

EXPEDITED
MONTGOMERY COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
STAFF REPORT

Address:	7830 Hampden Lane, Bethesda	Meeting Date:	4/22/2020
Resource:	Contributing Resource (Greenwich Forest Historic District)	Report Date:	4/15/2020
Applicant:	Poonam and Ajay Pillai (Gregory Kearley, Agent)	Public Notice:	4/8/2020
Review:	HAWP	Tax Credit:	N/A
Case Number:	35/165-20B	Staff:	Michael Kyne
PROPOSAL:	Deck replacement and new areaway		

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

☒ Approve
☐ Approve with conditions

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:

SIGNIFICANCE: Contributing Resource within the Greenwich Forest Historic District
STYLE: Colonial Revival
DATE: 1935

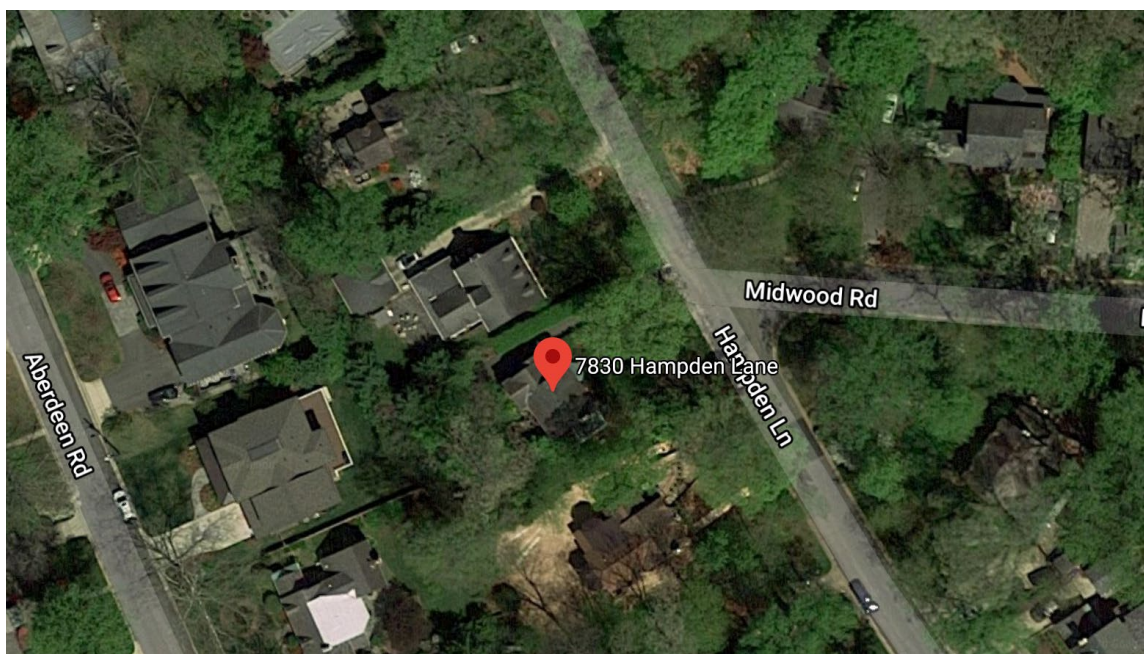


Fig. 1: Subject property.

PROPOSAL:

The applicants propose the following work items at the subject property:

- Replace the existing wooden deck at the rear of the house.
- Construct a new areaway at the southeast (rear/left) side of the house.

APPLICABLE GUIDELINES:

IV. The Expedited Staff Report format may be used on the following type of cases:

7. Construction of wooden decks that are at the rear of a structure and are not readily visible from a public right-of-way. This applies to all categories of resources: Outstanding, Contributing, Individually Designated Sites, or Non-Contributing.
11. Construction or replacement of walkways, parking areas, patios, driveways or other paved areas that are not readily visible from a public right-of-way and/or are compatible in material, location, and design with the visual character of the historic site or district.

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*)

Secretary of 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 will not destroy historic materials, features, and spatial relationships that characterize the property. The new work shall be differentiated from the old and will be compatible with the historic materials, features, size, scale and proportion, and massing to protect the integrity of the property and its environment.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Commission **approve** the HAWP application under the Criteria for Issuance in Chapter 24A-8(b), (1), (2) & (d) having found that the proposal is consistent with the *Greenwich Forest Historic District Guidelines* 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 and #9;

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 contact the staff person assigned to this application at 301-563-3400 or michael.kyne@montgomeryplanning.org to schedule a follow-up site visit.



HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
301/563-3400

DPS-48

APPLICATION FOR HISTORIC AREA WORK PERMIT

Contact Email: gkearley@inscapestudio.com or send to: GREGORY KEARLEY
Daytime Phone No.: 202.288.4081

Tax Account No.: _____
Name of Property Owner: POONAM & AJAY PILLAI Daytime Phone No.: 301.919.1408
Address: 7830 HAMPDEM LANE BETHESDA 20814

Contractor: _____ Phone No.: _____
Contractor Registration No.: _____
Agent for Owner: GREGORY KEARLEY Daytime Phone No.: 202.288.4081

LOCATION OF WORK: _____
House Number: 7830 Street: HAMPDEM LANE
Town/City: BETHESDA Nearest Cross Street: MIDWOOD ROAD
Lot: 19 Block: 12C Subdivision: GREENWICH FOREST
Liber: _____ Folio: _____ Parcel: _____

PART ONE: TYPE OF PERMIT ACTION AND USE

1A. CHECK ALL APPLICABLE:

☒ Construct ☐ Extend ☒ Alter/Remove
☐ Move ☐ Install ☐ Wreck/Raze
☐ Revision ☐ Repair ☐ Revocable

CHECK ALL APPLICABLE:

☐ A/C ☐ Stab ☐ Room Addition ☐ Porch ☒ Deck ☐ Shed
☐ Solar ☐ Fireplace ☐ Woodburning Stove ☐ Single Family
☐ Fence/Wall (complete Section 4) ☐ Other: _____

1B. Construction cost estimate: \$ 20,000

1C. If this is a revision of a previously approved active permit, see Permit # _____

PART TWO: COMPLETE FOR NEW CONSTRUCTION AND EXTENSION/ADDITIONS

2A. Type of sewage disposal: ☒ WSSC ☐ Septic ☐ Other: _____
2B. Type of water supply: ☒ WSSC ☐ Well ☐ Other: _____

PART THREE: COMPLETE ONLY FOR FENCE/RETAINING WALL

3A. Height 11 feet _____ inches BELOW GRADE

3B. Indicate whether the fence or retaining wall is to be constructed on one of the following locations:

☐ On party line/property line ☒ Entirely on land of owner ☐ On public right of way/easement

I hereby certify that I have the authority to make the foregoing application, that the application is correct, and that the construction will comply with plans approved by all agencies listed and I hereby acknowledge and accept this to be a condition for the issuance of this permit.

Signature of owner or authorized agent

28 FEBRUARY 2020

Date

Approved: _____ For Chairperson, Historic Preservation Commission

Disapproved: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

Application/Permit No.: _____ Date Filed: _____ Date Issued: _____

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

1. WRITTEN DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT

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

Replace existing deck with new deck structure, see site plan and drawings. New area way for basement access. Deck is at grade and not visible from the street. The deck and area way do not have historical features or significance.

b. General description of project and its effect on the historic resource(s), the environmental setting, and, where applicable, the historic district:

As the deck and area are at grade or below grade they do not have an effect on the historical nature of the house and or environmental setting.

2. SITE PLAN

Site and environmental setting, drawn to scale. You may use your plot. 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.

3. 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.

4. 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.

5. 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.
- b. 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.

6. 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.

7. ADDRESSES OF ADJACENT AND CONFRONTING PROPERTY OWNERS

For ALL 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.

PLEASE PRINT (IN BLUE OR BLACK INK) OR TYPE THIS INFORMATION ON THE FOLLOWING PAGE.
PLEASE STAY WITHIN THE GUIDES OF THE TEMPLATE, AS THIS WILL BE PHOTOCOPIED DIRECTLY ONTO MAILING LABELS.

HAWP APPLICATION: MAILING ADDRESSES FOR NOTIFYING
[Owner, Owner's Agent, Adjacent and Confronting Property Owners]

Owner's mailing address AJAY PILLAI & POONAM PILLAI 7830 HAMPDEN LANE, BETHESDA, MD 20814	Owner's Agent's mailing address GREGORY KEARLEY 1353 U STREET NW, SECOND FLOOR WASHINGTON, DC 20009
Adjacent and confronting Property Owners mailing addresses	
DOVE ELIZABETH & DOVE COLIN 7828 HAMPDEN LANE, BETHESDA, MD 20814	FUKUDA MARK M & CAROLINE A D 7832 HAMPDEN LANE, BETHESDA, MD 20814
HENDLER CLIFFORD B & DEBORAH F NEIPRIS 7831 HAMPDEN LANE, BETHESDA, MD 20814	HANWAY TIMOTHY M & CHERYL L EDLESON-HANWAY 3110 SAO PAULO PL, DULLES, VA 20189

Existing Property Condition Photographs (duplicate as needed)



Detail: REAR VIEW OF PROPERTY AND EXISTING DECK



Detail: FRONT VIEW OF PROPERTY

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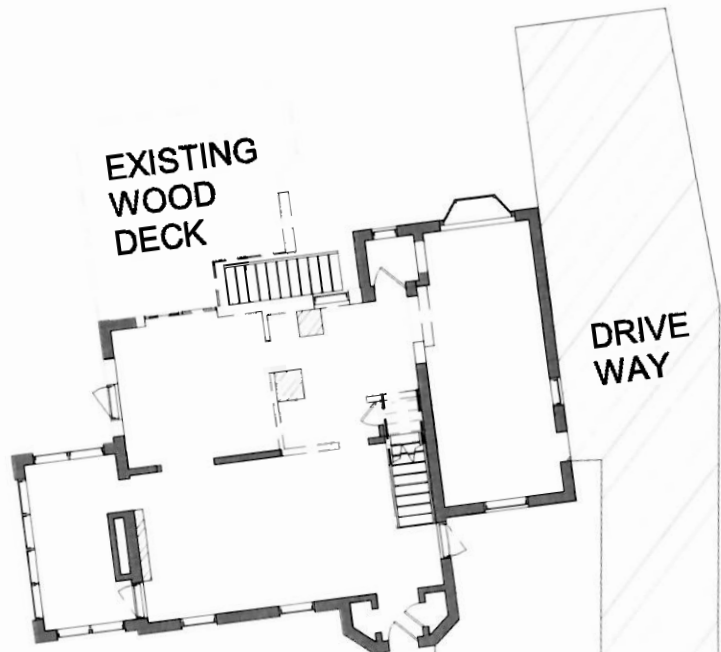
Site Plan

Property Line 77.41'

LOT 19
BLK. 12C
10,699 S.F.

LOT 18

Property Line 138.62'



Property Line 142.55'

LOT 19

Property Line 75'

HAMPDEN LANE

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Site Plan

LOT 19
BLK. 12C
10,699 S.F.

51'-6 13/16"

Property Line 77.41'

LOT 18

Property Line 138.62'

NEW
AREA
WAY

18'-8 3/16"

4'-3"

NEW
WOOD
DECK

20'-0"

14'-0"

DN

14'-0 1/2"

DN

UP

DRIVE
WAY

Property Line 142.55'

LOT 19

Property Line 75'

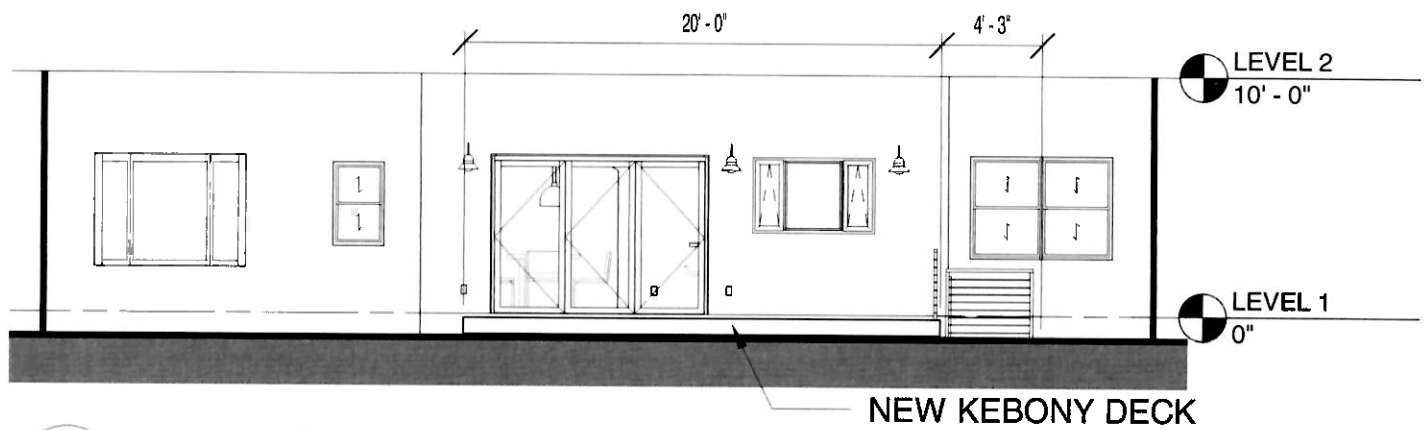
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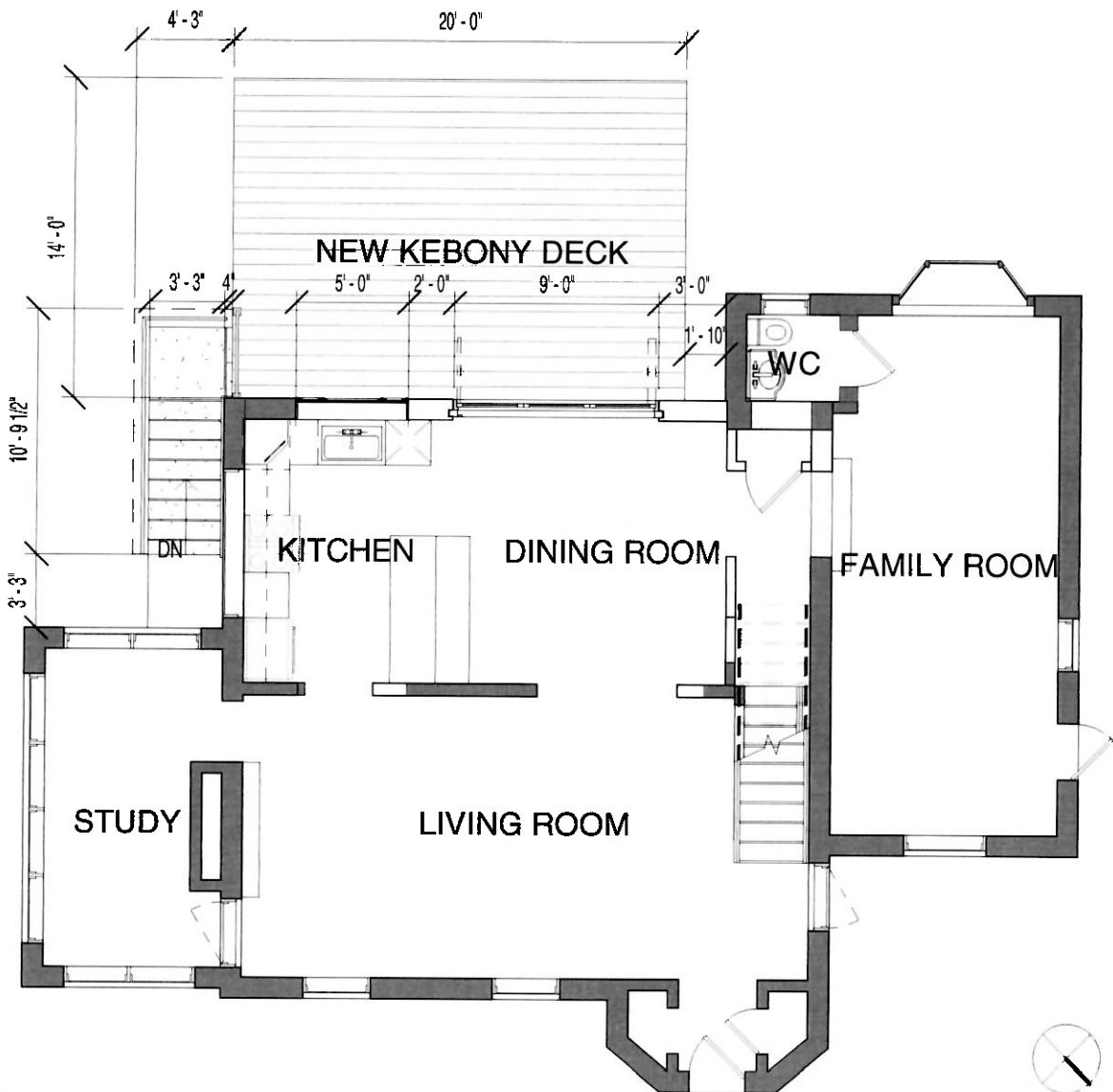


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1 Proposed Exterior Elevation First Floor
1/8" = 1'-0"



2 Proposed Plan First Floor
1/8" = 1'-0"