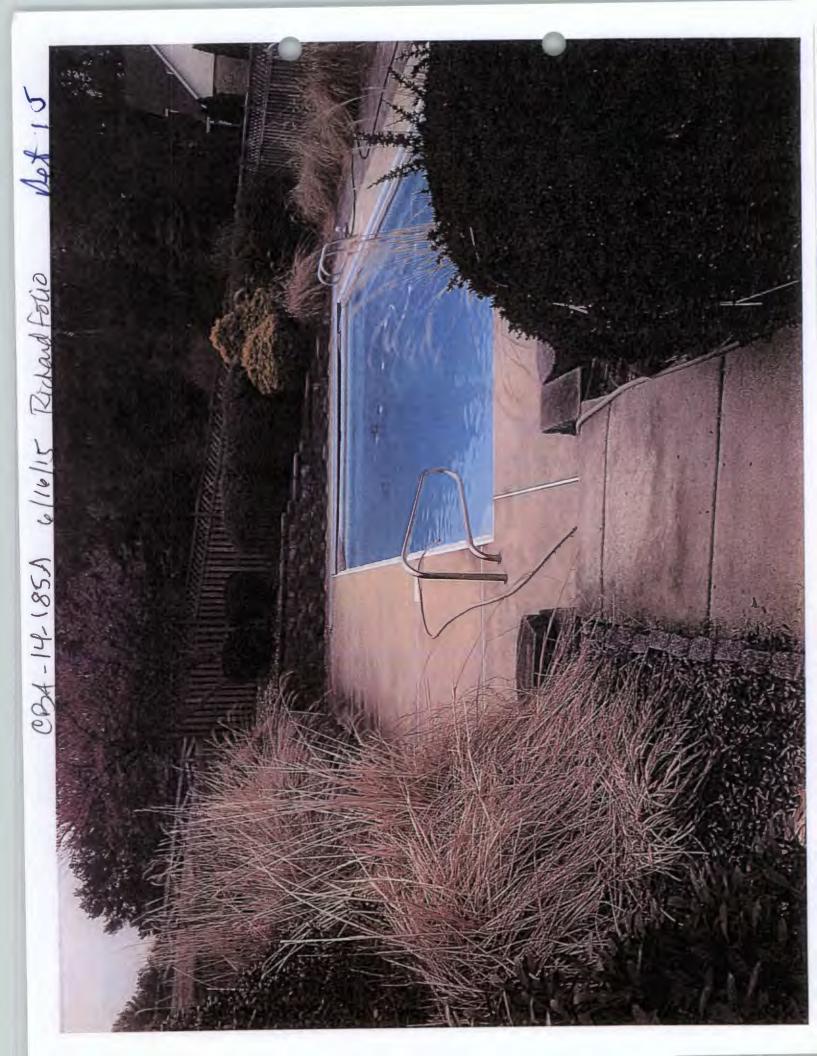
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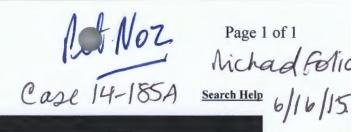
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BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

Case NO H-185A

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO:

Board of Appeals of Baltimore County

DATE:

January 22, 2015

FROM:

Andrea Van Arsdale

Director, Department of Planning

SUBJECT: 6200 Glen Falls Road Variance Requests

INFORMATION: RC 8 Written Finding

Item Number:

2014-0185A,

Petitioner:

Richard M. Folio

Zoning: RC 8

Requested Action: Finding Conclusion: Change Design of Proposed Structure

SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Department of Planning has completed a findings as required by BCZR 1A09.4.A in response to Order by the Board of Appeals in Case No. 2014-0185-A.

The petitioner has requested variances for a proposed 2-story detached garage/pool house building. One variance is to locate the new structure to the front of the existing dwelling and existing garage. The second variance is for a height of 24 feet in lieu of the maximum permitted 15 feet.

The property is located in a RC 8 (Environmental Enhancement) zone. This is a relatively new zone adopted in 2004. The Findings and legislative goals (BCZR 1A09.1) for this zone reflect a greater emphasis on "environmental protection" and to "maintain the unique character of certain rural and urban areas by preserving its natural, environmental, historic, cultural, recreational, scenic, architectural ... resources."

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A site visit was conducted on December 31, 2014. The subject property and immediate neighbors form a small cluster of residences surrounded by woods and fields (aerial photo). There are smaller fields and pockets of woods and trees proximate to the homes (Photos 1 & 2). It is a rural setting with some newer homes (Photo 3) that have blended in $C: \label{local-Microsoft-Windows-Temporary Internet Files-Content.} Out look \label{local-Windows-Temporary Internet Files-Content.} Out look \label{local-Windows-Temporary Internet Files-Content.} Out look \label{local-Windows-Temporary Internet Files-Content.} Out look \label{local-Windows-Temporary-Internet-Files-Content.} Out \label{local-Windows-Temporary-Internet-Files-Content.}$ BOA Finding 6200 Glen Falls.docx

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INFORMATION: RC 8 Written Finding

Item Number:

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Requested Action: Recommendation of Revised Design

SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS:

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Attention Residential Permit Applicants

On July 1, 2012, the 2012 Edition of the International Residential Code (IRC) and 2012 Edition of the International Energy Conservation Code (IECC) will become effective pursuant to <u>Baltimore County Bill 40-12.</u>

Construction Documents

Registered Design Professional Seal Required: Submitted plans meeting the following shall be sealed by a registered design professional licensed by the state of Maryland as follows:

- All construction located in a 100-year floodplain subjected to High-Velocity Wave Action (V Zones) IRC Section R322.3.6
- Construction that utilizes steel framing pursuant to any of the following code sections R505, R603 or R804.
- · Construction that exceeds 3000 square feet gross floor area, excluding one-story garages.
- · Permanent plans: All submittals regardless of size.

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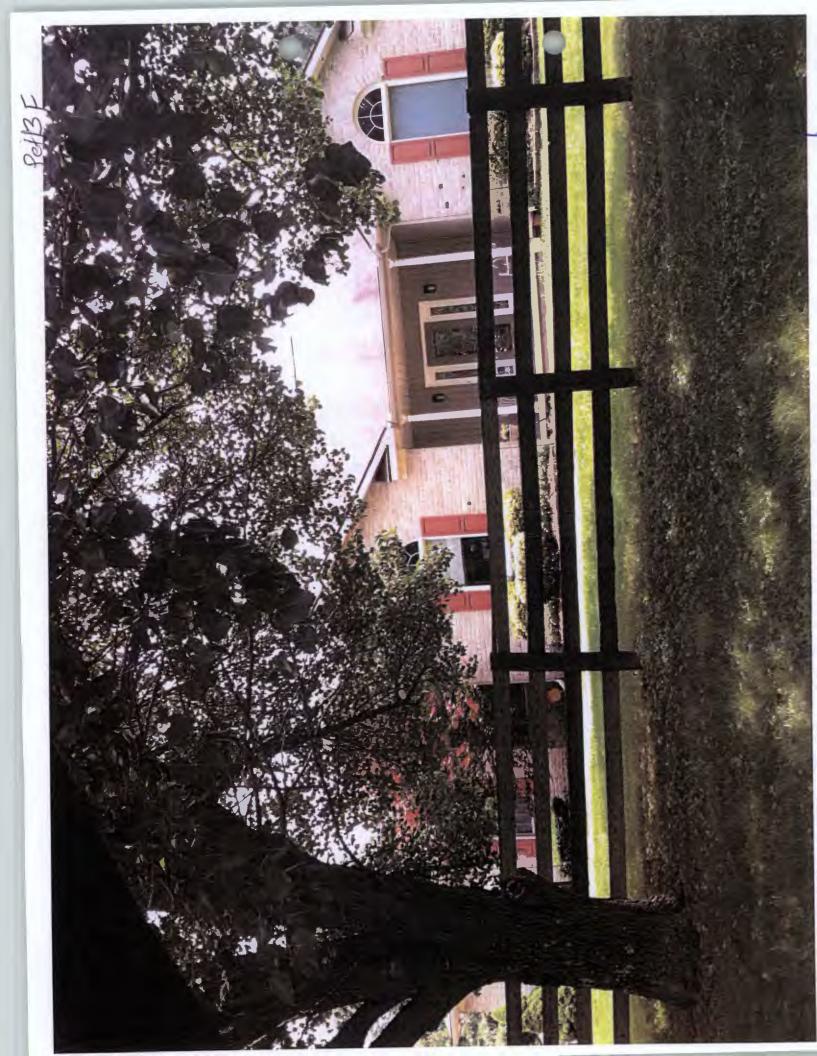
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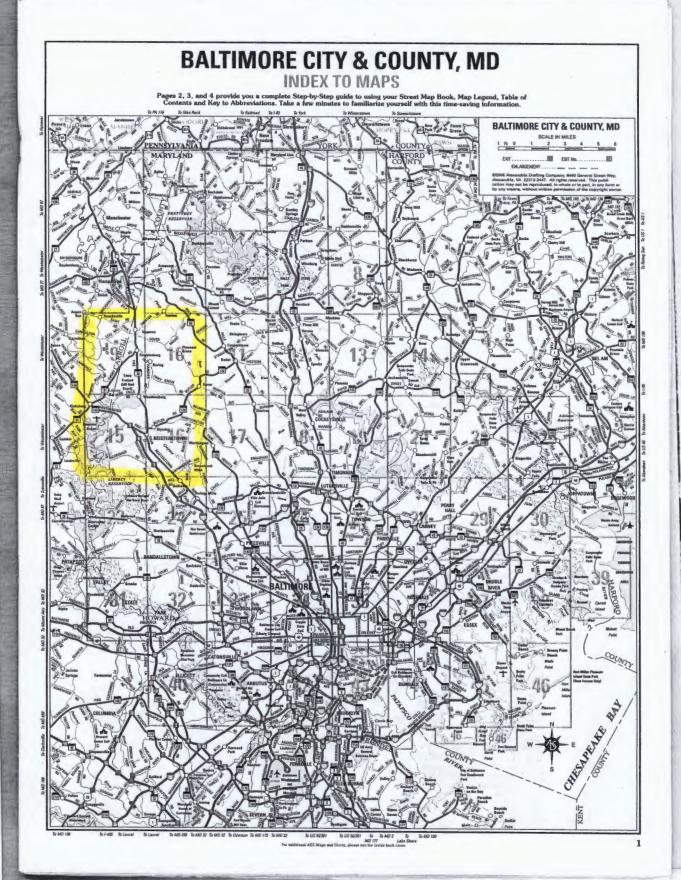
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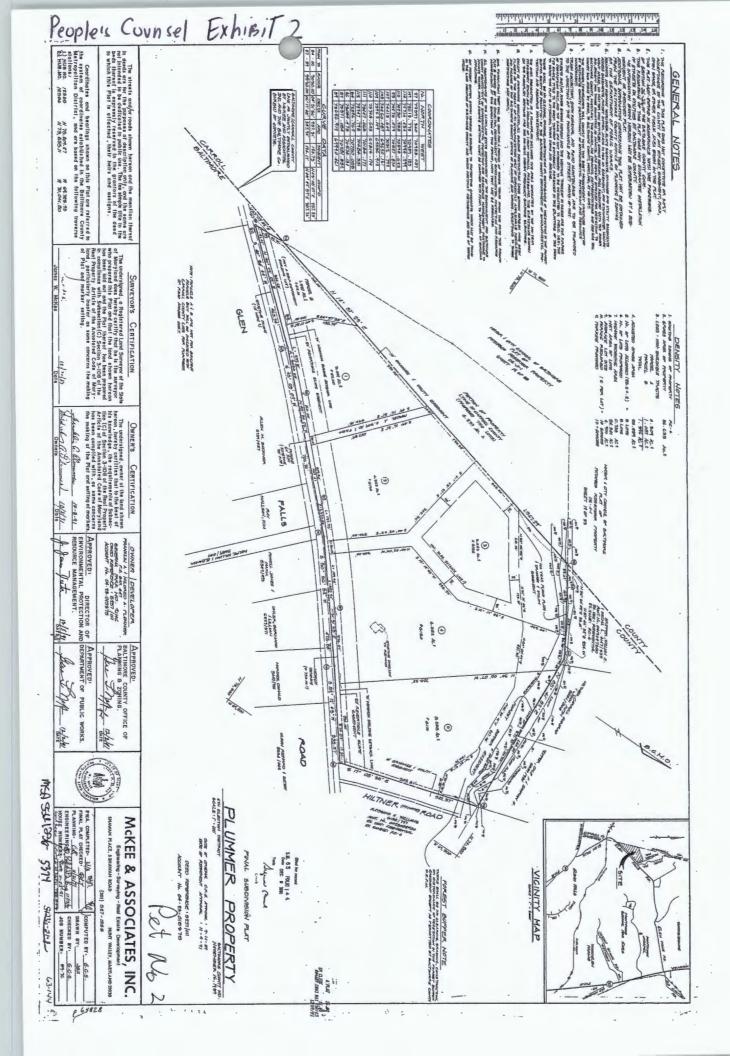
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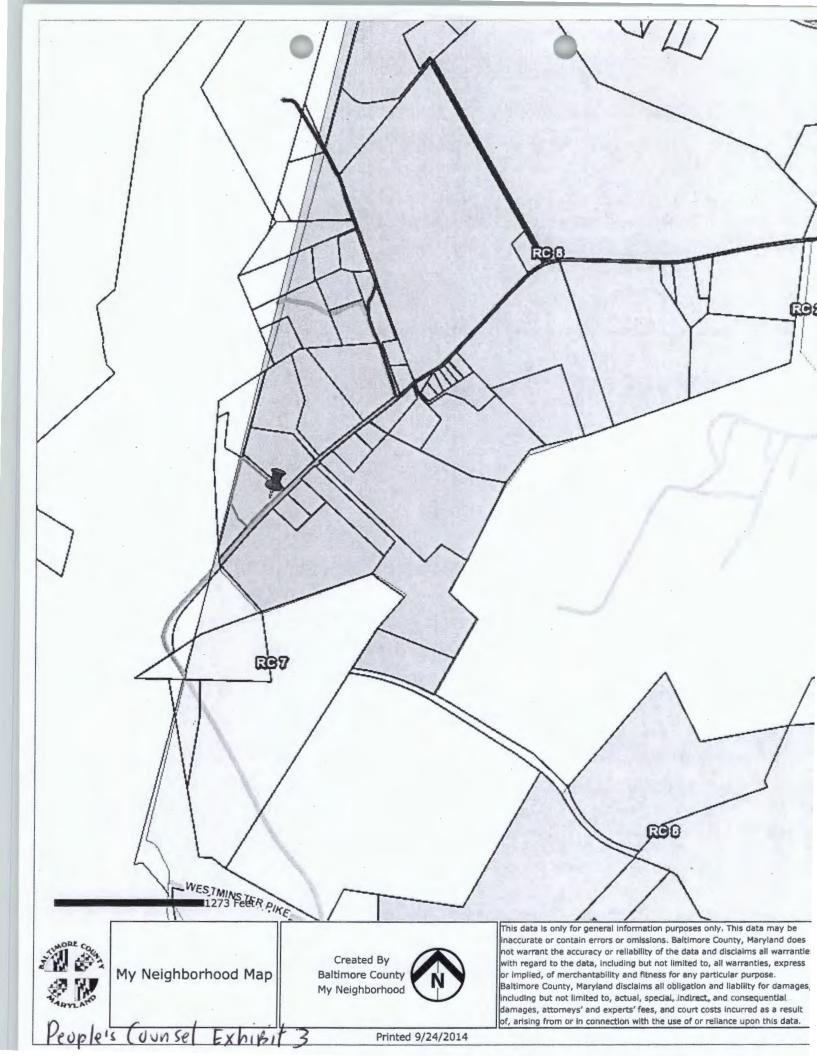
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COUNTY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND Legislative Session 2008, Legislative Day No. 13

Bill No. 87-08

Mr. T. Bryan McIntire. Councilman

By the County Council, August 4, 2008

A BILL ENTITLED

AN ACT concerning

The Comprehensive Zoning Maps - Third District

FOR the purpose of repealing certain existing zoning maps and to adopt an official zoning map for the Third Councilmanic District of Baltimore County, such map to be known as the 2008 Official Comprehensive Third District Councilmanic District Zoning Map for Baltimore County and to supersede any previous zoning maps approved by the County Council of Baltimore County for that particular district.

WHEREAS, under the provisions of Sections 32-3-221 through 32-3-223, Baltimore County Code, 2003, the County Council has received a final report of the Planning Board on the Board's proposed County-wide Comprehensive Zoning Map for Baltimore County and has held public hearings thereon after giving at least 10 working days' notice thereof in a newspaper of general circulation throughout the County, and during the period of such notice the final report of the Planning Board, with accompanying maps and supporting exhibits, were shown and exhibited in the Office of Planning, in each Councilmanic District, and at such other public places as designated by

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the County Council; and after the expiration of such period of notice and hearings, the County Council made certain changes in the Comprehensive Zoning Map for the Third Councilmanic District of Baltimore County which the County Council deemed appropriate; now, therefore

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE

COUNTY, MARYLAND, that the portion of the official zoning map of Baltimore County referred

to in Section 32-1-101 of the Baltimore County Code and now in effect, including any amendments

thereto and comprehensive revisions of portions thereof as it pertains to the Third Councilman

District of Baltimore County, be and it is hereby repealed, and that the boundaries of zones and

districts, as established by the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations, as shown on the Official

Comprehensive Third Councilmanic District Zoning Map for Baltimore County accompanying this

Act, are hereby established.

SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, that the accompanying Official Comprehensive Third Councilmanic District Zoning Map for Baltimore County is hereby adopted and declared to be a part of this Act to the same extent as if it were incorporated herein. The Official Comprehensive Third Councilmanic District Zoning Map is the map described in Section 32-3-202(d) of the Baltimore County Code, the correctness of which is attested to by the signature of the chairman of the Baltimore County Council. When this Act stands enacted, the Director of Permits and Development Management shall thereupon have legal custody of said map.

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People's Counsel Exhibit

COUNTY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND Legislative Session 2004, Legislative Day No. 14

Bill No. 76-04

Mr. T. Bryan McIntire, Councilman

By the County Council, July 6, 2004

A BILL ENTITLED

AN ACT concerning

Land Use and Development - Resource Conservation Zones

FOR the purpose of amending the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations in order to create a new RC 8 zoning classification; adding certain definitions; establishing certain guidelines and use limitations for development; establishing certain permitted uses by right and by special exception; establishing certain area, design, and performance standards and guidelines; establishing certain procedures for the approval of certain permits and plans; permitting certain agricultural operations; and generally relating to the use and development of resource conservation zones.

BY adding

Sections 100.1.A.2, the zoning classification of "R,C. 8 Environmental Enhancement Zone" and 1A09
Baltimore County Zoning Regulations, as amended

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2	COUNTY, MARYLAND, that Sections 100.1.A.2, the zoning classification of "R.C. 8
3	Environmental Enhancement Zone" and 1A09, are hereby added to the Baltimore County Zoning
4	Regulations, as amended, to read as follows:
5	Section 100 Zones and Districts; Boundaries.
6	100.1 Baltimore County is hereby divided into zones and districts in accordance with this
7	section.
8	A. Zones.
9	2. Zones are classified as follows:
10	R.C. 8 ENVIRONMENTAL ENHANCEMENT ZONE
11	SECTION 1A09
12	R.C. 8 (ENVIRONMENTAL ENHANCEMENT) ZONE
13	1A09.1 FINDINGS AND LEGISLATIVE GOALS.
14	A. FINDINGS.
15	1. MASTER PLAN 2010, ADOPTED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL IN
16	FEBRUARY 2000, IDENTIFIES SPECIFIC RESOURCE PRESERVATION AREAS WHERE
17	VALUABLE CULTURAL, HISTORIC, RECREATIONAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL
18	RESOURCES ARE LOCATED AND SHOULD BE PROTECTED FOR THE HEALTH OF
19	THE LOCAL COMMUNITY AND THE COMMUNITY AT LARGE.
20	2. WHILE THE RESOURCE PRESERVATION AREAS IDENTIFIED IN THE
21 .	MASTER PLAN ARE PREDOMINANTLY IN THE RURAL PART OF BALTIMORE
22	COUNTY, THERE ARE CERTAIN AREAS OF ENVIRONMENTAL SIGNIFICANCE THAT

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Baltimore County, MD Wednesday, October 15, 2014

ARTICLE 1A. RESOURCE CONSERVATION ZONES SECTION 1A09. R.C.8 (Environmental Enhancement) Zone § 1A09.1. Findings and legislative goals.

A. Findings.

- Master Plan 2010, adopted by the County Council in February 2000, identifies specific resource preservation
 areas where valuable cultural, historic, recreational and environmental resources are located and should be
 protected for the health of the local community and the community at large.
- While the resource preservation areas identified in the Master Plan are predominantly in the rural part of Baltimore County, there are certain areas of environmental significance that are located throughout Baltimore County that require protection.
- An R.C. 8 Zone allows limited development, compatible with the rural and urban community, and at the same time protects environmental resources.
- 4. The County recognizes the importance of retaining certain areas for environmental protection.
- B. Legislative goals. The Baltimore County Council seeks to achieve the following goals in the R.C. 8 Zone:
 - 1. To preserve and protect total ecosystem function, including riparian and aquatic ecosystems;
 - 2. To protect forests, streams, wetlands and floodplains;
 - To protect the water quality of reservoirs, watercourses, the Chesapeake Bay and regional biodiversity;
 - 4. To respect historic sites in their settings;
 - 5. To provide a quality recreational experience to visitors;
 - To protect remaining prime and productive soils, environmental resources in areas not currently protected by the R.C. 2 or the R.C. 7 Zone;
 - To maintain the unique character of certain rural and urban areas by preserving its natural, environmental, historic, cultural, recreational, scenic, architectural and archaeological resources not protected by the R.C. 7 Zone;
 - To provide for the environmentally sound use of land and forest resources, and to prevent forest fragmentation, especially in areas of extensive interior forest;
 - 9. To implement state and federal mandates for the protection of natural resources and rural legacy;
 - 10. To enhance local character and environmental protection by locating buildings in harmony with site conditions;
 - 11. To preserve the traditional character of communities by limiting the scale and intensity of development;

 To maintain the scale and character of area roads by limiting growth in the volume of traffic generated by local development.

§ 1A09.2. Definitions.

In this section, the following term has the meaning indicated:

BUILDING ENVELOPE

The area on a lot within which all structures except wells, septic systems, stormwater management systems, driveways or fences are permitted to be built.

§ 1A09.3. Permitted uses.

- A. Uses permitted by right. In addition to the uses in Paragraph D of this subsection, the following uses are permitted by right in an R.C. 8 Zone:
 - 1. Dwellings, single-family detached.
 - 2. Farms and limited-acre wholesale flower farms, subject to Section 404.
 - Open space, common.
 - Schools.
 - 5. Streets and ways.
 - Telephone, telegraph, electrical power or other lines or cables, provided that any such line or cable is underground, underground gas mains; shared well and septic systems when approved by the Department of Environmental Protection and Sustainability, or other underground conduits, except interstate pipelines.
 [Bill No. 122-2010]
 - 7. Accessory uses or structures, subject to Section 400, including:
 - a. Farmer's roadside stand and produce stand, subject to Section 404.4;
 - b. Home occupations:
 - c. Offices or studios of physicians, dentists, lawyers, architects, engineers, artists, musicians or other professionals, provided that any such office or studio is established within the same building as that serving the professional person's primary residence; does not occupy more than 25% of the total floor area of that residence; and does not involve the employment of more than one nonresident employee;
 - d. Parking and residential garage space, subject to Section 409;
 - e. Signs, subject to Sections 450 and 1A09.7.C.5; and
 - f. Swimming pools, tennis courts and other recreational amenities, if accessory to a dwelling.
 - 8. Commercial film production, subject to Section 435.
 - Farmstead creamery, subject to the provisions of Section 404.13.
 [Bill No. 34-2009]
- B. Uses permitted by special exception. The following uses only are permitted by special exception in an R.C. 8 Zone:

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BALTIMORE COUNTY ZONING REGULATIONS

ADOPTED BY

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

OF

BALTIMORE COUNTY

March 30, 1955, in accordance with Title 30, Section 532 (c) of the Code of Public Local Laws of Baltimore County (1955 Edition).

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Wilsie H. Adams
Zoning Commissioner

Baltimore County, MD Wednesday, October 15, 2014

ARTICLE 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS SECTION 103. Application of Zoning Regulations § 103.1. Applicability; when effective.

[Resolution, November 21, 1956; Bill Nos. 100-1970; 55-2011]

These regulations shall apply as of the date of their adoption but the provisions pertaining to use, height, area and density of population shall not apply to any development, subdivision or parcel of land, the preliminary plan for which was originally submitted to the (then) Baltimore County Planning Commission (now Planning Board) and approved or tentatively approved (including any approval made subject to any condition or conditions) under the then existing official procedure in Baltimore County, prior to the adoption of these regulations. ^[1] The Zoning Regulations applicable to any such development, subdivision or parcel of land as aforesaid shall be the Zoning Regulations in effect at the time such plan, as aforesaid, was originally submitted to the Baltimore County Planning Commission.

Provided further, however, that the use and development of land in M.L. Zones shall not be affected by the foregoing provision, but development is permitted in accordance with any preliminary development plan approved by the Department of Planning before the effective date of this further proviso, even though such development may be counter to then-current regulations for M.L. Zones, if, on the fifth anniversary of such effective date, construction either is completed or is substantially commenced and diligently being pursued to completion; otherwise, the regulations generally in effect at the time such use or development is to be established shall control. [3]

- [1]: Editor's Note: Refers to the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (BCZR) adopted 3-30-1955.
- [2]: Editor's Note: Formerly the "Office of Planning," this Department was renamed by Bill No. 55-2011, effective 10-16-2011.
- [3]: Editor's Note: M.L. Grandfather Clause. This provision (second paragraph) was added by Bill No. 100-1970, which provided (Section 20) that "any amendments herein . . . shall be effective only upon the adoption by the County Council of any new Zoning Maps on or before March 31, 1971." The subsequent Zoning Maps were passed by the County Council 3-24-1971. However, the bill also states (Section 21) that "this act shall take effect 45 days after its enactment." The bill was enacted 8-5-1970, and the 45th day thereafter was 9-19-1970.

REPORTER'S NOTES TO THE PROPOSED HOME RULE CHARTER OF BALTIMORE COUNTY

By ARTHUR W. MACHEN, JR., Reporter

INTRODUCTION — SCOPE AND PURPOSE OF REPORTER'S NOTES

The Reporter's Notes to the Baltimore County Home Rule Charter constitute unofficial but contemporaneous comment on each section of the Charter.

The Notes are "unofficial" in that they are not to be considered a part of the Charter itself. They are exclusively the responsibility of the Reporter, and any errors, omissions or ambiguities therein should not in any manner be attributed to the Charter Board.

The Notes constitute "contemporaneous comment" in that they are derived from the official records of the Charter Board assembled during the period when the Charter was being drafted. It was the duty of the Reporter to study and evaluate research material and to submit for the consideration of the Charter Board drafts and redrafts of the Charter. The Notes are compiled from this material and these drafts.

During the period when the Charter was being written, meticulous records were preserved which show the evolution of each section, beginning with the first rough draft prepared by the Reporter and ending with the final draft approved by the Board. Minutes of each Board meeting were also maintained, and a number of legal opinions, both written and oral, were delivered by Mr. Kenneth C. Proctor as Legal Counsel. After the adoption of the Charter, these records will be delivered to the appropriate County officials for permanent custody. Meanwhile, they will be preserved by the Charter Board and can be referred to if the need should arise.

People's Exhibited 11

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STATE OF MARYLAND BALTIMORE COUNTY, SS:

TO WIT: George Neubeck

14301 Hanover Pike

Reisterstown, MD 21136

410-833-0893

georgen2008@comcast.net

I hereby swear upon penalty of perjury that I am currently a duly elected member of the Board of Directors & Zoning Committe of the Hanover Road Association, Inc.

George Neubeck

ATTEST:

Hanover Road Association, Inc.

Secretary: Patricia Fallon

President: Paul E. Joyce

DATE: October 16, 2014

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OWNER NAME..... FOLIO, RICHARD M. & TRACEY L.

OWNER ADDRESS..... 463 SILVER CT WESTMINSTER, MD 21158 PAID BY APPLICANT

INSPECTOR INITIALS, 04R

NAME.... ALLAN ACKERMAN COMPANY.. ASHTON VALLEY LTD PARTNERSHIP

ADDRESS1. 31 WALKER AVENUE STE110 ADDRESS2, BALTIMORE, MD 21208

PHONE#... 410-559-0000

LICENSE#.

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ZONING REVIEW

HEARING CHECKLIST

REVISED 4/13/11

This checklist is provided to you, for your information only, and is not to be considered legal advice.

<u>First</u>, and most importantly: You must understand that the relief you request is a quasijudicial decision and you are responsible for meeting the burden of law required by the <u>Baltimore County Zoning Regulations</u> (BCZR). A judicial hearing is an adversary process and, therefore, there may be opposition to your request. During a judicial hearing, the parties will be permitted to testify, present evidence, and cross-examine witnesses. The Office Of Administrative Law will rule on the evidence and testimony to determine whether or not the petition will be granted.

<u>Second</u>: You must understand that if a hearing is required, you are permitted to have representation by an attorney of your choice. You are not required to have an attorney, though it is recommended that you consider obtaining legal representation. <u>If you are incorporated</u>, it is considered a requirement that you be represented by an attorney.

Third: It is strongly recommended that you read and understand the requirements of the BCZR and related policies.

<u>Fourth</u>: No employee of the Department of Permits, Approvals and Inspections (PAI) may provide legal advice to anyone. The representations and opinions of any employee are not to be construed as definitive in any case. Only the decision of the Administrative Law Judge rendered after the statutory required public hearing is considered dispositive in matters relating to the interpretation of the BCZR.

Even though there may not be opposition in a given case, your request may be denied. For further information or to make the <u>required</u> appointment, please contact:



Zoning Review
Department of Permits, Approvals and Inspections
111 West Chesapeake Avenue
Room 111
Towson, MD 21204
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YOU MUST MAKE AN APPOINTMENT TO FILE A PETITION

Call 410-887-3391 to make an appointment and confirm filing fees. Due to the exacting review necessary for petition filing, petitions or revisions will <u>not</u> be processed or accepted if they are just delivered or mailed.

PC Ex 16 14-1854 Richard Folia

AUTHORITY AND PETITIONER'S BURDEN:

All requests for zoning residential lot variances and special hearings are handled by the Department of Permits, Approvals and Inspections (PAI), Bureau of Zoning Review. Applications/forms are available from Zoning Review or online**. Hearings are scheduled before an Administrative Law Judge. The legislation that provides the Judge with the authority is in Sections 307 & 500 of the BCZR. The Director of PAI interprets and enforces the BCZR. Any disagreement with said interpretation may be taken to the Office of Administrative Law per Section 500.7 (BCZR).

** http://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/Agencies/permits/pdm zoning/zonforms.html#forms

Legal representation is recommended in all cases, but in the case of a corporation, it is a requirement. The information that proceeds is provided to give the petitioner a basic understanding of the legal burden of proof that must be satisified prior to the granting of the petition. It is not a substitute for private legal counsel nor should it be construed as legal advice.

Variances: Under the authority of Section 307.1 (BCZR), the Administrative Law Judge, applying the two-step test set forth in <u>Cromwell v. Ward</u>, 100 Md. App. 691 (1995), has the authority to grant variance from the height, area, parking, and sign regulations.

- A. The first step requires the petitioner to prove, to the satisfaction of the hearing officer, that the property whereon structures are to be placed (or uses conducted) is unique, unusual, and different from the surrounding properties such that the uniqueness causes the zoning provision to impact more on the subject property than on the surrounding properties.
- B. The second step of the test requires that the petitioner demonstrate that strict compliance with the BCZR would result in either practical difficulty or unreasonable hardship. The Court of Special Appeals in <u>Anderson v. Board of Appeals</u>, <u>Town of Chesapeake Beach</u>, 22 Md. App. 28, stated:
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 - (iii) Hardship was not the result of applicant's own actions.
 - 2. To provide practical difficulty for an area variance, the following criteria must be met:
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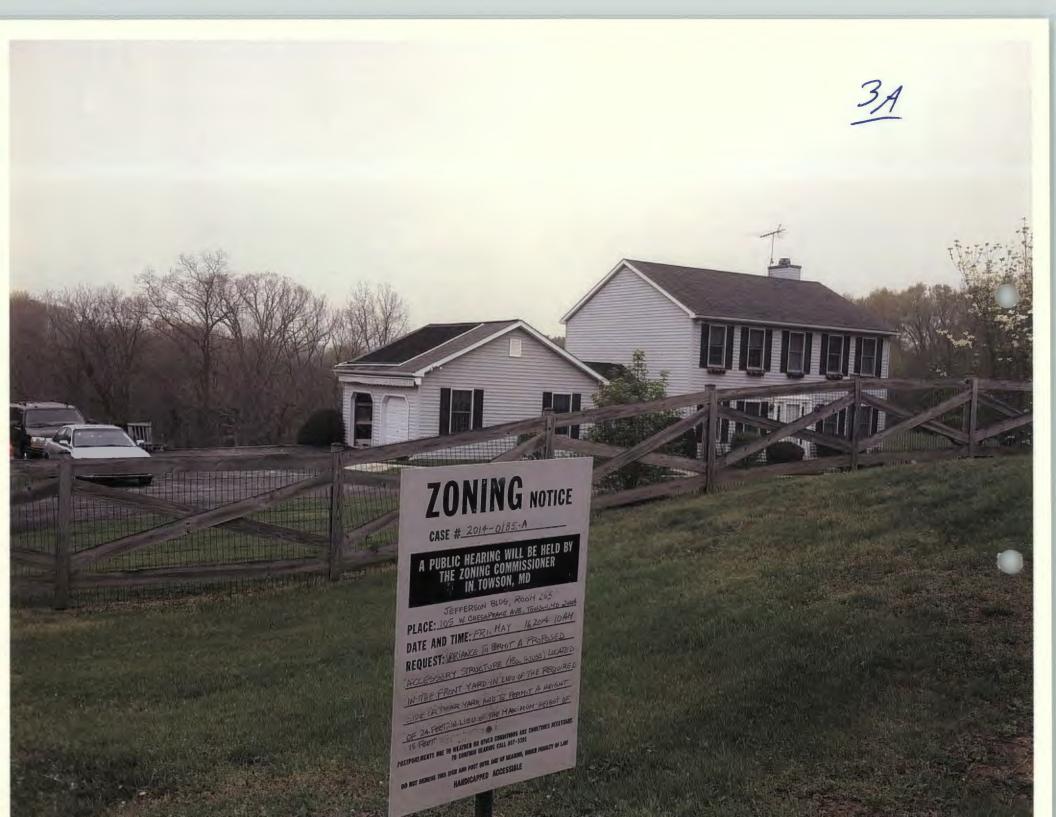
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2. Click here for a glossary of terms.

3. Deleted accounts can only be selected by Property Account Identifier.

4. While we have confidence in the accuracy of these records, the Department makes no warranties, expressed or implied, regarding the information.

PETITIONER'S

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Exhibit Sheet

Petitioner/Developer

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HANOVER ROAD ASSOCIATION INC. "PRESERVING THE RURAL CHARACTER" P.O. BOX 121 UPPERCO, MARYLAND 21155-9998

May 16, 2014

Case Number 2014-0185-A

To Whom It May Concern:

Mr. S. Glenn Elseroad and Mr. Paul E. Joyce have the Hanover Road Association Inc.'s permission to speak for the Association, at the Zoning Hearing concerning 6200 Glen Falls Road on May 16, 2014.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

George Neubeck

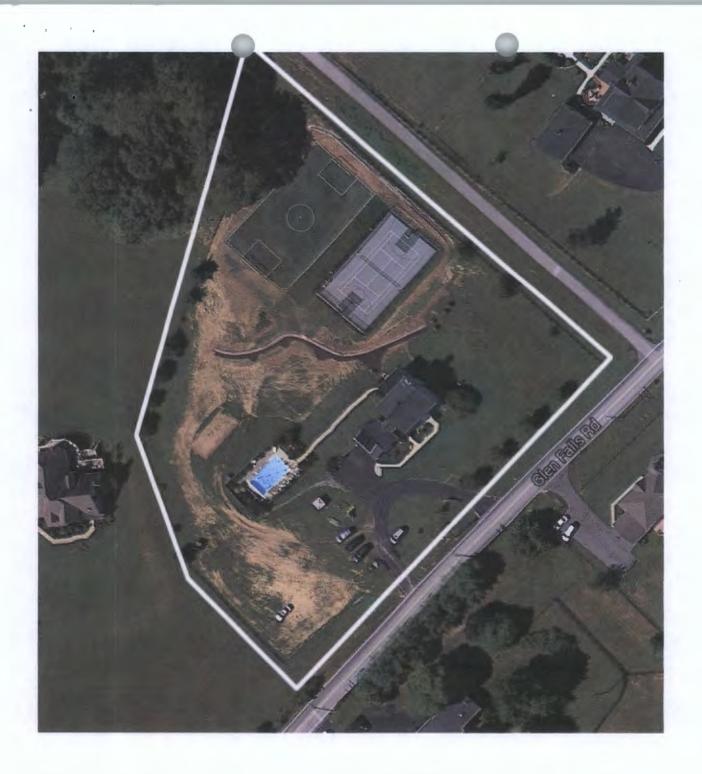
Zoning Committee

Hanover Road Association

CC: Hanover Road Association Inc. Board of Directors

PROTESTANT'S

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MICHAEL L. SNYDER

ATTORNEY AT LAW 5930 Glen Falls Road Reisterstown, MD 21136 410-833-8088

May 12, 2014

Administrative Law Judges of Baltimore County Zoning Review, Room 111 County Office Building 111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, MD 21204

Re:

Case Number: 2014-0185-A

6200 Gen Falls Road

NW/s of Glen Falls Road, 750 ft. SW of centerline of Hiltner Road

4th Election District – 3rd Councilmanic District

Legal Owners: Richard Folio

Dear Judges:

I am a member of the Board of Directors of the Hanover Road Association. Please accept this letter on behalf of the Association.

The subject property is situated within the area of coverage of the Hanover Road Association. The Association has reviewed this matter with several neighbors of the subject property, all of who m are opposed to the requested Variance. Please accept this letter as the Association's formal opposition to the granting of this Variance. It is the Association's opinion that the requested building should be constructed no higher than the maximum height of 15 feet; and that it should be constructed behind the projected line of the front of the dwelling. A homeowner may not create an undue hardship or practical difficulty themselves in order to justify a variance.

The Association is unable to have a member personally attend the May 16th hearing.

Thank you for your consideration of the Association's position.

Very truly yours,

Michael L. Snyder

MLS/ap

PROTESTANT'S

EXHIBIT NO.

C. Robert Holtz 6126 Glen Falls Road Reisterstown, MD 21136 410-526-2927

May 14, 2014

Administrative Law Judges of Baltimore County Zoning Review, Room 111 County Office Building 111 West Chesapeake Avenue

> Re: Case Number 2014-0185-A 6200 Glen Falls Road

Dear Judges:

I am a resident of Glen Falls Road and live approximately 700 feet, North Northeast of subject property.

I ask you take into consideration how a 24' tall structure with a footprint of 32' x 48'will directly and negatively affect the immediate surrounding six properties on Glen Falls Road. As well the effect it will have on all properties just beyond the immediate surrounding properties. One reason the area is so attractive to the neighboring homeowners is the restrictive zoning and rural nature of the community. Adding a dwelling of that size as is proposed, and being located in front of the front foundation wall line of the house will only diminish the values of surrounding properties.

Also, please take into consideration that the proposed building site is zoned R.C.8. On which the property owner has already added a brightly lighted tennis/basketball court and a turf soccer field as well as an in-ground pool (see attached aerial photo). The sum total of these additions appears to be much greater than the 5% of land that R.C.8 allows for impervious surface coverage. Any additional structure will only increase the amount of land that is considered impervious surface and allowed under R.C.8.

I will be unable to attend the hearing in person on the 16th.

Thanks you for your consideration of my letter.

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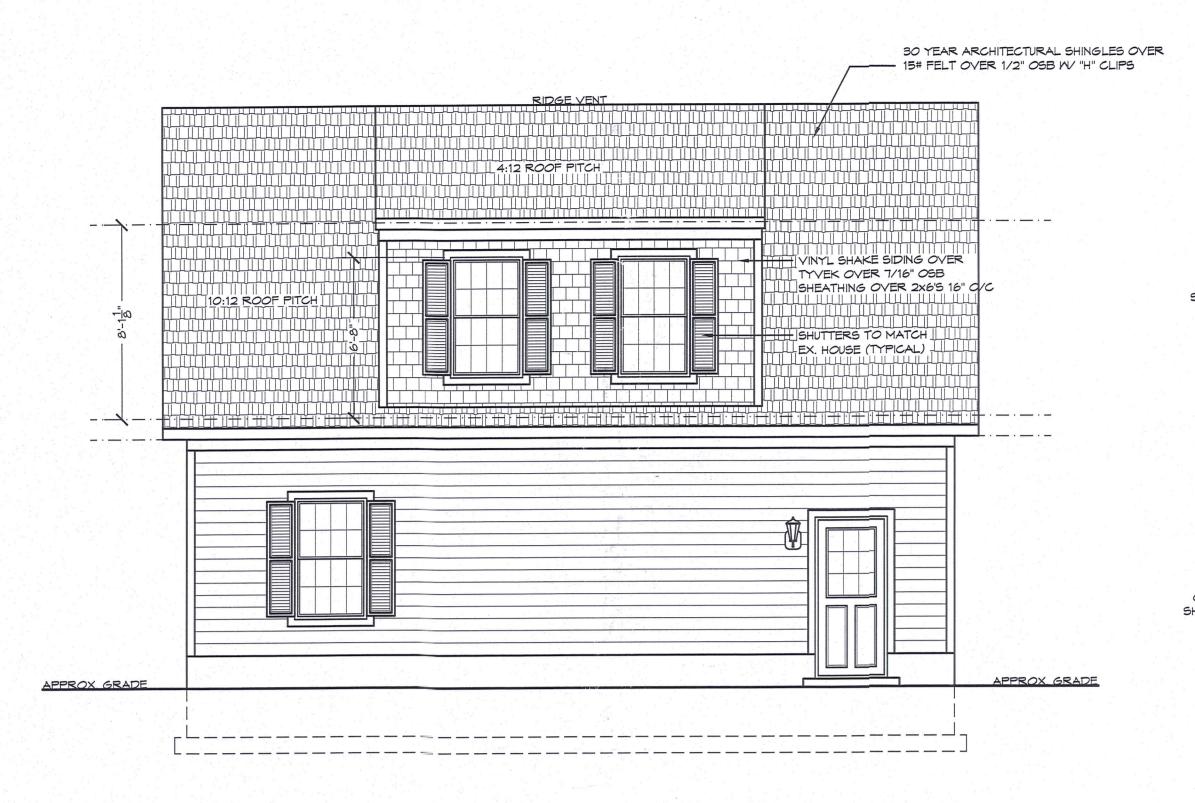
Sincerely

C. Robert Holtz

May 15, 2014 Dear Zoning Commissioner: We are writing to voice our disapproval of the proposed construction of a Pool House at 6200 Glen Falls Road, Reisterstown, Maryland 21136 – a residence owned by Richard Folio. We have already survived the construction of the recreational facilities he has constructed. These facilities increase the noise level and the spotlights light up the front of our house. We believe that the construction of the Pool House would continue to increase the noise level and decrease the property values. It certainly would obstruct the beautiful views we once had and built our home because of, particularly since we live directly across the street. We are wondering where and when this will stop. Sincerely, Frank & Donna Valentine 6215 Glen Falls Road Reisterstown, MD 21136 PROTESTANT'S EXHIBIT NO.



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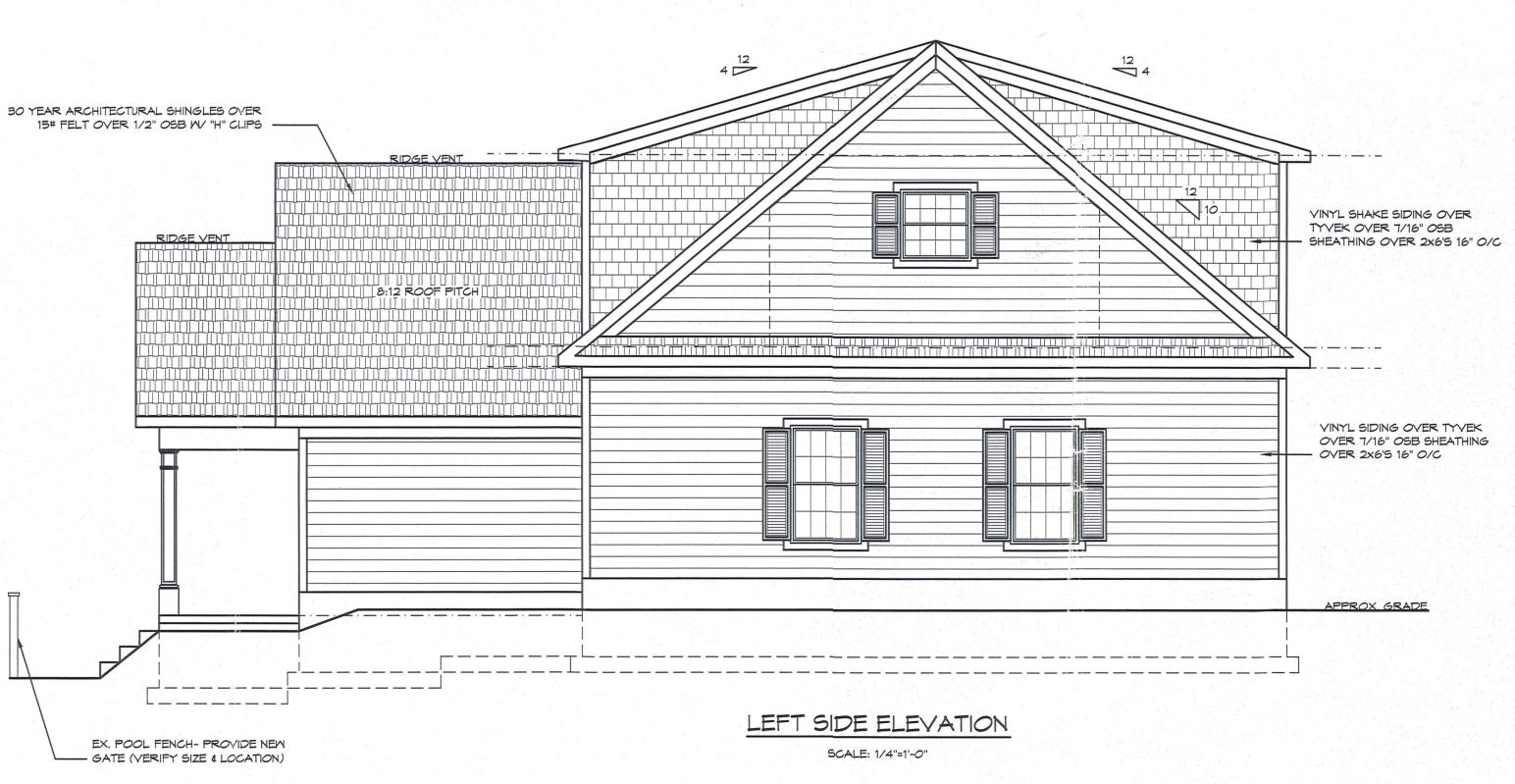
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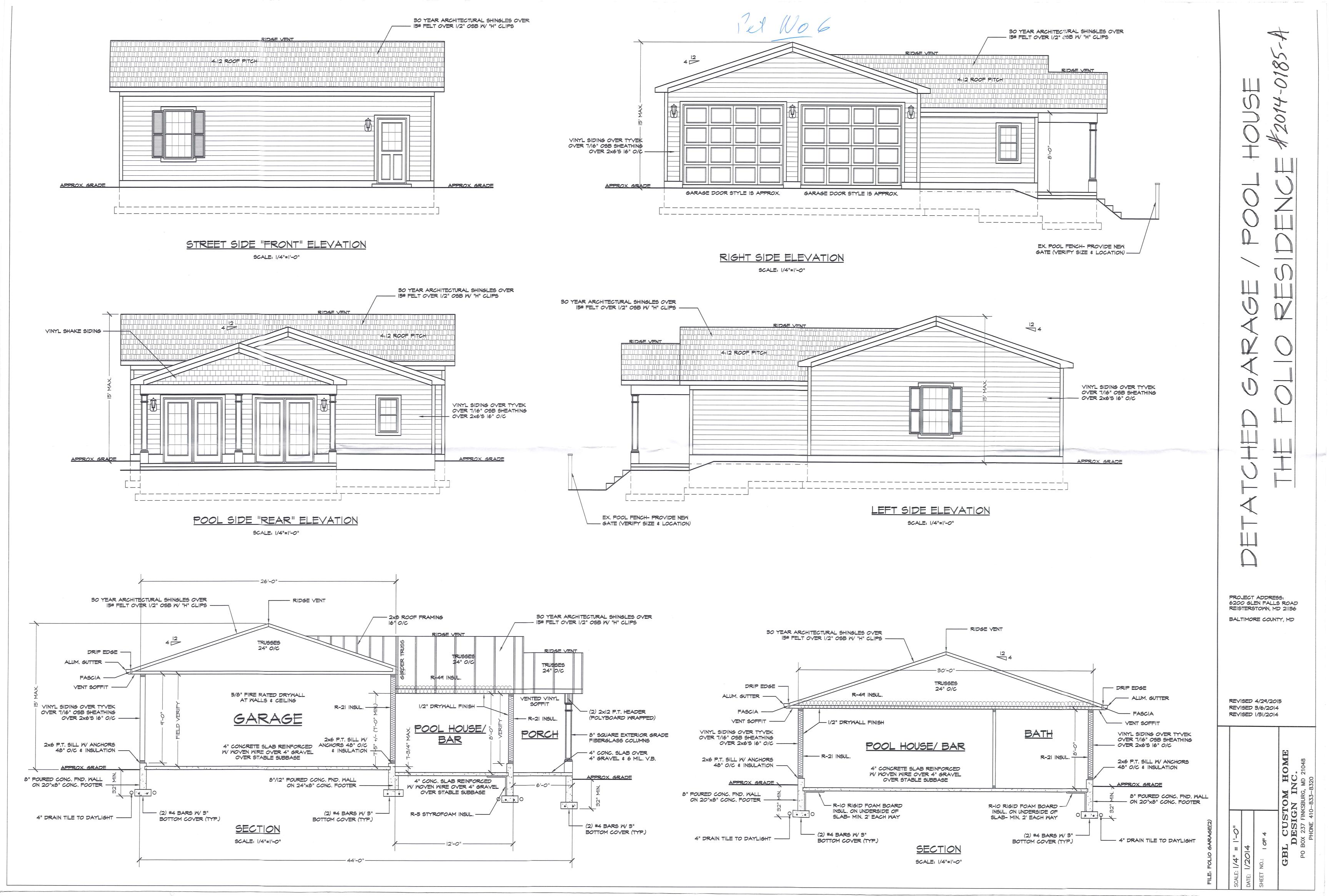
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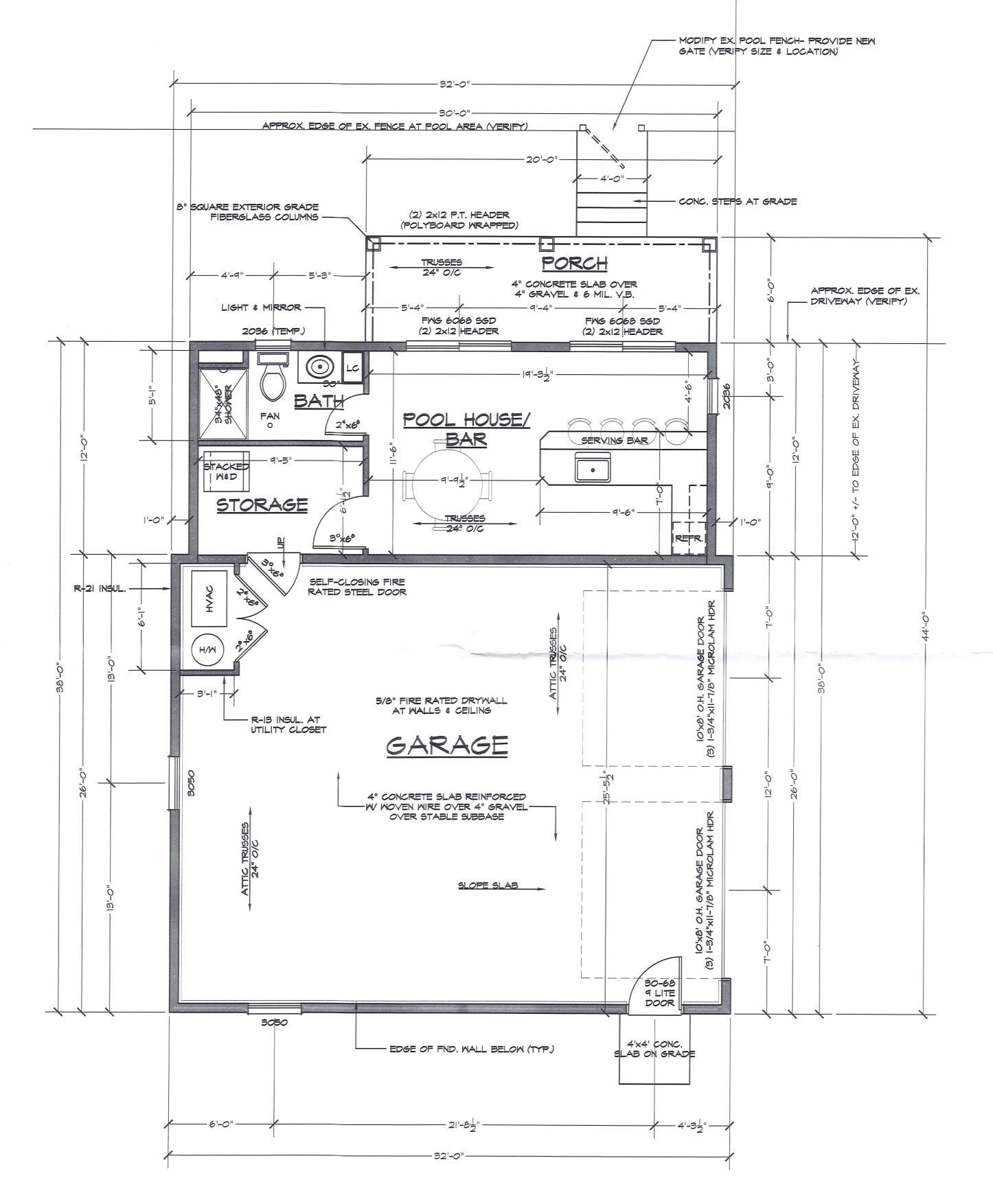
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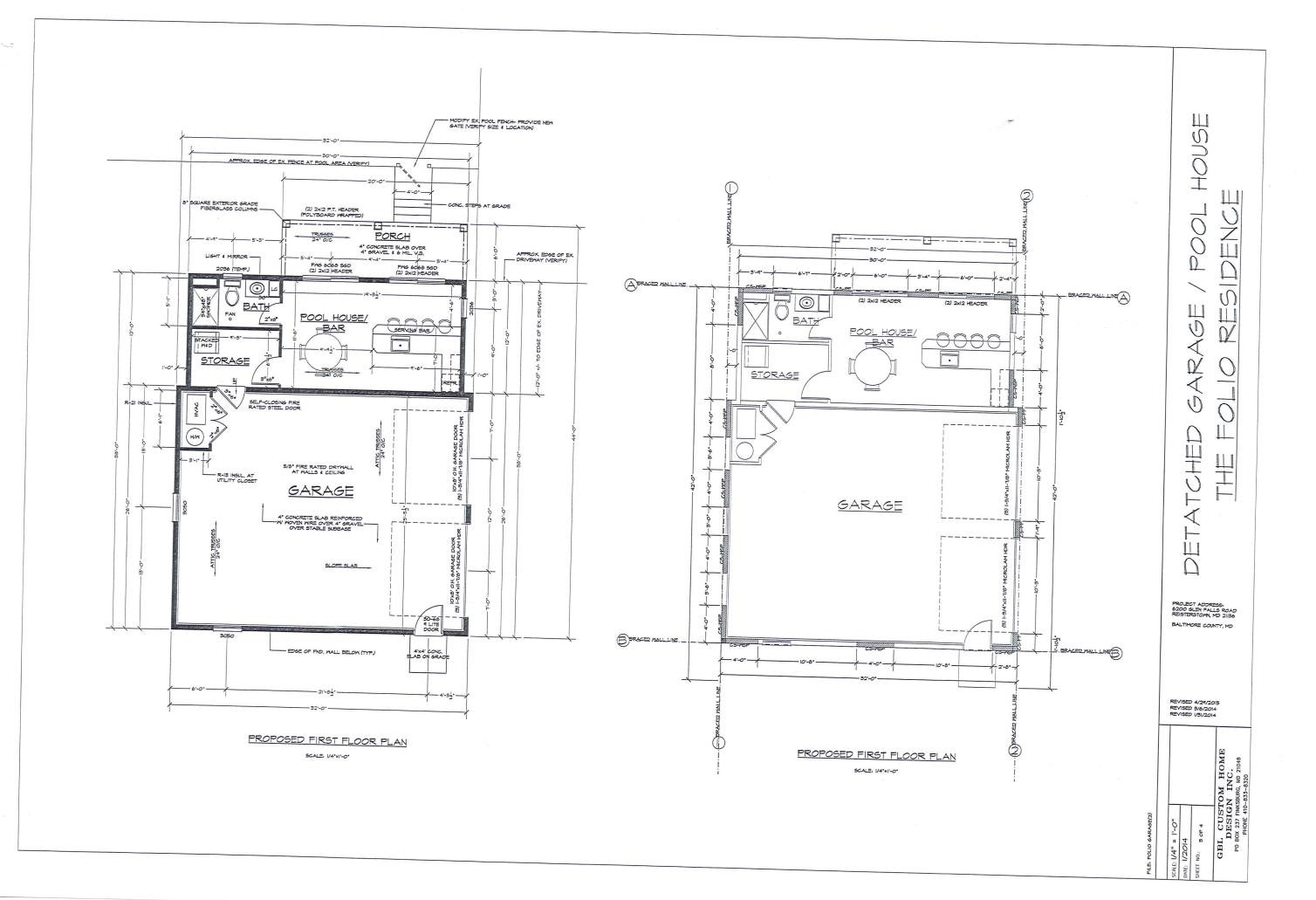
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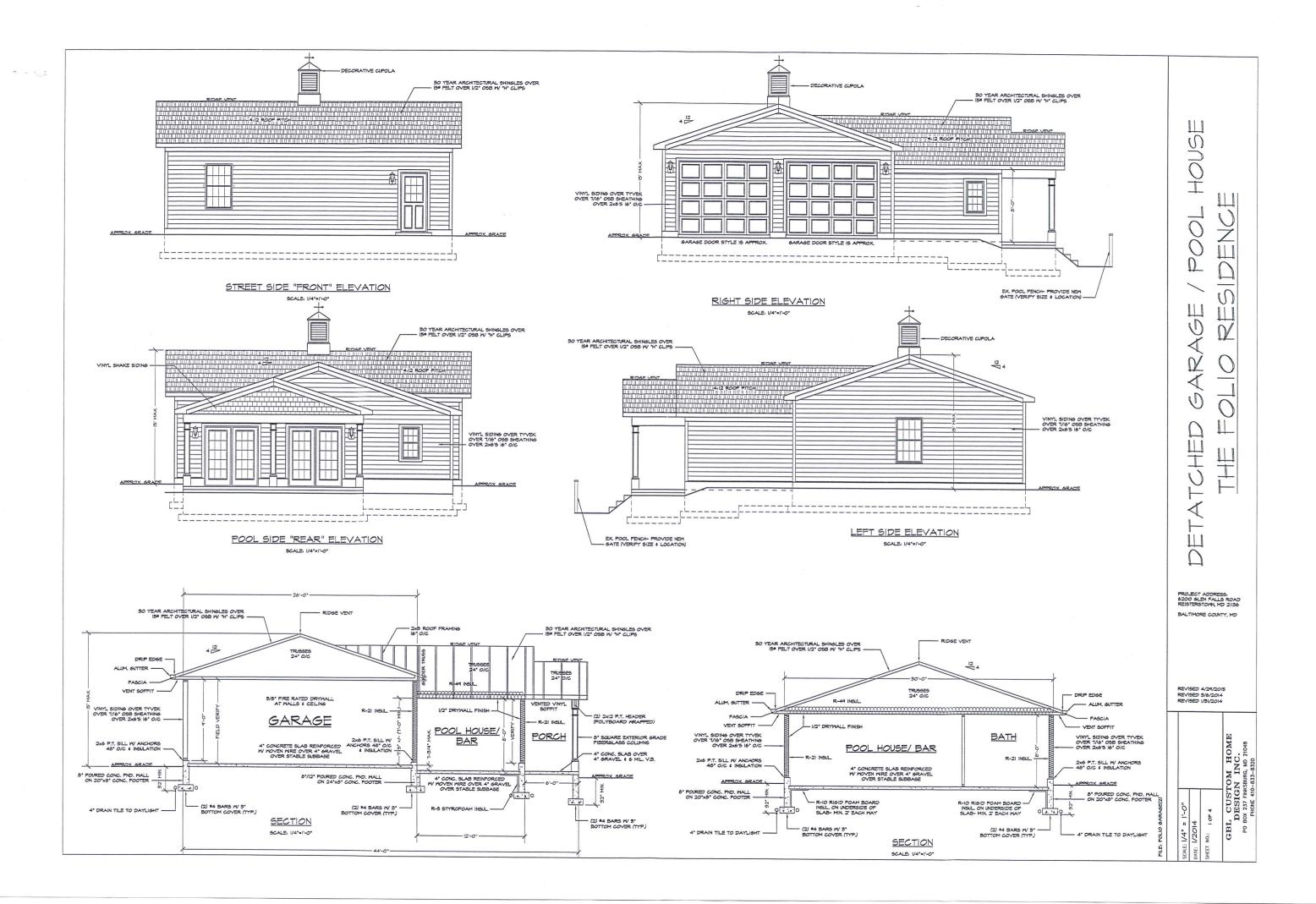
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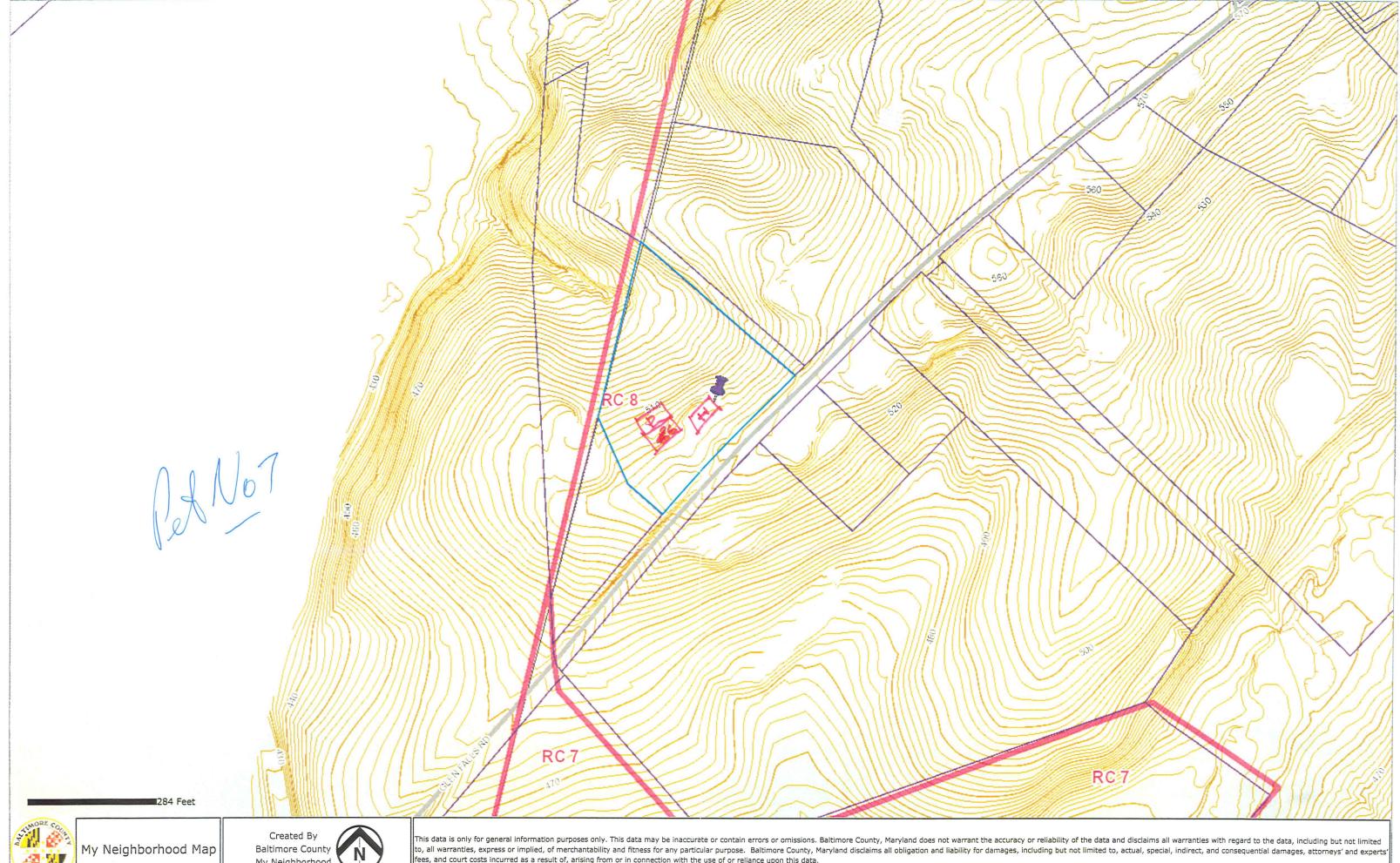
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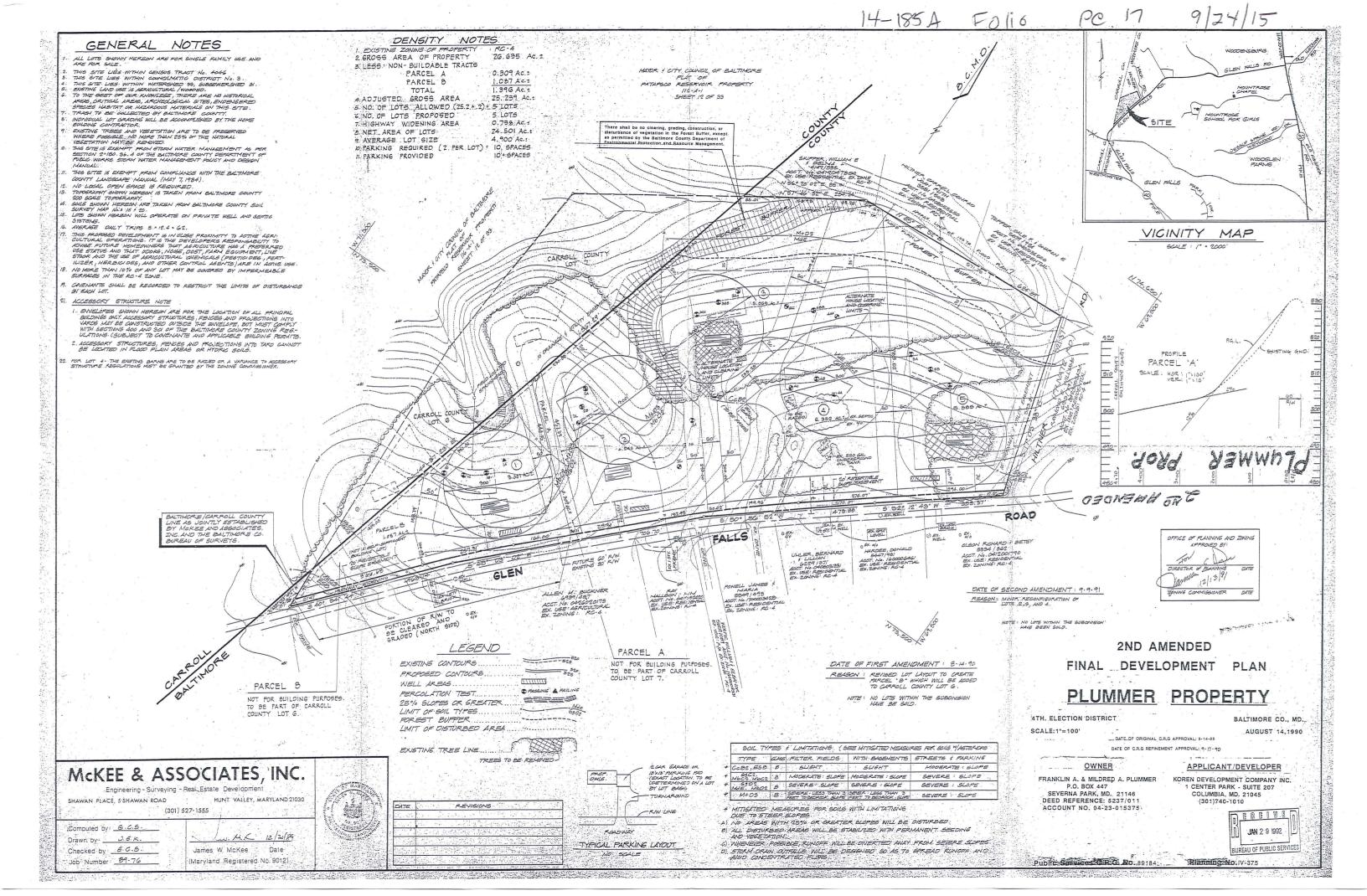






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The streets and/or roads shown hereon and the mention thereof In deeds are for the purposes of description only, and the same are not intended to be dedicated to public use. The fee simple title to the beds thereof is expressly reserved in the grantors of the deed to which this Plat is attached, their heirs and assigns.

Coordinates and bearings shown on this Plat are referred to the system of coordinates established in the Baltimore County Metropolitan District, and are based on the following traverse stations:

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SURVEYOR'S CERTIFICATION

The undersigned, a Registered Land Surveyor of the State of Maryland does hereby certify that he is the surveyor who prepared this Plat and that the land shown hereon has been laid out and the Plat thereof has been prepared in compliance with Subsection (C) Section 3-108 of the Real Property Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, particularly insofar as same concerns the making of Plat and marker setting.

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OWNER'S CERTIFICATION

The undersigned, owner of the land shown hereon, hereby certifies that to the best of his knowledge, the requirements of Subsec-tion (C) of Section 3-108 of the Real Property Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland has been complied with, as same concerns the making of the Plat and setting of markers.

OWNER DEVELOPER FRANKLIN A. F. MILDRED A. FLUMMER P.O. BOX 44T SEVERNA PARK ND. 214G DED REFERENCE: 5227 JOII ACCOUNT No. 04-23-015375

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS.
RESOURCE MANAGEMENT.

APPROVED:

BALTIMORE COUNTY OFFICE OF PLANNING & ZONING.

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SHAWAN PLACE, 5 SHAWAN ROAD HUNT VALLEY, MARYLAND 21030 (301) 527-1555

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