MEMORANDUM

DATE:

March 1, 2016

TO:

Zoning Review Office

FROM:

Office of Administrative Hearings

RE:

Case No. 2016-0115-A- Appeal Period Expired

The appeal period for the above-referenced case expired on February 29, 2016. There being no appeal filed, the subject file is ready for return to the Zoning Review Office and is placed in the 'pick up box.'

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Office of Administrative Hearings

IN RE: PETITION FOR VARIANCE (516 Wilton Road)

9th Election District
5th Council District
Robert K. & Pricilla Brooks Smith,
Legal Owners

Petitioners

* BEFORE THE

* OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE

* HEARINGS FOR

* BALTIMORE COUNTY

* CASE NO. 2016-0115-A

ORDER ON PROTESTANT'S MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION

By Order dated January 12, 2016, Petitioners were granted variance relief in connection with a proposed addition to the rear of their home. Thereafter, the Wiltondale Improvement Association, Inc. (Protestant) filed a Motion for Reconsideration. Protestant notes that the undersigned mistakenly issued the Order without allowing time for written submissions by both parties, as agreed at the conclusion of the hearing. Protestant is correct, and the Motion for Reconsideration was filed in a timely manner.

Having considered the arguments set forth therein, the Protestant's motion will be denied. Protestant contends that the rear addition would come "to within 20" of the rear property line," which is incorrect. The Order granting variance relief permitted a 23 ft. setback in lieu of the required 30 ft. Petitioners' evidence established that their home and one other were the only single family dwellings in the Wiltondale community to have a front-facing attached garage in the side yard, and the Protestant has not presented any evidence to rebut that argument. As such, I believe the property is unique and that Petitioners would experience a practical difficulty if the Regulations were strictly interpreted.

The Protestant noted at the hearing that the grant of variance relief in this case would set a dangerous precedent that could result in similar variances throughout the community. While I

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understand the community's concerns, each zoning case is evaluated on its own facts and merits. In light of the evidence presented it would appear as if only one other property in the community shares the unique attributes of the subject property, which would severely restrict the "precedential" value of this case.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED, this <u>28th</u> day of January, 2016, by this Administrative Law Judge, that the Petition for Variance to permit a rear yard addition with a rear setback of 23 ft. in lieu of the required 30 ft., be and is hereby GRANTED.

The relief granted herein shall be subject to the following:

 Petitioners may apply for necessary permits and/or licenses upon receipt of this Order. However, Petitioners are hereby made aware that proceeding at this time is at their own risk until 30 days from the date hereof, during which time an appeal can be filed by any party. If for whatever reason this Order is reversed, Petitioners would be required to return the subject property to its original condition.

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JOHN E. BEVERUNGEN Administrative Law Judge for

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

January 12 2016

Robert K. and Priscilla Smith 516 Wilton Road Towson, Maryland 21286

Motion For Reconsideration

RE: Petition for Variance

Case No. 2016-0115-A Property: 516 Wilton Road

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Smith:

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

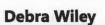
In the event any party finds the decision rendered is unfavorable, any party may file an appeal to the County Board of Appeals within thirty (30) days of the date of this Order. For further information on filing an appeal, please contact the Office of Administrative Hearings at 410-887-3868.

Sincerely.

JOHN E. BEVERUNGEN Administrative Law Judge for Baltimore County

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Lindsay Kinkead, 518 Wilton Road, Towson, MD 21286
 Nathan Raider, Pres., Wiltondale Improvement Association,
 9 Aintree Road, Towson, MD 21286
 John C. Danz, Jr., V.P., Wiltondale Improvement Association,
 649 Sussex Road, Towson, MD 21286
 Fred Ross, 521 Sussex Road, Towson, MD 21286





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From:

John E. Beverungen

Sent:

Tuesday, January 19, 2016 11:49 AM

To:

Debra Wiley

Subject:

FW: 516 Wilton Road - Opposition to Variance

Deb, we sent this order out last week. Can you please put this email in the case file. Thanks.

From: Robert Smith [mailto:rksmith2012@gmail.com]

Sent: Thursday, January 14, 2016 3:23 PM
To: Nathan Raider <NRaider@fedder.com>

Cc: John E. Beverungen < jbeverungen@baltimorecountymd.gov>; Arch@Wiltondale.org

Subject: Re: 516 Wilton Road - Opposition to Variance

Honorable Judge John Beverungen,

This email is in response to the Association's correspondence dated January 13, 2016.

As part of the argument that my request does not meet the "practical difficulty" test in Cromwell v Ward, the Association references 600 Wilton Road and states that I "could convert (my) attached (I think they mean detached) garage to additional living space (one example of a successful garage conversion can be found at 600 Wilton Road)."

I would point out that 600 Wilton is a corner lot and the attached garage (now living space) is actually <u>behind</u> the house (side-street facing). It is not representative of the case in question and cannot be construed to represent the same facts and circumstance as 516 Wilton Road. The existing garage at 516 Wilton cannot be incorporated as living space in a "practical" and certainly not an aesthetically pleasing manner without major cost. Of the 217 houses examined, mine is the only house with space between the garage and main house with a significant front set back. There are no examples of a successful conversion with my facts and circumstances because no other house has the same facts or circumstances.

The Association cites that the footprint of the addition as a percentage of the existing footprint is a concern. I walk around the neighborhood and see additions that double the size of the original house. Because homes in Wiltondale were built in the 1930's and some are small by today's standard, it is not unusual for any addition to represent 60% to 80% if not more of the original footprint.

The Association fears that "we could soon find ourselves surrounded by oversized houses". We have several houses with large additions and some that have doubled the footprint within the confines of the zoning requirement because of the nature of the existing lot. The definition of an "oversized house" that "threatens the welfare" of our neighborhood is unclear and appears arbitrary.

The Association references "a few friendly neighbors that have voiced support for this variance". I would like to point out that despite calling around the neighborhood to locate opposition, the Association was unable to present at the hearing any neighbor who is in opposition. My neighbor on either side and behind me stated in writing their support for the addition as have other neighbors with whom I have shared the plans. Additionally, the neighbor most impacted by the addition appeared at the hearing in support of it. The people who will actually see the addition are in complete support of it.

It is with no pleasure that I find myself in this dispute. Had there been better communication from the start and the Association clearly stated their opposition to any variance, we would probably not be in this discussion. Once the strong opposition became apparent, I would have hoped to have some compromise with the Association, but I understand this is not an option. Again, I thank you for your time in this matter and your consideration of my request. I will await your response and will respect and fully comply with the decision you render.

Sincerely,

Robert and Priscilla Smith

On Wed, Jan 13, 2016 at 1:36 PM, Nathan Raider < NRaider@fedder.com > wrote:

Your Honor,

While the Wiltondale Improvement Association (WIA) respects the effort that the Petioner has put forth in compiling data on garages in the Wiltondale neighborhood, he has still not provided sufficient evidence that this property is "unique and unusual" pertaining to the requested variance to the rear-setback requirements in a DR 5.5 zone. This lot is 8750 square feet (sf), which is larger than the average lot size in Section 1 of the Wiltondale neighborhood. The minimum lot size in a DR 5.5 zone is 6000 sf. The main house is 28 feet (') wide by 27' deep with a footprint of 756 sf, excluding the existing attached porch and attached garage. The back wall of the main house is 44' from the back property line. This distance to the rear property line is fairly typical for Section 1 of Wiltondale. It has been noted that this property has an unusually large front yard, but that should not be accepted as evidence that rear yard is unusually small.

A rear addition extending 14' off the back of this house would be permitted without a variance and the WIA would support such an improvement as long as the design meets the Architectural Guidelines of our deed restricted community. A 14' rear addition would net approximately 364 sf, or a 48% increase in the footprint of the house. The WIA feels strongly that this is the size of the addition that would be reasonable and appropriate for this property. A 7.5' deck would also be permitted without a variance under this scenario, and WIA would support adding the deck in this hypothetical case as long as it conforms to the Architectural Guidelines as well.

However, the Petitioner is proposing a rear addition that would extend 24' behind the footprint of the main house coming to within 20' of the rear property line, violating the 30' rear setback requirement by 10'. The deck shown on the Petitioner's plans would extend an additional 6' into the rear yard coming to within 14' of the rear property line, and violating the 22.5' setback required for decks by 8.5'. (See attached redlined site plan that clarifies the dimensions in accordance with the Petitioner's proposed building plans.) The proposed addition would add 573 sf, or a 76% increase to the footprint of the main house. If you refer to the Baltimore County GIS maps, most of the properties in Section 1 of Wiltondale would require a rear setback variance in order to build a 24' addition. And for that reason, WIA can't accept that this property meets the Cromwell v. Ward (1995) burden of uniqueness when there is no evidence to support this argument.

Even if your judicial review does find that the property qualifies as unique in some way, the Petitioner has not demonstrated that strict compliance with the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (BCZR) would create a "practical difficulty" for the Petitioner, which is the second test established in <u>Cromwell v. Ward</u>. The Petitioner purchased this property in 2012, and the BCZR were in place at the time of acquisition and the setback requirements have not changed since then. As an alternative to the requested variance, the Petitioner has the option to build a rear addition and deck

using dimensions that would not require a variance, or he could convert his attached garage to additional living space (one example of a successful garage conversion can be found at 600 Wilton Road), or both. There can be no "practical difficulty" if other viable options for reasonable expansion exist and many other properties in Section 1 of Wiltondale have managed to construct reasonably-sized additions under the same zoning constraints without requiring a variance. Furthermore, there is no evidence of functional obsolescence for this property, and compliance with the BCZR will not unreasonably prevent the Petitioner's use of this property.

If this petition for a variance is approved, it will set a precedent that could threaten the welfare our community. If this property is determined to be unique, then most of the properties in Section 1 of Wiltondale will also qualify (violating the very definition of the word "unique"), and we could soon find ourselves surrounded by oversized houses that do not fit on their respective lots. While there may be a few friendly neighbors that have voiced support for this variance, the WIA represents the interests of all 372 homeowners who are members of the association, including the Petitioner. Our neighborhood bylaws delegate all zoning matters to the association's Board of Directors, and the Board is unanimously opposed to this petition.

In conclusion, the WIA strongly opposes this petition for a variance because it violates the spirit and intent of the BCZR.

Regards,

WILTONDALE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION, INC.

Nathan M. Raider

President

President@wiltondale.org

From: Robert Smith [mailto:rksmith2012@gmail.com]

Sent: Monday, January 11, 2016 11:44 AM

To: John E. Beverungen
Cc: president@wiltondale.org
Subject: Re: correct email

Dear Sir,

This correspondence is a follow up to the Hearing of January 8, 2016 for Case 2106-0115, a variance request for 516 Wilton Road, Towson, Maryland 21286. In addition to statements, documents and photographs previously presented, please find additional support for the above referenced case requesting a variance due to the unique nature of the property and how the house was originally constructed on the lot.

The Wiltondale neighborhood is recorded in three plats: Plat 1, Plat 2, and Plat 3 recorded in 1936, 1939, and 1937 respectively. The property under discussion is in Plate 1. For the purposes of the attached analysis which is summarized below, I included houses on the north side of Stevenson Lane and heading north, houses on both sides of Yarmouth Road, Wilton Road, and Sussex Road. The houses included in this analysis include all houses in Plat 1 (except those facing York Road) and approximately 58% of the houses in Plate 2. The remaining houses in Plate 2 and those in Plat 3 are not unlike those in the provided analysis. A portion of Plat 2 and all of Plat 3 is "Upper Wiltondale" which has somewhat wider streets and in some cases larger lots and homes. But in general the attached analysis represents the neighborhood at large.

The attached analysis shows that most of the houses built in the neighborhood were constructed to facilitate an addition on the side of the house or in the back. Of the 217 properties examined 92 or 42.4% have no garage, 65 or 29.95% have garages behind the house, 37 or 17.05% have garages under the house, and 21 or 9.68% have garages attached to the house. Only two (2) houses or 1% of the total, my house being one of the two, have a front facing garage on the side of the house with space between the house and the garage. My house is connected with a brick arch (see photos below) and the other house (604 Wilton-See photos below) has a small gable roof connecting the house to the garage.

Two-hundred and fifteen houses (215) which represent 99% of all houses examined more easily facilitate additions. The 81 houses with no garages have room on the side and or back depending on how the house is situated. The 64 houses with garages behind the house are able to have a side and or rear addition. The 34 houses with garages under the house has allowed for living space to be constructed above the garage and allows for an addition in the back. And the 20 houses with garages attached to the house are able to convert the garage to living space (as some have done), and to build above the garage structure or in the back.

The two houses with a non-attached garage on the side of the house have limited ability to convert the garage space to living space or to build above the garage since this is non-contiguous space to the main house. Additionally it would change the character of the house, negatively impact the street-scape, hurt the value of neighboring homes and be wasteful to raze a functioning brick or stone garage not to mention that it would be cost prohibitive. The logical option for an addition for these two houses is in the rear. Of the two houses that represent the 1% of the houses included in this analysis, only 516 Wilton has a front set back that negatively impacts the ability to add a reasonably-sized family room addition on the rear of the house. The other house, 604 Wilton Road (see picture below) has a front set back significantly less.

In summary, I would like to say that the two houses with a non-attached garage on the side of the house are precluded from or significantly limited in the ability to build on the side of the property. Faced with the prospect of building in the rear of the house, 516 Wilton additionally faces a set-back challenge due to the limited space

available behind the house. For these reasons, we conclude the property is unique and we respectfully request a variance.

While it may or may not have any bearing on the case, I wanted to mention that from the start my wife and I were unsure if we wanted the deck on the back of the addition; but, we submitted the plans as drafted by the architect so we would only need to go through the zoning process once should we have decided to include the deck at the time of construction or in the future. A few weeks back, my wife and I decided that we would not include the deck. We will have a set of stairs but have concluded we do not need the deck since we will have a small patio or seating area in the back yard.

In closing, I thank you for your consideration in this matter and will be happy to provide any additional information you may need.

Attachment: Wiltondale Garage Analysis

Photos: Below

604 Wilton Road one of the two houses out of 217 that is on the side of the house and not connected

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Please note that 604 Wilton (above) sits much closer to the sidewalk/road than 516 Wilton (below).

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On Fri, Jan 8, 2016 at 10:47 AM, John E. Beverungen < jbeverungen@baltimorecountymd.gov > wrote:

This is the correct email to use if you choose to submit anything further.

John Beverungen

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CONNECT WITH BALTIMORE COUNTY



IN RE: PETITION FOR VARIANCE (516 Wilton Road)

9th Election District
5th Council District
Robert K. & Pricilla Brooks Smith,
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* BEFORE THE

OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE

* HEARINGS FOR

* BALTIMORE COUNTY

* CASE NO. 2016-0115-A

OPINION AND ORDER

This matter comes before the Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH) as a Petition for Variance filed for property located at 516 Wilton Road. Petitioners are requesting variance relief from Section 1B01.2.C.1.b of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.) to permit a rear yard addition and deck with a rear setback of 14 ft. in lieu of the required 22.5 ft. The Petitioners indicated they no longer plan to construct a deck attached to the proposed rear yard addition. As such, the variance request is for a 23 ft. setback in lieu of the required 30 ft. While not dispositive, the modified request proposes a larger setback (and therefore a more modest variance request) which is a factor in evaluating the petition.

This matter was originally filed as an Administrative Variance, with a closing date of November 30, 2015. On November 24, 2015, Wiltondale Improvement Association requested a hearing. The hearing was held on Friday, January 8, 2016 at 10:00 AM 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.

The subject property is approximately 8,750 square feet and is zoned DR 5.5. The property is improved with a single-family dwelling constructed in 1941. Petitioners have a large family and would like to construct an addition in the rear of the dwelling, but require zoning relief to do

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so. The community association opposes the request and believes the setbacks required by the B.C.Z.R. should be enforced.

A variance request involves a two-step process, summarized as follows:

- (1) It must be shown the property is unique in a manner which makes it unlike surrounding properties, and that uniqueness or peculiarity necessitates variance relief; and
- (2) If variance relief is denied, petitioner will experience a practical difficulty or hardship.

Cromwell v. Ward, 102 Md. App. 691 (1995).

Petitioners have met this test. Following the hearing, Petitioners submitted an analysis of over 200 single-family dwellings in the Wiltondale community. While many homes had garages, only two homes (Petitioners' and 604 Wilton) had a front facing attached garage in the side yard. This attribute renders the property unique, and also drives the need for variance relief since the side yard is the only realistic and palatable option for expansion of the home, and doing so would require Petitioners to raze the existing garage. If the B.C.Z.R. were strictly interpreted, Petitioners would experience a practical difficulty, given they would not be able to construct the addition to provide additional living space for their large family. Finally, I find that the variance can be granted in harmony with the spirit and intent of the B.C.Z.R., and in such manner as to grant relief without injury to the public health, safety, and general welfare.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED, this <u>12th</u> day of **January**, **2016**, by this Administrative Law Judge, that the Petition for Variance to permit a rear yard addition with a rear setback of 23 ft. in lieu of the required 30 ft., be and is hereby GRANTED.

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JOHN E BEVERUNGEN Administrative Law Judge for

Baltimore County

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

January 12, 2016

Robert K. and Priscilla Smith 516 Wilton Road Towson, Maryland 21286

RE:

Petition for Variance

Case No. 2016-0115-A Property: 516 Wilton Road

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Smith:

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Sincerely,

JOHN E. BEVERUNGEN Administrative Law Judge for Baltimore County

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c: Jay & Jessica Fox, 1850 Sorrel Ridge Lane, New Freedom, PA 17349
 Lindsay Kinkead, 518 Wilton Road, Towson, MD 21286
 Nathan Raider, Pres., Wiltondale Improvement Association,
 9 Aintree Road, Towson, MD 21286
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 Fred Ross, 521 Sussex Road, Towson, MD 21286



ADICUSTRATIVE ZONING PICTON FOR ADMINISTRATIVE VARIANCE - OR - ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIAL HEARING

To be filed with the Department of	Permits, Approvals and Inspections
	or Baltimore County for the property located at:
	on Mo. 4286 Currently zoned DR 5-5
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(THIS AFFIDAVIT IS NOT REQUIRED FOR AN HISTORIC ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIAL HEARING)

The undersigned hereby affirms under the penalties of perjury and upon personal knowledge to the Administrative Law Judge for Baltimore County, that the information herein given is true and correct and that the undersigned is/are competent to testify in the event that a public hearing is scheduled in the future with regard thereto. In addition, the undersigned hereby affirms that the property is not the subject of an active Code Enforcement case and that the residential property described below is owned and occupied by the undersigned.

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ZONING PROPERTY DESCRIPTION FOR 516 WILTON RD. TOWSON, MD. 21286

Being Lot 122, Section 1, in the subdivision of Wiltondale, as recorded in the Baltimore County Plat Book #0008, Folio #0057, containing a total of 8750 square feet. Located in the 9th Election District, and 5th Council District.

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FORMAL DEMAND FOR HEARING

CASE NUMBER: <u>2016 - 0115 - A</u>
Address: 516 Witton Road
Petitioner(s): Priscilla & Robert Smith
TO THE ZONING COMMISSIONER OF BALTIMORE COUNTY:
Name - Type or Print Association
() Legal Owner OR (Resident of
649 SUSSEX Road Address
Towson MD 21286
City State Zip Code
410-825-6252
Telephone Number
which is located approximately
Signature Date
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DEPARTMENT OF PERMITS, APPROVALS AND INSPECTIONS ZONING REVIEW

ADVERTISING REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES FOR ZONING HEARINGS

The <u>Baltimore County Zoning Regulations</u> (BCZR) require that notice be given to the general public/neighboring property owners relative to property which is the subject of an upcoming zoning hearing. For those petitions which require a public hearing, this notice is accomplished by posting a sign on the property (responsibility of the petitioner) and placement of a notice in a newspaper of general circulation in the County, both at least fifteen (15) days before the hearing.

Zoning Review will ensure that the legal requirements for advertising are satisfied. However, the petitioner is responsible for the costs associated with these requirements. The newspaper will bill the person listed below for the advertising. This advertising is due upon receipt and should be remitted directly to the newspaper.

OPINIONS MAY NOT BE ISSUED UNTIL ALL ADVERTISING COSTS ARE PAID.

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Petitioner: SMITH
Address or Location: 516 WILTON ROAD
PLEASE FORWARD ADVERTISING BILL TO:
Name: JAY FOX
Address: 1850 SURREL RIDGE LANE
NEW PREEDOM, PA. 17349
elephone Number: 443-777-4486

ADMINISTRATIVE VARIANCE INFORMATION SHEET AND DATES

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Case Number 2016- 0115 -A Address 516 WILTON RD.				
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Filing Date: 11 5 15 Posting Date: 11 15 15 Closing Date: 11 30 15				
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. DEADLINE: 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.				
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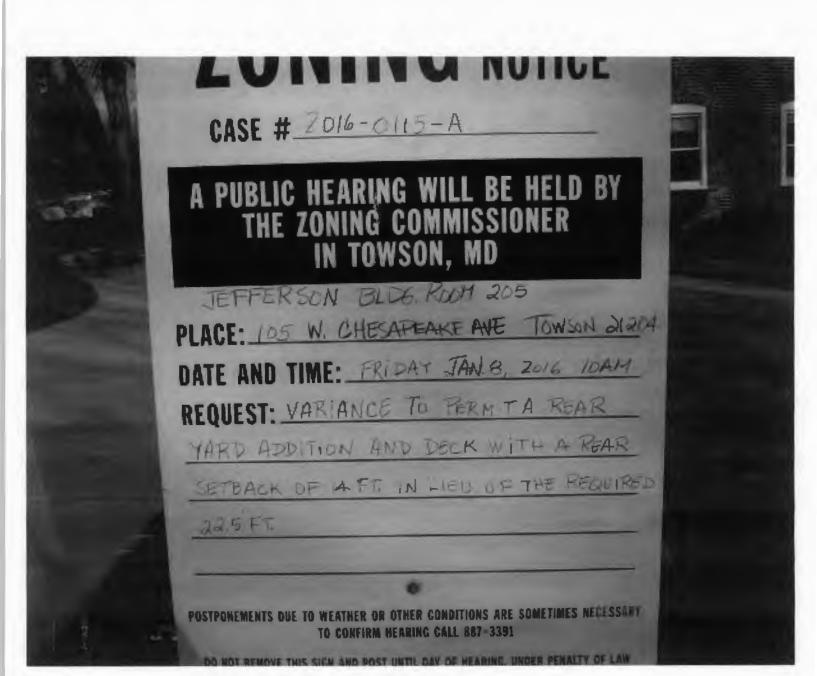
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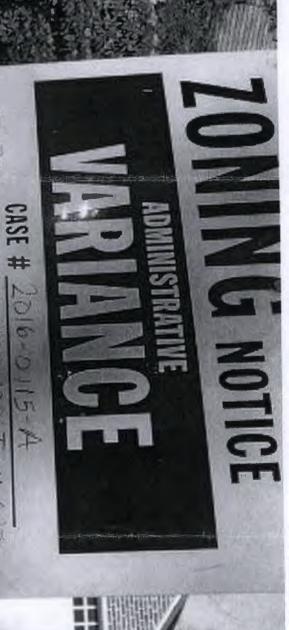
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OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

RE:

MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION

Case No. 2016-0115-A Property: 516 Wilton Road

Your Honor,

During the hearing on 1/8/16 for the above referenced case number 2016-0115-A for 516 Wilton Road, you instructed both the Petitioner and the Opposition to e-mail any additional evidence to your attention within one week of the hearing date. The one week deadline expired on 1/15/16. The Petitioner e-mailed additional evidence for your consideration on 1/11/16, and the Opposition e-mailed a response to that additional evidence on 1/13/16. However, we received your ruling dated 1/12/16 and postmarked 1/13/16, which was prior to the deadline that all parties agreed to at the hearing. Your ruling references the additional evidence provided by the Petitioner on 1/11/16 but does not consider the evidence submitted by the Opposition on 1/13/16, because the ruling was issued prior to your receipt of the evidence provided by the Opposition. We respectfully request that you accept this Motion for Reconsideration so that you can reopen this case and review the additional evidence provided by the Opposition via e-mail. Attached please find a print-out of the additional evidence that was sent via e-mail for your review and consideration.

Respectfully,

WILTONDALE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION, INC.

Nathan M. Raider

President

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Robert K. and Priscilla Smith, 516 Wilton Road, Towson, MD 21286 Jay and Jessica Fox, 1850 Sorrel Ridge Lane, New Freedom, PA 17349 Lindsay Kinkhead, 518 Wilton Road, Towson, MD 21286 John C. Danz, Jr., VP, Wiltondale Improvement Association, Inc. 649 Sussex Road, Towson, MD 21286

Fred Ross, 521 Sussex Road, Towson, MD 21286

Nathan Raider

From: Nathan Raider

Sent: Wednesday, January 13, 2016 1:36 PM

To: 'John E. Beverungen'

Cc: Robert Smith (rksmith2012@gmail.com); Arch@Wiltondale.org

Subject: RE: 516 Wilton Road - Opposition to Variance

Attachments: 516 Wilton.pdf

Your Honor,

While the Wiltondale Improvement Association (WIA) respects the effort that the Petioner has put forth in compiling data on garages in the Wiltondale neighborhood, he has still not provided sufficient evidence that this property is "unique and unusual" pertaining to the requested variance to the rear-setback requirements in a DR 5.5 zone. This lot is 8750 square feet (sf), which is larger than the average lot size in Section 1 of the Wiltondale neighborhood. The minimum lot size in a DR 5.5 zone is 6000 sf. The main house is 28 feet (') wide by 27' deep with a footprint of 756 sf, excluding the existing attached porch and attached garage. The back wall of the main house is 44' from the back property line. This distance to the rear property line is fairly typical for Section 1 of Wiltondale. It has been noted that this property has an unusually large front yard, but that should not be accepted as evidence that rear yard is unusually small.

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In conclusion, the WIA strongly opposes this petition for a variance because it violates the spirit and intent of the BCZR.

Regards,
WILTONDALE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION, INC.
Nathan M. Raider
President
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From: Robert Smith [mailto:rksmith2012@gmail.com]

Sent: Monday, January 11, 2016 11:44 AM

To: John E. Beverungen
Cc: president@wiltondale.org
Subject: Re: correct email

Dear Sir,

This correspondence is a follow up to the Hearing of January 8, 2016 for Case 2106-0115, a variance request for 516 Wilton Road, Towson, Maryland 21286. In addition to statements, documents and photographs previously presented, please find additional support for the above referenced case requesting a variance due to the unique nature of the property and how the house was originally constructed on the lot.

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house is connected with a brick arch (see photos below) and the other house (o04 Wilton-See photos below) has a small gable roof connecting the house to the garage.

Two-hundred and fifteen houses (215) which represent 99% of all houses examined more easily facilitate additions. The 81 houses with no garages have room on the side and or back depending on how the house is situated. The 64 houses with garages behind the house are able to have a side and or rear addition. The 34 houses with garages under the house has allowed for living space to be constructed above the garage and allows for an addition in the back. And the 20 houses with garages attached to the house are able to convert the garage to living space (as some have done), and to build above the garage structure or in the back.

The two houses with a non-attached garage on the side of the house have limited ability to convert the garage space to living space or to build above the garage since this is non-contiguous space to the main house. Additionally it would change the character of the house, negatively impact the street-scape, hurt the value of neighboring homes and be wasteful to raze a functioning brick or stone garage not to mention that it would be cost prohibitive. The logical option for an addition for these two houses is in the rear. Of the two houses that represent the 1% of the houses included in this analysis, only 516 Wilton has a front set back that negatively impacts the ability to add a reasonably-sized family room addition on the rear of the house. The other house, 604 Wilton Road (see picture below) has a front set back significantly less.

In summary, I would like to say that the two houses with a non-attached garage on the side of the house are precluded from or significantly limited in the ability to build on the side of the property. Faced with the prospect of building in the rear of the house, 516 Wilton additionally faces a set-back challenge due to the limited space available behind the house. For these reasons, we conclude the property is unique and we respectfully request a variance.

While it may or may not have any bearing on the case, I wanted to mention that from the start my wife and I were unsure if we wanted the deck on the back of the addition; but, we submitted the plans as drafted by the architect so we would only need to go through the zoning process once should we have decided to include the deck at the time of construction or in the future. A few weeks back, my wife and I decided that we would not include the deck. We will have a set of stairs but have concluded we do not need the deck since we will have a small patio or seating area in the back yard.

In closing, I thank you for your consideration in this matter and will be happy to provide any additional information you may need.

Attachment: Wiltondale Garage Analysis

Photos: Below



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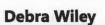
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Any appeal of this decision must be made within thirty (30) days of the date of this Order.

JOHN E BEVERUNGEN Administrative Law Judge for

Baltimore County

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order: 1-12-16

From:

John E. Beverungen

Sent:

Tuesday, January 19, 2016 11:49 AM

To:

Debra Wiley

Subject:

FW: 516 Wilton Road - Opposition to Variance

Deb, we sent this order out last week. Can you please put this email in the case file. Thanks.

From: Robert Smith [mailto:rksmith2012@gmail.com]

Sent: Thursday, January 14, 2016 3:23 PM
To: Nathan Raider <NRaider@fedder.com>

Cc: John E. Beverungen < jbeverungen@baltimorecountymd.gov>; Arch@Wiltondale.org

Subject: Re: 516 Wilton Road - Opposition to Variance

Honorable Judge John Beverungen,

This email is in response to the Association's correspondence dated January 13, 2016.

As part of the argument that my request does not meet the "practical difficulty" test in Cromwell v Ward, the Association references 600 Wilton Road and states that I "could convert (my) attached (I think they mean detached) garage to additional living space (one example of a successful garage conversion can be found at 600 Wilton Road)."

I would point out that 600 Wilton is a corner lot and the attached garage (now living space) is actually <u>behind</u> the house (side-street facing). It is not representative of the case in question and cannot be construed to represent the same facts and circumstance as 516 Wilton Road. The existing garage at 516 Wilton cannot be incorporated as living space in a "practical" and certainly not an aesthetically pleasing manner without major cost. Of the 217 houses examined, mine is the only house with space between the garage and main house with a significant front set back. There are no examples of a successful conversion with my facts and circumstances because no other house has the same facts or circumstances.

The Association cites that the footprint of the addition as a percentage of the existing footprint is a concern. I walk around the neighborhood and see additions that double the size of the original house. Because homes in Wiltondale were built in the 1930's and some are small by today's standard, it is not unusual for any addition to represent 60% to 80% if not more of the original footprint.

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Sincerely,

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Two-hundred and fifteen houses (215) which represent 99% of all houses examined more easily facilitate additions. The 81 houses with no garages have room on the side and or back depending on how the house is situated. The 64 houses with garages behind the house are able to have a side and or rear addition. The 34 houses with garages under the house has allowed for living space to be constructed above the garage and allows for an addition in the back. And the 20 houses with garages attached to the house are able to convert the garage to living space (as some have done), and to build above the garage structure or in the back.

The two houses with a non-attached garage on the side of the house have limited ability to convert the garage space to living space or to build above the garage since this is non-contiguous space to the main house. Additionally it would change the character of the house, negatively impact the street-scape, hurt the value of neighboring homes and be wasteful to raze a functioning brick or stone garage not to mention that it would be cost prohibitive. The logical option for an addition for these two houses is in the rear. Of the two houses that represent the 1% of the houses included in this analysis, only 516 Wilton has a front set back that negatively impacts the ability to add a reasonably-sized family room addition on the rear of the house. The other house, 604 Wilton Road (see picture below) has a front set back significantly less.

In summary, I would like to say that the two houses with a non-attached garage on the side of the house are precluded from or significantly limited in the ability to build on the side of the property. Faced with the prospect of building in the rear of the house, 516 Wilton additionally faces a set-back challenge due to the limited space

available behind the house. For these reasons, we conclude the property is unique and we respectfully request a variance.

While it may or may not have any bearing on the case, I wanted to mention that from the start my wife and I were unsure if we wanted the deck on the back of the addition; but, we submitted the plans as drafted by the architect so we would only need to go through the zoning process once should we have decided to include the deck at the time of construction or in the future. A few weeks back, my wife and I decided that we would not include the deck. We will have a set of stairs but have concluded we do not need the deck since we will have a small patio or seating area in the back yard.

In closing, I thank you for your consideration in this matter and will be happy to provide any additional information you may need.

Attachment: Wiltondale Garage Analysis

Photos: Below

604 Wilton Road one of the two houses out of 217 that is on the side of the house and not connected

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Please note that 604 Wilton (above) sits much closer to the sidewalk/road than 516 Wilton (below).

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On Fri, Jan 8, 2016 at 10:47 AM, John E. Beverungen < jbeverungen@baltimorecountymd.gov > wrote:

This is the correct email to use if you choose to submit anything further.

John Beverungen

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CONNECT WITH BALTIMORE COUNTY



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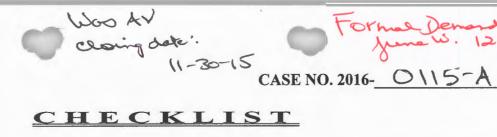
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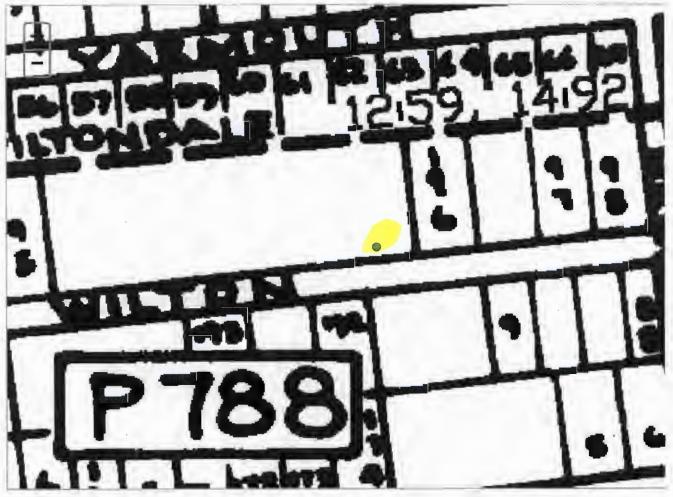
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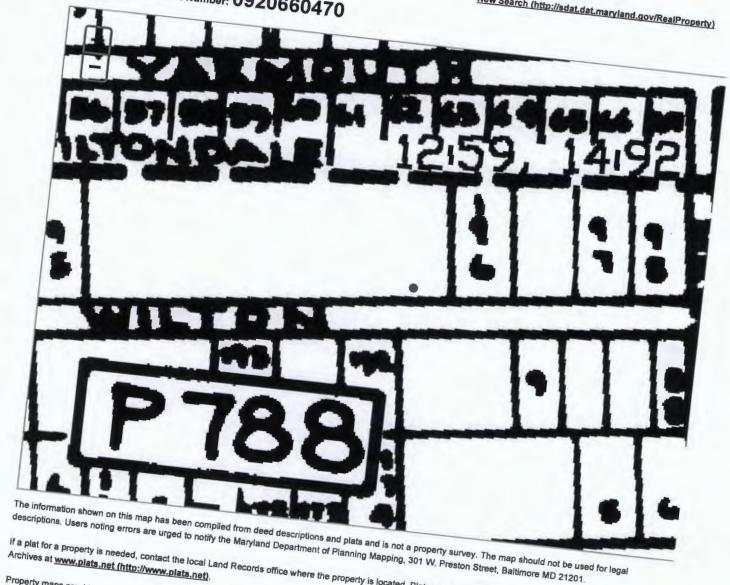
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KEVIN KAMENETZ County Executive ARNOLD JABLON
Deputy Administrative Officer
Director, Department of Permits,
Approvals & Inspections

December 30, 2015

Robert K & Priscilla Brooks Smith 516 Wilton Road Towson MD 21286

RE: Case Number: 2016-0115 A, Address: 516 Wilton Road

Dear Mr. & Ms. Smith:

The above referenced petition was accepted for processing **ONLY** by the Bureau of Zoning Review, Department of Permits, Approvals, and Inspection (PAI) on November 5, 2015. 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,

U. Cal Ribal &

W. Carl Richards, Jr. Supervisor, Zoning Review

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Enclosures

c: People's Counsel Jay M Fox, 1850 Sorrel Ridge Lane, New Freedom PA 17349



Larry Hogan, Governor Boyd K. Rutherford, Lt. Governor

Maryland Department of Transportation

Pete K. Rahn, Secretary Gregory C. Johnson, P.E., Administrator

Date: 11/12/15

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

RE: Baltimore County

Item No. 2016-0115-A Administrative Variance Robert K. & Pricilla Brooks Smith 516 Wilton Road

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. 2016-0115-A

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Mr. Richard Zeller at 410-229-2332 or 1-866-998-0367 (in Maryland only) extension 2332, or by email at (rzeller@sha.state.md.us).

Sincerely,

David W. Peake

Metropolitan District Engineer – District 4

Baltimore & Harford Counties

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Closing 11-30-15

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

Inter-Office Correspondence

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OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

TO:

Hon. Lawrence M. Stahl; Managing Administrative Law Judge

Office of Administrative Hearings

FROM:

Jeff Livingston, Department of Environmental Protection and

Sustainability (EPS) - Development Coordination

DATE:

November 18, 2015

SUBJECT:

DEPS Comment for Zoning Item

2016-0115-A

Address

516 Wilton Road

(Smith Property)

Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting of November 9, 2015.

<u>X</u> The Department of Environmental Protection and Sustainability has no comment on the above-referenced zoning item.

Reviewer:

Steve Ford

Date: 11-18-2015

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO:

Arnold Jablon, Director

DATE: November 16, 2015

Department of Permits, Approvals

And Inspections

FROM:

Dennis A. Kennedy, Supervisor

Bureau of Development Plans Review

SUBJECT:

Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting

For November 9, 2015

Item No. 2016-0111, 0113, 0114, 0115, 0118 and 0120

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

DAK cc:file Case No.: _

2016-0115-A

Exhibit Sheet

Petitioner/Developer

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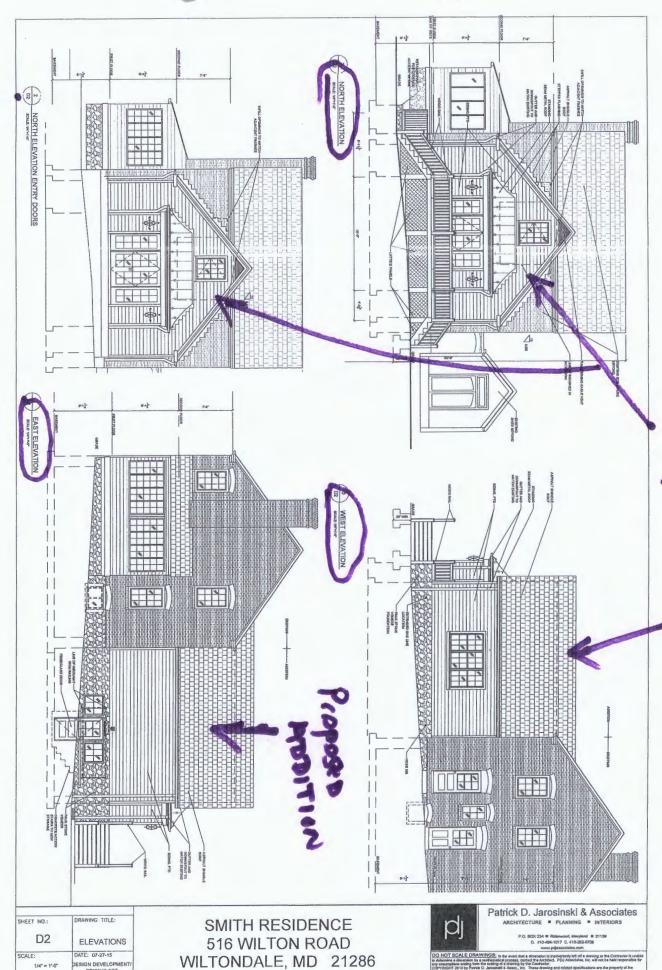
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Proposes ADDITION



EX.2

Subject: 516 Wilton Road Addition

Date: Wednesday, December 9, 2015 at 2:19:47 PM Eastern Standard Time

From: Robert Smith <robert.smith@infor.com>

To: mades7@hotmail.com <mades7@hotmail.com>

Mike and Laura,

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You may have noticed the sign in our front yard announcing our plan to put an addition on the back of the house. The sign was posted because we are asking for a variance with a set back from the rear property line of "14 feet in lieu of 22.5". Essentially, I have been told that if I share the plans with the neighbors and the neighbors are comfortable with the plans, the County has no objections. In a few weeks the individual reviewing the plans will make a decision. The builder and architect said that it would be a good idea to let the County know in writing that I have communicated with the neighbors and that there are no objections. I would like to stop by and share the plans with you and answer and any questions that you may have. Once the plans have been reviewed would one of you be willing to sign the following?

I have reviewed the plans for the addition to 516 Wilton Road and am comfortable with the plans as proposed.

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If you are neutral or have any objections and do not feel comfortable with signing. That is ok as well. No pressure.

Thank you very much, Robert and Priscilla Smith

Ex.3

Subject: FW: 516 Wilton addition

Date: Friday, December 11, 2015 at 3:45:25 PM Eastern Standard Time

From: Robert Smith <robert.smith@infor.com>

From: Robert Smith <rksmith2012@gmail.com>
Date: Friday, December 11, 2015 at 3:39 PM
To: Robert Smith <robert.smith@infor.com>

Subject: Fwd: 516 Wilton addition

514 Wilton

Begin forwarded message:

From: Robert Smith < rksmith2012@gmail.com >

Subject: 516 Wilton addition

Date: December 9, 2015 at 1:43:30 PM EST

To: mayhew4@comcast.net

Jim and Beth, You may have noticed the sign in the front yard announcing our plan to put an addition on the back of the house. The sign was posted because we are asking for a variance with a set back from the rear property line of "14 feet in lieu of 22.5". Essentially, I have been told that if I share the plans with the neighbors and the neighbors are comfortable with the plans, the County has no objections. In a few weeks the individual reviewing the plans will make a decision. The builder and architect said that it would be a good idea to let the County know in writing that I have communicated with the neighbors and that there are no objections. I know Priscilla mentioned the addition to you in passing and we are more than willing to share the plans with you if you would like to see them. To that end, would one of you be willing to sign the following.

I have reviewed the plans for the addition to 516 Wilton Road and am comfortable with the plans as proposed.

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I can walk over or if it is more convenient for you to print out and put in the our mailbox, that is fine as well. If you are neutral or have any objections and do not feel comfortable with signing. That is ok as well. No pressure.

Thank you very much, Robert and Priscilla Smith

12/12/15

Subject: FW: Addition to house

Date: Wednesday, December 9, 2015 at 1:58:23 PM Eastern Standard Time

From: Robert Smith <robert.smith@infor.com>

From: Robert Smith < rksmith2012@gmail.com>
Date: Wednesday, December 9, 2015 at 1:56 PM
To: Robert Smith < robert.smith@infor.com>

Subject: Fwd: Addition to house

518 Wilton

Begin forwarded message:

From: Robert Smith <rksmith2012@gmail.com>

Subject: Addition to house

Date: December 9, 2015 at 1:39:37 PM EST

To: kinkeadsbaltimore@comcast.com

Cc: Priscilla Smith cris.robertsmith@gmail.com

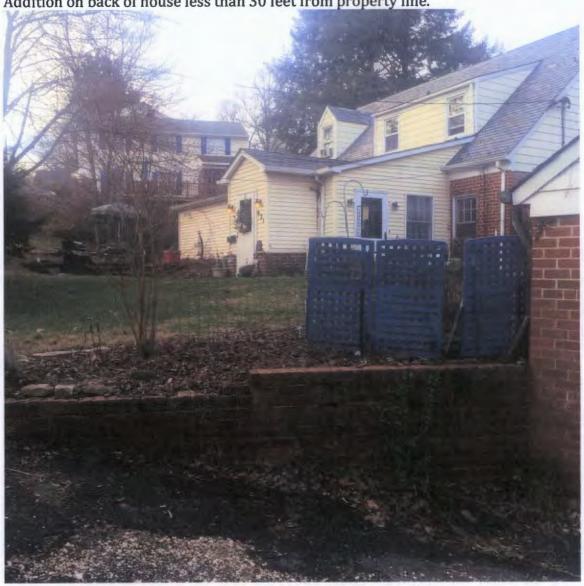
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Addition on back of house less than 30 feet from property line.



House and Shed





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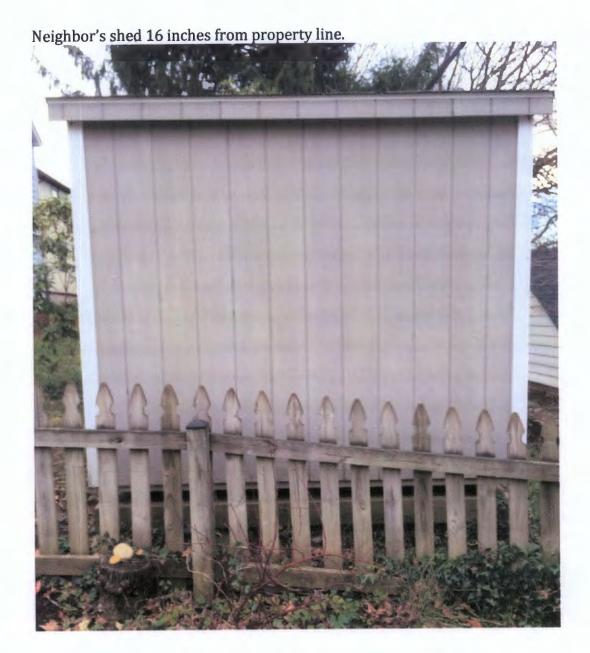
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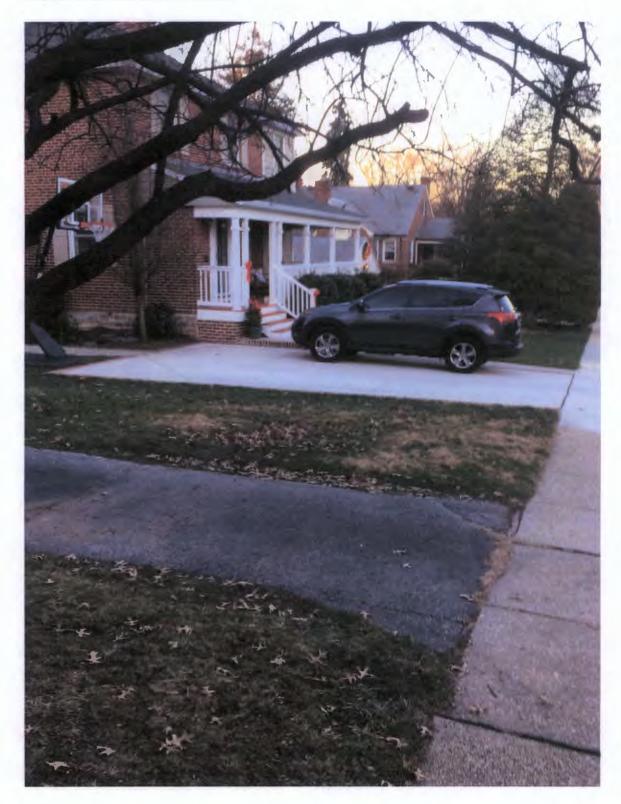
Neighbor's shed less than a foot from my property line.







Front Porch and Side Addition





Garage connected to house and converted to living space.





Large addition on back off house

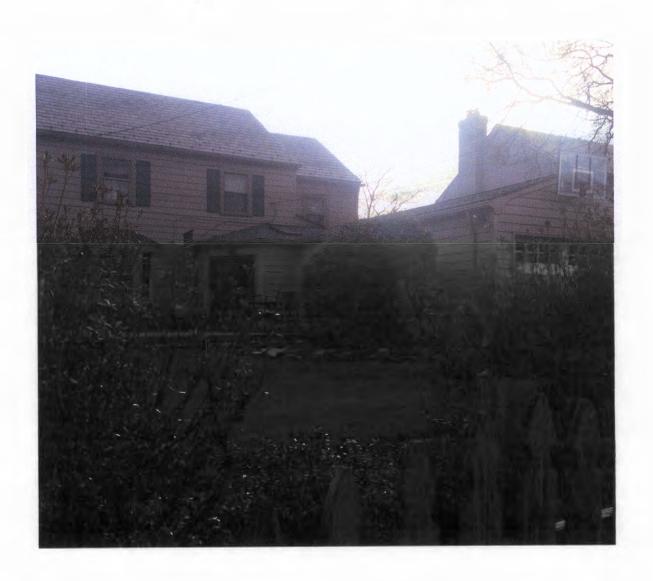


Addition is approximately two car length from the property line. See picture below.

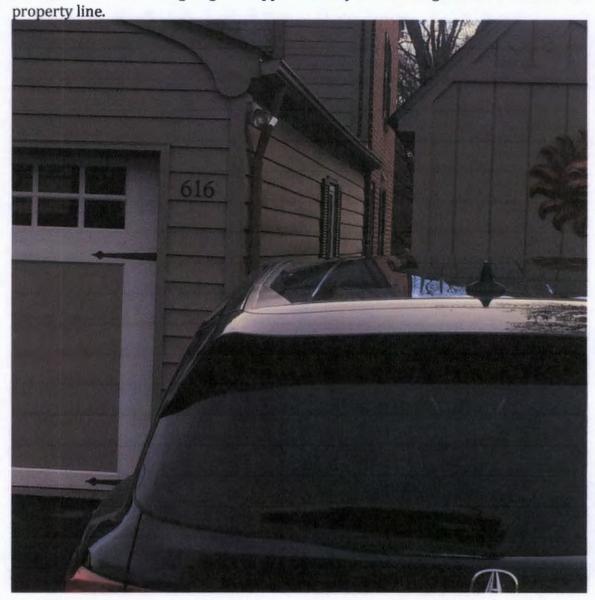


Addition connecting garage and house.

Above addition is little more than the distance of a car from the end of the property line. See photo below.



Addition and connected garage are approximately one car length from the end of the



See picture below for view from the other side of the garage.



Addition connected to garage



See below. Garage is less than the distance of one care to property line

Large addition less than two car lengths from property line.



John E. Beverungen

From:

Robert Smith <rksmith2012@gmail.com>

Sent:

Monday, January 11, 2016 11:44 AM

To:

John E. Beverungen

Cc:

president@wiltondale.org

Subject:

Re: correct email

Attachments:

Wiltondale Garage Analysis.xlsx

Dear Sir,

This correspondence is a follow up to the Hearing of January 8, 2016 for Case 2106-0115, a variance request for 516 Wilton Road, Towson, Maryland 21286. In addition to statements, documents and photographs previously presented, please find additional support for the above referenced case requesting a variance due to the unique nature of the property and how the house was originally constructed on the lot.

The Wiltondale neighborhood is recorded in three plats: Plat 1, Plat 2, and Plat 3 recorded in 1936, 1939, and 1937 respectively. The property under discussion is in Plate 1. For the purposes of the attached analysis which is summarized below, I included houses on the north side of Stevenson Lane and heading north, houses on both sides of Yarmouth Road, Wilton Road, and Sussex Road. The houses included in this analysis include all houses in Plat 1 (except those facing York Road) and approximately 58% of the houses in Plate 2. The remaining houses in Plate 2 and those in Plat 3 are not unlike those in the provided analysis. A portion of Plat 2 and all of Plat 3 is "Upper Wiltondale" which has somewhat wider streets and in some cases larger lots and homes. But in general the attached analysis represents the neighborhood at large.

The attached analysis shows that most of the houses built in the neighborhood were constructed to facilitate an addition on the side of the house or in the back. Of the 217 properties examined 92 or 42.4% have no garage, 65 or 29.95% have garages behind the house, 37 or 17.05% have garages under the house, and 21 or 9.68% have garages attached to the house. Only two (2) houses or 1% of the total, my house being one of the two, have a front facing garage on the side of the house with space between the house and the garage. My house is connected with a brick arch (see photos below) and the other house (604 Wilton-See photos below) has a small gable roof connecting the house to the garage.

Two-hundred and fifteen houses (215) which represent 99% of all houses examined more easily facilitate additions. The 81 houses with no garages have room on the side and or back depending on how the house is situated. The 64 houses with garages behind the house are able to have a side and or rear addition. The 34 houses with garages under the house has allowed for living space to be constructed above the garage and allows for an addition in the back. And the 20 houses with garages attached to the house are able to convert the garage to living space (as some have done), and to build above the garage structure or in the back.



The two houses with a non-attached garage on the side of the house have united ability to convert the garage space to living space or to build above the garage since this is non-contiguous space to the main house. Additionally it would change the character of the house, negatively impact the street-scape, hurt the value of neighboring homes and be wasteful to raze a functioning brick or stone garage not to mention that it would be cost prohibitive. The logical option for an addition for these two houses is in the rear. Of the two houses that represent the 1% of the houses included in this analysis, only 516 Wilton has a front set back that negatively impacts the ability to add a reasonably-sized family room addition on the rear of the house. The other house, 604 Wilton Road (see picture below) has a front set back significantly less.

In summary, I would like to say that the two houses with a non-attached garage on the side of the house are precluded from or significantly limited in the ability to build on the side of the property. Faced with the prospect of building in the rear of the house, 516 Wilton additionally faces a set-back challenge due to the limited space available behind the house. For these reasons, we conclude the property is unique and we respectfully request a variance.

While it may or may not have any bearing on the case, I wanted to mention that from the start my wife and I were unsure if we wanted the deck on the back of the addition; but, we submitted the plans as drafted by the architect so we would only need to go through the zoning process once should we have decided to include the deck at the time of construction or in the future. A few weeks back, my wife and I decided that we would not include the deck. We will have a set of stairs but have concluded we do not need the deck since we will have a small patio or seating area in the back yard.

In closing, I thank you for your consideration in this matter and will be happy to provide any additional information you may need.

Attachment: Wiltondale Garage Analysis

Photos: Below

604 Wilton Road one of the two houses out of 217 that is on the side of the house and not connected





Please note that 604 Wilton (above) sits much closer to the sidewalk/road than 516 Wilton (below).







On Fri, Jan 8, 2016 at 10:47 AM, John E. Beverungen < jbeverungen@baltimorecountymd.gov > wrote:

This is the correct email to use if you choose to submit anything further.

John Beverungen

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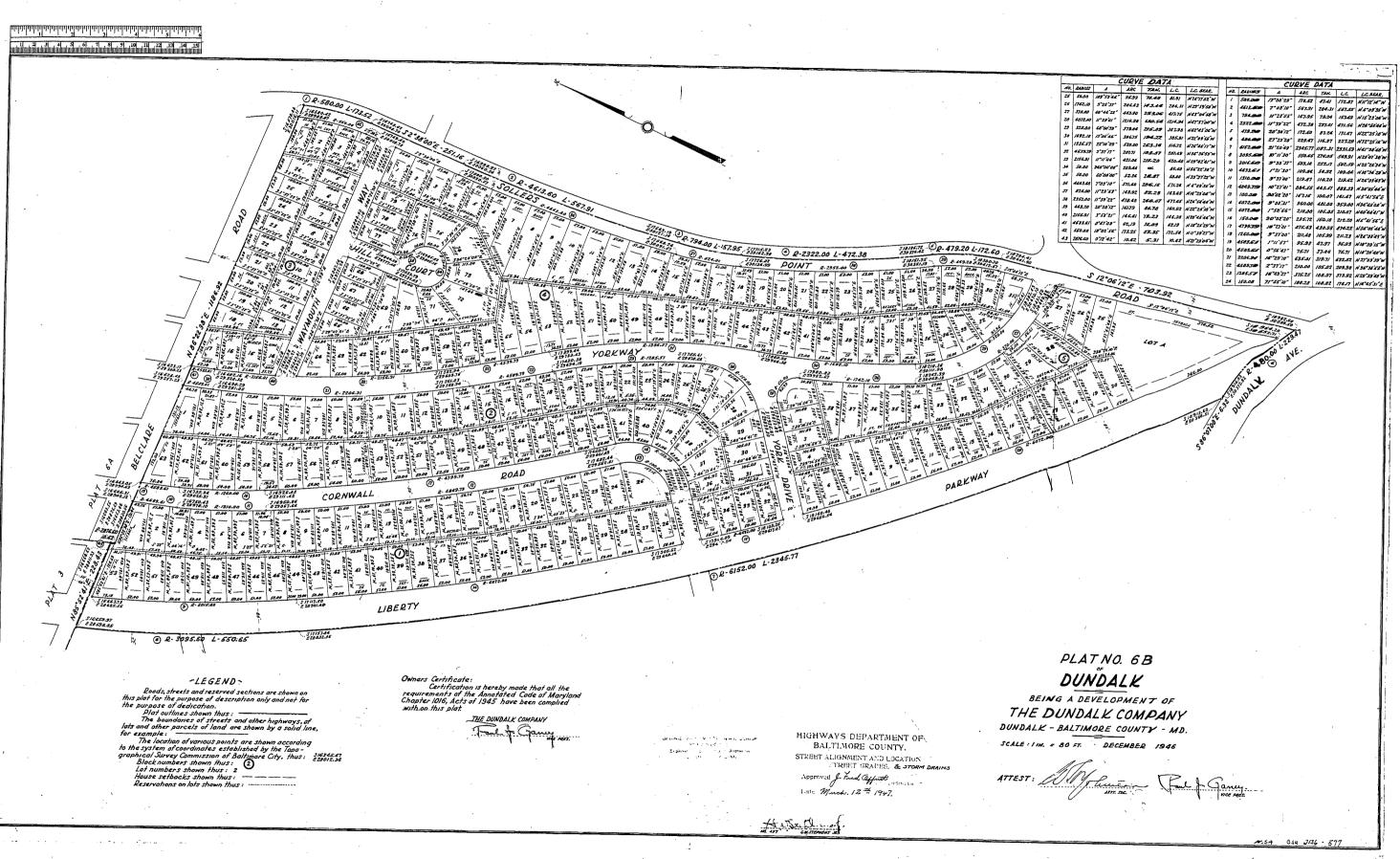












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