22-24 Olive Street, Newburyport

Application for

Special Permit for Non-Conformities

November 23, 2021



22-24 Olive Street, Newburyport Existing Conditions

Existing Conditions

- Located in R2 and DCOD Districts.
- Currently used as two-family home.
- Corner lot located on Russia and Olive Street.
- Property contains the following nonconformities:
 - Lot Area: Requires 15,000 s.f. where lot has 10,758 s.f.
 - Secondary Front Yard Setback (Olive Street Side): Requires 25 feet where setback is 10.6 feet.
 - Rear Yard Setback (opposite Russia Street): Requires 25 feet where setback is 16.5 feet.
 - Parking: 4 spaces required and currently has 2.
- DCOD not triggered because removing less than 25% of existing walls.











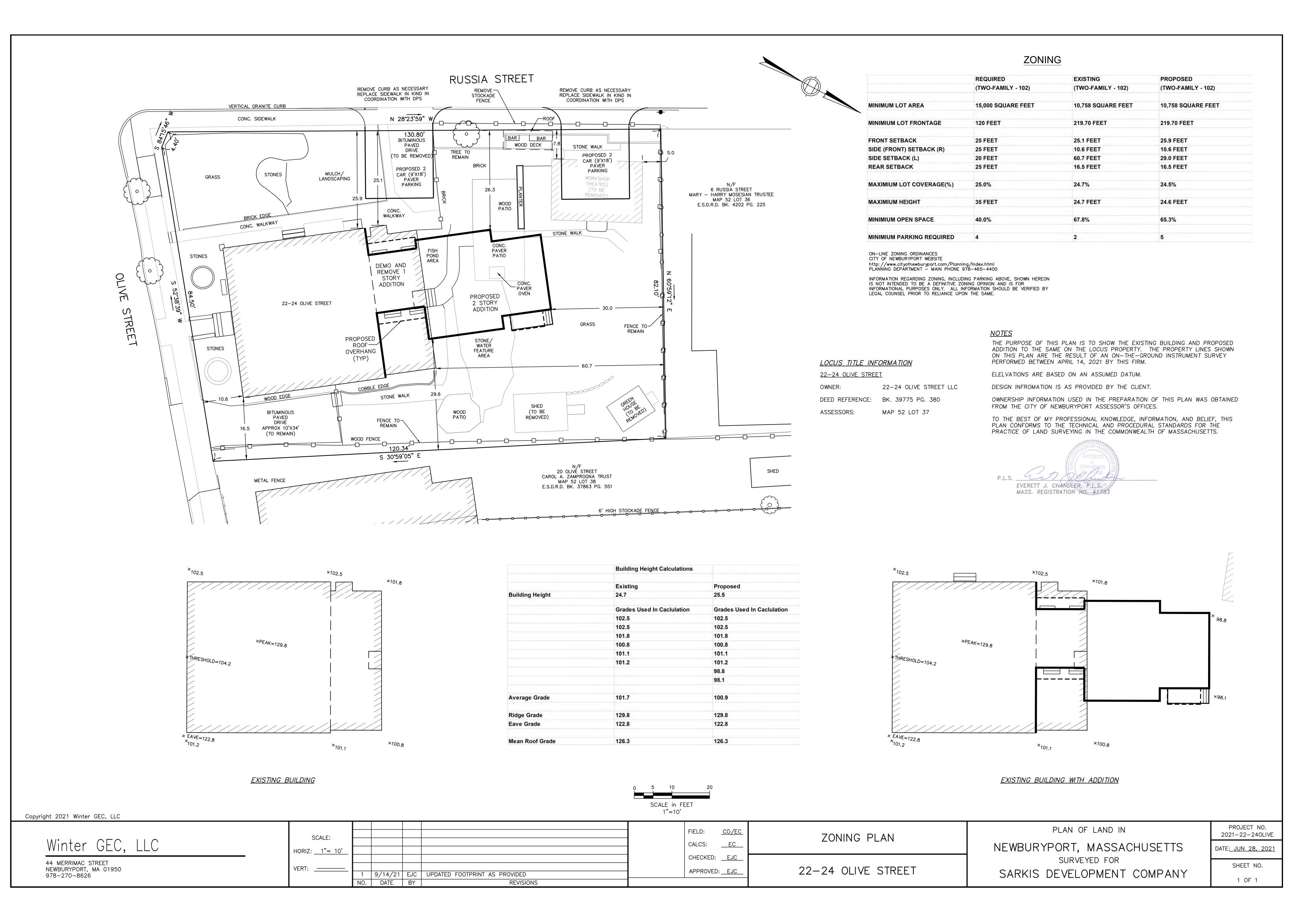




22-24 Olive Street, Newburyport Proposed Project

Proposed Project

- Remove later added rear addition and earlier addition and construct new addition in their place.
- Applicant worked extensively with Historical Commission including conducting a neighborhood site walk and undergoing several redesigns of the plans. Commission released demolition delay at October 28 meeting.
- Proposed addition creates no new nonconformities nor extends or exacerbates any existing nonconformities.
- Addition is more than 500 square feet requiring Special Permit.
- Improves current site conditions:
 - As proposed, site will have 5 parking spaces where 4 are required (currently has 2).
 - Primary Front Setback off Russia Street improved.
 - Lot Coverage decreased from 24.7% to 24.5%.







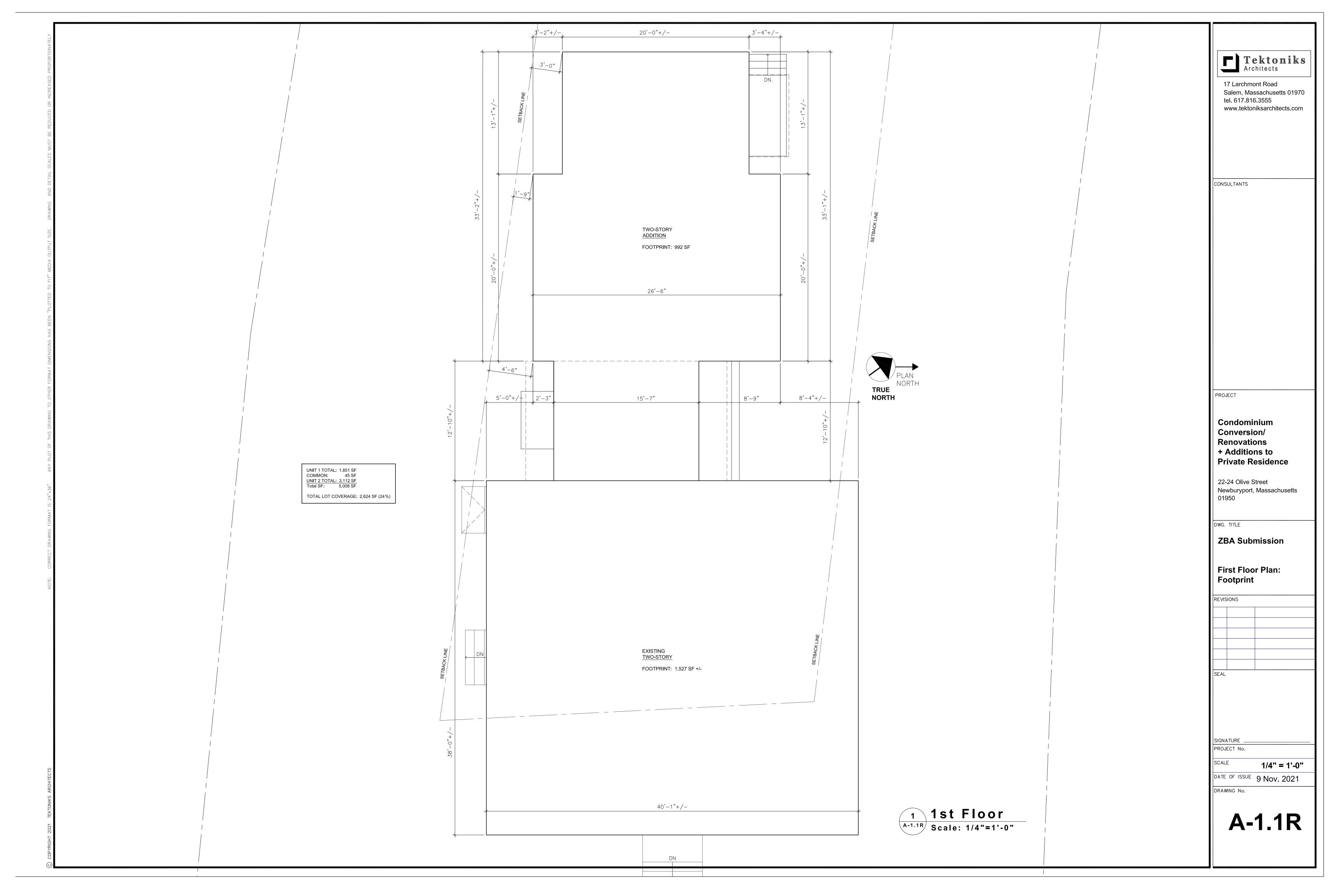












Criteria for Special Permit for Nonconformities:

- 1. That there will be no addition of a new nonconformity;
 - There are no new nonconformities created.
- 2. That the proposed change will not be substantially more detrimental to the neighborhood than the preexisting nonconforming structure or use.
 - Proposed addition is smaller in footprint, overall square footage and height than the existing structure.
 - Lot has sufficient size as compared to neighboring lots to accommodate the proposed addition.
 - Proposal is removing two additions that were not appropriate to the original historic structure.
 - Proposal is also removing nonconforming workshop that is within the side and primary front yard setbacks.
 - By removing existing additions, proposal is exposing portions of the original structure's brick exterior wall and two original window openings previously covered up.

Criteria for Special Permit for Nonconformities Continued:

- 2. That the proposed change will not be substantially more detrimental to the neighborhood than the preexisting nonconforming structure or use.
 - Proposed modifications are appropriate for the scale, massing, and architectural style of the existing home.
 - Comparing the density of the property as proposed, it is in the middle to less dense side of other properties in the neighborhood.
 - Lot is the only corner lot on Olive Street with complying primary front set back.
 - Lot has an open feel around all sides of the proposed addition especially on the Russia Street portion as well as having low lot coverage for this neighborhood due to its remaining space and dimensional conformity.
 - Proposal is compliant with US Secretary of Interior Standards.

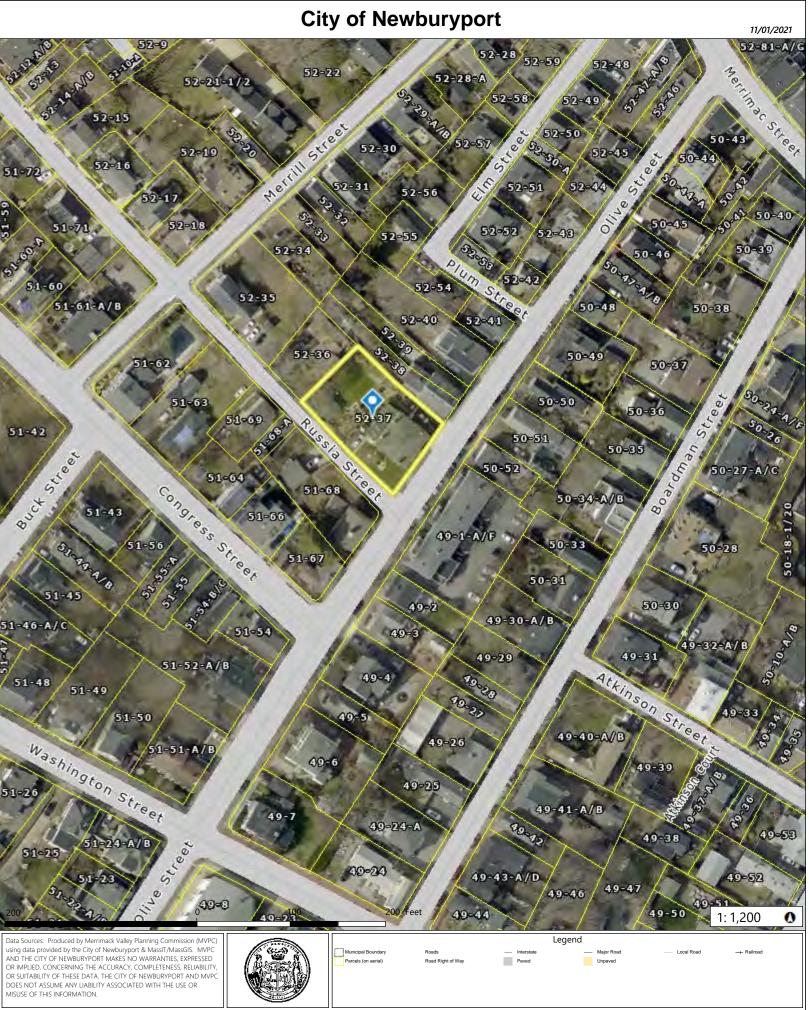
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- 2. That the proposed change will not be substantially more detrimental to the neighborhood than the preexisting nonconforming structure or use.
 - The total lot coverage on the Property decreases under the proposal.
 - Net of 273 square feet of the original building façade will be restored/exposed as a result of the proposal.
 - Proposed addition allows historic building to retain its interiors with only minor modifications where needed to meet current codes and standards.
 - Not substantially more detrimental than existing nonconforming structure.

22-24 Olive Street, Newburyport Secretary of Interior Standards

Application of the Standards:

- The addition is subordinate. The addition is shorter than the original structure by 7'-6" at the "hyphen" and 4'-4" at the main addition ridge and is also more narrow and smaller in square footage.
- The addition may be removed in the future and not impair the essential form and integrity of the original structure. Indeed, the removal of later added shed style additions on the current building covered up not only original brick wall area, but also original window openings. The new hyphen and addition could certainly be removed in the future without damaging the critical elements of the original structure as required in this standard.
- The removal of those later added additions will expose/ restore more of the original brick rear wall as well as original windows.
- The new addition is visually separate from the original structure.
- A "hyphen" connector is proposed to connect the addition mass to the existing building. The use of a hyphen is specifically cited by SOI through graphics and photographic examples as a preferred method for attachment of additions to existing structures.
- The addition is set back both at the "hyphen" and at the main facade from the historic facade.
- The addition does not attempt to unify the two volumes into a single, architectural whole.
- The addition is compatible with the historic materials, size, features, scale, proportion, and massing of the historic structure and scale of the lot, to protect the integrity if the property.
- The addition size rhythm and alignment of the addition windows and door openings reflect the original.



	2nd largest lot on Olive St	3rd most Finished area		2nd largest Footprint		2nd lowest Density	3rd lowest Fin. Area Ratio	Median FAR
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IMMEDIATE NEIGHBORHOOD

9 Total Structures Incl. subject

					Condo Fin Area			Density per 10,000	Footprint to Lot	
	# Units	Lot Size	<u>Fi</u>	n Area	Combined	<u>Footprints</u>	<u>Stories</u>	<u>sf</u>	Area Ratio	Fin Area per 10,000sf
18 Olive	2		3920	1575	3210	735	2.5	2.67	20.40%	4280
20 Olive			3580	1635		795	2.5			
23 Olive	1		2120	1684		842	2	4.72	39.72%	7943
21 Olive	1		4240	2173		1296	2	2.36	30.57%	5125
25 Olive				1156			2			
27 Olive				1229			2			
29 Olive	6		12460	1243	7337	4098	2	4.82	32.89%	5888
31 Olive				1247			2			
33 Olive				1229			2			
35 Olive				1233			2			
26 Olive	1		7550	2312		1861	2	1.32	24.65%	3062
6 Russia	1		4100	1088		1488	1	2.44	36.29%	2654
3 Russia	1		4010	1728		1050	3	2.49	26.18%	4309
37 Olive	1		3100	1848		840	2.5	3.23	27.10%	5961
22-24 Olive	2		10,758	5,010	5,010	2,505	2	1.86	23.28%	4,657

Proposed structure is comensurate w/ lot size

Russia 25' front and 25' rear setback read more like side setbacks when facing the structure, results in more open air around it None of the other corner lots on Olive Street complies w/ a 25' on either of it's frontages

Quick look at Mimap shows the two 25' setbacks are more than most on the street

Low lot coverage means open space, and on this lot, the open space is visible, it isn't in the back yard

	2nd largest lot on Olive St	3rd most Finished Area (3/32)		2nd largest Footprint		Bottom fifth Density (6/32)	Bottom fifth Footprint to Lot Area Ratio (6/32)	Bottom half FAR (12/32)	
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LOWER OLIVE STREET (WASHINGTON TO MERRIMAC)

Ranked by Finished Area per 10,000 SF (similar to FAR), low to high

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	# Units	<u>Lot Size</u>	<u>Fin Area</u>	<u>Footprints</u>	<u>Stories</u>	<u>sf</u>	Area Ratio	Fin Area per 10,000sf
18-20 Olive	2	7,500	3,210	1,530	2.5	2.67	42.80%	2,040
6 Russia	1	4,100	1,088	1,488	1	2.44	36.29%	2,654
26 Olive	1	7,550	2,312	1,861	2	1.32	24.65%	3,062
1-3 Olive	2	4,391	2,740	1,385	2.5	4.55	62.40%	3,154
34-36 Olive	2	9,800	3,194	1,846	2.5	2.04	18.84%	3,259
16 Olive	1	7,480	2,590	1,316	2	1.34	17.59%	3,463
62 Washington	1	6,550	2,368	1,595	2	1.53	24.35%	3,615
39 Olive	1	3,972	1,553	789	2	2.52	19.86%	3,910
3 Russia	1	4,010	1,728	1,050	3	2.49	26.18%	4,309
15 Olive	1	5,700	2,568	1,294	2	1.75	22.70%	4,505
19 Olive	2	4,090	1,880	1,128	2	4.89	27.58%	4,597
22-24 Olive	2	10,758	5,010	2,505	2	1.86	23.28%	4,657
43 Olive	1	2,950	1,496	798	2	3.39	27.05%	5,071
21 Olive	1	4,240	2,173	1,296	2	2.36	30.57%	5,125
40 Olive	2	5,830	2,994	1,298	2.5	3.43	22.26%	5,136
41 Olive	1	6,300	3,238	1,880	2.5	1.59	29.84%	5,140
25-35 Olive	6	12,460	7,337	4,098	2	4.82	32.89%	5,888
37 Olive	1	3,100	1,848	840	2.5	3.23	27.10%	5,961
28 Olive	1	3,490	2,210	1,173	2	2.87	33.61%	6,332
45 Olive	2	8,010	5,097	2,183	3	2.50	27.25%	6,363
4 Olive	1	2,060	1,325	825	2	4.85	40.05%	6,432
9-11 Olive	2	3,565	2,350	1,075	2.5	5.61	30.15%	6,592
8-10 Olive	2	3,280	2,330	1,352	2.5	6.10	41.22%	7,104
13 Olive	1	2,060	1,588	824	2	4.85	40.00%	7,709
23 Olive	1	2,120	1,684	842	2	4.72	39.72%	7,943
14 Olive	1	1,840	1,529	892	2	5.43	48.48%	8,310
7 Olive	2	2,470	2,059	972	2.5	8.10	39.35%	8,336
1-3 Congress	2	2,520	2,152	1,142	2	7.94	45.32%	8,540
161 Merrimac	2	2,280	2,185	957	2.75	8.77	41.97%	9,583
5 Olive	2	2,690	2,738	1,546	2	7.43	57.47%	10,178
12 Olive	1	1,270	1,408	512	2.75	7.87	40.31%	11,087
6 Olive	1	1,720	1,950	780	2.5	5.81	45.35%	11,337