## MONTGOMERY COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION STAFF REPORT

Address: 30 West Kirke St., Chevy Chase Meeting Date: 1/8/2020

**Resource:** Contributing Resource **Report Date:** 12/31/2019

(Chevy Chase Village Historic District)

**Public Notice:** 12/24/2019

N/A

**Tax Credit:** 

**Applicant:** Mary Sheehan and Anthony Marra

(Lily Mondroff, Architect)

Review: HAWP Staff: Michael Kyne

**Case Number:** 35/13-190 & 35/13-19U REVISIONS

**PROPOSAL:** Porch alterations and new construction

### **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends that the HPC **approve** the HAWP application.

### **ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION**

SIGNIFICANCE: Contributing Resource within the Chevy Chase Village Historic District

STYLE: Colonial Revival DATE: c. 1927-1941

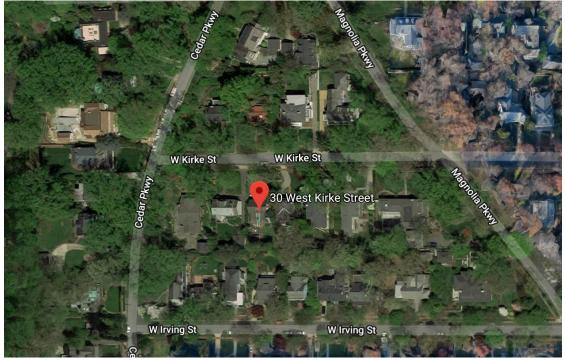


Fig. 1: Subject property.

#### **BACKGROUND**

The Commission approved the applicants' proposals for porch alterations and new construction at the May 21, 2019 HPC meeting and for demolition of an existing garage and construction of a new garage at the June 12, 2019 HPC meeting.

### **PROPOSAL**

The applicants have revised their proposals, removing the previously approved mudroom from the rear (south) elevation and altering the style of the previously approved front (north) elevation dormers. Other revisions include the removal of the cupola from the previously approved new garage at the rear of the subject property (case #35/13-19U, which was approved at the June 12, 2019 HPC meeting), infilling a basement-level window on the right/rear (southwest) elevation, and installation of wrought iron handrails on either side of the previously approved front (north) porch steps.

### APPLICABLE GUIDELINES

When reviewing alterations and new construction within the Chevy Chase Village Historic District several documents are to be utilized as guidelines to assist the Commission in developing their decision. These documents include the historic preservation review guidelines in the approved and adopted amendment for the *Chevy Chase Village Historic District (Guidelines), Montgomery County Code Chapter 24A (Chapter 24A)*, and *the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation (Standards)*. The pertinent information in these documents is outlined below.

### Montgomery County Code; Chapter 24A-8

- (b) The commission shall instruct the director to issue a permit, or issue a permit subject to such conditions as are found to be necessary to insure conformity with the purposes and requirements of this chapter, if it finds that:
  - (1) The proposal will not substantially alter the exterior features of an historic site or historic resource within an historic district; or
  - (2) The proposal is compatible in character and nature with the historical, archeological, architectural or cultural features of the historic site or the historic district in which an historic resource is located and would not be detrimental thereto or to the achievement of the purposes of this chapter; or
  - (3) The proposal would enhance or aid in the protection, preservation and public or private utilization of the historic site or historic resource located within an historic district in a manner compatible with the historical, archeological, architectural or cultural value of the historic site or historic district in which an historic resource is located; or
  - (4) The proposal is necessary in order that unsafe conditions or health hazards be remedied; or
  - (5) The proposal is necessary in order that the owner of the subject property not be deprived of reasonable use of the property or suffer undue hardship; or
  - (6) In balancing the interests of the public in preserving the historic site or historic resource located within an historic district, with the interests of the public from the use and benefit of the alternative proposal, the general public welfare is better served by granting the permit.

- (c) It is not the intent of this chapter to limit new construction, alteration or repairs to any 1 period or architectural style.
- (d) In the case of an application for work on an historic resource located within an historic district, the commission shall be lenient in its judgment of plans for structures of little historical or design significance or for plans involving new construction, unless such plans would seriously impair the historic or architectural value of surrounding historic resources or would impair the character of the historic district. (Ord. No. 9-4, § 1; Ord. No. 11-59.)

### Chevy Chase Village Historic District Guidelines

The guidelines break down specific projects into three levels of review – Lenient, Moderate and Strict Scrutiny.

"Lenient Scrutiny" means that the emphasis of the review should be on issues of general massing and scale, and compatibility with the surrounding streetscape, and should allow for a very liberal interpretation of preservation rules. Most changes should be permitted unless there are major problems with massing, scale and compatibility.

"Moderate Scrutiny" involves a higher standard of review than "lenient scrutiny." Besides issues of massing, scale and compatibility, preserving the integrity of the resource is taken into account. Alterations should be designed so that the altered structure still contributes to the district. Use of compatible new materials, rather than the original building materials, should be permitted. Planned changes should be compatible with the structure's existing design, but should not be required to replicate its architectural style.

"Strict Scrutiny" means that the planned changes should be reviewed to insure that the integrity of the significant exterior architectural or landscaping features and details is not compromised. However, strict scrutiny should not be "strict in theory but fatal in fact" i.e. it does not mean that there can be no changes but simply that the proposed changes should be reviewed with extra care.

The *Guidelines* state three basic policies that should be adhered to, including:

Preserving the integrity of the contributing structures in the district. Alterations to contributing structures should be designed in such a way that the altered structure still contributes to the district.

Design review emphasis should be restricted to changes that will be visible from the front or side public right-of-way, or that would be visible in the absence of vegetation or landscaping.

Alterations to the portion of a property that are not visible from the public right-of-way should be subject to very lenient review. Most changes to rear of the properties should be approved as a matter of course.

The Guidelines that pertain to this project are as follows:

<u>Dormers</u> should be subject to moderate scrutiny if they are visible from the public right-of-way, lenient scrutiny if they are not. For outstanding resources they should be subject to strict scrutiny if they are visible from the public right-of-way.

<u>Garages and accessory buildings</u> which are detached from the main house should be subject to lenient scrutiny, but should be compatible with the main building.

<u>Porches</u> should be subject to moderate scrutiny if they are visible from the public right-of-way, lenient scrutiny if they are not. Enclosures of existing side and rear porches have occurred throughout the Village with little or no adverse impact on its character, and they should be permitted where compatibly designed. Strict scrutiny should be applied to additions above existing front porches.

### Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation

The Secretary of the Interior defines rehabilitation as "the act or process of making possible a compatible use for a property through repair, alterations, and additions while preserving those portions or features, which convey its historical, cultural, or architectural values." The *Standards* are as follows:

- 2. The historic character of a property shall be retained and preserved. The removal of historic materials or alteration of features and spaces that characterize a property shall be avoided.
- 9. New additions, exterior alterations, or related new construction shall not destroy historic materials that characterize the property. The new work shall be differentiated from the old and shall be compatible with the massing, size, scale, and architectural features to protect the historic integrity of the property and its environment.
- 10. New additions and adjacent or related new construction shall be undertaken in such a manner that if removed in the future, the essential form and integrity of the historic property and its environment would be unimpaired.

#### STAFF DISCUSSION

The subject property is a c. 1927-1941 Colonial Revival-style Contributing Resource within the Chevy Chase Village Historic District. The front of the house faces West Kirke Street to the north and has a moderate setback from the street. The house has experienced previous alterations, including front porch replacement, the installation of aluminum siding, and the construction of a c. 1991 rear addition.

The Commission approved the applicants' proposals for porch alterations and new construction at the May 21, 2019 HPC meeting and for demolition of an existing garage and construction of a new garage at the June 12, 2019 HPC meeting. The applicants have revised their proposals, removing the previously approved mudroom from the rear (south) elevation and altering the style of the previously approved front (north) elevation dormers. Other revisions include the removal of the cupola from the previously approved new garage at the rear of the subject property (case #35/13-19U, which was approved at the June 12, 2019 HPC meeting), infilling a basement-level window on the right/rear (southwest) elevation, and installation of wrought iron handrails on either side of the previously approved front (north) porch steps.

Staff finds the proposed revisions compatible with the Colonial Revival-style house. Specifically, staff finds the revised dormers to be more in-keeping with the style of the house than the previously approved dormers with arched windows.

The proposed features and materials are compatible with the subject property and surrounding streetscape, and the proposed alterations are designed so that the property will still contribute to the historic district, in accordance with the *Guidelines*. Additionally, the proposal will not remove or alter character-defining features of the subject property, in accordance with *Standards* #2, #9 and #10.

After full and fair consideration of the applicant's submission staff finds the proposal as being consistent

with the Criteria for Issuance in Chapter 24A-(b) 1 and 2, having found the proposal is consistent with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation #2 and #9, and Chevy Chase Village Historic District Guidelines outlined above.

### **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends that the Commission <u>approve</u> the HAWP application only for alterations to the main house under the Criteria for Issuance in Chapter 24A-8(b), (c), and (d), having found that the proposal is consistent with the *Chevy Chase Village Historic District Guidelines* identified above, and therefore will not substantially alter the exterior features of the historic resource and is compatible in character with the district and the purposes of Chapter 24A;

and with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation #2, #9 and #10;

and with the general condition that the applicant shall present the **3 permit sets of drawings**, **if applicable to Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) staff for review and stamping** prior to submission for the Montgomery County Department of Permitting Services (DPS) building permits;

and with the general condition that final project design details, not specifically delineated by the Commission, shall be approved by HPC staff or brought back to the Commission as a revised HAWP application at staff's discretion;

and with the general condition that the applicant shall notify the Historic Preservation Staff if they propose to make **any alterations** to the approved plans. Once the work is completed the applicant will <u>contact the staff person</u> assigned to this application at 301-563-3400 or michael.kyne@montgomeryplanning.org to schedule a follow-up site visit.



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### HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION 301/563-3400

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# THE FOLLOWING ITEMS MUST BE COMPLETED AND THE REQUIRED DOCUMENTS MUST ACCOMPANY THIS APPLICATION.

### WRITTEN DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT

a. Description of existing structure(s) and environmental setting, including their historical features and significance:

The existing colonial revival, side gable, wood frame house with brick foundation walls was built in 1927 and is a contributing structure within the Historic District of Chevy Chase Village. A 2-story twin-gable 1st floor family room addition and kitchen renovation with 2nd floor owners' suite at the rear were incorporated in 1991. Exterior materials consist of aluminum siding and asphalt shingle roof at the original house; cementitious siding, asphalt shingle and metal roof at rear. The existing 2-car, hip roof garage consists of horizontal wood siding and asphalt shingle roof. Poor drainage + site slope has caused water damage at garage foundation walls.

b. General description of project and its effect on the historic resource(s), the environmental setting, and, where applicable, the historic district:
The proposed work includes a covered front porch and (3) dormers. The new porch consists of a
brick base with stone cap, painted round 'stavecast' round columns and pilasters and painted wood
railing at porch roof. Scale, dimensions and details to reflect the architectural vocabulary of the
house. At the rear, a 1-story wood-frame screened porch and mudroom with reconfigured basement
access will be added. The addition walls steps back on the east side, and maintain the wall elevation
of the west side. Existing 2-car deteriorated garage will be replaced with 1-car garage.

SITE PLAN See attached.

Site and environmental setting, drawn to scale. You may use your plat. Your site plan must include:

- a. the scale, north arrow, and date;
- b. dimensions of all existing and proposed structures; and
- c. site features such as walkways, driveways, fences, ponds, streams, trash dumpsters, mechanical equipment, and landscaping.

### PLANS AND ELEVATIONS

You must submit 2 copies of plans and elevations in a format no larger than 11" x 17". Plans on 8 1/2" x 11" paper are preferred.

- a. Schematic construction plans, with marked dimensions, indicating location, size and general type of walls, window and door openings, and other fixed features of both the existing resource(s) and the proposed work.
- b. Elevations (facades), with marked dimensions, clearly indicating proposed work in relation to existing construction and, when appropriate, context. All materials and fixtures proposed for the exterior must be noted on the elevations drawings. An existing and a proposed elevation drawing of each facade affected by the proposed work is required.

### **MATERIALS SPECIFICATIONS**

General description of materials and manufactured items proposed for incorporation in the work of the project. This information may be included on your design drawings.

### **PHOTOGRAPHS**

- a. Clearly labeled photographic prints of each facade of existing resource, including details of the affected portions. All labels should be placed on the front of photographs.
- Clearly label photographic prints of the resource as viewed from the public right-of-way and of the adjoining properties. All labels should be placed on the front of photographs.

### TREE SURVEY

If you are proposing construction adjacent to or within the dripline of any tree 6" or larger in diameter (at approximately 4 feet above the ground), you must file an accurate tree survey identifying the size, location, and species of each tree of at least that dimension.

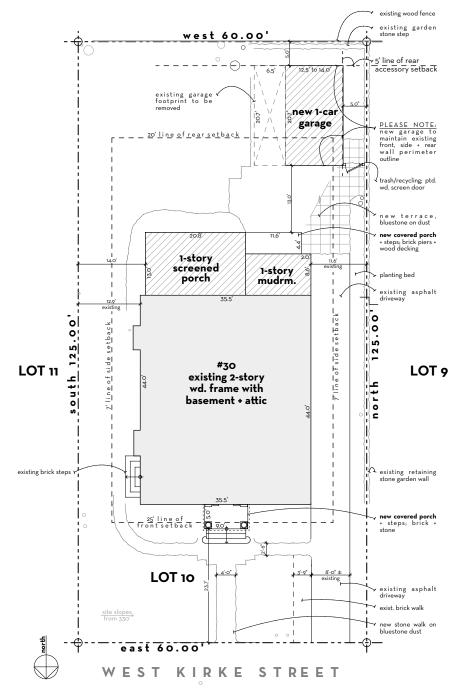
### **ADDRESSES OF ADJACENT AND CONFRONTING PROPERTY OWNERS**

For <u>ALL</u> projects, provide an accurate list of adjacent and confronting property owners (not tenants), including names, addresses, and zip codes. This list should include the owners of all lots or parcels which adjoin the parcel in question, as well as the owner(s) of lot(s) or parcel(s) which lie directly across the street/highway from the parcel in question.

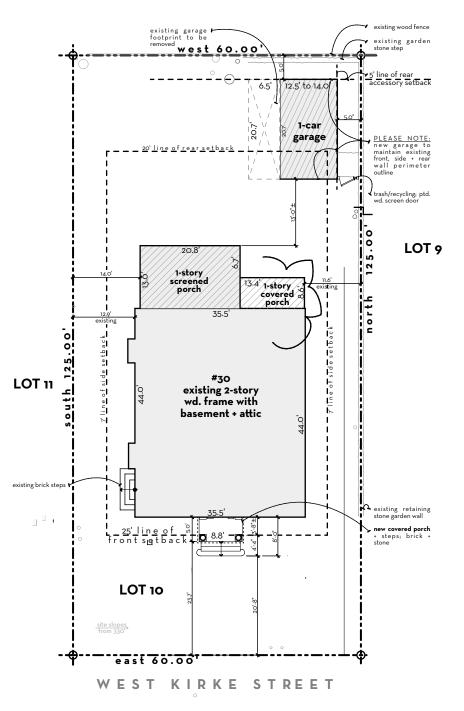
### HAWP APPLICATION: MAILING ADDRESSES FOR NOTIFING

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site plan (approved)
scale: 1" = 20



2 site plan (revised)
scale: 1" = 20'

### HAWP REVISION **DRAWING LIST**

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SKo	site plan + drawing list
rear porch SK18-A SK18-R	floor plans floor plans
SK19-A SK19-R	floor plans floor plans
SK33-A SK33-R	rear elevation rear elevation
SK34-A SK34-R	side elevation (west) side elevation (west)
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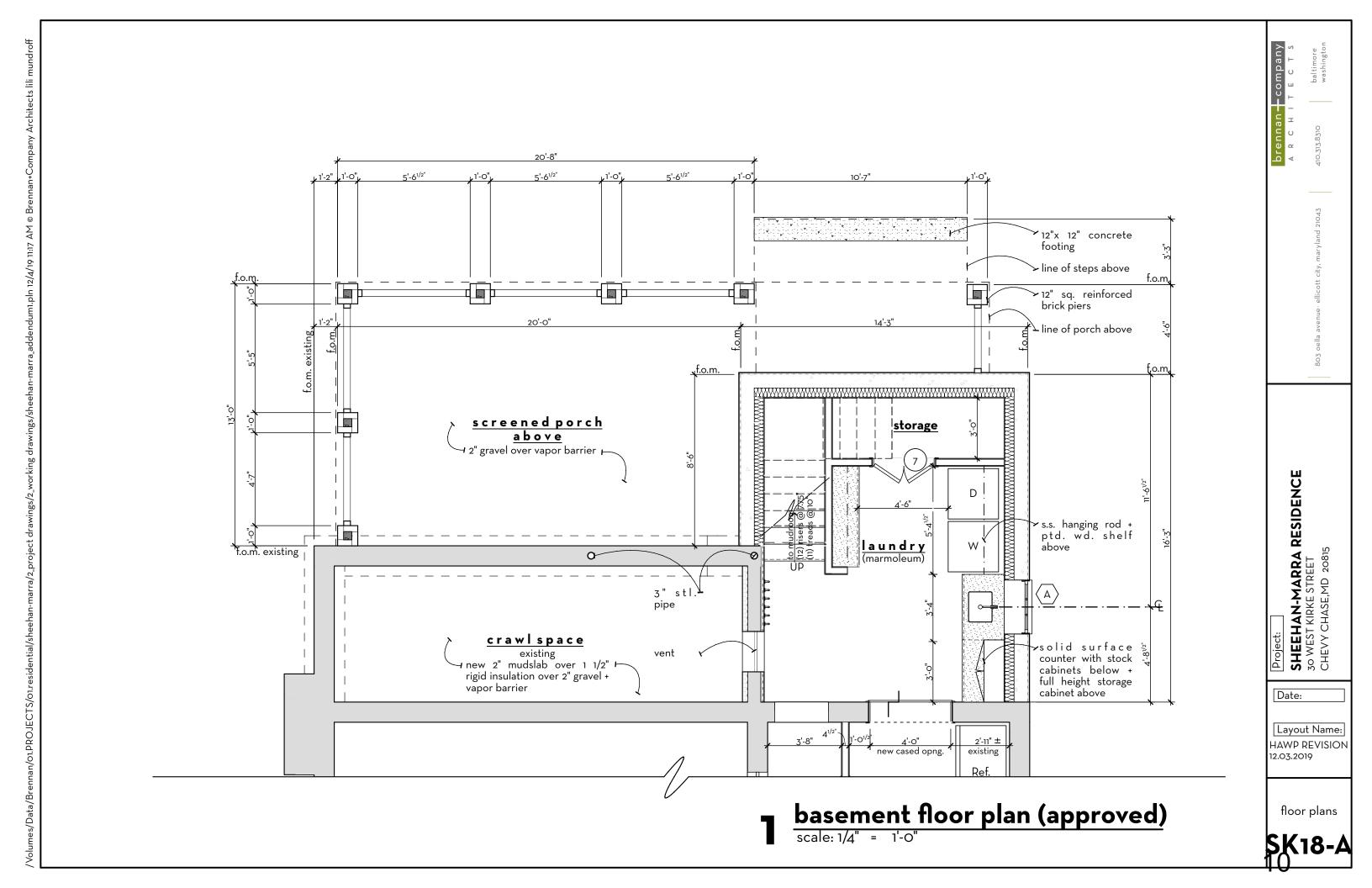
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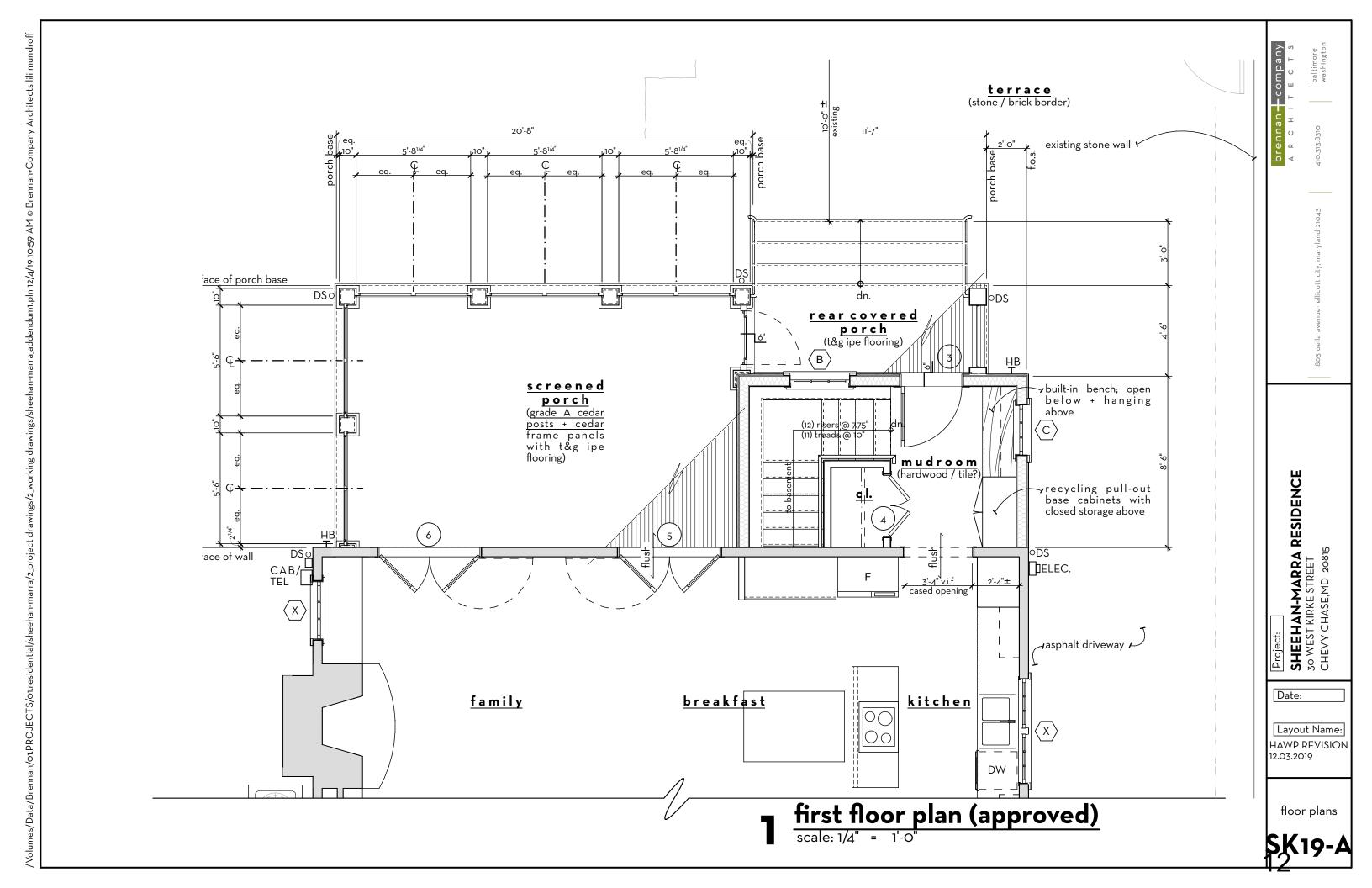
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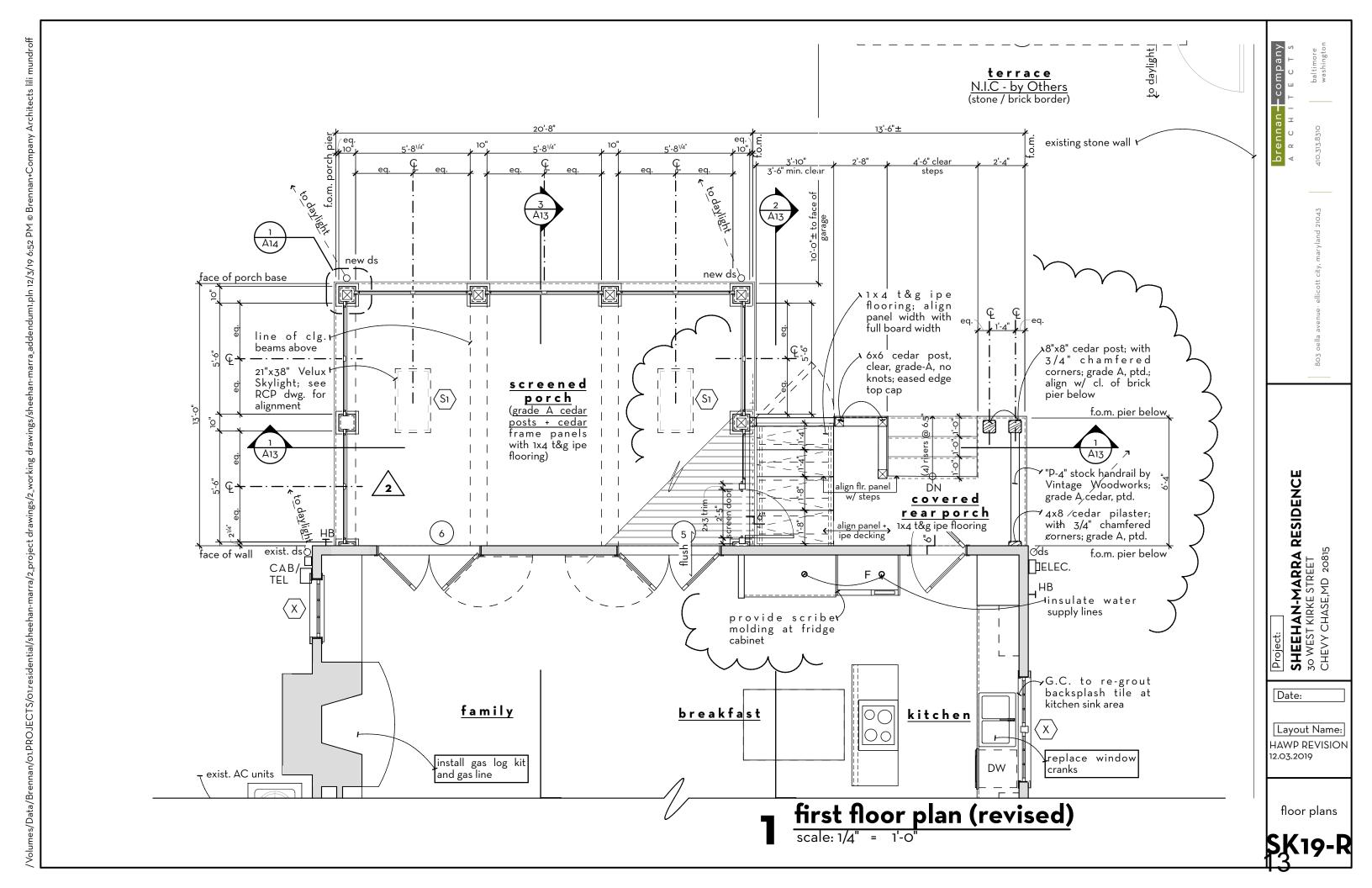
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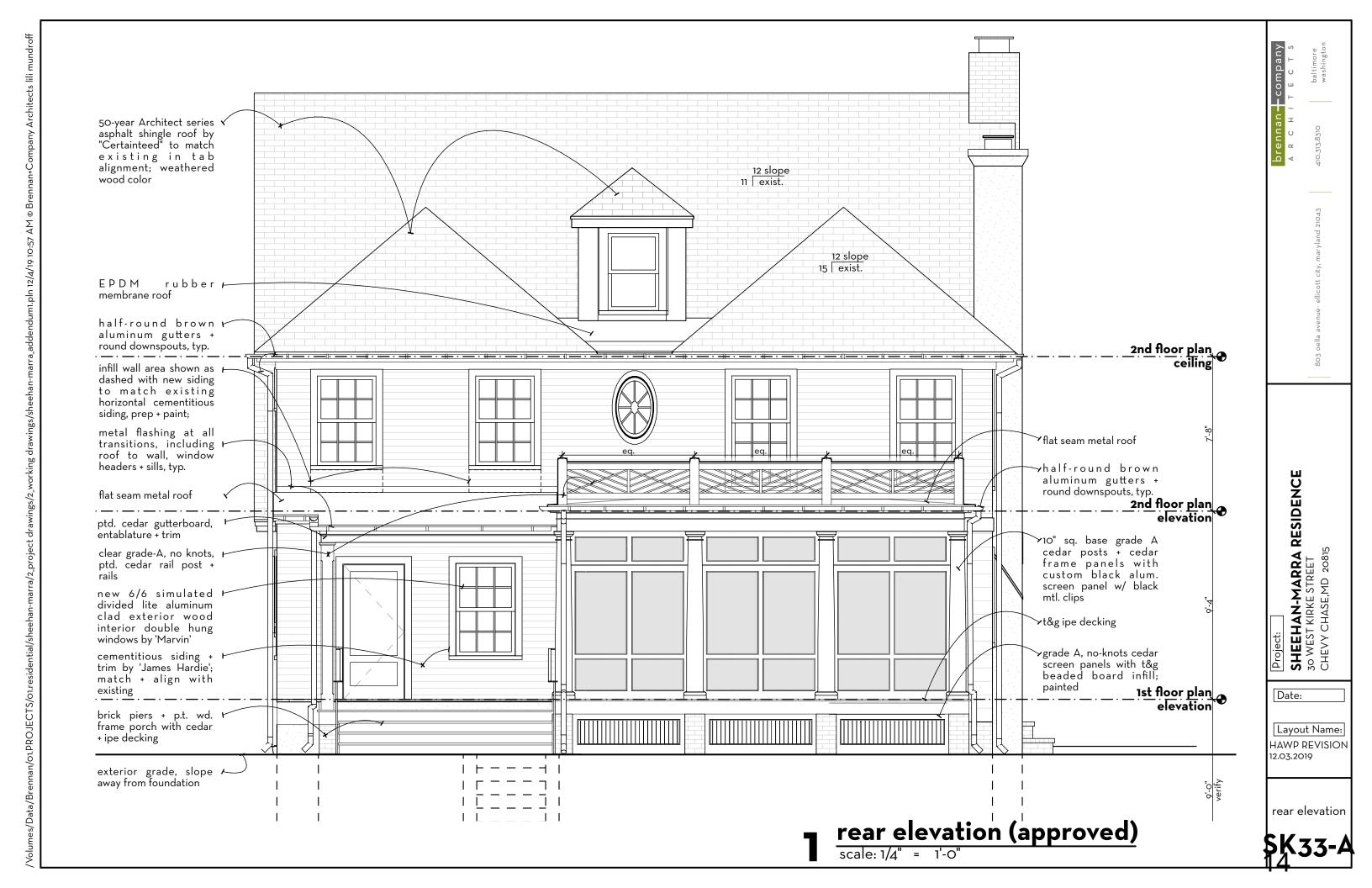
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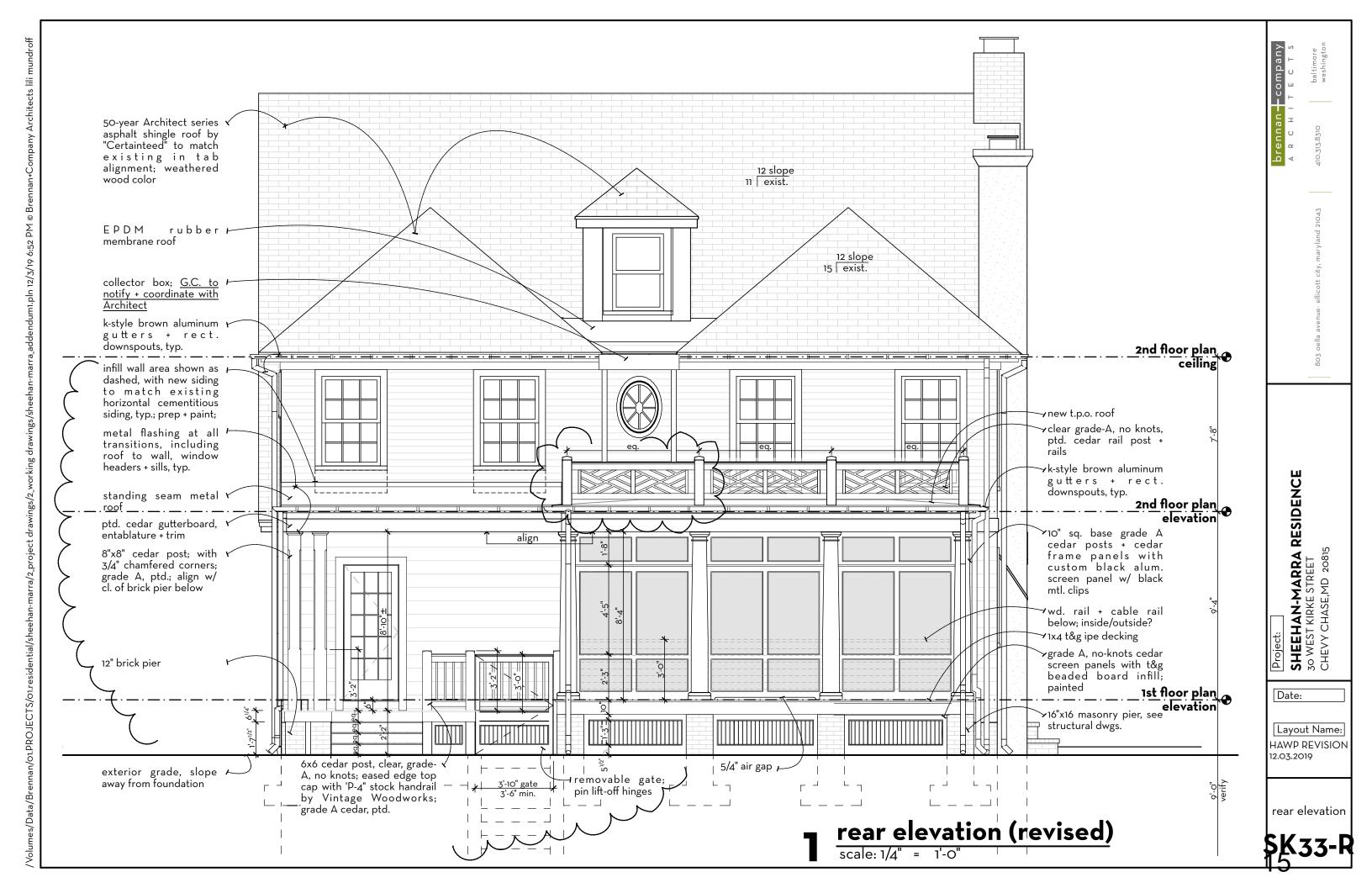
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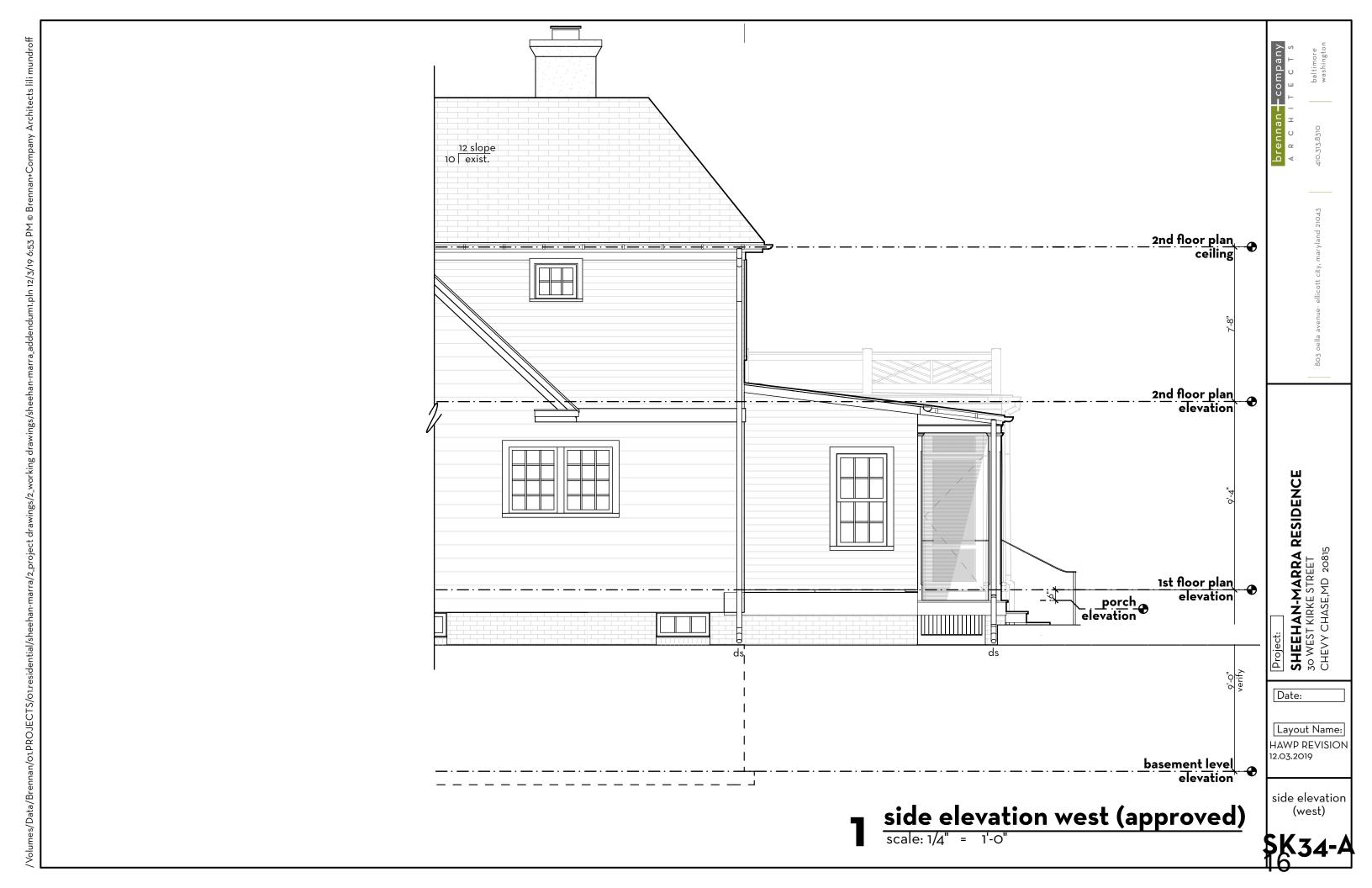


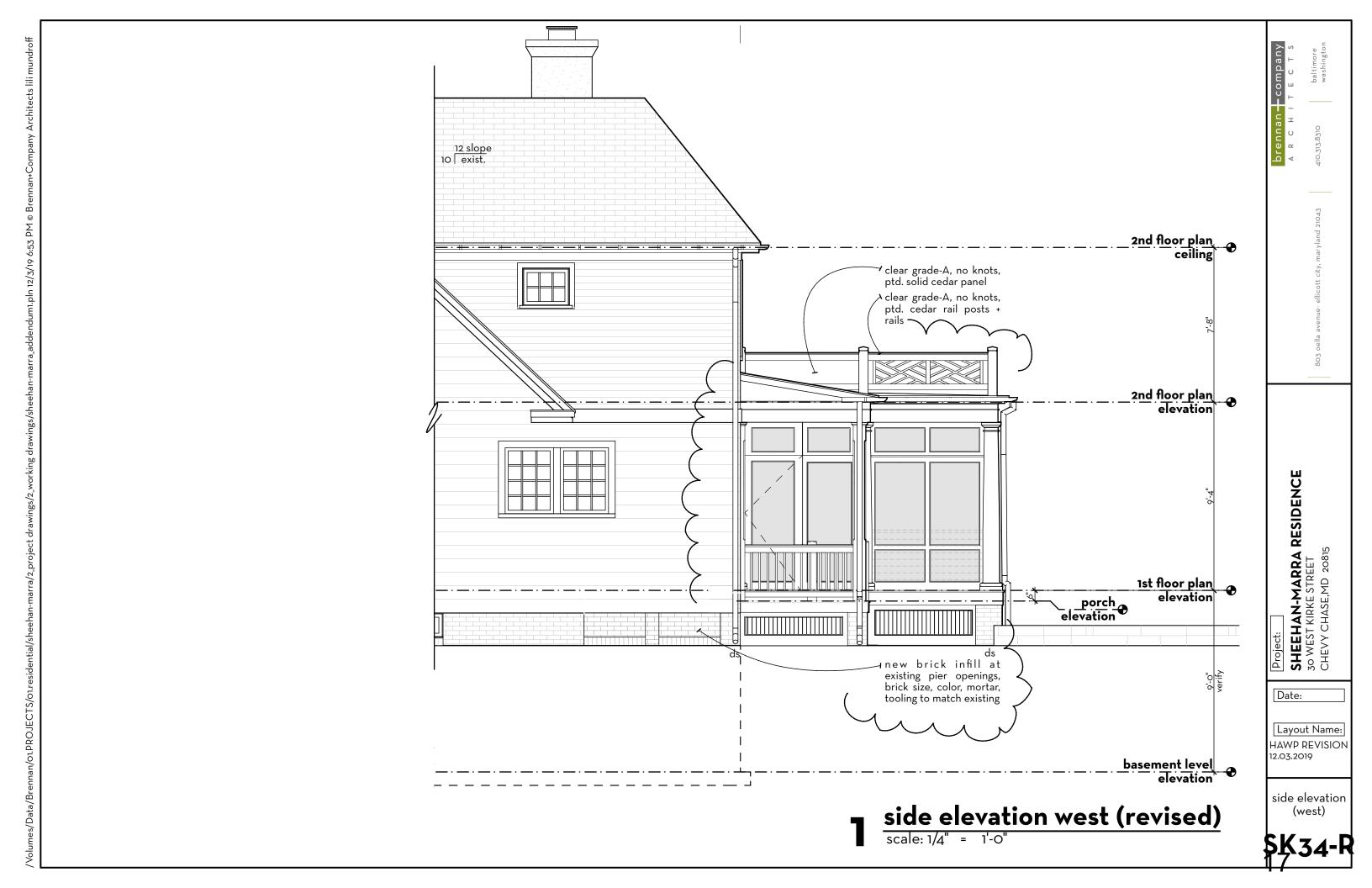


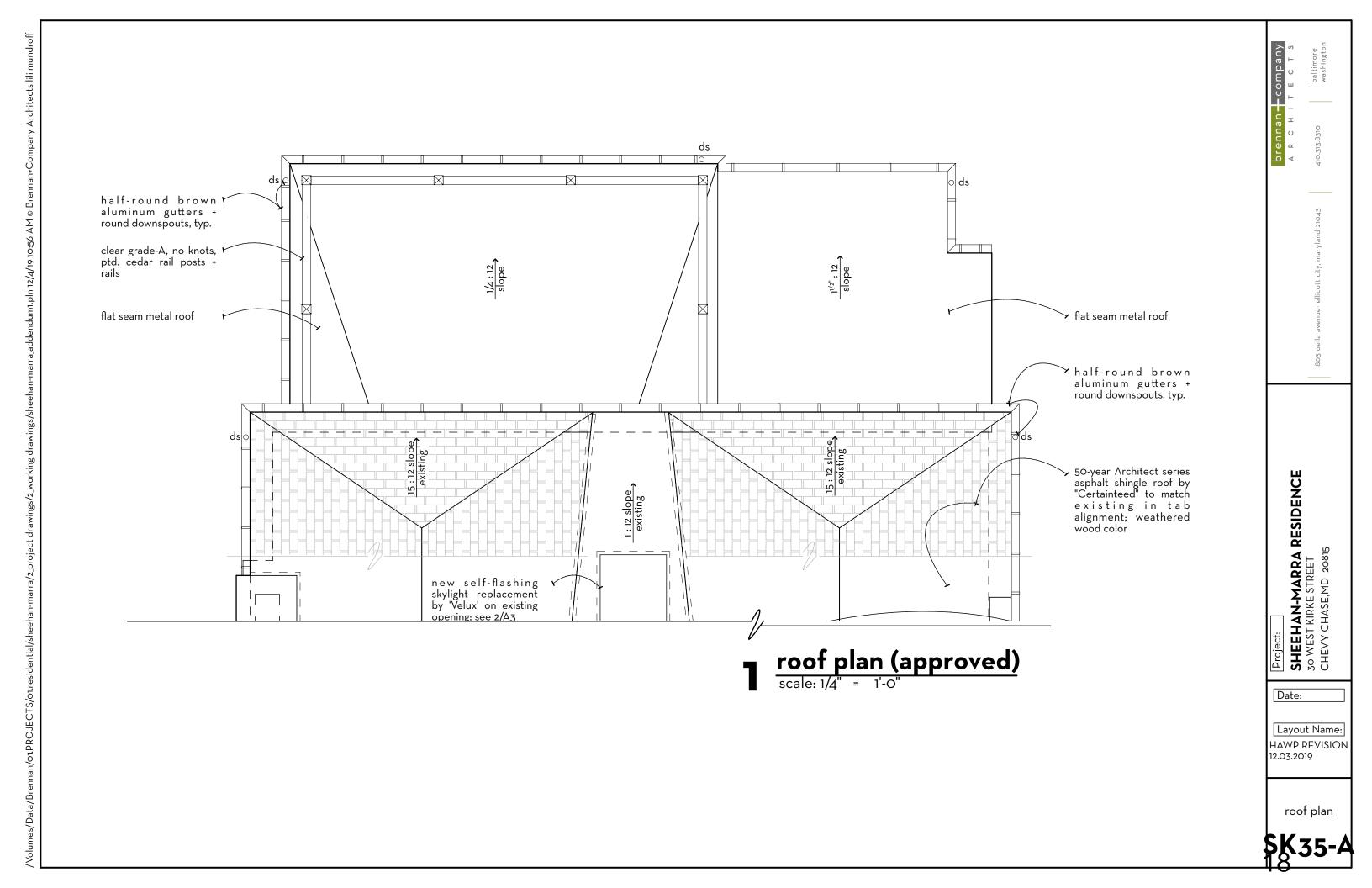


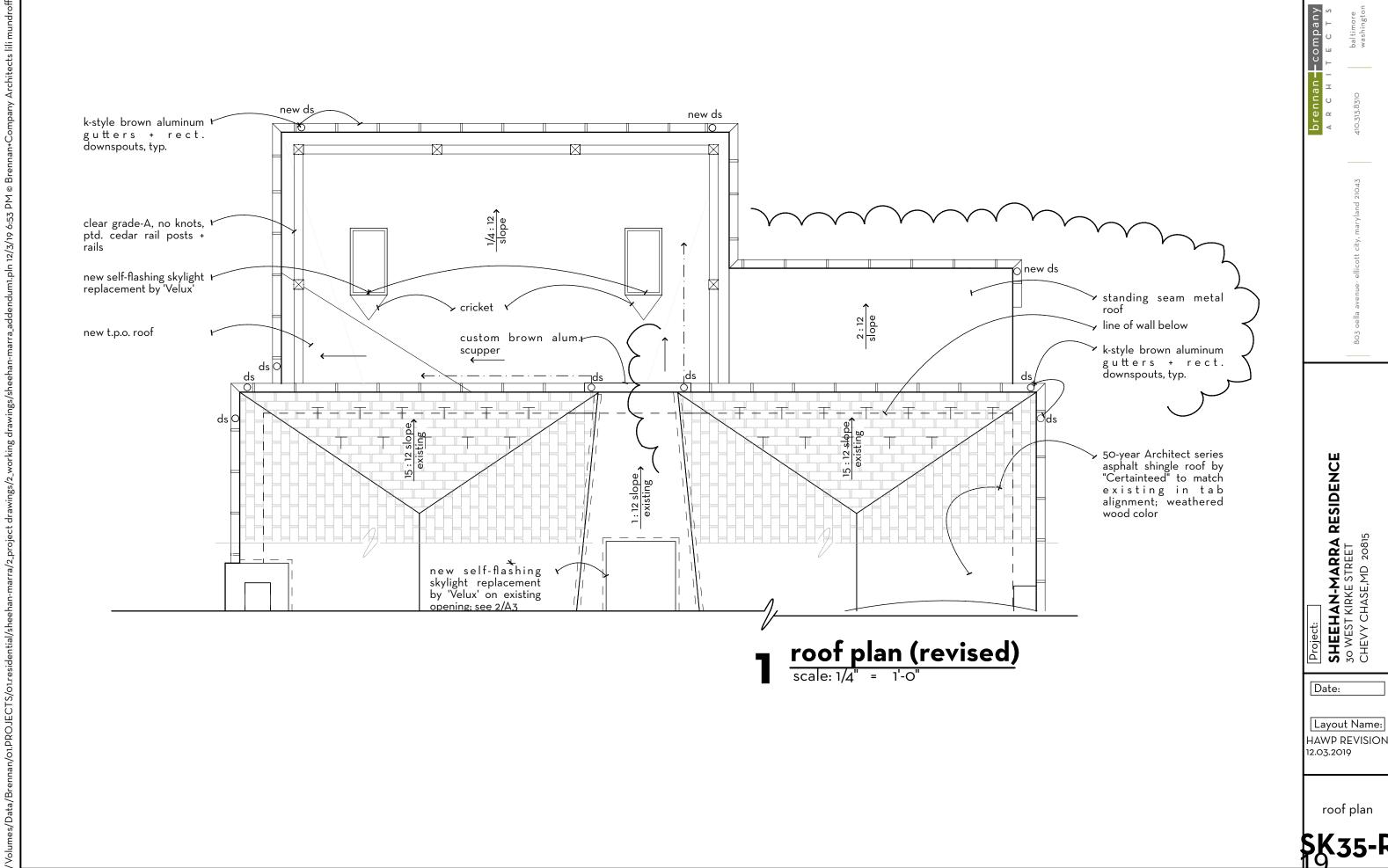


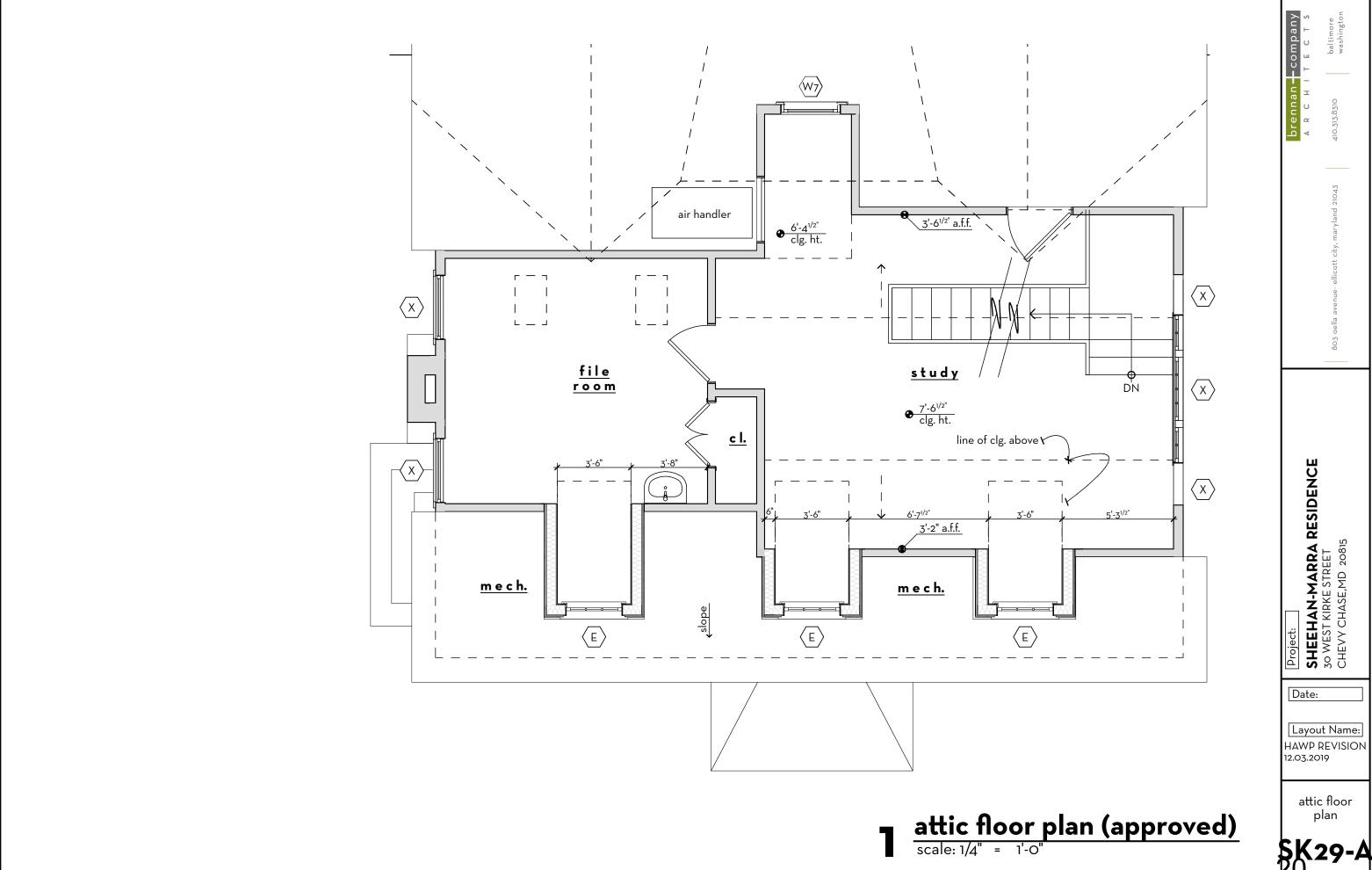


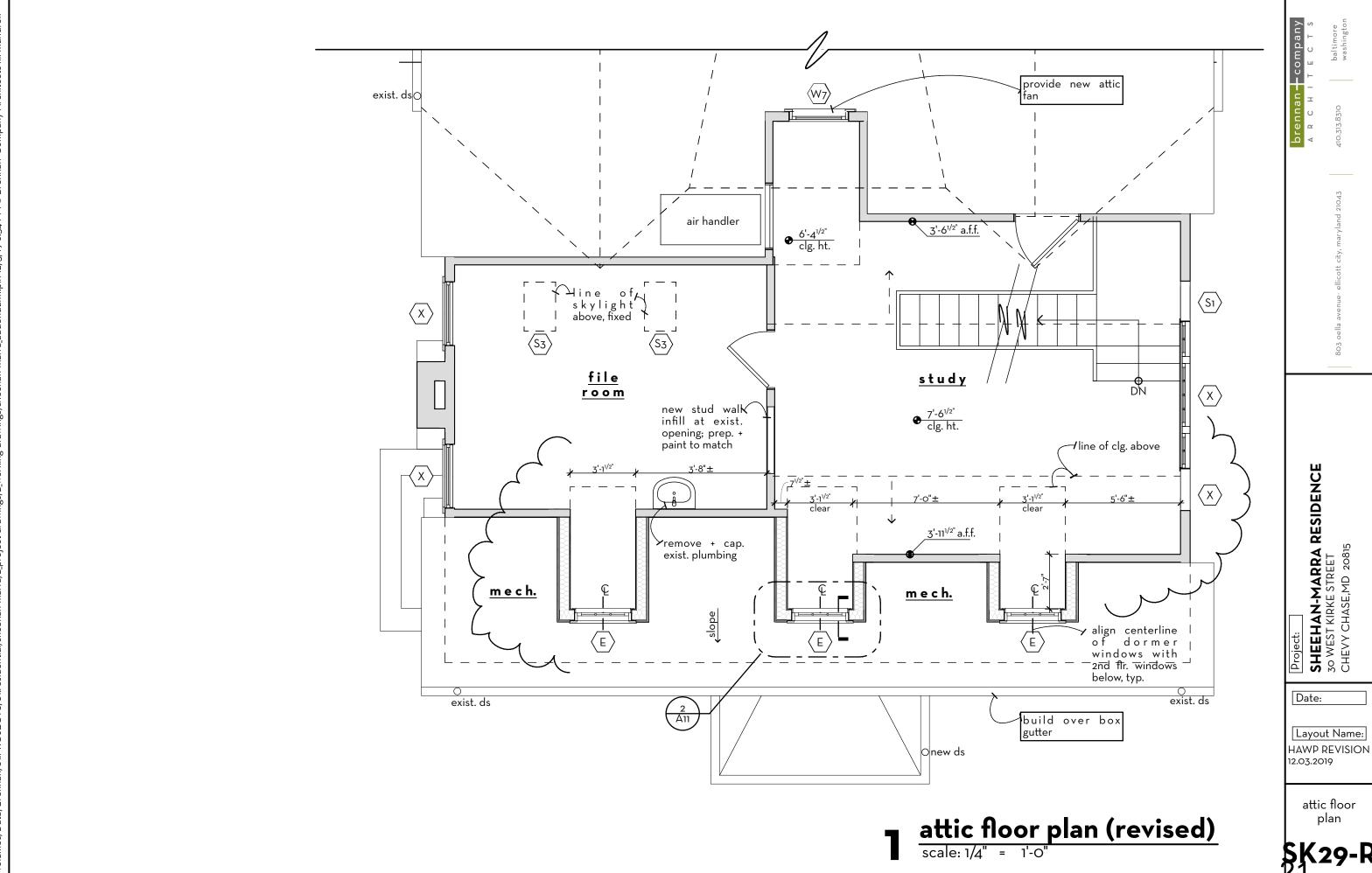


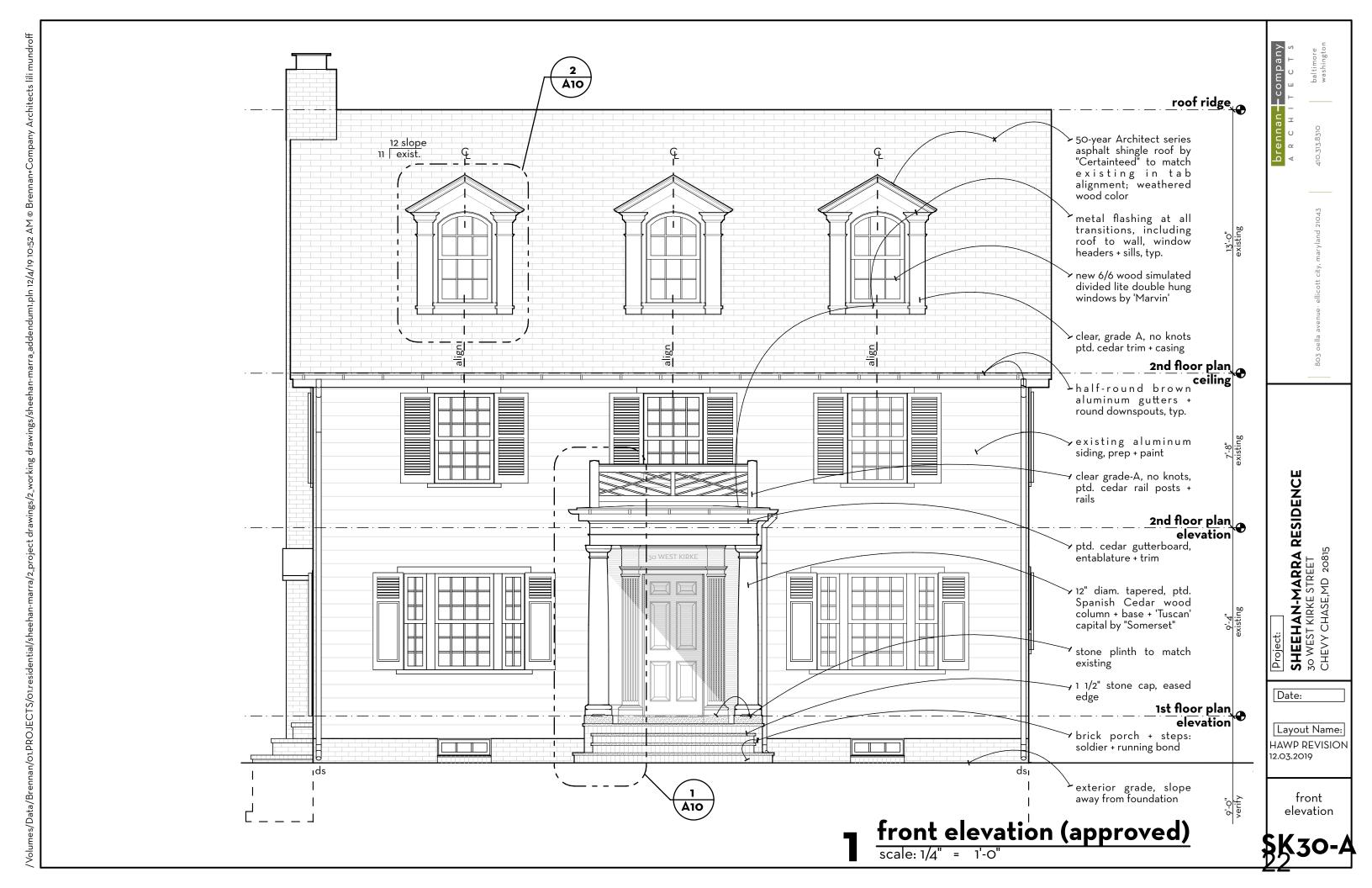


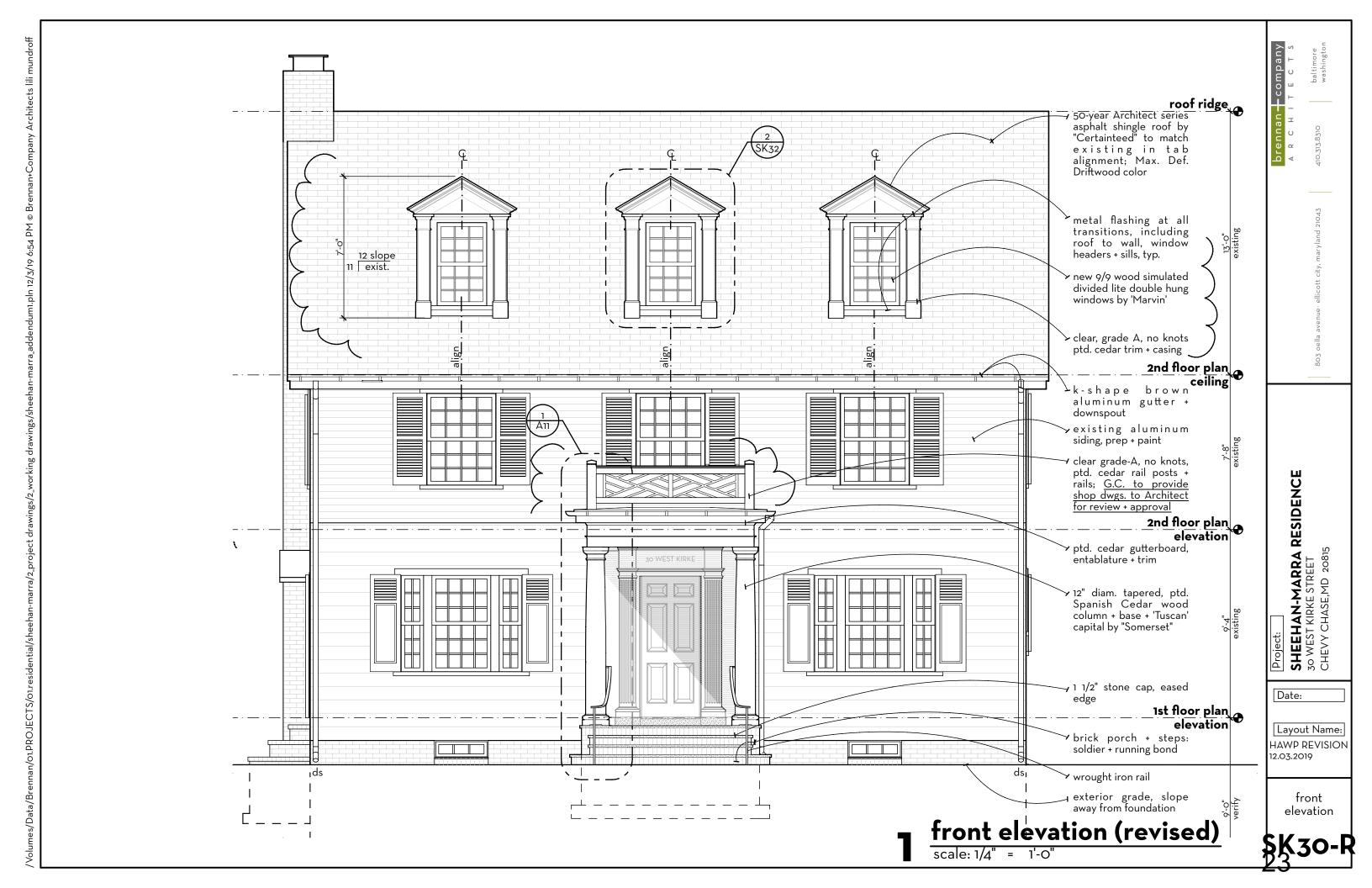


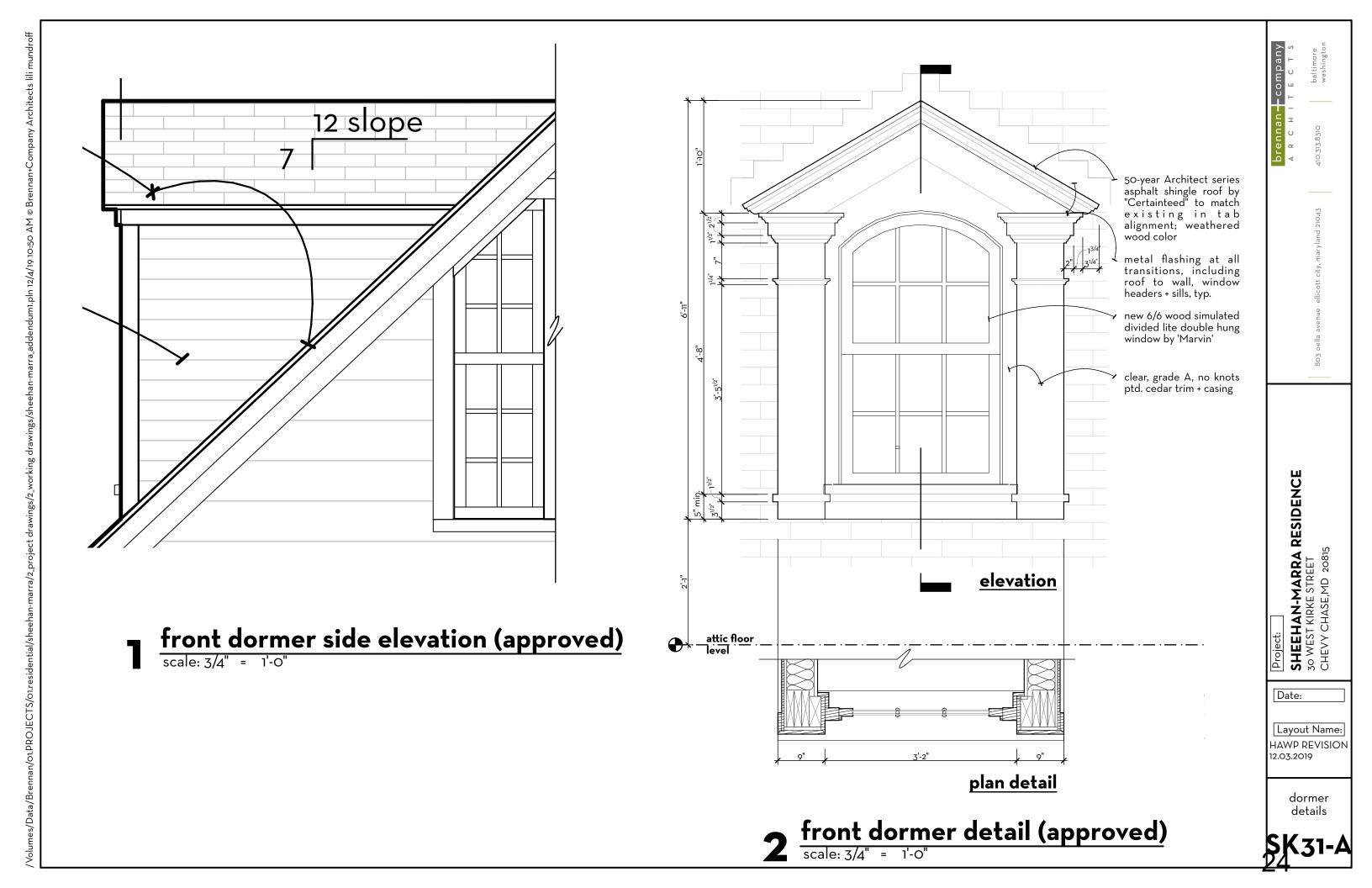


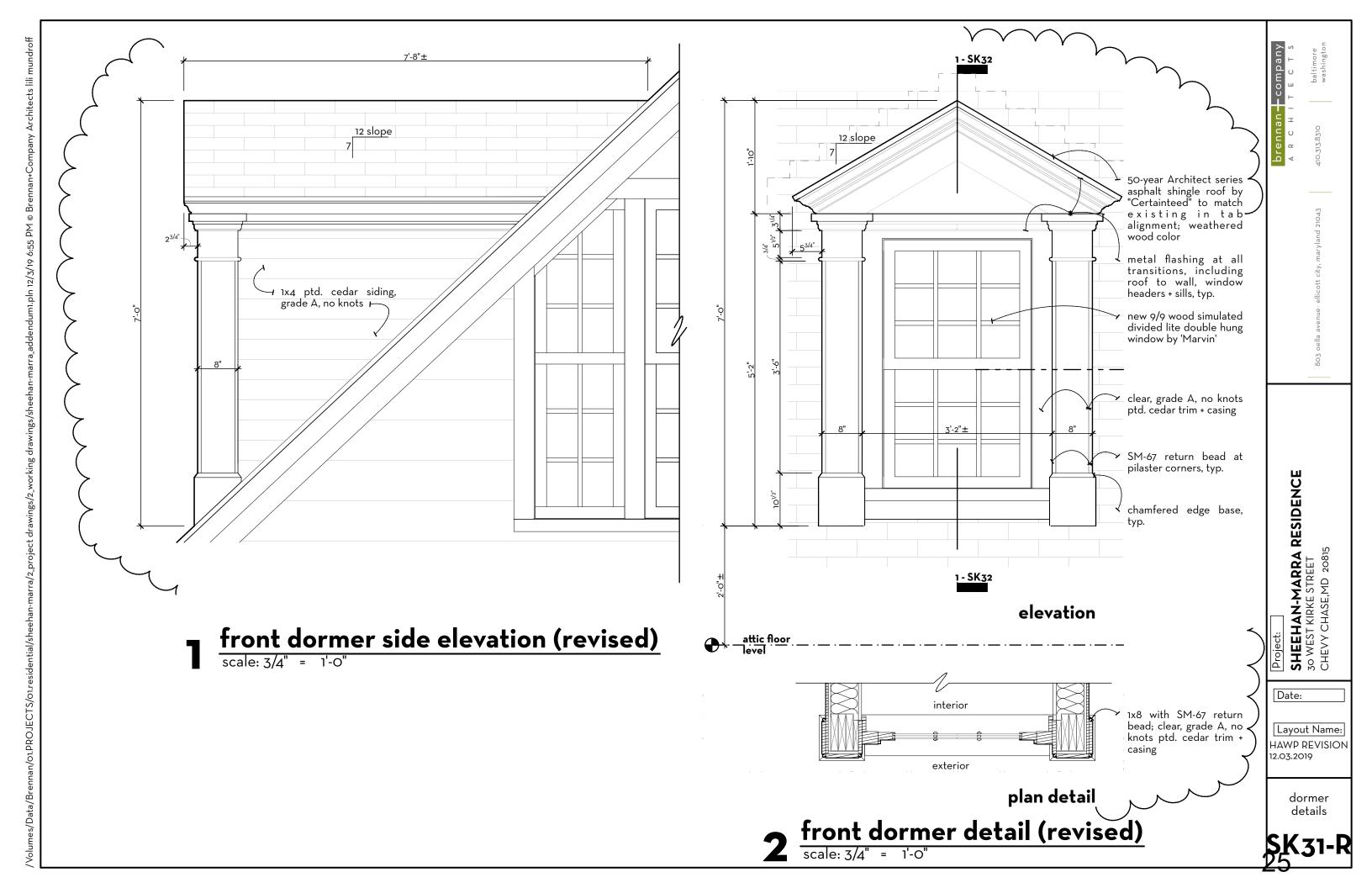


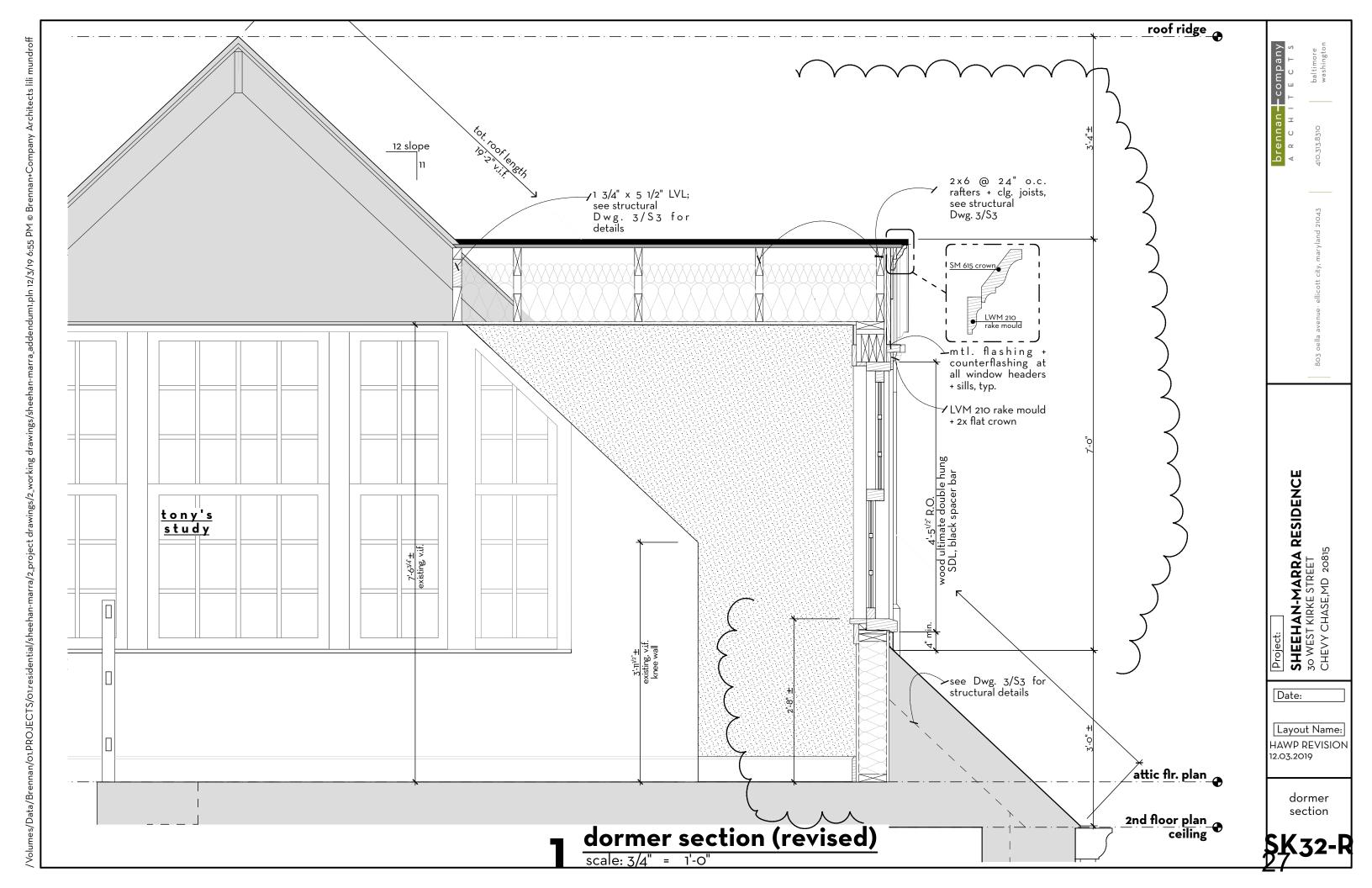


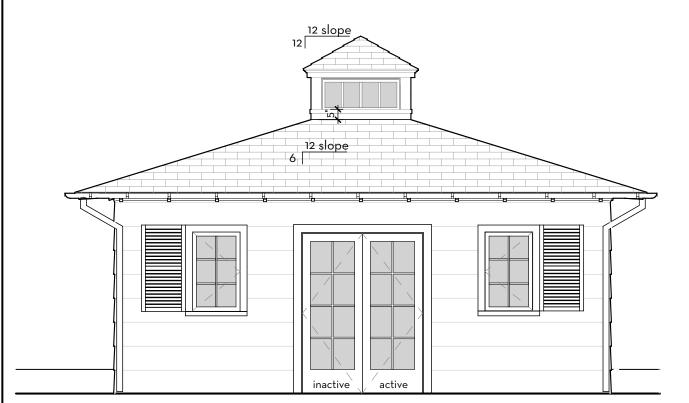




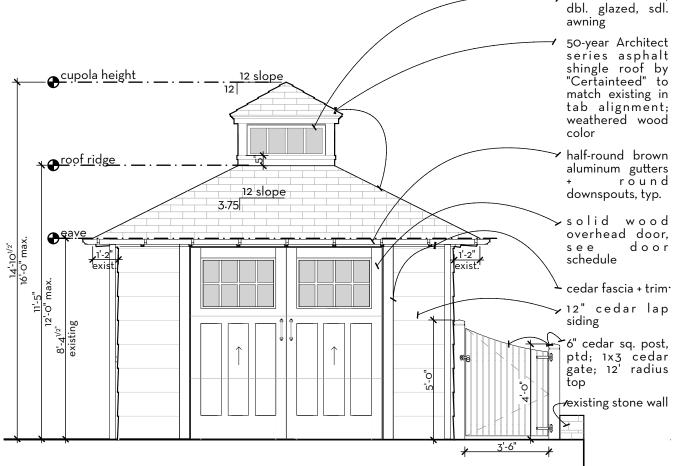








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garage: new front elevation (north)
scale: 1/4" = 1'-0" (approved)

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| Project: | SHEEHAN-MARRA RESIDENCE 30 WEST KIRKE STREET CHEVY CHASE,MD 20815

Date:

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> garage exterior

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elevations

