#### ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Town of Orangetown 26 Orangeburg Road Orangeburg, New York 10962 (845) 359-8410 (ex. 4316)

Date: December 5, 2024

TO: OBAPAE

NYS Dept of Environmental Conservation New York State Dept. of Transportation Palisades Interstate Park Commission NYS Thruway Authority

ACOE CSX

NYS Historical Preservation

Rockland County Drainage

Rockland County Health

Rockland County Planning

Rockland County Highway

Rockland County Sewer Dstrt #1

Orange and Rockland Utilities

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This matter is scheduled for: January 15, 2025

Review of Plans: Palisades Free Library, Addition & Alterations, 19 Closter Road, Palisades, NY

Section: 78.17 Block: 2 Lot: 22; R-40 - zone

Chapter 43, R-40 District, Table 3.12, Group E, Column 4 (Floor Area Ratio: .15 permitted, with .31 existing and .325 proposed), Column 9 (Side Yard: 30' required, with 12' proposed), from table 3.11, Column 6, #3(Off-Street parking: 21 spots required, with 11 spots existing and proposed), for a one-story addition to an existing Public Library. The premises are located at 19 Closter Road, Palisades, New York and identified on the Orangetown Tax Map as Section 78.17, Block 2, Lot 22 in the R-40 zoning district.

Please review the information enclosed and provide comments. These comments may be mailed, or e-mailed to the Zoning Board Office.

If your Agency does not have any comments at this time, please respond to this office by sending back this sheet.

- US Postal: 26 Orangeburg Road, Orangeburg, NY 10962
- Email to Zoning Board: KBettmann@orangetown.com

#### Zoning Board Meeting Date: January 15, 2025

- () Comments attached
- () No Comments at this time. Please send future correspondence for review.
- () No future correspondence for this site should be sent to this agency. Plans reviewed, and this agency does not have any further comments.
- () This project is out of the jurisdiction of this agency and has no further comments.

This project is before the **Zoning Board** on **Wednesday**, **January 15**, **2025**. Kindly, forward your completed review to this office **PRIOR TO**: January 15, 2025.

Reviewing	Agency:	
Name:	Date:	
Signature:		
Thank you,	Katlyn Bettmann (EXT. 4316)	



# OFFICE OF BUILDING, ZONING, PLANNING, ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT TOWN OF ORANGETOWN

26 Orangeburg Rd. Orangeburg, N.Y. 10962

Jane Slavin, R.A. Director

(845)359-8410

Fax: (845) 359-8526

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LAND USE BOARDS

### **ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**

Date: Nov. 6, 2024  Applicant: Palisades Library  Address: 19 Closter Road, Palisades, NY 10964
Section: 78.17 Block: 2 Lot: 22
Permit#_BLDC-4891-24
Plans Submitted: Survey Map dated 5/22/2014 signed and sealed by William D. Youngblood, L.S.,
Addition & Alteration plans with the most recent revision date 11/1/2024 signed and sealed by
Dennis M. Letson, L.P.E., & Robert Michael Esmay, R.A., (3 pages)
Palisades Free Library Addition & Alterations Project Name:
November 6, 2024  Date of Submittal to Land Use Board:
Date of Board Meeting: TBD
Sincerely,
Sincerery,
Katlyn Bettmann
Senior Clerk Typist
Date/Initial of OBZPAE Review Completed:

Name of Municipality: TOWN OF ORANGETOWN

Date Submitted: TOWN OF GRANDSTON LAND USE BOARDS Please check all that apply:

Commercial \_\_\_\_Residential

	Planning Board Zoning Board of Appeals	Historical Board Architectural Board	
	Subdivision Number of Lots Site Plan Conditional Use  Special Permit Variance Performance Standards Review Use Variance Other (specify):	Consultation Pre-Preliminary/Sketch Preliminary Final Interpretation  PERMIT#: ASSIGNED INSPECTOR:  Referred from Planning Board: YES// NO If yes provide date of Planning Board meeting: 972774	
	Name: ADDITION \$ AL	TERATION TO THE PARTIES OF SAP 10964	
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Direction	onal Location:	*	
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### **APPLICATION REVIEW FORM**

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	1)	Is any variance from the subdivision regulations required?
	2)	Is any open space being offered? If so, what amount?
	3)	Is this a standard or average density subdivision?
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#### OFFICE OF BUILDING, ZONING, PLANNING ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT

#### TOWN OF ORANGETOWN 20 GREENBUSH ROAD

ORANGEBURG, N.Y. 10962

Jane Slavin, RA Director

(845) 359-8410

Fax: (845) 359-8526

Date:

September 20, 2024

To:

Planning Board

From:

Jane Slavin, RA.,

Director O.B.Z.P.A.E

Subject:

Palisades Free Library Site Plan

Palisades Historic District - Building Addition Prepreliminary/ Preliminary/ Final Site Plan

and SEQRA Review

19 Closter Road, Palisades 78.17/2/22; R-40 zoning district TOWN OF ORANGETOWN LAND USE BOARDS

PB #24-42

Submission Reviewed:

Proposed addition and alteration package as prepared by Michael Esmay, last revised 6/18/24.

- 1) Per Chapter 43, Table 3.12, R-40 zoning district the following bulk variances are required;
  - a) Column 4, max FAR permitted is 0.15 with 0.31 existing and 0.325 proposed.
  - b) Column 9, min side yard required is 30' with 12' proposed.
- 2) Per Chapter 43, Table 3.11, R-40 district, column 6, #3, minimum off-street parking required is 21 spots with 11 existing and proposed.
- 3) Per Town Code Chapter 2, section 2-4, ACABOR review is required.
- 4) Per Town Code Chapter 12, section 12-4, HABR review is required.
- 5) The SEAF needs to be revised as follows:

No. 12a should be YES, 12b should be NO

No. 13a should be YES

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6) The applicant is reminded that no work can begin and no permit will be issued until all comments are met from the various agencies, all approvals are obtained, the Final Site Plan is stamped by the Chief Clerk to the Board and the construction plans are reviewed and approved by the inspector.



# OFFICE OF BUILDING, ZONING, PLANNING, ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT TOWN OF ORANGETOWN

20 Greenbush Road Orangeburg, N.Y. 10962

Jane Slavin, R.A. Director

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Fax: (845) 359-8526

### REFERRAL TO THE PLANNING BOARD

Date: April 15, 2024 Section: 78.17 Block: 2 Lot: 22
Applicant: Palisades Free Library
Address: 10 Closter Rd, Palisades, NY
RE: Application Made at: same
Referred For: § 21A-4 Site development plan approval required.  [Amended 9-4-2018 by L.L. No. 11-2018]
A. No building permit or certificate of occupancy shall be issued, other than for a single- or two-family residence and structures accessory thereto, except for a building or use that is in conformity with a site development plan approved by the Planning Board,
B. Approval of a site plan by the Planning Board is required for the development or redevelopment of any property or structure for a new use, the expansion or relocation of any existing use, or a change of use.
(1) A change that results in a difference in the numerical listing or the use column (Uses Permitted by Right, Uses by Special Permit, Conditional Uses, General Accessory Uses) for all uses as set forth in Chapter 43. § 3.11, Table of General Use Regulations.
(2) A change in the off-street parking requirements for a use as specified in Chapter 43, § 3.11, Table of General Use Regulations.
Comments:  1 Story Addition
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Dear Palisades Free Library
Please be advised that the Building Permit Application # 4891-24, which you submitted on Mar 21, 2024, has been referred to the Orangetown Planning Board. Please contact the Board office at 845-359-8410 ext. 4316 and someone will assist you in the preparation necessary to appear before the board or you may email Katlyn Bettmann at kbettmann@orangetown.com Sincerely,
Al 4/18/24 RECEIVED
Richard Oliver NOV 4 2024 Deputy Building Inspector
TOWN IT OKANGETOWN 4/15/2 9/80 ARDS
Signature of Director  Date  Oct. No. 54 SE MEED FOR YOUR DECORDS
NOTE: PLEASE KEEP FOR YOUR RECORDS CC: Liz DeCort 1/30-2023 JSA Cheryl Coopersmith

VIS	PRINT KEY	NAME	ADDRESS
2489	78.17-2-21	Tracey Weigel	39 Glen Byron Ave, Nyack, NY 10960
2489	78.17-2-22	Palisades Free Library	19 Closter Rd, Palisades, NY 10964
2489	78.17-2-23	Teri R Zehentner	21 Closter Rd, Palisades, NY 10964
2489	78.17-2-24	23 Closter Road LLC	P.O. Box 152, Palisades, NY 10964
2489	78.17-2-25	Diane Donnelly	25 Closter Rd, Palisades, NY 10964
2489	78.17-2-26	Charles Hyun Choi	P.O. Box 54, Palisades, NY 10964
2489	78.17-2-27	Emelyn DePalma	76 Fern Rd, Palisades, NY 10964
2489	78.17-2-28	Pierre Relland	685 Oak Tree Rd, Palisades, NY 10964
2489	78.17-2-29	Sunny Park	679 Oak Tree Rd, Palisades, NY 10964
2489	78.17-2-30	Palisades Community Center Inc	P.O. Box 222, Palisades, NY 10964
2489	78.18-1-58	Robert D Nuell	20 Clinton St Apt 6G, New York, NY 10002
2489	78.18-2-1	Robert P Lewis	194 Hook Mountain Ln, Upper Nyack, NY 10994
2489	78.18-2-2	Paul Papay	709 Oak Tree Rd, Palisades, NY 10964
2489	78.18-2-3	Paul Papay	709 Oak Tree Rd, Palisades, NY 10964
2489	78.18-2-23	Yutaka Matsumoto	32 Closter Rd Palisades, NY 10964
2489	78.18-2-24	Jesse Fleck	28 Closter Rd, Palisades, NY 10964
2489	78.18-2-25	Kelly Lynn Campbell	22 Closter Rd, Palisades, NY 10964
2489	78.18-2-26	James Adams	P.O. Box 682, Palisades, NY 10964
2489	78.17-2-20.1	Dennis Tirch	694 Oak Tree Rd, Palisades, NY 10964
2489	78.17-2-20.2	William Walther	P.O. Box 651, Palisades, NY 10964



#### PALISADES FREE LIBRARY

19 Closter Road, Palisades, NY 10964 845-359-0136 phone 845-359-6124 fax www.palisadeslibrary.org

October 30, 2024

Zoning Board of Appeals Town of Orangetown Building Department 20 Greenbush Road, Orangeburg, NY 10962 845-359-8410 x 4331

To Whom it May Concern:

I designate Michael Esmay as an agent of the Palisades Free Library and authorize him to appear in front of the Zoning Board of Appeals on our behalf.

Regards,

Marjorie Galen, President Board of Trustees Palisades Free Library

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TOWN OF GRANGETOWN LAND USE BOARDS

# Short Environmental Assessment Form Part 1 - Project Information

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TOWN OF UPANCETOWN LAND IN SECURITY

#### **Instructions for Completing**

Part 1— Project Information. The applicant or project sponsor is responsible for the completion of Part 1. Responses become part of the application for approval or funding, are subject to public review, and may be subject to further verification. Complete Part 1 based on information currently available. If additional research or investigation would be needed to fully respond to any item, please answer as thoroughly as possible based on current information.

Complete all items in Part 1. You may also provide any additional information which you believe will be needed by or useful to the lead agency; attach additional pages as necessary to supplement any item.

Part 1- Project and Sponsor Information				
ADDITION \$ ALTERATION TO THE PALICADES FREE LIBRARY Name of Action or Project:				
Project Location (describe, and attach a location map):				
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If Yes, attach a narrative description of the intent of the proposed action and the may be affected in the municipality and proceed to Part 2. Ifno, continue to que	environmental resources that stion 2.	X		
2. Does the proposed action require a permit. approval or funding from any oth		NO	YES	
If Yes. list agency(s) name and permit or approval: Town of or style	`		X	
3. a. Total acreage of the site of the proposed action?  b. Total acreage to be physically disturbed?  c. Total acreage (project site and any contiguous properties) owned or controlled by the applicant or project sponsor?  acres  o. 2865  acres				
4. Check all land uses that occur on, are adjoining or near the proposed action:		o mais de como mes queste como	laddigen familie sagen er er tyskene	
5. Urban Rural (non-agriculture) Industrial Commerci	nl 💢 Residential (suburban)			
☐ Forest ☐ Agriculture ☐ Aquatic ☐ Other(Specify):				
☐ Parkland				

5.	Is the proposed action,	NO	YES	NIA
	a. A permitted use under the zoning regulations?			
	b. Consistent with the adopted comprehensive plan?	一		
6.	Is the proposed action consistent with the predominant character of the existing built or natural landscap	e?	NO	YES
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7.	Is the site of the proposed action located in. or does it adjoin, a state listed Critical Environmental Area?	and the state of t	NO	YES
lf'	Yes, identify:		571	
			X	
8.	a. Will the proposed action result in a substantial increase in traffic above present levels?		NO	YES
	b. Are public transportation services available at or near the site of the proposed action?		<u>X</u>	
	c Are any pedestrian accommodations or bicycle routes available on or near the site of the proposed			X
	action?			凶
9.	Does the proposed action meet or exceed the state energy code requirements?		NO	YES
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	If No. describe method for providing potable water:			
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11	Will the proposed action connect to existing wastewater utilities?		NO	YES
	If No, describe method for providing wastewater treatment;			1
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are	b. Is the project site, or any portion of it, located in or adjacent to an area designated as sensitive for chaeological sites on the NY State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) archaeological site inventory?			
13	a. Does any portion of the site of the proposed action, or lands adjoining the proposed action, contain		NO	YES
wetlands or other waterbodies regulated by a federal, state or local agency?  b. Would the proposed action physically alter, or encroach into, any existing wetland or waterbody?				X
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14. Identify the typical habitat types that occur on, or are likely to be found on the project site. Check all that apply:		····
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15. Does the site of the proposed action contain any species of animal, or associated habitats, listed by the State or Federal government as threatened or endangered.	NO	YES
	N	
16. Is the project site located in the 100-year flood plan?	NO	YES
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17. Will the proposed action create storm water discharge, either from point or non-point sources?	NO	YES
If Yes,	$\boxtimes$	
a. Will storm water discharges flow to adjacent properties?	Ø	
b. Will storm water discharges be directed to established conveyance systems (runoff and storm drains)? If Yes, briefly describe:		Ø
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18. Does the proposed action include construction or other activities that would result in the impoundment of water	NO	YES
or other liquids (e.g., retention pond, waste lagoon, darn)?  If Yes, explain the purpose and size of the irnpoundment:		
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19. Has the site of the proposed action or an adjoining property been the location of an active or closed solid waste rnanagement facility? If Yes, describe:	МО	YES
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20. Has the site of the proposed action or an adjoining property been the subject of rernediation (ongoing or completed) for hazardous waste?	NO	YES
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Signature Title: ARCHITECT		
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TOWN GREAT GETOWN LAND USE POARDS



### Michael Esmay / Architect

NARRATIVE FOR AN APPLICATION TO THE ORANGETOWN ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS FOR AN ADDITION AND ALTERATION TO THE PALISADES FREE LIBRARY /19 CLOSTER ROAD / PALISADES, NY

The Library Site is a corner lot located in Palisades NY at the intersection of Oak Tree Road and Closter Road. It is Orangetown's Tax Lot Number 78.18-2-22 located in a R-40-Group B Zoning District and the Palisades Historic District. A Public Library is a use permitted by right in this Zoning District.

The Library Board of Trustees is proposing a small, 195 square foot, one story high addition to the Children's Room. This much needed space will be used for play, story hour and other activities. The proposal has been reviewed and granted Preliminary Approval with conditions by the Planning Board.

On this Site the Library has occupied an old historic structure for over seventy years and during this time, as the Library has grown, there have been three additions to this structure. Except for one bulk requirement (Frontage) the Site does not conform to the requirements of the Orangetown Zoning Ordinance Bulk Regulations. With this proposal the Board of Trustees is seeking three variances to the requirements of the Bulk Regulations:

Regulation	Requirement	Existing	Proposed
Side Yard	30 feet	22.7 feet	12 feet
Floor Area Ratio	0.15	0.31	0.325
Parking	1 car / 200 sq.ft.	11 (20 required)	11 (21 required)

The Site is located in an area where many of the abutting and nearby properties are non-conforming by virtue of lot size and other bulk requirements. For example within 600 feet of the Site around the intersection of Oak Tree Road and Closter Road there are 21 properties that are undersized for the lot area requirement of the R40 Zoning District. As examples, attached are several surveys of nearby properties that are non-conforming. This indicates that what the Library Board is seeking is not

inconsistent with other existing properties in this area and not precedent setting.

Factors to be taken into considering this application:

## Will an undesirable change be produced in the character of the neighborhood or a detriment to nearby properties?

The proposed Addition and Alteration is consistent with and will not be a detriment to the surrounding properties and be in character with the Palisades area. The proposal will not increase density and traffic and its aesthetic impact will not set a negative precedent as it is consistent with other properties in the neighborhood and the Palisades Historic District.

# Could the benefit sought by the Board of Trustees be achieved by some method feasible for them to pursue other than an Area Variance?

Because of the existing non-conforming status of the property it would be impossible in any way to construct any Addition to the Library without seeking a variance to the Zoning Ordinance from the Zoning Board and furthermore the benefit cannot be achieved by altering the layout within the existing Library structure.

### Is the requested variance substantial?

The proposed Addition is small with an area of 195 square feet which is 5% of the existing Library's area and the Floor Area Ratio increases from 0.31 to 0.328 and as such, within this context, should not be considered substantial. In addition, considering that the existing Front Yard Setbacks are 1.5 feet and 15.9 feet a proposed 12 foot Side Yard Setback would not be substantial

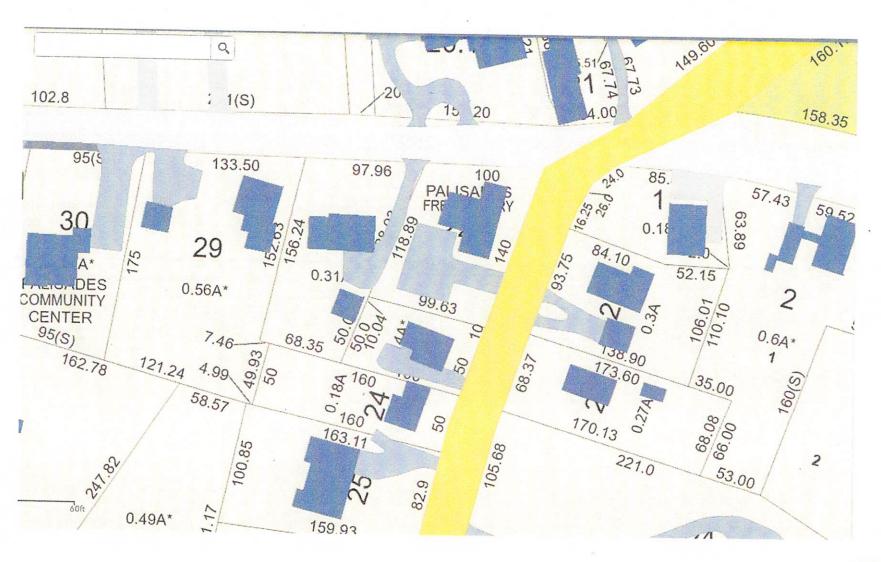
## Will the proposed variance have an adverse effect or impact on the physical or environmental conditions in the neighborhood or district?

The proposed Addition and Alteration will not have an adverse effect on the physical or environmental conditions in the neighborhood. The Library use is benign and the Addition has a small area and as designed minimizes Site

disturbance. There will be no additional impervious surface added to the Site as a result of this proposal

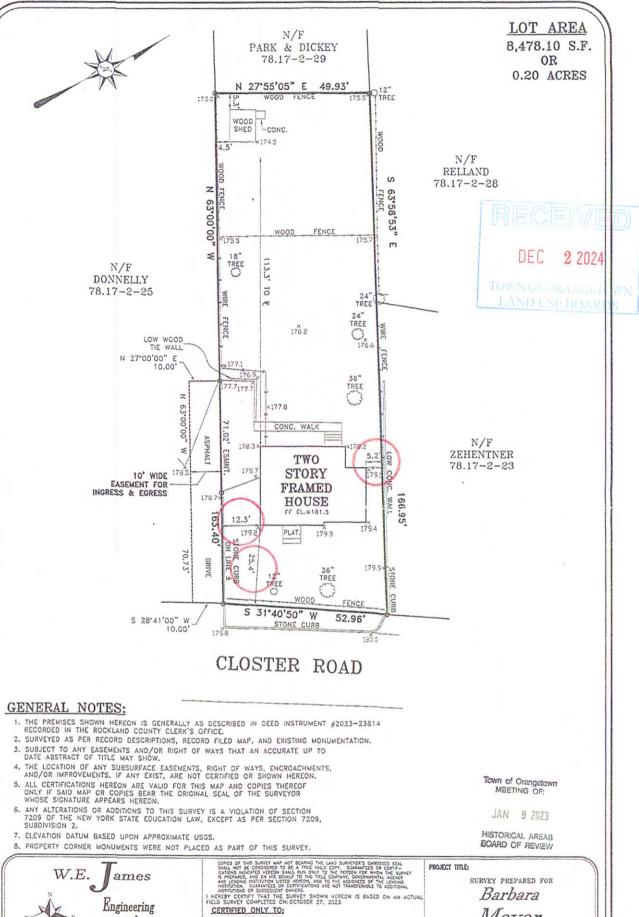
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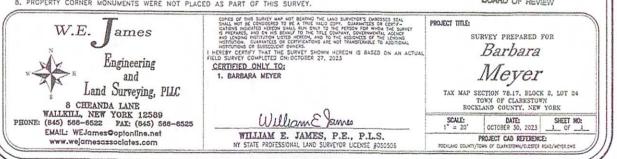
The alleged difficulty is as a result of it's existing non-conforming property that the Library obtained more than 70 years ago. From this perspective the difficulty is self-created. It is important to note that as well as the Library, there are many nearby properties that are also non-conforming and have received variances that are equal in scope to the variance the Library seeks.











## CLOSTER ROAD

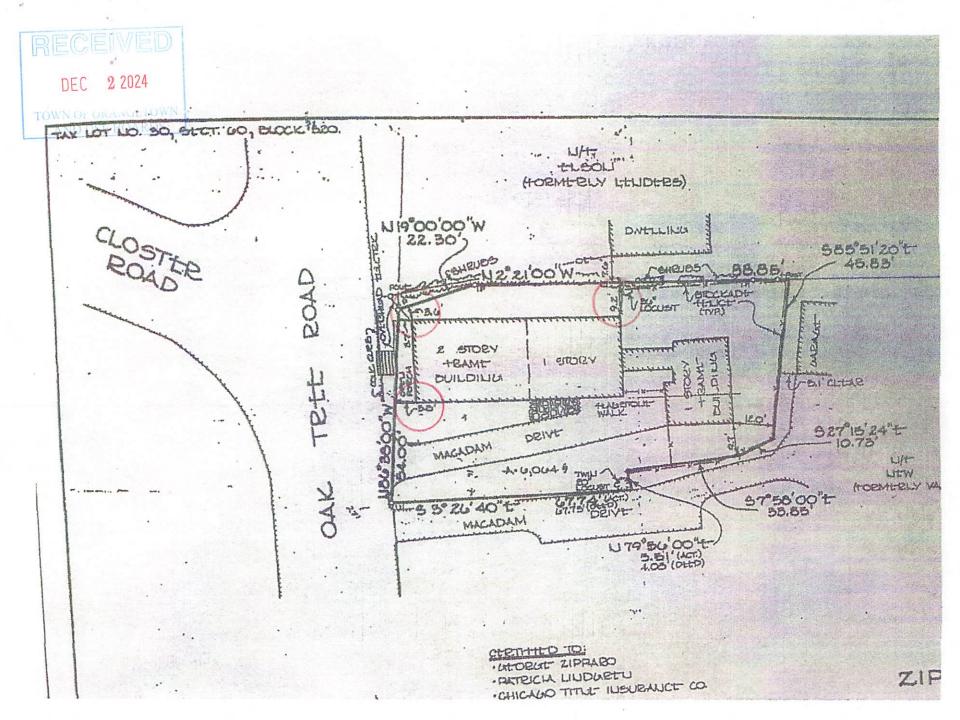
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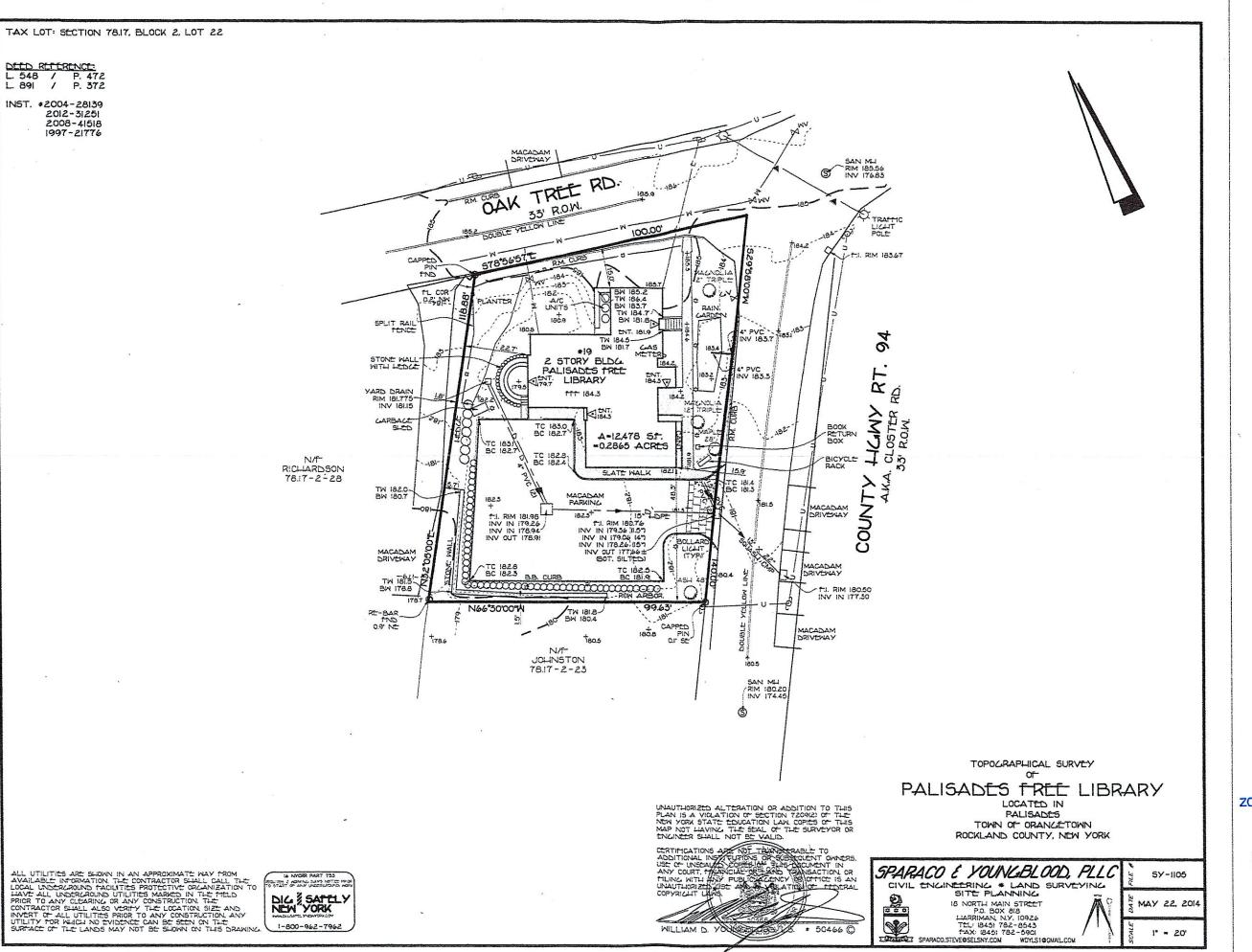
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PAUL & KATHRYN PAPAY

LAURA EBMEYER-TRUST PALISADES - TOWN OF ORANGETOWN ROCKLAND COUNTY . NEW YORK APRIL 30, 2008 SCALE 1"-20"

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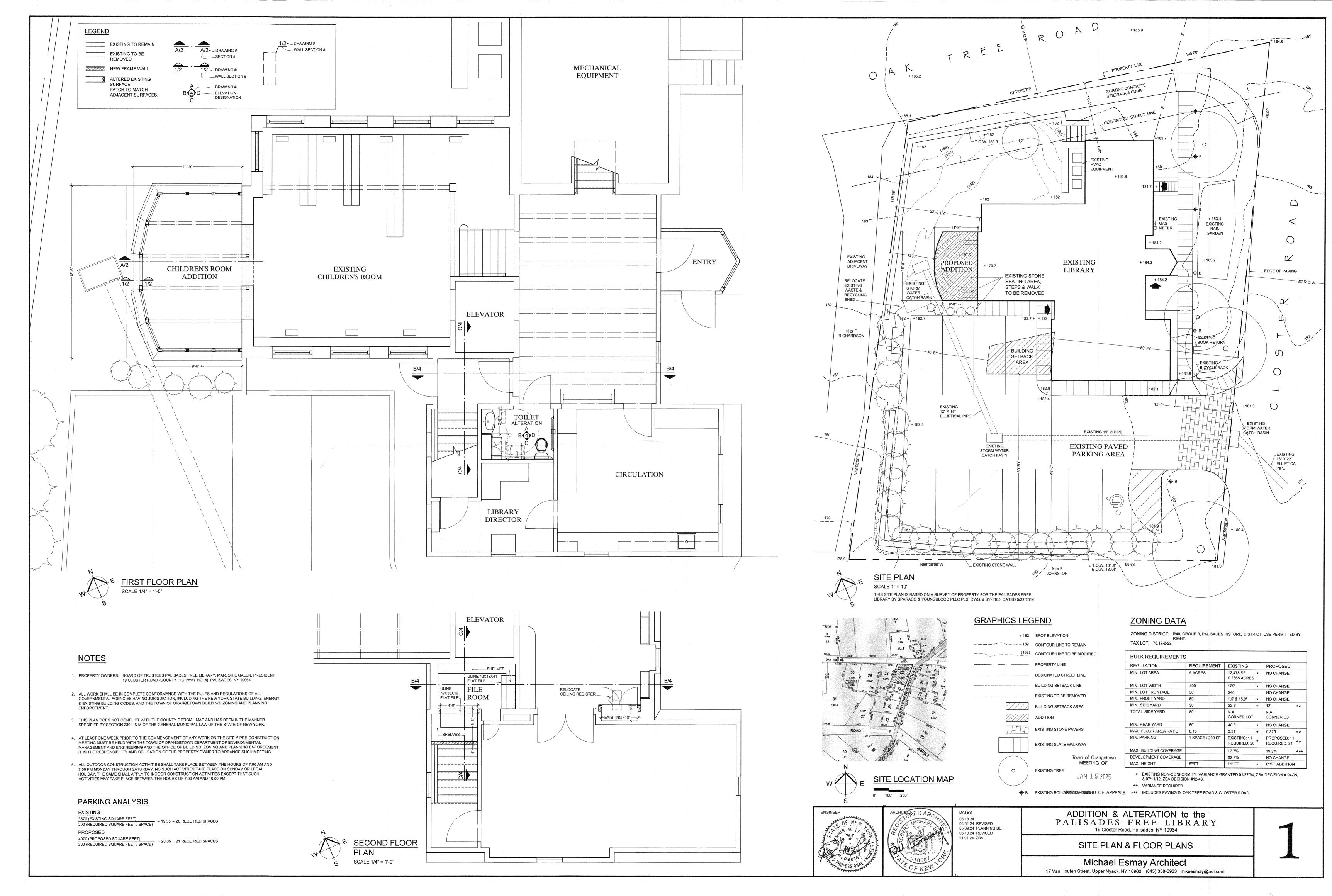
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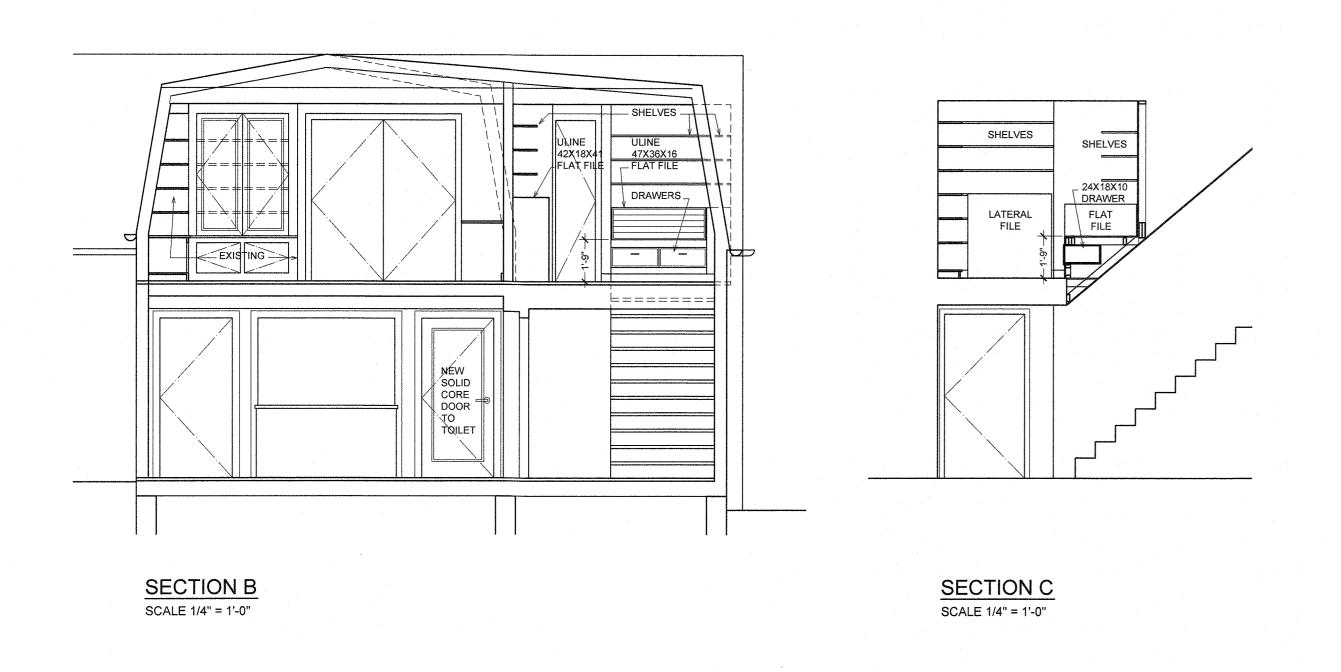
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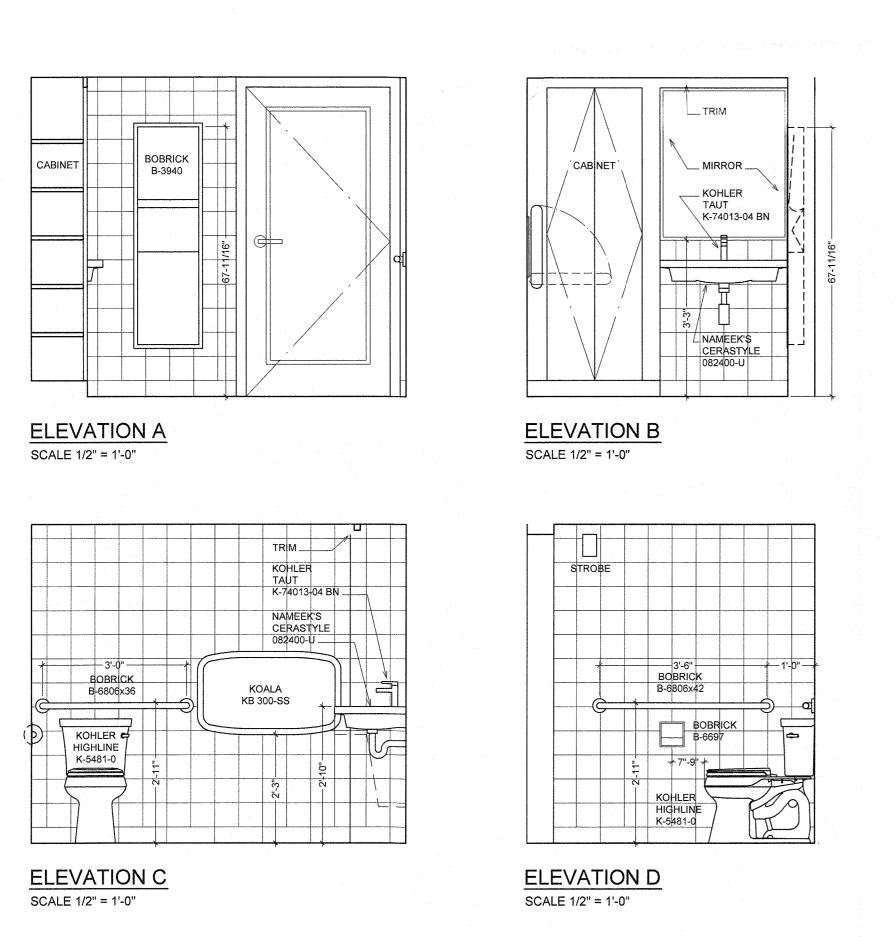
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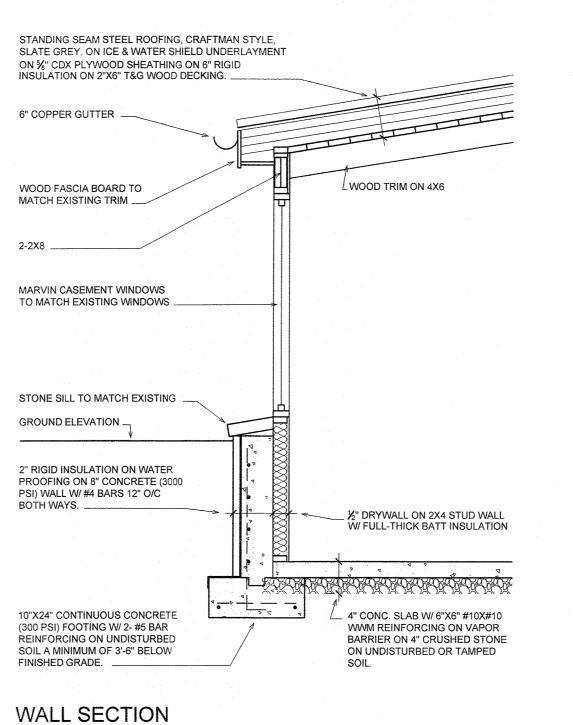
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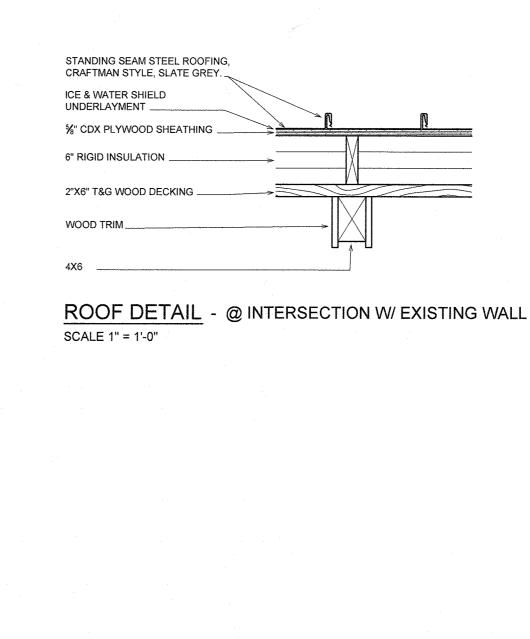


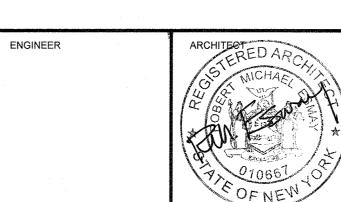






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DATES

03.18.24

04.01.24 REVISED

05.09.24 PLANNING BD.

06.18.24 REVISED

11.01.24 ZBA

ADDITION & ALTERATION to the PALISADES FREE LIBRARY

19 Closter Road, Palisades, NY 10964

SECTIONS, DETAILS & INTERIOR ELEVATIONS

Michael Esmay Architect

17 Van Houten Street, Upper Nyack, NY 10960 (845) 358-0933 mikeesmay@aol.com

