

Application for Site Development Plan Approval Village of Schoharie

Name of Application: Zimmer Research Library and Nick Juried Museum Library Building

Description of Action: Expansion of existing museum complex, formalization of parking lot, addition of two-way access road into museum complex

Owner:

Name: Schoharie County Historical Society **Street:** (PO Box 171) 145 Fort Road

City: Schoharie **State:** NY **Zip:** 12157

Telephone: 518-295-7192 **Fax:** 518-295-7187

Applicant (if different from owner):

Name: Curt Van Steele **Street:** 915 State Route 443

City: Schoharie **State:** NY **Zip:** 12157

Telephone: 518-795-8605 **Email:** cvansteele@copper.net

Subject Property:

Name or other identification of site (address): Old Stone Fort Museum Complex (145 Fort Road)
Situated on the East (right) side of Fort Road ~1000 feet From the intersection of State Route 30

Tax map description Section 72.6 Block 2 Lot 11

What are the ownership intentions, i.e., purchase options?

Construction of an additional building to be incorporated into the existing museum complex on property already owned by the Schoharie County Historical Society. This building will involve more visitors so parking on existing fields will be formalized to provide defined parking. Creation of an access road allowing for two-way traffic will provide the museum complex with its first means of entrance without use of right-of-way entrances. This road will also be placed on property already owned by the Schoharie Historical Society.

What are the current land uses of site (agriculture, commercial, undeveloped, etc.)?

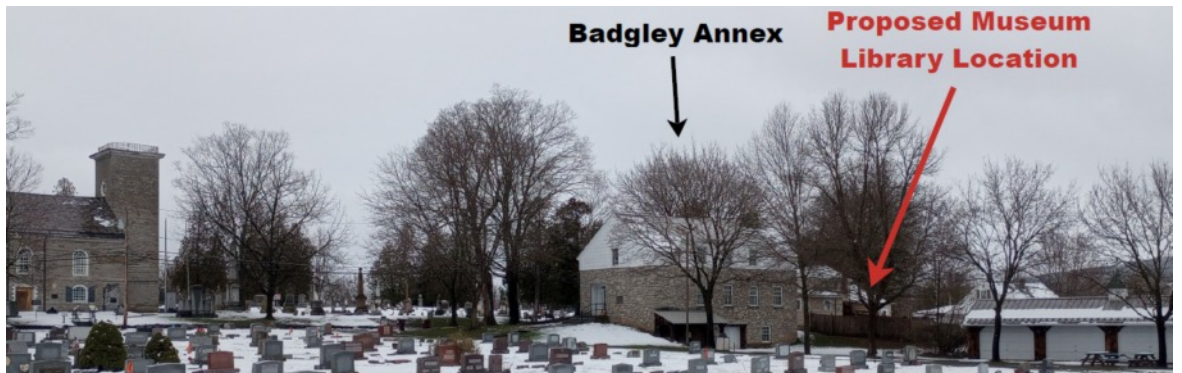
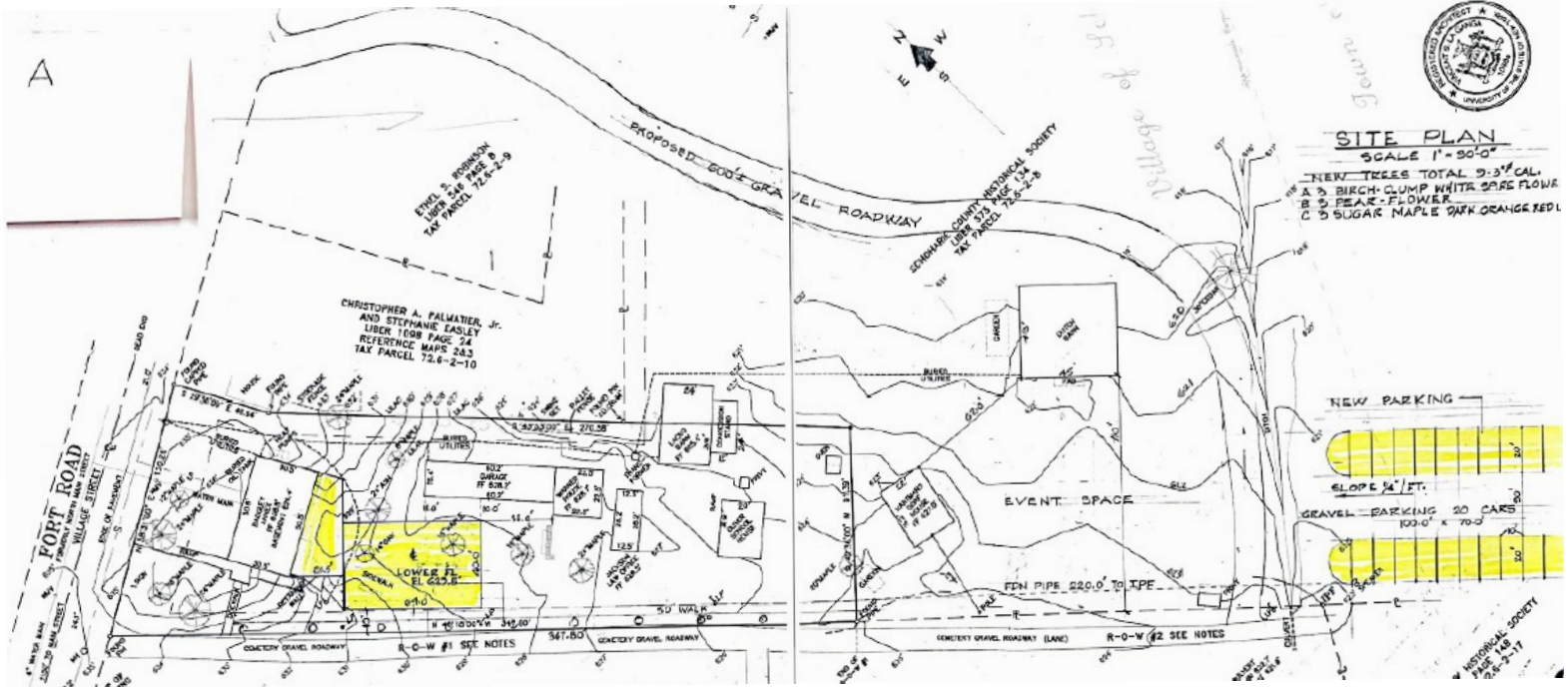
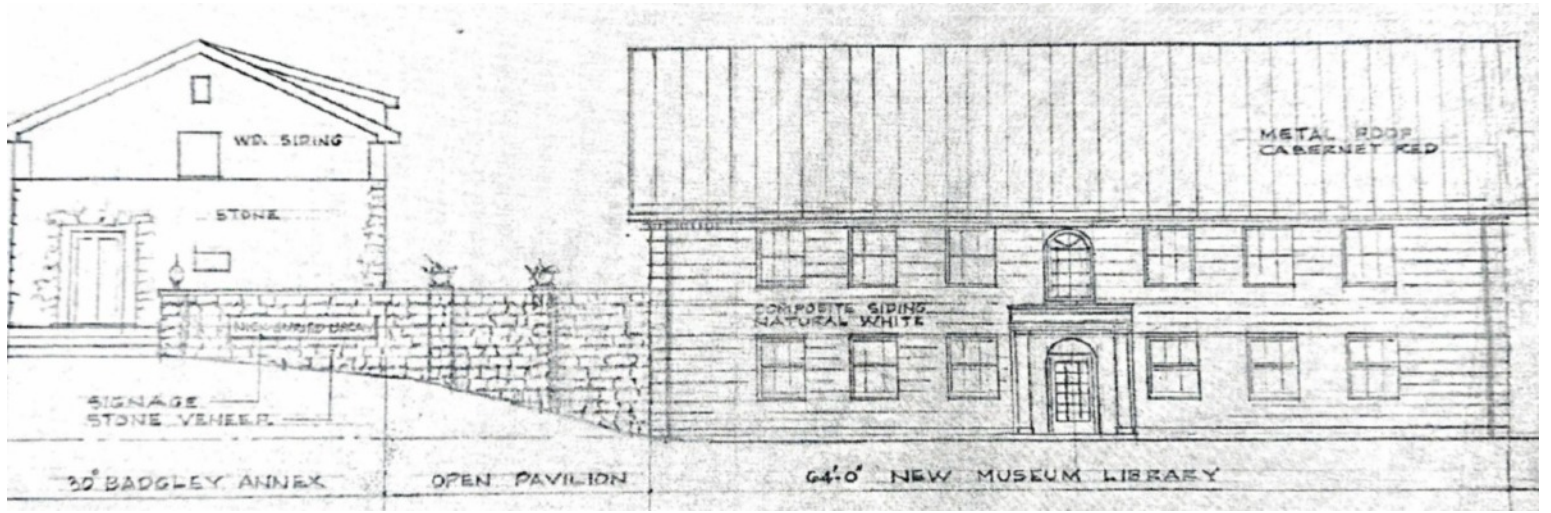
The location of the museum complex is within the Village Historic district and zoned for residential use with the remainder of the property zoned as agricultural. The open fields owned by the Schoharie County Historical Society are harvested for hay by a local farmer.

What are the proposed use(s) of site?

The use of the property will remain as a museum and not change with this proposal.

What State and federal permits needed (list type and appropriate department)?

None are required for this proposal.



What is the total site area (square feet or acres)?

The additional building annex has a proposed footprint of ~2400 square feet. The impacted parcel, formerly known as the Warner parcel, is 0.76 acres. The proposed area for more formal parking is roughly 70 feet by 100 feet. This parking area is outside of the land parcel containing the additional building annex. The access road starting at Fort Road is roughly 1500 feet long and ends at the proposed parking area.

When do you anticipate starting construction? Second half of 2024.

Will development be staged or in phases? No

Please describe the current condition of site (buildings, brush, etc.): Describe the character of surrounding lands (hamlet, forested, residential, agriculture, wetlands, etc.)

This property is located across from the Old Stone Fort. It is a museum complex that includes ~8 buildings. Several cemeteries are located on the perimeter of this complex. The bulk of the ~25 acres owned by the Schoharie County Historical Society are open fields and extend down to Fox Creek.

What is the Estimated cost of proposed improvements on this property? \$ 2.5 million

Describe the anticipated increase in number of residents, shoppers, employees, etc. (as applicable):

No additional employees are budgeted or anticipated at this time. We anticipate an increase of visitors and users of the library to be 50-60 visitors per month. This increased traffic will be gradual as the public becomes more aware of the expansion and availability of this research facility and public events are scheduled.

Describe proposed use, including primary and secondary uses; ground floor area; height; and number of stories for each building:

The proposed use for this museum annex is storage of artifacts, library space, office space and public areas for museum sponsored events.

Total gross floor area of Principal Building? 6174 square feet

Size of accessory building? n/a. Proposal only includes the single building

Proposed setbacks? Front: 10 feet Rear: 50 feet Side: 175 feet

Number of parking spaces: 20

Building Height? 35 Feet # stories 3, lower, upper and attic

Is there an existing curb cut onto the site? No

Will the action require new curb cuts onto the street? No

What street(s) will have the new curb cuts? n/a

Are there existing buildings on site? Yes

If so, please describe: There are ~8 buildings within the museum complex, not counting the actual Old Stone Fort building across the street. These include Badgley Building, a carriage house, Warner House, Jackson Law office, Lacko Barn, Oliver schoolhouse, Hartmann Dorf House, and the Dutch barn. This annex will be placed adjacent to the Badgley Building, beside the carriage house and Warner House. This annex will not displace any current buildings.

Project Proposal Narrative

The proposed museum building will be in the village of Schoharie on Fort Road within the current Old Stone Fort Museum complex. It will be approximately 25 feet southeast of the Badgley Building. The parcel of land to be used for the construction is owned by the Schoharie County Historical Society and is approximately 0.76 acres. None of the current buildings within the museum complex will be displaced.

The proposed three-story structure with a lower level, upper level and attic will be 6,174 square feet of conditioned space. It will have a footprint of approximately 2400 square feet. The structure will adhere to the energy code to provide an energy-efficient building. The lower level of the building will be dedicated to storage and preservation of artifacts. The upper level will contain the library as both a public area for research and private archival space for documents owned by the museum. The attic will contain offices for staff and additional storage. Handicap-accessible bathrooms will be available on every level. All floors will be easily accessed by elevator and stairwell.

Existing trees that define the space in their current form will be retained on site except for three trees interfering with the 2400 square footprint of the new building. These three trees will be replaced with new three-to-four-inch caliper trees as outlined in our site plan. Native plants and landscaping will be outsourced to local businesses and include shrubbery in front and to the side of the new building. Drainage and water runoff from the perimeter of the new building will be captured by a 12-inch drainage pipe that will run beneath the new sidewalk and out to the existing ditch that currently carries surface water to the open field surrounding the existing museum complex.

Parking for the public including handicap parking with van accessibility will be provided. Two such specified spots are planned at the curb in front of the new annex building. These handicap, van-accessible parking places will be adjacent to a ramp that gives access to both the Badgely building and the pavilion and the new building. The area designated for parking has previously been used for museum site parking but as part of this proposal will be distinct with a hard gravel surface, defined parking places, and some landscaping with an entrance both from the right-of-way and the new access road. The new access road will be the first museum owned entrance into the museum complex. Currently the museum complex is accessible only by one-way right-of-way roads owned by the adjacent cemetery association and the Schoharie Volunteer Fire Department.

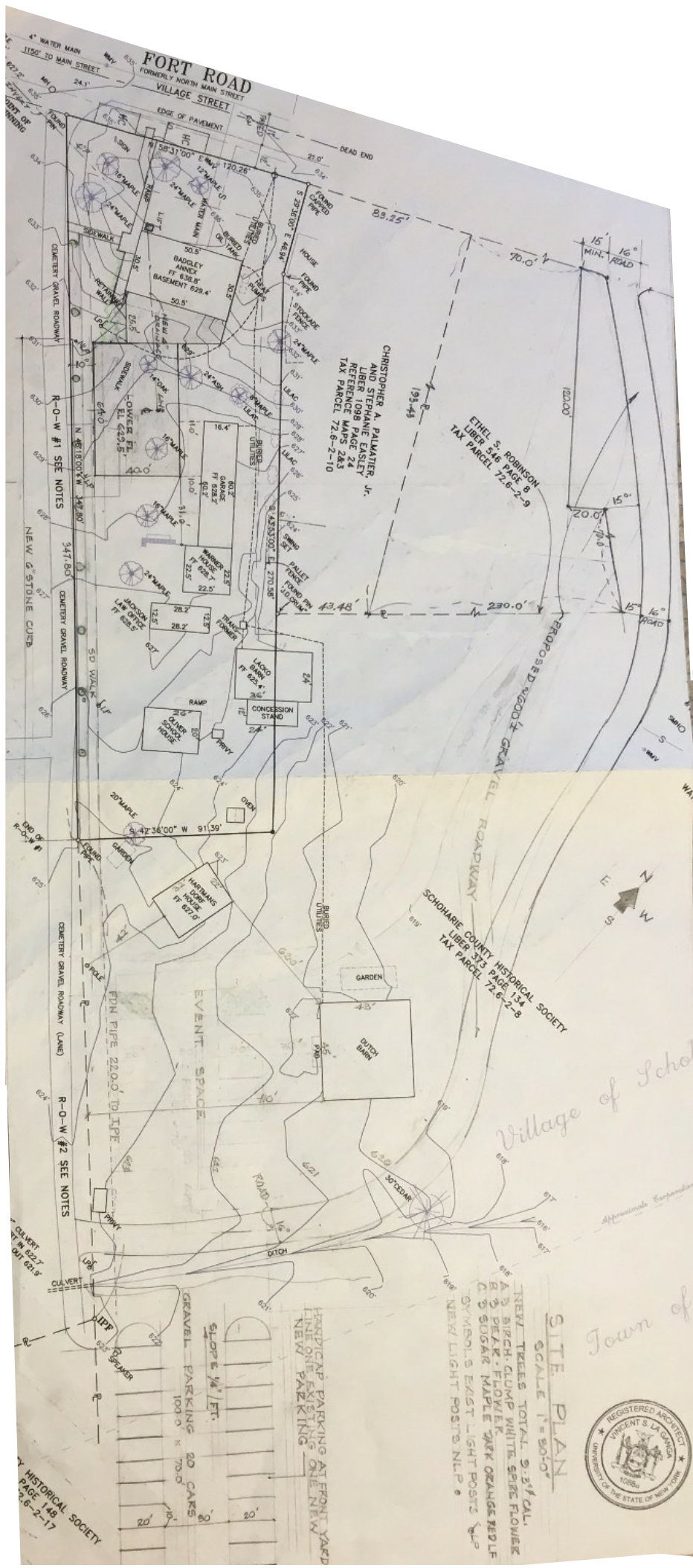
An important feature of the proposed building will be an outdoor pavilion that will connect the new building to the existing Badgley building. The pavilion will be open (no roof) and be a flexible open space that will welcome the public and staff to spend time in it, as well as connecting the buildings. This will maximize public space and allow for a congruent incorporation of the new building into the existing museum complex. The lower level of this pavilion will encompass a mechanical room and additional storage space. The upper level of the pavilion will be used for outdoor activities as well as the ingress/egress and access between the two buildings – allowing direct access to the second level of the Badgely Building and the upper level of the new building.

Despite the expanded space for public events, the true intention of this building is focused on the care and preservation of artifacts that are currently crowded into small storage spaces. There is inadequate space for preservation and repair of the many artifacts currently owned by the museum and historical society. No additional employees are budgeted or anticipated at this time. The anticipated increase in visitors and users of the library is estimated to be 50-60 visitors per month. This increased traffic will be gradual as the public becomes more aware of the expansion and availability of this research facility and public events are scheduled. The Schoharie Historical Society and museum staff are optimistic that

this increased space will have enough capacity to see to the crowds and popularity of previously held public events.

The last large addition to the museum complex was placed on site in the early 1990s. The addition of this new building to the museum complex will allow for the reopening of the library and genealogical archives as well as expanded museum space and development of new exhibits throughout the museum complex. The enlarged public space will allow for more educational programming and continued involvement of Schoharie County history preservation. Essentially, providing a new face to a museum that Schoharie County residents have long been familiar with. The Schoharie County Historical Society plans to commemorate the 250th anniversary of the Old Stone Fort at this building in 2026.

The mission of the Old Stone Fort Museum is dedicated to encouraging and promoting a knowledge and appreciation for the history and cultures of Schoharie County and its inhabitants from the prehistoric period to the present through advocacy, education, research, interpretation, preservation, and restoration. There is no doubt that this project is directly in alignment with the very mission of the museum. The additional space will allow for every aspect of the mission to be achieved and to move the museum closer to its goal of preserving our present, the history of tomorrow. This museum is the very essence of our historic district and will only be enhanced by this expansion. Even the construction of this new building, parking lot and access road will contribute to the community. The plan is to utilize local builders and to provide hands-on learning experience for the local campus of Capital Region BOCES.



FORT ROAD
FORMERLY NORTH MAIN STREET
VILLAGE STREET

CHRISTOPHER A. PALMATER, JR.
AND STEPHANIE EASLEY
LIBER 1098 PAGE 24
REFERENCE MADE 24
TAX PARCEL 72.6-2-10

ETHEL S. ROBINSON
LIBER 346 PAGE 8
TAX PARCEL 72.6-2-9

SCHOHARIE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
LIBER 373 PAGE 134
TAX PARCEL 72.6-2-8

Village of School

Town of

SITE PLAN

SCALE 1" = 50'-0"

- NEW TREES TOTAL 9-3' CAL.
- A 3 BIRCH-CLUMP WHITE SPICE FLOWER
- B 3 BIRCH-CLUMP WHITE SPICE FLOWER
- C 3 SUGAR MAPLE 3/4" ORANGE RED LF
- SYMBOLS EXIST LIGHT POSTS "P"
- NEW LIGHT POSTS "NLP"



FRONT YARD PARKING AT FRONT YARD
FRONT ONE EXISTING ONE NEW
NEW PARKING

GRAVEL PARKING 20 CARS
100' 0" x 70' 0"

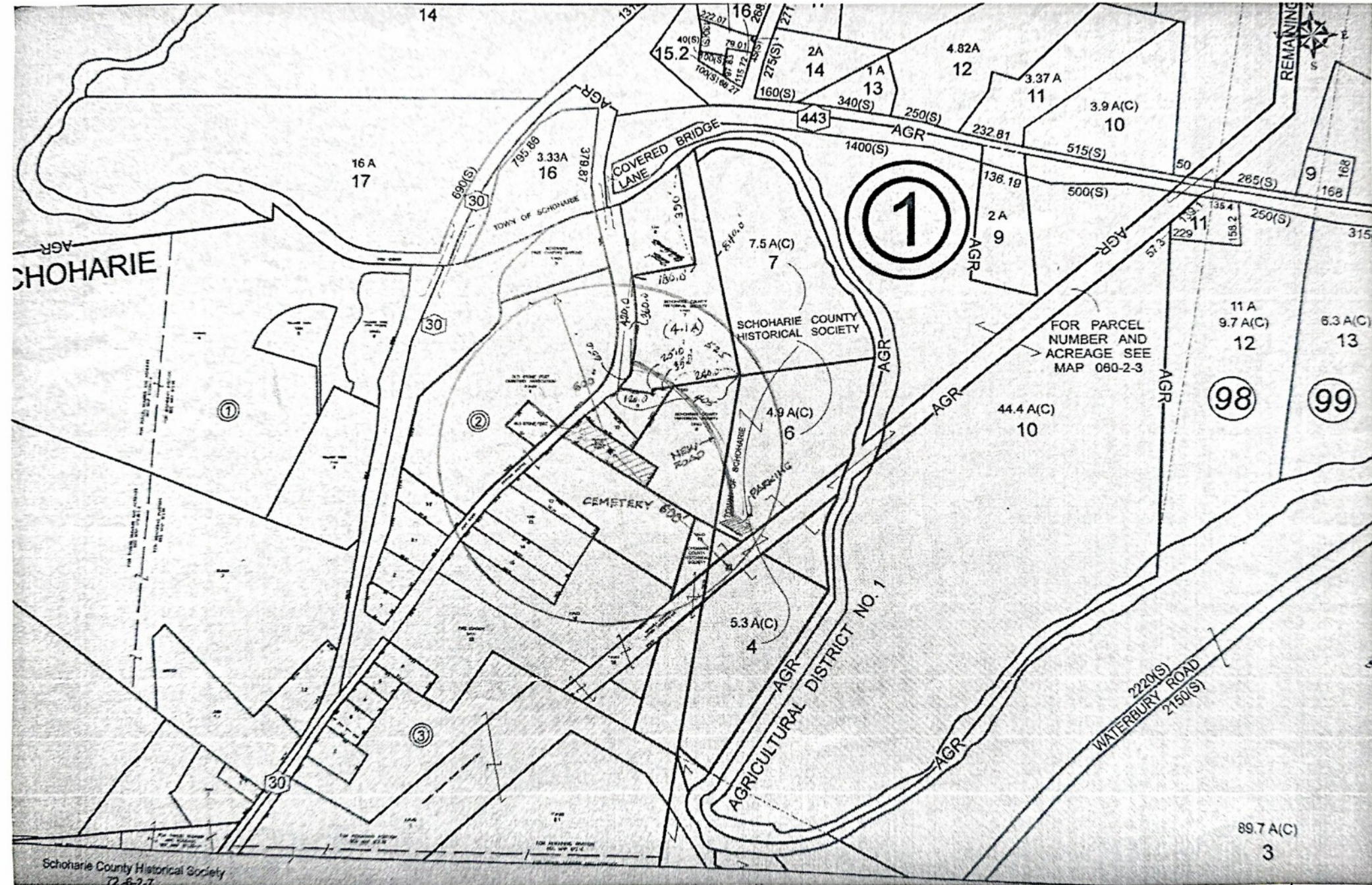
HISTORICAL SOCIETY
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SITE PLAN $1/8" = 1'-0"$

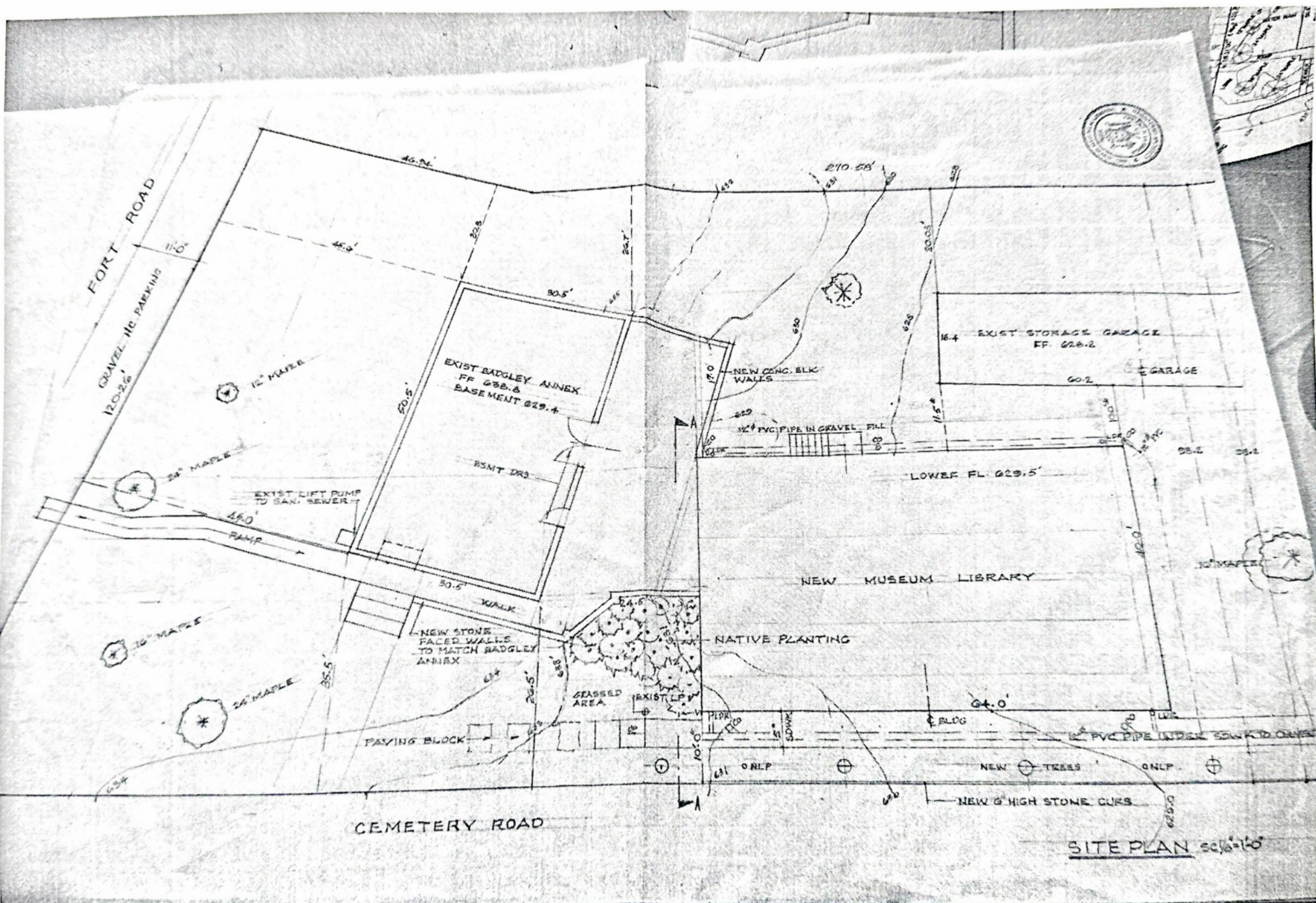
FORT ROAD
GRAVEL HC PARKING
120-26'

CEMETERY ROAD

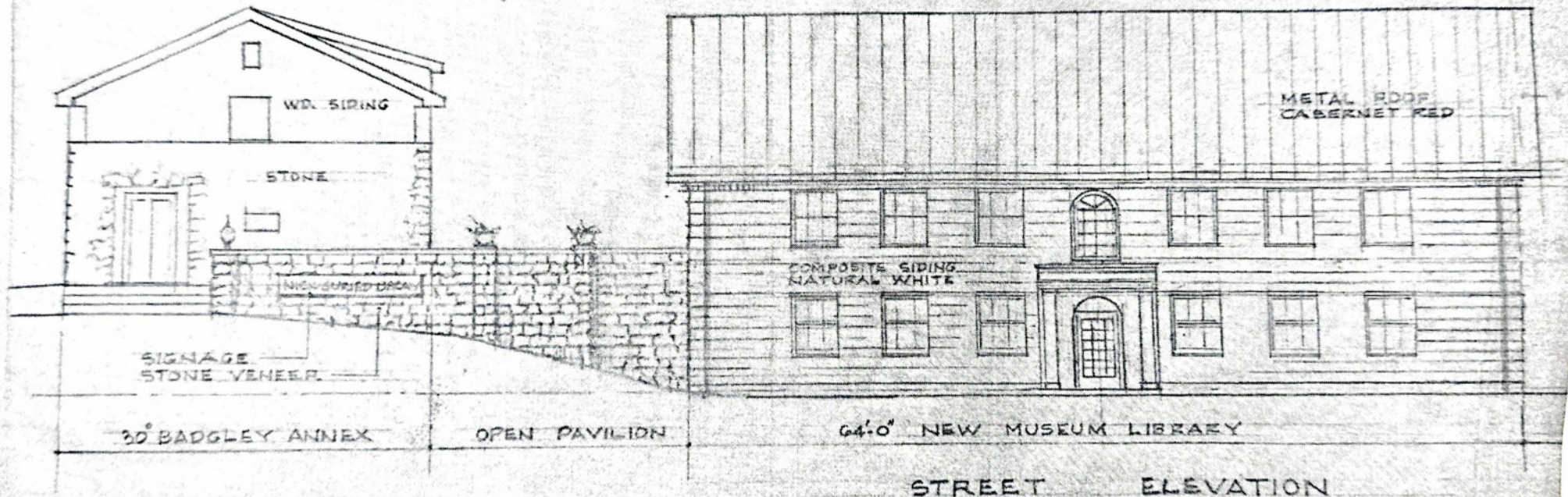


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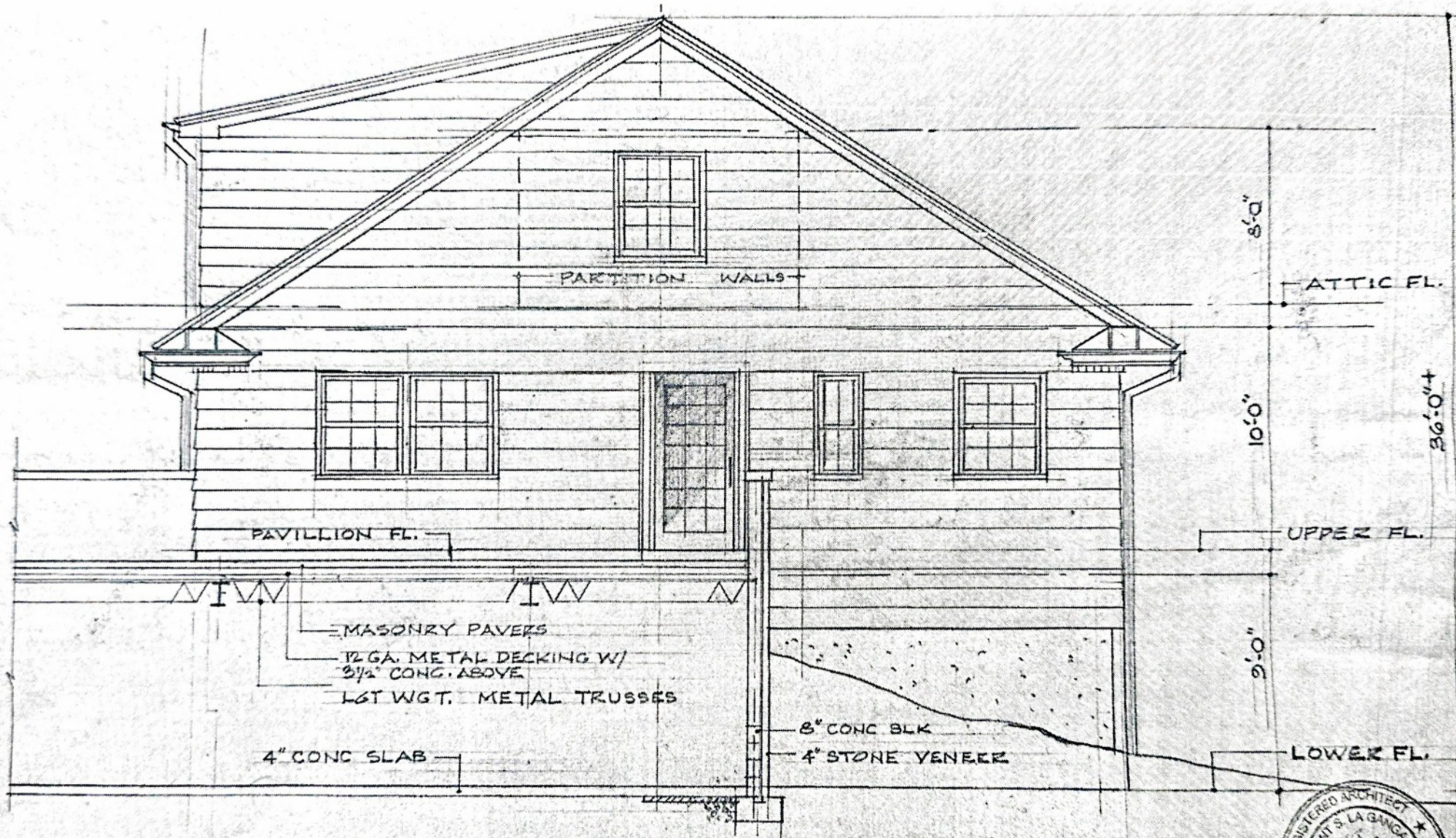
STREET ELEVATION



METAL ROOFING



REAR ELEVATION



SECTION A-A - ELEVATION SC: 1/8" = 1'-0"



Vincent S. La Ganga



SNOW GUARDS

CEMETERY ROAD

2' x 8' CLOPAY
INSULATED GARAGE
O.H. DOOR 18.4 R VALUE

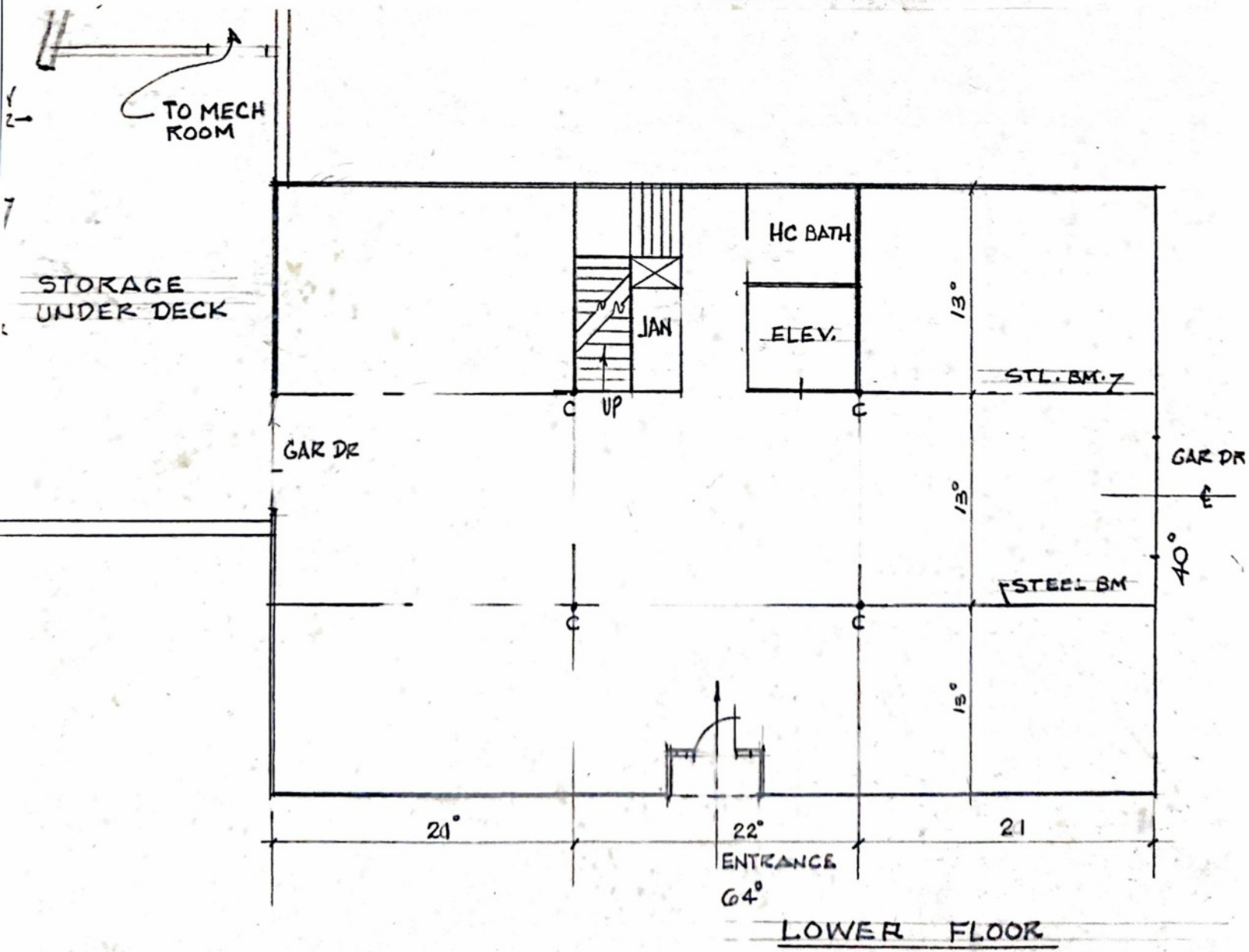
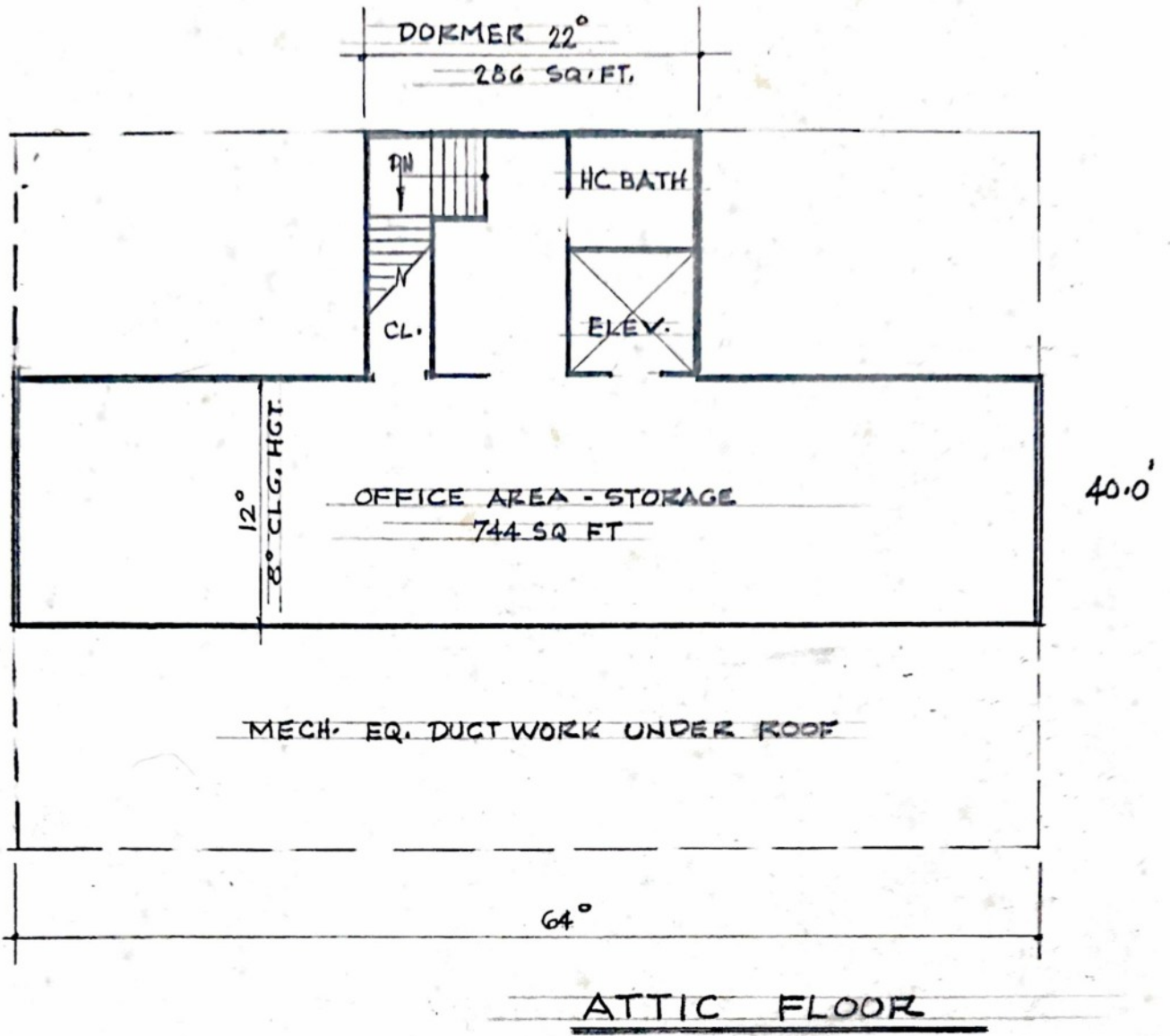
EXIST. GARAGE

12" ϕ PVC STORM WATER
PIPE TO EXIST. CULVERT

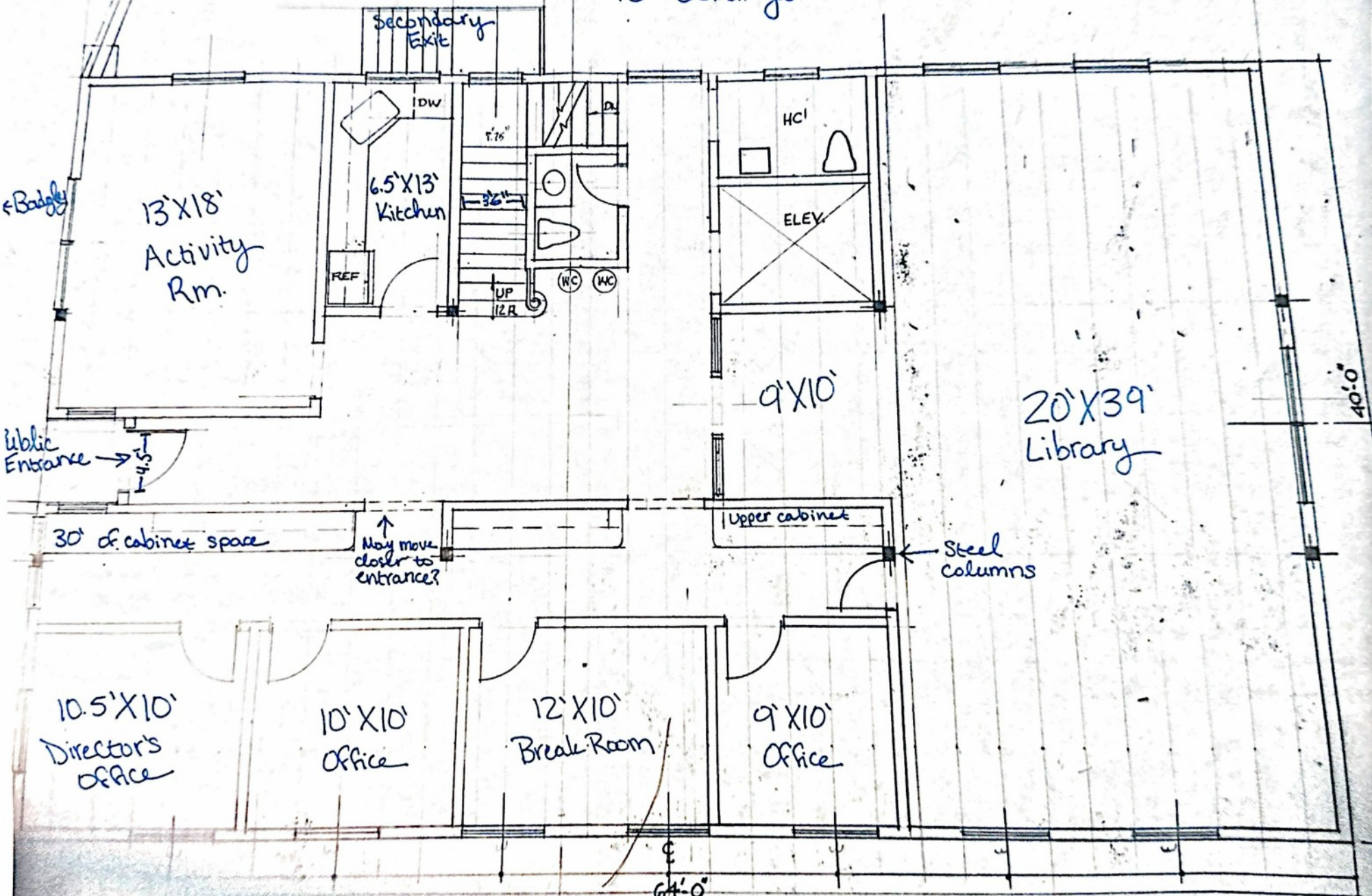
LEADERS TO 12" ϕ PIPE

SIDE ELEVATION





10' Ceilings



Badly

13'x18'
Activity
Rm.

Public
Entrance → 4.5'

Secondary
Exit

IDW

6.5'x13'
Kitchen

REF

7.75'

32"

UP
12R

WC

WC

HC

ELEV.

9'x10'

20'x39'
Library

40'0"

30' of cabinet space

↑
May move
closer to
entrance?

Upper cabinet

Steel
columns

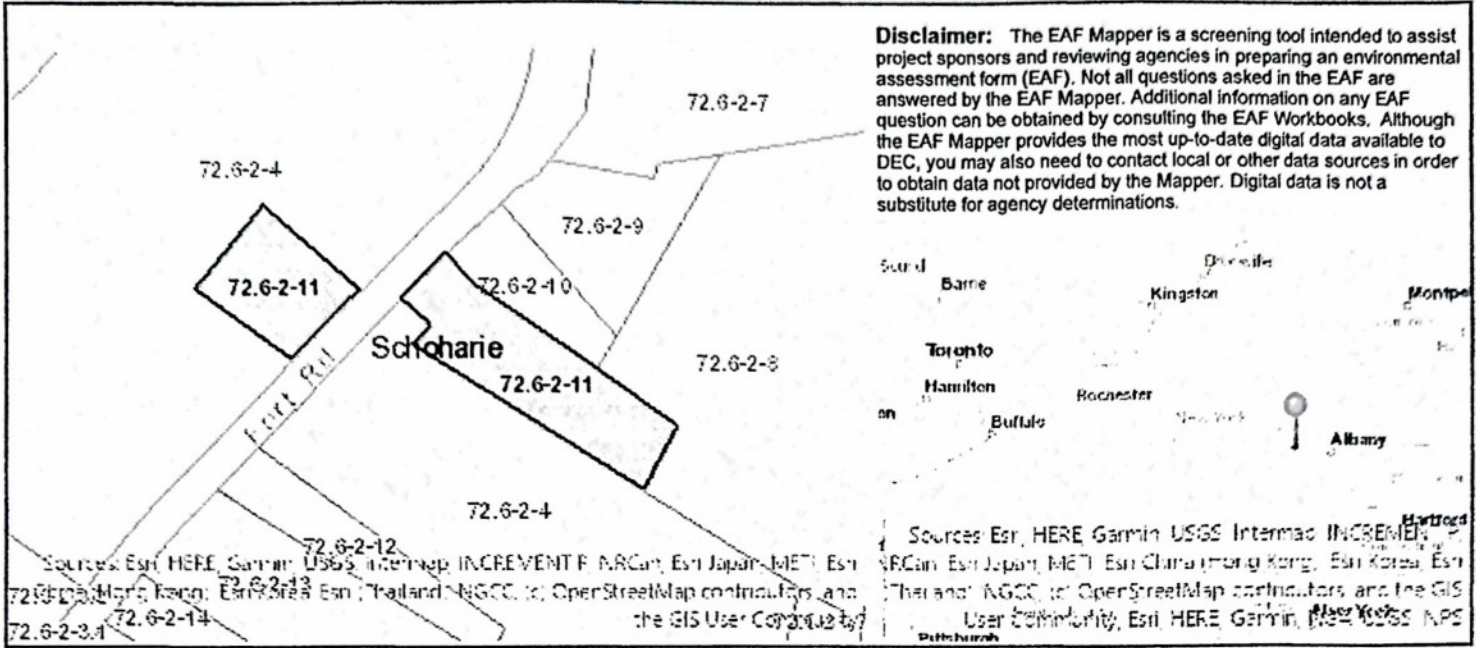
10.5'x10'
Director's
office

10'x10'
Office

12'x10'
Break Room

9'x10'
Office

64'0"



Disclaimer: The EAF Mapper is a screening tool intended to assist project sponsors and reviewing agencies in preparing an environmental assessment form (EAF). Not all questions asked in the EAF are answered by the EAF Mapper. Additional information on any EAF question can be obtained by consulting the EAF Workbooks. Although the EAF Mapper provides the most up-to-date digital data available to DEC, you may also need to contact local or other data sources in order to obtain data not provided by the Mapper. Digital data is not a substitute for agency determinations.

Sources: Esri, HERE, Garmin, USGS, Intermap, INCREMENT P, NRCan, Esri Japan, METI, Esri ...

B.i.i [Coastal or Waterfront Area]	No
B.i.ii [Local Waterfront Revitalization Area]	No
C.2.b. [Special Planning District]	Yes - Digital mapping data are not available for all Special Planning Districts. Refer to EAF Workbook.
C.2.b. [Special Planning District - Name]	NYS Heritage Areas: Mohawk Valley Heritage Corridor
E. 1.h [DEC Spills or Remediation Site - Potential Contamination History]	Digital mapping data are not available or are incomplete. Refer to EAF Workbook.
E. 1.h.i [DEC Spills or Remediation Site - Listed]	Digital mapping data are not available or are incomplete. Refer to EAF Workbook.
E. 1.h.i [DEC Spills or Remediation Site - Environmental Site Remediation Database]	Digital mapping data are not available or are incomplete. Refer to EAF Workbook.
E. 1.h.iii [Within 2,000' of DEC Remediation Site]	No
E.2.g [Unique Geologic Features]	No
E.2.h.i [Surface Water Features]	No
E.2.h.ii [Surface Water Features]	No
E.2.h.iii [Surface Water Features]	No
E.2.h.v [Impaired Water Bodies]	No
E.2.i. [Floodway]	No
E.2.j. [100 Year Floodplain]	No
E.2.k. [500 Year Floodplain]	No
E.2.l. [Aquifers]	Yes
E.2.l. [Aquifer Names]	Principal Aquifer
E.2.n. [Natural Communities]	No
E.2.o. [Endangered or Threatened Species]	Yes

E.2.o. [Endangered or Threatened Species - Name]	Northern Long-eared Bat, Bald Eagle
E.2.p. [Rare Plants or Animals]	No
E.3.a. [Agricultural District]	No
E.3.c. [National Natural Landmark]	No
E.3.d [Critical Environmental Area]	No
E.3.e. [National or State Register of Historic Places or State Eligible Sites]	Yes - Digital mapping data for archaeological site boundaries are not available. Refer to EAF Workbook.
E.3.e.ii [National or State Register of Historic Places or State Eligible Sites - Name]	Schoharie Village HD, Old Stone Fort
E.3.f. [Archeological Sites]	Yes
E.3.i. [Designated River Corridor]	No

SCHOHARIE COUNTY AGRICULTURAL DATA STATEMENT

Instructions: *This form must be completed for any application for a special use permit, site plan approval, use variance, or subdivision approval requiring municipal review that would occur on property located in an agricultural district or within 500 feet of a farm operation located in a NYS Department of Ag. & Markets certified Agricultural District.*

Town/Village of: Schoharie

Date: 4-6-24

Applicant Name: Curt Van Steele

Applicant Address: 915 State Route 443 Schoharie NY 12157

Owner Name *(if different from applicant):* Schoharie County Historic Society

Owner Address *(if different from applicant):* 145 Fort Road (PO BOX 171) Schoharie 12157

Type of Application:

Special Use Permit

Site Plan Approval

Use Variance

Subdivision Approval

Tax Map Number(s) of Parcel(s) involved in application: 72.6-2-11

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Check with your local assessor if you do not know the following:

Is the parcel within an Agricultural District? NO YES

Agricultural District Number: _____

Is this parcel actively farmed? NO YES

List Names and Addresses of all landowners in Agricultural Districts within 500 feet of your proposed project: None (see attached AG district map)

Signature of Applicant: _____

Curt Van Steele, president Schoharie County Historical Society