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By Email

Newburyport Planning Board City Hall 60 Pleasant Street Newburyport, MA 01950

RE: Request for Extension - Major Site Plan Review Decision (2020-SPR-07)
3 Stanley Tucker Drive, Newburyport, MA

Dear Planning Board Members:

I write on behalf of 3 Stanley Tucker Drive, LLC ("3 STD," an affiliate of Zampell) to request that the Planning Board grant an extension of the Site Plan Review decision issued for the property at 3 Stanley Tucker Drive on June 17, 2020 – File No. 2020-SPR-07 (the "Decision"). Specifically, 3 STD is requesting an extension of that lapse period to and including June 16, 2025 – an approximately 2-year extension, as discussed below.

A copy of the Decision is included in Exhibit A hereto.

Background

Zampell and affiliates (collectively, "Zampell") have operated the facilities at 17 Malcolm Hoyt Drive, 3 Stanley Tucker Drive and 5 Stanley Tucker Drive for many years. Zampell is an organization established in 1966 that is chiefly involved with the engineering and construction of refractories, insulation, and scaffolding within the industrial sector and facilities maintenance and management within the commercial sector. It is a family-owned business that moved all of its operations to Newburyport during the 1990s.

In early 2020, Zampell commenced permit proceedings with the Planning Board and Conservation Commission to secure approvals for the proposed expansion of the buildings at 17 Malcolm Hoyt Drive and 3 Stanley Tucker Drive to provide expanded warehouse space so that Zampell could avoid having to store scaffolding and other materials/equipment in outdoor areas at its properties. The required permits were secured in June-August 2000.

Also in early 2020, as a direct result of the COVID pandemic, Zampell had over a third of its USA revenue cancelled, dramatically impacting the business overall. Virtually all of Zampell's clients dramatically cut back or cancelled work due to the pandemic. From that time

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until February of 2022, Zampell reorganized its facilities for three reasons. First, remote working decreased the amount of office space that was required to operate the business. Second, a Zampell affiliate, Custodial Partners, was divested as it no longer fit with the core strategy of the business. Third, cost reductions were necessitated and were achieved by downsizing the Newburyport operation.

All of these actions, from March of 2020 until February of 2022, were a direct result of the COVID pandemic and have caused Zampell to temporarily defer the significant expenditure associated with the building expansions at 17 Malcolm Hoyt Drive and 3 Stanley Tucker Drive. Zampell is currently leasing 17 Malcolm Hoyt Drive to an unaffiliated entity and in the process of attempting to sell its facility at 3 Stanley Tucker Drive to an entity that is interested in constructing the approved addition at that property.

Original Term

The Decision was filed with the City Clerk on July 16, 2020. The permit became final after expiration of the 20-day appeal period on August 5, 2020. Condition #2 of the decision provided for a 2-year term, providing that the permit shall lapse if construction has not commenced within the 2 years "except for good cause."

Pursuant to COVID-related legislation, namely Section 17(b)(iii) of Chapter 53 of the Acts of 2020, this 2-year period was tolled during the declared state of emergency. The state of emergency ran from March 10, 2020 to June 15, 2021. Accordingly, since the Decision was issued during the state of emergency, the Decision's 2-year term effectively began on June 15, 2021 and expires on June 16, 2023 ("except for good cause").

Note also that the COVID pandemic and hardships experienced by 3 STD during the declared state of emergency and since then to the present also constitute "good cause" for 3 STD not to have commenced construction under the Decision. Accordingly, even without the COVID tolling mentioned above, the permit remains valid at this time.

Extension Requested to June 16, 2025

3 STD is in the process of attempting to sell the property 3 Stanley Tucker Drive. 3 STD is requesting an extension of the lapse period provided by Condition #2 of the Decision to and including June 16, 2025 to provide ample time to finalize this transaction and for the new owner (or itself if the sale falls through) to proceed with the process of lining up contractors and suppliers and to otherwise undertake the steps necessary to commence construction of the additional approved by the Decision.

An extension to a date certain, to <u>June 16, 2025</u>, would also address any uncertainties associated with the status of the "lapse" period provided for in Condition #2 of the Decision.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey L. Roelofs







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RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS AND SITE PLAN REVIEW DECISION

APPLICANT:

3 Stanley Tucker Drive, LLC

3 Stanley Tucker Drive

Newburyport, MA 01950

PROPERTY OWNER:

3 Stanley Tucker Drive, LLC

FILE NO .:

2020-SPR-07

PROPERTY ADDRESS:

3 Stanley Tucker Drive

DECISION DATE:

06/17/20

Map/Parcel(s):

82-A-5

BOOK/PAGE:

14351-221

ZONING DISTRICT:

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PROCEDURAL HISTORY:

An application for a Site Plan Review pursuant to Section Major of the City of Newburyport's Zoning Ordinance was made by the above-referenced owner and filed with the Planning Board on 04/21/20 for the following request: *major site plan review for a 9,688 s.f. expansion*

A public hearing on the application was held at Newburyport City Hall on 6/3/20 and continued to 6/17/20.

Upon a motion to approve, made by Rick Taintor and seconded by Alden Clark, the Planning Board voted as follows:

Bonnie Sontag, Chair

<u>Yes</u>

Don Walters MJ Verde

<u>Yes</u> Yes Leah McGavern Tania Hartford <u>Yes</u> Yes

Anne Gardner Rick Taintor <u>Yes</u> Yes

Elisabeth DeLisle

Abstain

Alden Clark

Yes

Having received the necessary majority vote of the Planning Board, the petition was therefore **APPROVED**.

PLANS AND DOCUMENTS:

This Site Plan Review application was accompanied and augmented by the following plans, drawings, documents, and submittals, which are hereby incorporated into this decision:

 Site Plan set entitled "Site Plan in Newburyport, Mass, #3 Stanley Tucker Drive Proposed Building Expansion" prepared by Hayes Engineering, Inc. dated February 18, 2020. Sheets included in this plan set are according to the following sheet number, title, original date, and most recent revised date:

Sheet No.	Sheet Title	Original Date	Revised Date
C1	Index	2/18/20	
C2 [·]	Existing Conditions	2/18/20	
C3	Grading and Drainage	2/18/20	6/12/20
C4	Details	2/18/20	•

- "Revised Storm Water Management Calculations with Cornell Study Rainfall Quantities for #3
 Stanley Tucker Drive, Newburyport, MA", prepared by Hayes Engineering, Inc. originally dated
 June 18, 2019 and further revised on July 10, 2019, February 10, 2020 and on May 12, 2020; and
- "Landscape Plan for 3 Stanley Tucker Drive, Newburyport, MA" prepared by Hayes Engineering, Inc. dated May 16, 2019 and revised on June 18, 2019; and
- "Proposed Building Elevations, 3 Stanley Tucker Drive" prepared by John Sava Architects, LLC dated February 13, 2020 consisting of sheets A-2.1, A-2.2 and A-5.0; and
- Waiver Request letter to the Planning Board prepared by Jeffrey L. Roelofs, P.C. dated June 11, 2020 and June 15, 2020; and
- The above plans and submission materials were reviewed by the Planning Board, and a peer review of engineering and Stormwater design was conducted by Christiansen & Sergi, Inc., on behalf of the Planning Board. Additional comments were received from various City Departments on the draft plans which were subsequently revised to address outstanding issues satisfactorily. A full copy of this documentation is on file with the Newburyport Office of Planning & Development, 60 Pleasant Street, Newburyport, MA 01950.
- Throughout its deliberations, the Planning Board has been mindful of the statements of the
 applicants and their representatives, and the comments of the general public, as made at the
 public hearing.

FINDINGS:

In order to grant Site Plan approval, the Board must first determine that the applicant's project meets specific criteria, as provided in Section XV-G of the NZO. These criteria and the Board's project specific findings for each are enumerated here:

Community Character

The property is located in the Industrial (I) zoning district. The project proposed is consistent and compatible with the nearby uses in the Industrial zoning district. The design, style and scale of the proposed addition is appropriate in relation to the existing building, site and surrounding area.

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Traffic, Parking and Public Access

The project will not generate any new traffic or require any new access drives. The parking onsite complies with the NZO. The addition will not result in an increase in the number of employees or visitors. The proposal will add a new bike rack. The project complies with the Site Plan Review criteria by minimizing vehicular traffic and safety impacts, maximizing the convenience and safety of vehicular, bicycle, and pedestrian movement with the neighborhood and site and minimizes adverse impacts.

Health

This project will not involve any substantial noise, vibration, gas, fumes, odor, dust or other objectionable features.

Public Services and Utilities

The proposed work will not overload any public water, drainage, or sewer system or any other municipal systems. The project will be services by the utilities serving the existing building.

Land Use Planning

The proposal is consistent with general land use planning in the vicinity and is compatible with adjoining land uses. The proposed architectural design is compatible with the character and scale of buildings in the surrounding areas.

Open Space and Environmental Protection

The project minimizes adverse environmental impacts to such features as wetlands, floodplains, and aquifer recharge areas and minimizes tree, vegetation, and soial removal, and grade changes. The project has been designed to prevent any adverse impacts to wetland resource areas, as the Conservation Commission confirmed through its issuance of an approval Order of Conditions for the project.

STANDARD CONDITIONS:

In view of the foregoing findings, the Planning Board hereby grants a Site Plan Review approval pursuant to Section Major subject to the terms and conditions stated below:

- Recording of Decision and Approved Plans: The applicant shall file this decision with the
 Southern Essex County Registry of Deeds (or Land Court if registered land) and a copy of the
 decision stamped with the recording information (Book/Page or Land Court document number)
 shall be included with the application for any related Building Permits. To ensure compliance
 with this decision, site/construction plans issued to any contractors shall make clear reference
 to this written decision and conditions of approval contained herein.
- 2. <u>Permit Lapse</u>: This permit is valid for two years from the date of approval. The approval shall no longer be valid if a substantial use has not commenced except for good cause or, in the case of a permit for construction, if construction has not commenced except for good cause, within this period. Excluded from any lapse period is the time required to pursue or await the determination of any appeal taken pursuant to MGL, Chapter 40A, Section 17.
- 3. <u>Provision of Construction Documents</u>: The applicant shall provide documentation to the Building Commissioner and Zoning Administrator with the application for any related Building Permits illustrating that the proposed work has been reviewed and approved by the Water, Sewer, and Engineering Divisions of the City's Department of Public Services (DPS).
- 4. <u>Curb Cuts</u>: Any new driveway curb cuts that have egress to the public right of way must be approved by the Director of Public Services or Designee in advance of construction.

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- 5. <u>Fire Department Review and Approval</u>: The applicant, owner, successors, or assigns shall be responsible for designing the utilities to meet City standards and ensuring compliance with fire codes prior to commencing work under this approval. The applicant shall provide documentation to the Building Commissioner and Zoning Administrator with the application for any related Building Permits illustrating that the proposed work has been reviewed and approved by the Newburyport Fire Department (NFD).
- 6. <u>Stormwater Management Permit</u>: If the project involves more than 10,000 square feet of land disturbance, the applicant, owner, his successors or assigns, shall obtain a Stormwater Management Permit under the City of Newburyport Stormwater Management Ordinance (Code of Ordinances, Chapter XVII) from the Department of Public Services prior to beginning any site work, including tree clearing and/or regrading.
- 7. Modifications to Approved Plans: The applicant, property owner, and their successors or assigns, shall adhere to the above referenced and approved plans which are incorporated herein by reference. Should the applicant and/or property owner determine that a plan(s) needs to be modified, they shall notify the Planning Board and Office of Planning and Development (OPD) of the proposed modifications in writing and obtain approval from the Planning Board (or OPD as specified herein) for such modifications prior to making any changes in the field. The OPD shall determine whether such modifications are minor or major (material) in nature. The Planning Board shall schedule a public hearing for review and approval of any changes deemed major or material in nature to the permit originally issued. Any major or material alterations or changes to the above referenced plans shall require prior approval by the Planning Board. Minor changes may be approved in writing by the OPD without further review by the Planning Board. The determination as to whether an alteration or change in plans is material and therefore subject to Planning Board review shall be made at the discretion of the OPD.
- 8. <u>Site Lighting</u>: All lighting fixtures, including but not limited to, signage, building, parking lot, site, decorative, and security, shall feature cut off fixtures so that the lights are pointed downward reducing light pollution and glare onto abutting properties.
- 9. <u>Hours of Construction</u>: The developer shall take reasonable care not to disturb surrounding properties and property owners during construction. Construction work shall be limited to the hours between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. on Saturday.
- 10. <u>Permit Compliance Contact Form</u>: No site work or construction related to this permit shall begin until a Permit Compliance Contact Form is completed and submitted to the Office of Planning and Development.
- 11. Trees and Sidewalks: The applicant shall be responsible for compliance with the applicable provisions of Sections II-B.46a, X-H.6.Q, and X-H.7.B.10 of the Newburyport Zoning Ordinance. If the cost of the project exceeds more than 50% of the physical value of the entire property, the applicant shall obtain the written approval from the Newburyport Tree Warden and Department of Public Services with respect to plans and specifications for (1) the reconstruction, repair, and/or replacement, where appropriate, of all city-owned sidewalks actually adjoining the project Property, in accordance with Sections 12-54 and 12-55 of the Newburyport Code of Ordinances; and (2) the planting, preservation, and/or replacement, where appropriate, of street trees along all public rights-of-ways actually adjoining the project Property, in accordance with article VI of chapter 12 of the Newburyport Code of Ordinances. Said improvements shall be completed prior to project closeout and final signoff from the Zoning Administrator for related building permits.

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- 12. <u>Submission of As-Built Plans</u>: One hard copy and one .pdf copy of foundation as-built plan shall be provided to the Office of Planning and Development and Building Department upon foundation completion. One hard copy and one .pdf copy of as-built site plan stamped by a professional engineer shall be submitted to the Office of Planning and Development at the completion of the construction. Certification shall be provided to the Office of Planning and Development that the as-built plans match approved plans.
- 13. <u>Digital Plans</u>: Prior to any construction, the applicant shall provide the Office of Planning & Development with one (1) copy of the entire approved plan set in both CAD and .pdf formats. All digital mapping data must be delivered in the Massachusetts State Plane Coordinate system with a horizontal datum of NAD83, units of U.S. survey feet and a vertical datum of NAVD 88.
- 14. <u>Project Review Fees</u>: Per Section 4 of the Planning Board's Regulations Governing Fees and Fee Schedules, Project Review Fees shall be paid in full prior to the start of work.
- 15. Construction Review: The proposed construction will require regular inspection by the Planning Board's consultant engineer as well as the Department of Public Services (DPS). Such inspections are necessary to ensure that the proposed project is constructed in accordance with the approved plans, to summarize and estimate the cost of remaining work, and to immediately address any issues that may arise during the construction of the project. The cost of such review and inspections shall be borne by the applicant. To cover the cost of these services the applicant shall replenish and maintain a Project Review Fee of \$5,000. Such funds shall be held by the Planning Board in an escrow account. Whenever notified that the funds in said escrow account have depleted to less than twenty-five (25) percent of the initial Project Review Fee, the applicant shall immediately thereupon deposit sufficient funds to return the account to the initial balance. The balance of said peer review account shall be replenished to the initial Project Review Fee prior to any construction on site. Upon completion of the project, any remaining funds shall be returned to the applicant.
- 16. <u>Construction Schedule</u>: No site work or construction related to this permit shall begin until an estimated Construction Schedule is completed and submitted to the Office of Planning and Development.

CONCLUSION AND DECISION:

For all of the reasons stated herein, the petition for a Site Plan Review is therefore **APPROVED**.

APPEALS:

Appeals of this decision may be made in accordance with applicable law.

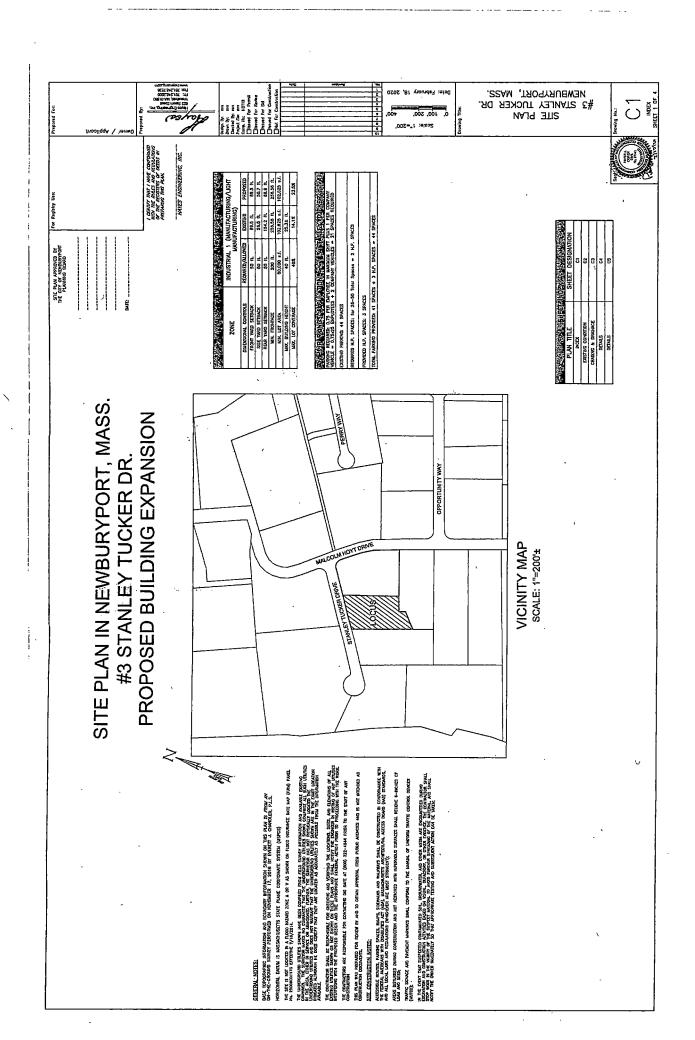
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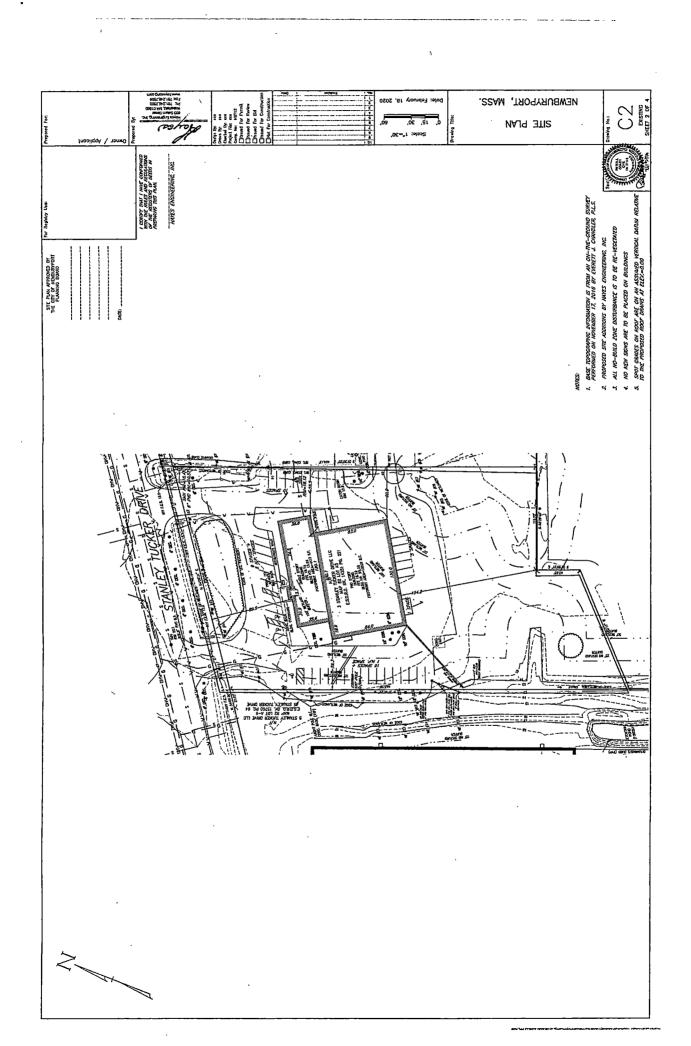
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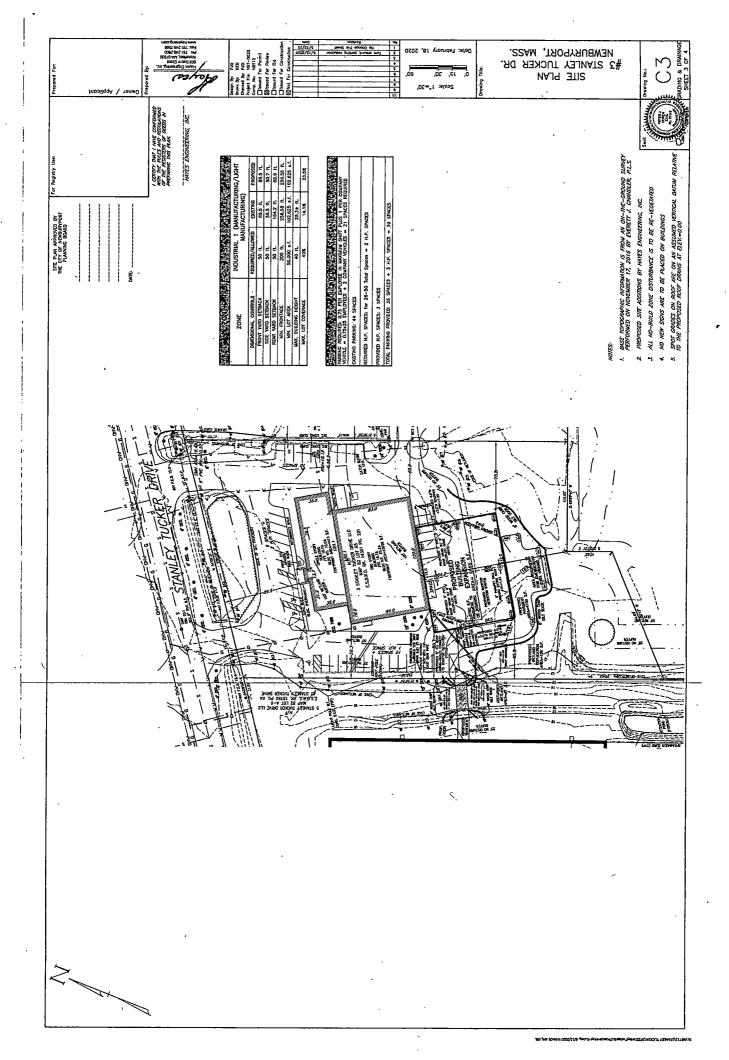
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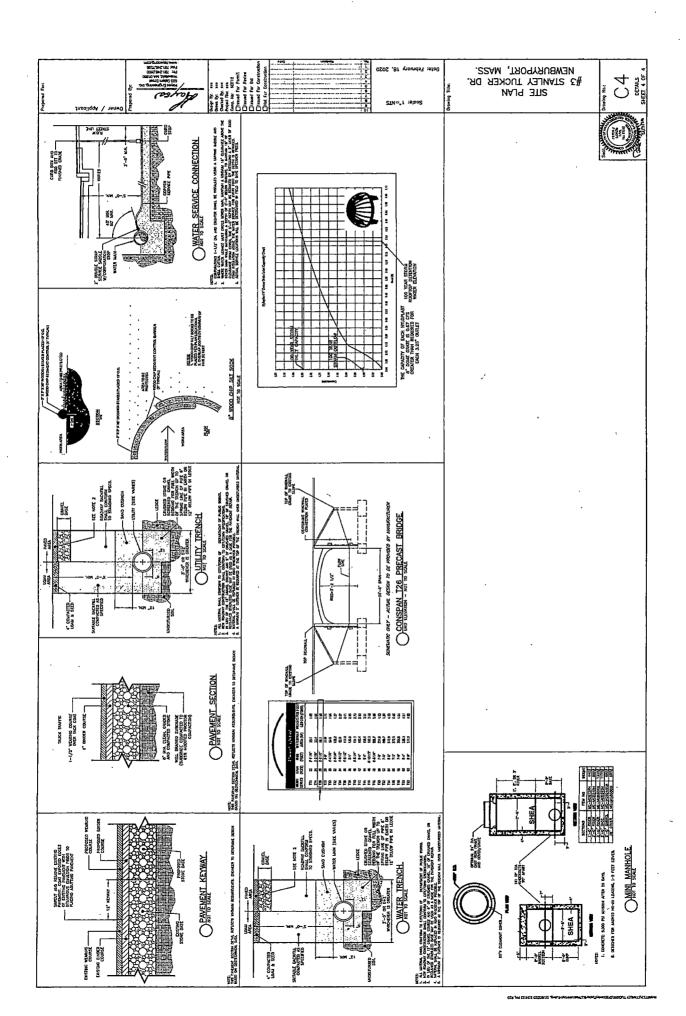
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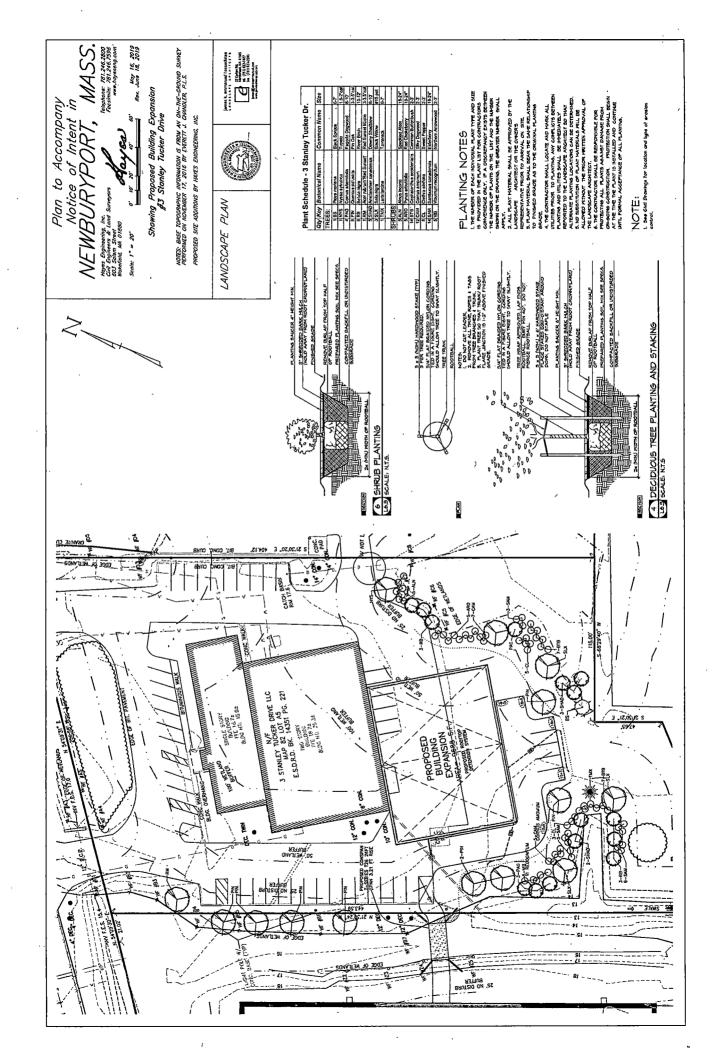
CITY CLERK CERTIFICATION:
I,, City Clerk of the City of Newburyport, hereby certify pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 40A Section 17, that the Site Plan Review decision for the property known as 3 Stanley Tucker Drive was filed in the Office of the City Clerk on Twenty (20) days have elapsed since the decision was filed and no appeal has been filed.
City/Clerk Date

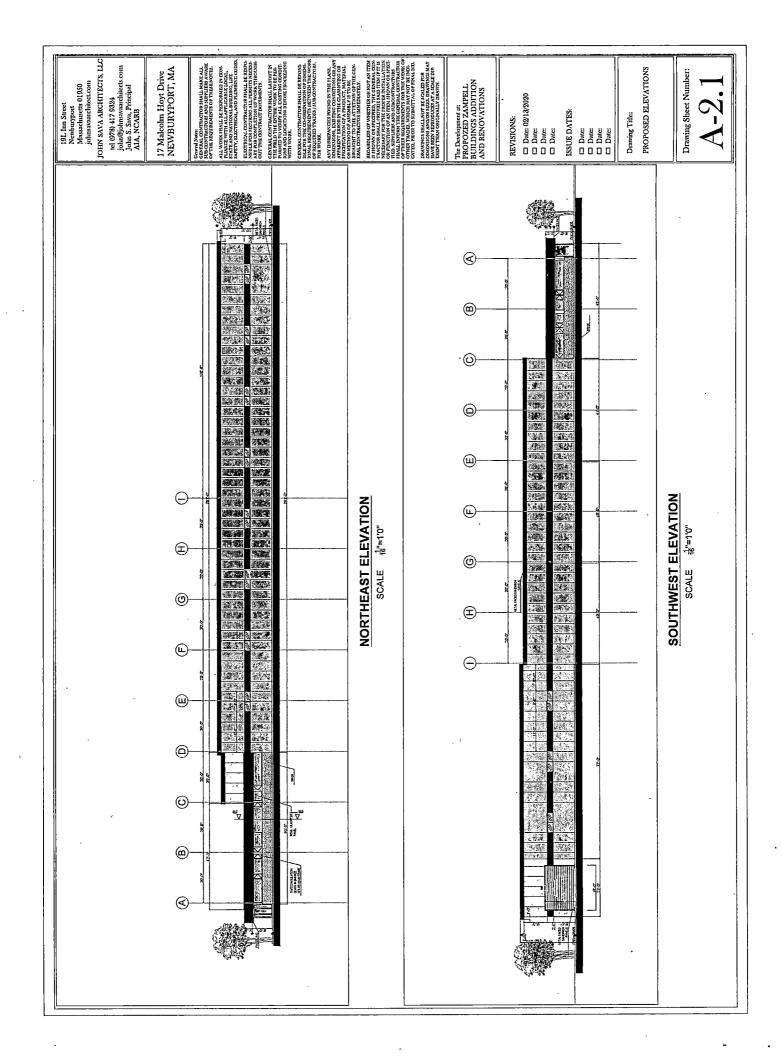


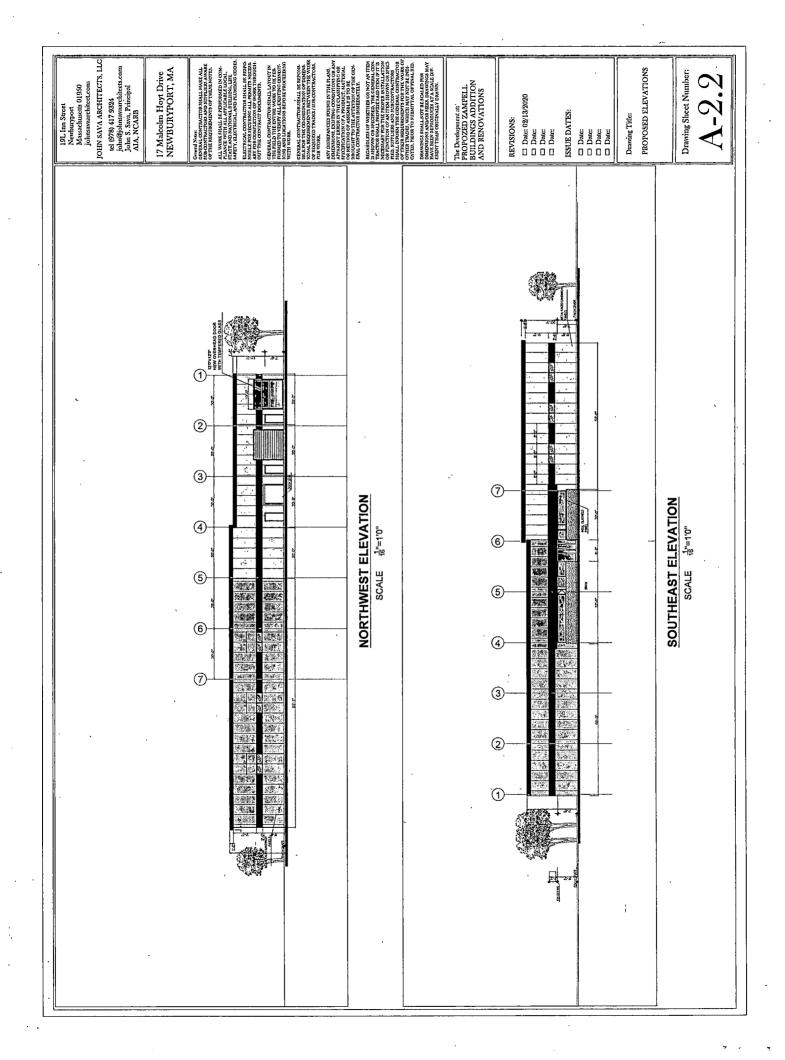












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