64 MT VERNON

PORTSMOUTH, NH



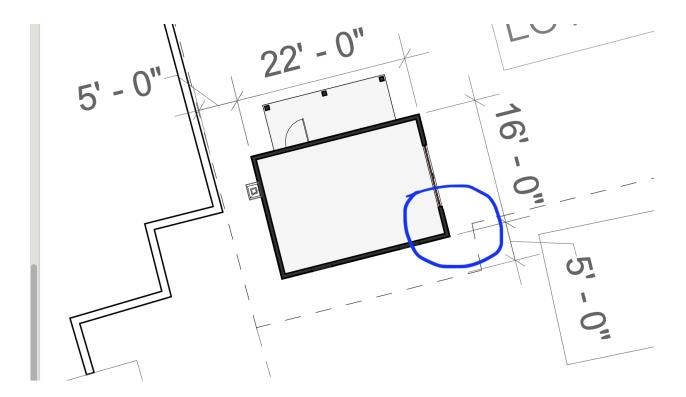




Application of Cyrus and Erika Beer 64 Mount Vernon St Portsmouth NH

I. Changes from last month's submission

Due to an oversight last month, we would like to amend our variance request to have a side yard setback of 2 feet instead of a side yard setback of 5 feet. We propose to maintain the exact same location for the proposed shed 5 feet from the lot line on the long south wall. However, because of the way the property line jogs around the south east corner of the existing shed, there is a point where the proposed shed would be 2 feet from the lot line. This 2 foot setback is shown circled in blue in the following image.



Again no changes have been made to the plans submitted from last month. This amended request for a 2 foot setback is only to account for the corner of the shed circled in blue.

II. The Property

The applicants, Cyrus and Erika Beer, own and reside at the property located at 64 Mount Vernon St, which consists of a single family dwelling with a detached shed. The Beers purchased the property 11+ years ago with the shed and have lived there as their primary residence ever since. The shed rests on wood sills on the ground and is rotting. Animals have gotten in. Furthermore, the shed is only 1 foot or so from the property line and so doing work on the shed requires access to the neighbor's yard. It is also a violaMon of fire code. For these reasons the Beers would like to rebuild their shed and bring it in 5 feet off the lot line.

III. Specific Variance Requests

To complete this Project, the Applicant requests variances from the following ordinances:

- 1. Section 10.521 Table of Dimensional Standards:
 - a. Side yard setback to be 2 feet instead of the 10 feet required in GRB.
 - b. Read yard setback to be 5 feet instead of the 25 feet as required in GRB. This was approved in March 2024.

IV. Variance Criteria

- 1. 10.233.21 The variance will not be contrary to the public interest.
 - a. Rebuilding the shed will not alter the characteristics of the neighborhood.
 - Architecturally, as per plans on file with the HDC, the proposed shed will borrow design elements from our house and will be appropriate to the neighborhood. Furthermore, as the shed is tucked away and fairly well hidden from any street, the impact incurred will be minimized.
 - b. Rebuilding the shed will not threaten the health, safety and welfare of the public.
 - By bringing the shed in off of the lot line, we will be able to work on the shed without standing in our neighbor's yard. This will improve the welfare of the

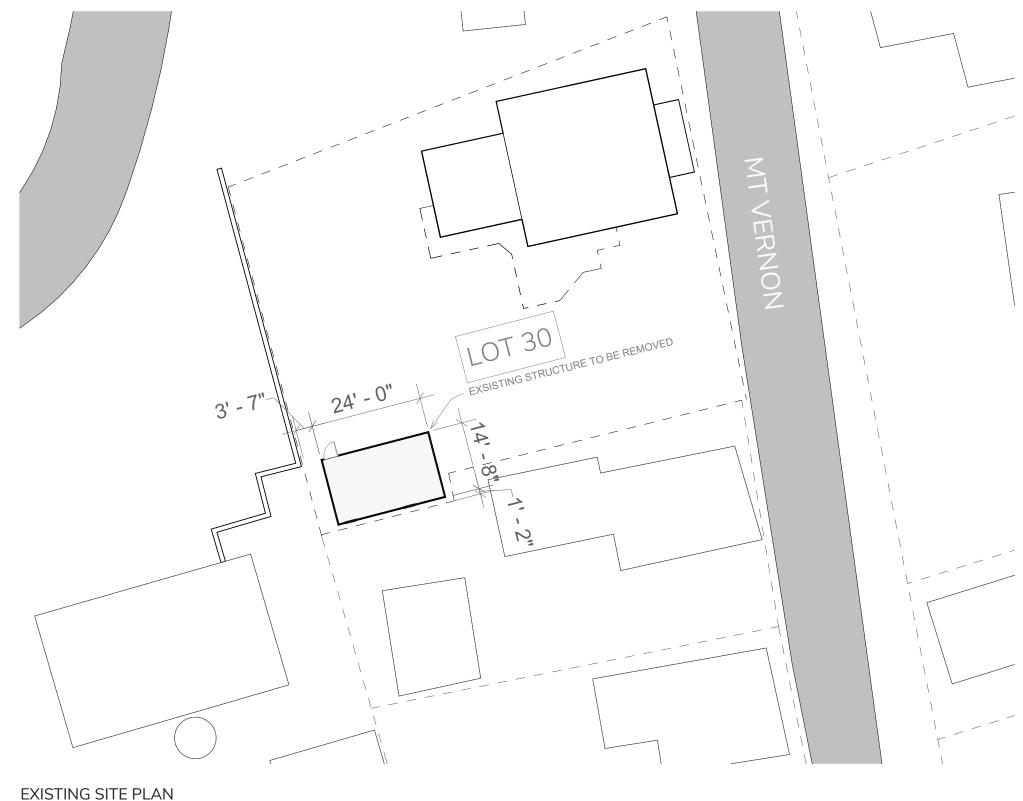
neighborhood. Safety will also be improved by giving additional distance as per fire code.

- 2. 10.233.22 The spirit of the ordinance will be observed...
 - a. The proposed use is reasonable. Having a storage shed in one's backyard is a typical land use in the neighborhood.
 - b. On Mount Vernon St. and in this neighborhood, houses often do not meet setback requirements and what we are proposing is not out of the ordinary
 - c. What we are proposing is an improvement over what is there today as far as side and rear setbacks.
- 3. 10.233.23 Substantial justice will be done.
 - a. The proposed use is reasonable.
 - b. There is no advantage to the public that outweighs the hardship to the owners by denying this request
- 4. 10.233.24 The value of surrounding properties will not be diminished.
 - a. Values of surrounding properMes are expected to be enhanced by the addiMonal setback and also by the proposed design and construcMon of a new shed
- 5. 10.233.25 Literal enforcement of the provisions of the Ordinance would result in an unnecessary hardship.
 - a. Because the proposed variances in setbacks are an improvement over what exists today and because a new shed with a design in accordance with the style of the neighborhood is seen to enhance the neighborhood, and because the use is not changing, a literal enforcement of the zoning provisions would result in an unnecessary hardship for the homeowners



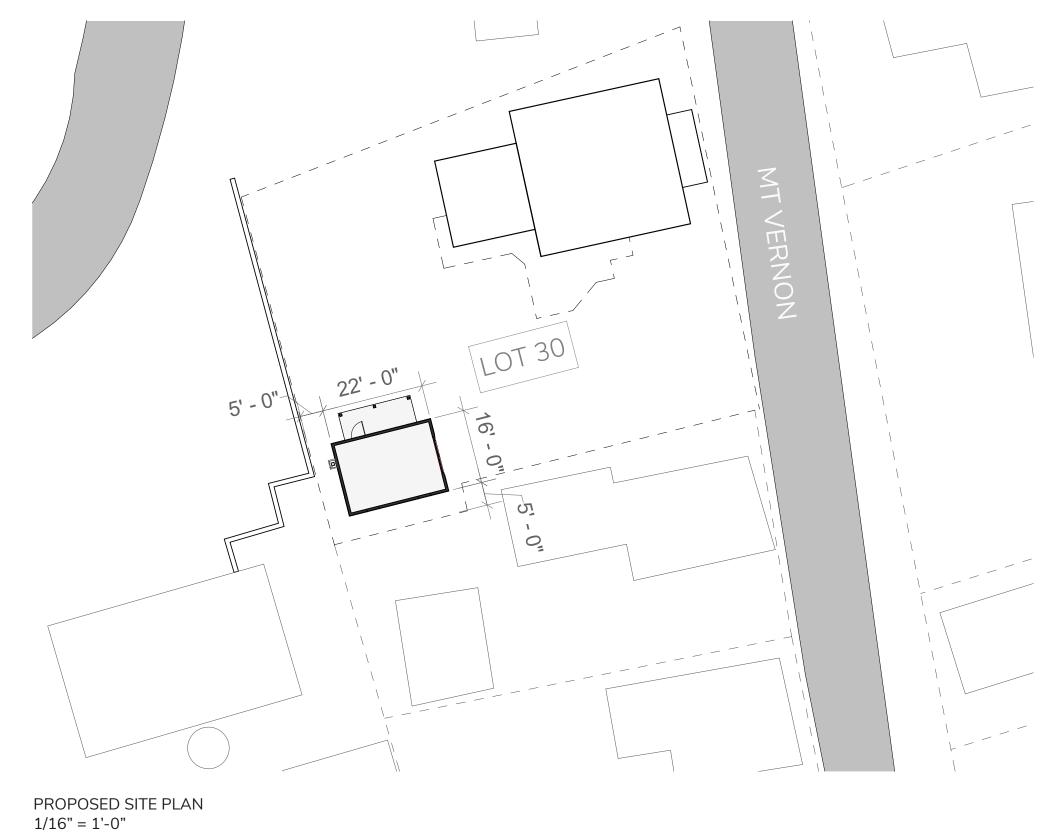








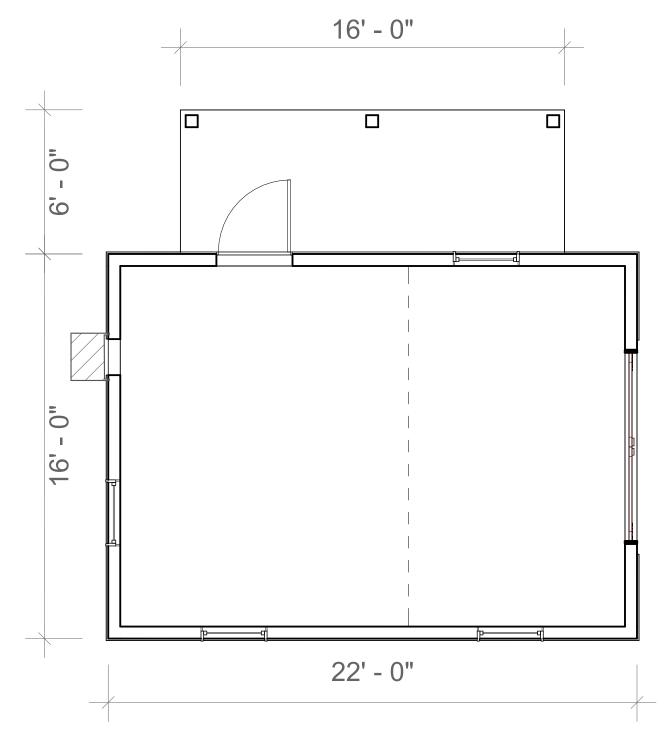
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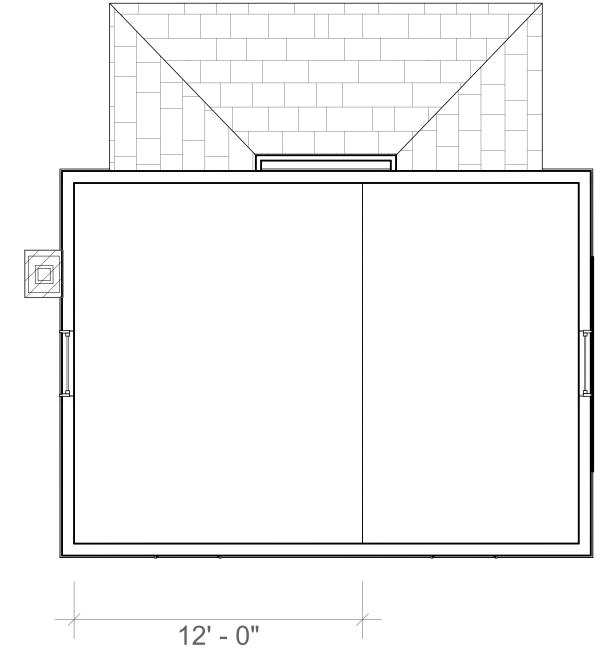






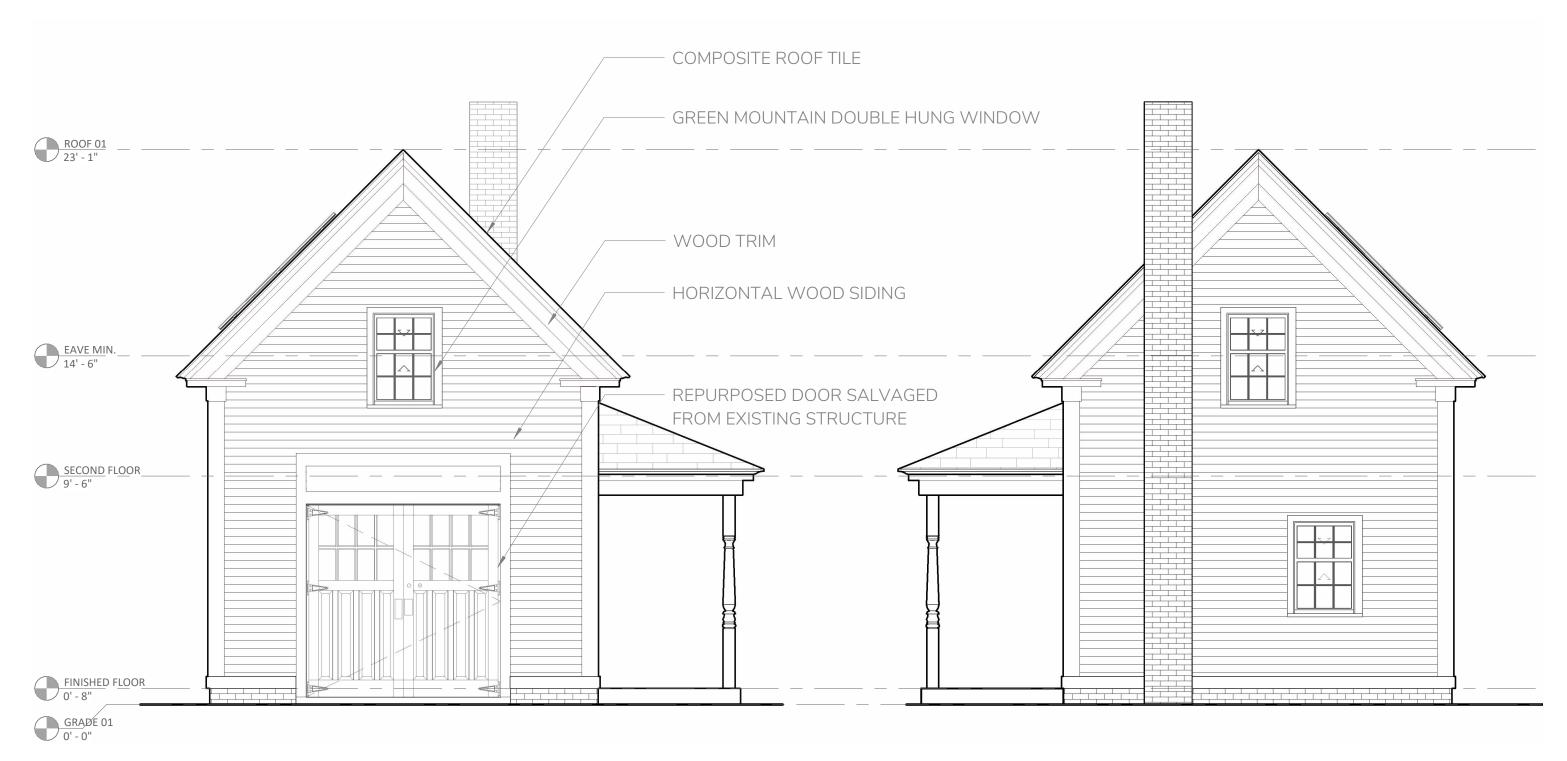






PROPOSED SECOND FLOOR PLAN 1/4" = 1'-0"





PROPOSED EAST ELEVATION 1/4" = 1'-0"

PROPOSED WEST ELEVATION 1/4" = 1'-0"



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PROPOSED NORTH ELEVATION 1/4" = 1'-0"

PROPOSED SOUTH ELEVATION 1/4" = 1'-0"



EXISTING CONDITION 8 OF 8







