TOWN OF SEABROOK ISLAND

Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting March 22, 2023 – 1:00 PM

Town Hall, Council Chambers 2001 Seabrook Island Road Seabrook Island, SC 29455

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Virtual Participation: Individuals who wish to participate in the meeting via Zoom may call (843) 768-9121 or email kwatkins@townofseabrookisland.org for log-in information prior to the meeting.

Submit a Written Comment: Individuals who wish to submit a comment in advance of the Public Hearing may do so in writing by 12:00 pm on the day prior to the meeting using one of the following options:

• Online: <u>Variance 181</u>

• Email: tnewman@townofseabrookisland.org

Mail or Hand Deliver: 2001 Seabrook Island Road, Seabrook Island, SC 29455

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting: February 22, 2023 [Pages 3–5]

PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS

1. Variance # 181 [Pages 6–46]

APPLICANTS: Malcolm Brennan (Applicant)

Michael Martin (Owners)

ADDRESS: 2919 Deer Point Drive

TAX MAP NUMBER: 149-14-00-027

ZONING DISTRICT: R-SF2 (Residential Single-Family) **CODE SECTION:** § 10.5.A.1, Critical Area Setback

VARIANCE REQUEST:

- 1) To allow 444 square feet of proposed open deck to encroach 8'-9" into the required critical area setback.
- 2) To allow 42 square feet of proposed exterior stair to encroach 4'1" into the required critical area setback.
- 3) To allow 19 square feet of proposed permeable paving to encroach 4'-1" into the required critical area setback.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION / DISCUSSION

1. There are no items for information/discussion.

ADJOURN

TOWN OF SEABROOK ISLAND

Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting February 22, 2023



MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Present: Leggett, Palmer (Virtual), Pickney, Williams

Absent: Fox

Staff Present: Zoning Administrator Newman

Mr. Leggett served as acting chairman for the meeting.

The meeting was called to order at 1:00PM and Zoning Administrator Newman confirmed notice of this meeting was posted as described by the SC Freedom of Information Act.

ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

The election of Chair and Vice Chair will be held at the March Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting: December 28, 2022

Mr. Pickney moved to approve the previous meeting minutes of December 28; Mr. Williams seconded. All voted in favor.

The previous meeting minutes of December 28th were approved.

PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS

1. Variance #180

APPLICANT: Bill Senst (Applicant)

Greg & Leigh Anne Spraetz (Owners)

ADDRESS: 3112 Marsh Gate Drive

TAX MAP NUMBER: 149-14-00-052

ZONING DISTRICT: R-SF2 (Residential Single-Family) **CODE SECTION**: § 10.5.A.1, Critical Area Setbacks

VARIANCE REQUEST: 1) To reduce the required 25' critical area setback to

15'-0" to allow for 561 square feet of first floor open

deck and open stair.

Zoning Administrator Newman presented the request made by the Applicant Bill Senst at 3112 Marsh Gate Drive to reduce the required 25' critical area setback to 15'-0" to allow for 561 square feet of $\frac{1}{3}$ first floor open deck and open stair.

Zoning Administrator Newman noted that if the variance is approved, staff recommends adding the following:

- The approved variance shall apply to the building layout as shown on the site-specific plan prepared by the Applicants and reviewed by the Board on February 22, 2023. Any modification to this site-specific plan prior to the issuance of a zoning permit, with the exception of minor corrections and/or modifications which conform to the requirements of the town's DSO, shall require further review and approval by the Borad of Zoning Appeals.
- The Applicants shall prepare and submit to the Zoning Administrator an as-built survey prior
 to the issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy (or within 30 days of passing the final inspection
 if no Certificate of Occupancy is required). The as-built survey shall be prepared and stamped
 by a professional land surveyor who is qualified to perform such services in the State of South
 Carolina.
- The variance shall become null and void if the Applicants (or subsequent property owner) fail to obtain a building permit prior to the effective date of any changes to the SCDHEC-OCRM beachfront jurisdictional line and/or beachfront setback line affecting the subject property.

The Board inquired if there were any objections to the variance. Zoning Administrator Newman clarified one objection was received and was included in the agenda packet.

Bill Senest (Applicant) presented the variance request for 3112 Marsh Gate Drive.

The Board clarified where the house is currently in relation to the setback lines.

The Board inquired when the homeowners started creating their plans for this project.

Greg Spraetz (homeowner), 712 Bell Out Drive Alpharetta, GA; added additional commentary to the Applicants presentation.

John Carpenter, 3092 Marsh Gate Drive, inquired if the proposed variance the proposed deck would set a precedence for setback changes. Zoning Administrator Newman and the Board clarified for Mr. Carpenter the variance process.

Zoning Administrator Newman read the letter received in opposition of this variance.

The Board discussed how the variance fits within the criteria.

Mr. Leggett noted the variance meets the criteria as follows:

- A) The size and shape of the subject property are unique conditions.
- B) The unique size and shape of the property does not appear to apply to other properties in the vicinity.
- C) Strict application of the DSO to this piece of property in combination with the unique size and shape of the lot restricts the utilization of the property.
- D) The requested variance has no impact on the existing zoning/character of the surrounding area.
- E) The use of the subject property is not changed by the granting of the requested variance.
- F) The variance request is not for profitability.
- G) The necessity for the variance is not the owner's fault.

Mr. Pickney moved to approve Variance #180 as outlined by Mr. Leggett and with staff recommendations; Mr. Williams seconded. All voted in favor.

Variance #180 was approved with staff recommendations.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION / DISCUSSION

None.

ADJOURN

Mr. Pickney moved to adjourn the meeting; Mr. Williams seconded. All voted in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 1:40PM

Date: March 10, 2023 Prepared by: Xatharine & Watkins

Town Clerk/Treasurer



MEMORANDUM

TO: Town of Seabrook Island Board of Zoning Appeals Members

FROM: Tyler Newman, Zoning Administrator

SUBJECT: Variance Application # 181 – 2919 Deer Point Drive

MEETING DATE: March 22, 2023

Variance Application #178	
Applicants:	Malcolm Brennan (Applicant)
	Michael Martin (Owner)
Location:	2919 Deer Point Drive
Tax Map Number:	149-14-00-027
Zoning District:	R-SF2 (Residential Single-Family)
Code Section:	§ 10.5.A.1, Critical Area Setback
Purpose:	1) To allow 444 square feet of proposed open deck to encroach 8'-9" into the required critical area setback, 2) to allow 42 square feet of proposed exterior stair to encroach 4'-1" into the required critical area setback, 3) to allow 19 square feet of proposed permeable paving to encroach 4'-1" into the required critical area setback

Overview

The town has received a variance application from Malcolm Brennan of M. Brennan Architects Inc. on behalf of Michael Martin (collectively, the "Applicants"). The Applicants are requesting several encroachments into the required 25' critical area setback in association with the construction of a new swimming pool and accompanying open deck, stairs, and walkway at 2919 Deer Point Drive (Block 49, Lot 17).

In May 2022 the town's Zoning Administrator met with Mr. Martin to discuss possible improvements to his property including a proposed swimming pool. At that time the Zoning Administrator advised Mr. Martin that he would need to have his property surveyed to determine the location of the SCDHEC-OCRM critical line and corresponding 25' setback. In November 2022 the Zoning Administrator was contacted by a Malcolm Brennan of M. Brennan Architects Inc. who indicated that he was designing a deck/pool addition at 2919 Deer Point Drive and that there were encroachments associated with the proposed additions that could require variances. Upon reviewing the proposed site plan, the town's Zoning Administrator advised the applicant that he was correct in his assessment that there were setback encroachments shown that would not be permitted under the DSO and that the only means of deviating from the requirements of the DSO would be to seek a variance from the Board of Zoning Appeals.

Under the town's previous DSO §7.60.50, Marsh Setback, stated, "the minimum setback for a structure, exclusive of open decks, on a lot abutting the marsh shall be twenty-five (25) feet from the South Carolina Ocean and Coastal Resource Management critical area or the lot line, whichever is landward. No part of an open deck shall be closer than fifteen (15) feet from the

critical area.". Under the town's current DSO (effective July 1, 2022) §10.5.A.1, Critical Area Setback, states, "except as otherwise provided in this ordinance, no structure shall be placed above or below ground (including propane tanks) within 25 feet of any critical area".

The subject property is currently zoned R-SF2, Moderate Lot Single-Family, and a single-family residence is a permitted use by-right.

The property is 17,099 square feet in area, which is approximately 2.3% smaller than the minimum lot size in the R-SF2 district (minimum lot size in R-SF2 is 17,500 square feet). A total of 15,547 square feet (or 90.92% of the lot) is designated as "highland."

Based on the site plan submitted with the variance application, the proposed new pool will comply with the 25' critical area setback requirement as well as the 12.5' side yard setback requirement. The proposed improvements do not cause the subject property to exceed the 40% maximum lot coverage requirement in the R-SF2 District. Additionally, based on the elevations provided with the submittal the proposed improvements will also comply with the 36' maximum height requirement (See Attachment 6, Full Plan Set).

To allow for construction of the proposed 444 square feet of open deck, 42 square feet of exterior stair, and 19 square feet of permeable paving the Applicants are requesting the following variances from the requirements of the DSO:

ТҮРЕ	REQUIRED PER DSO	VARIANCE (REQUESTED)
Critical Area Setback	25 feet (§ 10.5.A.1)	To allow 444 square feet of proposed open deck to encroach 8'-9" into the required critical area setback
Critical Area Setback	25 feet (§ 10.5.A.1)	To allow 42 square feet of proposed exterior stair to encroach 4'-1" into the required critical area setback
Critical Area Setback	25 feet (§ 10.5.A.1)	To allow 19 square feet of proposed permeable paving to encroach 4'-1" into the required critical area setback

In their application, the Applicants are requesting relief from the critical area setback requirements for the following reasons (See Attachment 4, Applicant's Narrative):

- a) The property is located in the R-SF2 zoning district with a minimum lot size of 17,500 square feet however the total amount of high ground on the subject property is 15,547 square feet. The buildable area of the lot has been further restricted by the previous owner's decision to construct the home behind the existing dune at the front of the property. This decision by the previous owner effectively increased the front yard setback from 30' to over 65' (See Attachment 5, Proposed Site Plan).
- b) In cases where large dunes exist on similar properties the home is typically constructed on top of the dune, thus destroying the vegetation and ecological integrity associated with this natural feature. In contrast, the existing home located at the subject property was pushed as far back as possible, preserving the dune and natural vegetation.
- c) To construct a new pool without the pool encroaching into the 25' critical area setback, the existing deck would need to be demolished. The requested variance allows the property owner to recover his existing open deck.

Before submitting this variance request, the property owner offered to purchase all or any part of the adjacent undeveloped property that is owned by the Kiawah Habitat Conservancy. The hope of this offer was to increase the size of the subject property enough to construct a new guest house and pool without the need for any variances. Unfortunately, the Kiawah Habitat Conservancy declined the offer.

The only other available land on the subject property is located at the front. Since swimming pools are not permitted in the front yard, this option would require demolishing portions of the existing home to make room at the rear of the site. This option would also require constructing an addition on the front of the house to recover the demolished square footage.

- d) The proposed new deck will not extend closer to the OCRM critical line than the existing deck on the adjacent neighbor's property (See Attachment 5, Proposed Site Plan).
- e) The owner of the subject property has not created this hardship. The decision to place the home so close to the 25' critical area setback was made by the previous property owner to preserve the existing dune at the front of the property. Also, at the time that the property was purchased (March 21, 2022) the property owner was under the impression that a future open deck, like the one associated with this variance request, would have been permitted without the need for a variance.
- f) The property owner is not requesting this variance to make the property more valuable. Rather he is making this request so that his family can enjoy the natural environment in the same manner as many of their neighbors.

Staff Comments

As a matter of practice, the Town's Zoning Administrator does not typically provide a recommendation in favor of, or in opposition to, a variance application. In our opinion, these requests are best left to the Board of Zoning Appeals following a thorough review of the relevant facts, including the receipt of testimony from interested parties during the required public hearing.

In granting a variance, state law permits the Board of Zoning Appeals to attach such conditions as the Board may consider advisable to protect established property values in the surrounding area or to promote the public health, safety, or general welfare.

Should the Board vote to approve the variance request, staff would recommend in favor of attaching the following conditions:

- The approved variance shall apply to the building layout as shown on the site-specific plan prepared by the Applicants and reviewed by the Board on March 22, 2023. Any modification to this site-specific plan prior to the issuance of a zoning permit, with the exception of minor corrections and/or modifications which conform to the requirements of the town's DSO, shall require further review and approval by the Board of Zoning Appeals prior to permitting.
- The Applicants shall prepare and submit to the Zoning Administrator an as-built survey
 prior to the issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy (or within 30 days of passing the final
 inspection if no Certificate of Occupancy is required). The as-built survey shall be
 prepared and stamped by a professional land surveyor who is qualified to perform such
 services in the State of South Carolina.
- The variance shall become null and void if the Applicants (or a subsequent property owner) fail to obtain a building permit prior to the effective date of any changes to the SCDHEC-OCRM beachfront jurisdictional line and/or beachfront setback line affecting the subject property.

Respectfully submitted,

Jh/

Tyler Newman

Zoning Administrator

Criteria for Review

Pursuant to Section 6-29-800(A)(2) of the SC Code of Laws, the Board of Zoning Appeals has the power to hear and decide appeals for variance from the requirements of the zoning ordinance when strict application of the provisions of the ordinance would result in unnecessary hardship. A variance may be granted in an individual case of unnecessary hardship if the board makes and explains in writing the following findings:

- (a) there are **extraordinary and exceptional conditions** pertaining to the particular piece of property;
- (b) these conditions do not generally apply to other property in the vicinity;
- (c) because of these conditions, the application of the ordinance to the particular piece of property would effectively prohibit or unreasonably restrict the utilization of the property; and
- (d) the authorization of a variance **will not be of substantial detriment** to adjacent property or to the public good, and the character of the district will not be harmed by the granting of the variance.

The board may not grant a variance, the effect of which would be to allow the establishment of a use not otherwise permitted in a zoning district, to extend physically a nonconforming use of land or to change the zoning district boundaries shown on the official zoning map. The fact that property may be utilized more profitably, if a variance is granted, may not be considered grounds for a variance. Other requirements may be prescribed by the zoning ordinance.

In granting a variance, the board may attach to it such conditions regarding the location, character, or other features of the proposed building, structure, or use as the board may consider advisable to protect established property values in the surrounding area or to promote the public health, safety, or general welfare.

Attachments

The following supplemental items have been attached for review:

1	Variance Application	p. 11-13
2	Aerial Image	p. 14
3	Property Zoning Report	p. 15
4	Applicant's Narrative	p. 16-18
5	Proposed Site Plan	p. 19
6	Full Plan Set	p. 20-26
7	ARC Approval Letter	p. 27
8	Property Deed	p. 28-32
9	Site Photos	p. 33-40
10	Public Hearing Notice – Letter to Neighboring Property Owners	p. 41
11	Public Hearing Notice – Post & Courier Legal Ad	p. 42-43
12	Public Hearing Notice – List of Neighboring Properties	p. 44
13	Public Hearing Notice – Property Posting	p. 45

Geabrook Island

TOWN OF SEABROOK ISLAND

2001 Seabrook Island Road Seabrook Island, SC 29455 (843) 768-9121

APPLICATION FOR VARIANCE

Board of Zoning Appeals

Any applicant seeking a variance from the zoning requirements of the Town of Seabrook Island's Development Standards Ordinance (hereafter, the "DSO") must submit a written application, along with a \$300.00 application fee and all required supplemental information. Applications must be typed or written legibly in ink. Please attach an additional sheet of paper if more space is needed. If you need assistance filling out this application form, please contact the Zoning Administrator by phone at (843) 768-9121 or by email at tnewman@townofseabrookisland.org.

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Applicant Name(s)	Malcolm Brennan					
Applicant Address	113 Wapoo Creek Drive, Suit	e 4, Charleston, S	C 29412			
Applicant Phone Number	843-406-7813 (o) or 843-906	-5511 (m)				
Applicant Email Address	m@mbrennanarchitects.com	1				
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5. VARIANCE REQUEST

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Please see paragraph A in the attached correspondence dated Jan. 5, 2023.

- B. In order to complete the proposed scope of work, the Applicant(s) is (are) requesting a variance from the following requirement(s) of the town's DSO:
 - 1) DSO Section Reference(s):

DSO 10.5A.1

2) DSO Requirement(s):

Please see paragraph B in the attached correspondence dated Jan. 5, 2023.

- C. The application of the zoning requirements of the town's DSO will result in unnecessary hardship, and the standards for a variance set by State Law and the DSO are met by the following facts:
 - 1) There are extraordinary and exceptional conditions pertaining to this particular piece of property as follows:

Please see paragraph C1 in the attached correspondence dated Jan. 5, 2023.

2) These conditions do not generally apply to other property in the vicinity as shown by:

Please see paragraph C2 in the attached correspondence dated Jan. 5, 2023.

3) Because of these conditions, the application of the zoning requirements to this particular piece of property would effectively prohibit or unreasonably restrict the utilization of the property as follows:

Please see paragraph C3 in the attached correspondence dated Jan. 5, 2023.

4) The authorization of the variance will not be of substantial detriment to adjacent property or to the public good, and the character of the district will not be harmed by the granting of the variance for the following reasons:

Please see paragraph C4, D, and E in the attached correspondence dated Jan. 5, 2023.

6. APPLICATION MATERIALS

In addition to the completed Variance Application Form, all requests for variance must be accompanied by the supplemental materials listed below. An application is not considered "complete" until all required documentation has been received by the Zoning Administrator. Below is a checklist of the required materials:

1	Completed & Signed Variance Application Form (Paper Required; PDF Optional)
	 Please submit one completed paper application. All signatures must be original.
	\$300.00 Application Fee
	 The application fee may be paid by cash or check only.
	As-Built Survey / Survey of Existing Conditions (Paper Required; PDF Optional)
	 All applications must be accompanied by an as-built survey which accurately illustrates the
	existing conditions on the property, including setback measurements for all structures.
	Proposed Site Plan (Paper & PDF Required)
	 Required for all new structures and/or exterior modifications which will change the footprint of
	one or more existing structures.
	• For lots abutting a marsh or beachfront jurisdictional line, the location of the critical line must be
	certified by OCRM within the previous five (5) years.
	Scaled Architectural Drawings: (Paper & PDF Required)
_	 Required for all new structures and/or exterior modifications to existing structures.
	 Architectural drawings must show, at a minimum:
	 A detailed floor plan or plan view; and
	 Front, side and rear elevations, as appropriate.
V	Letter of Approval from Property Owners Association and/or Regime: (Paper Required; PDF Optional)
	 Required for all properties which are subject to private restrictions and/or covenants.
	• If approval is pending, please attach a Letter of Acknowledgement from the POA and/or Regime.
	Letters of support, petitions, photographs, and any other documentation which an Applicant feels may
	support his or her request may be attached but are not required. (Paper & Digital Files Optional)

CRITERIA FOR REVIEW

Pursuant to Section 6-29-800(A)(2) of the SC Code of Laws, the Board of Zoning Appeals has the power to hear and decide appeals for variance from the requirements of the zoning ordinance when strict application of the provisions of the ordinance would result in **unnecessary hardship**. A variance may be granted in an individual case of unnecessary hardship if the board makes and explains in writing the following findings:

- (a) there are extraordinary and exceptional conditions pertaining to the particular piece of property;
- (b) these conditions do not generally apply to other property in the vicinity;
- (c) because of these conditions, the application of the ordinance to the particular piece of property would **effectively prohibit or unreasonably restrict** the utilization of the property; and
- (d) the authorization of a variance will **not be of substantial detriment t**o adjacent property or to the public good, and the character of the district will not be harmed by the granting of the variance.

The board may not grant a variance, the effect of which would be to allow the establishment of a use not otherwise permitted in a zoning district, to extend physically a nonconforming use of land or to change the zoning district boundaries shown on the official zoning map. The fact that property may be utilized more profitably, if a variance is granted, may not be considered grounds for a variance. Other requirements may be prescribed by the zoning ordinance.

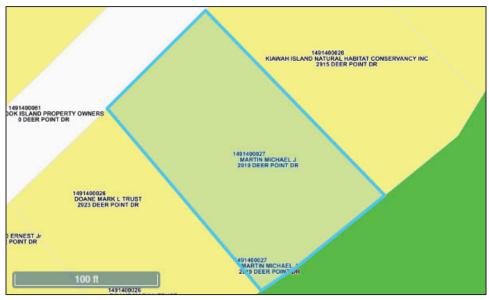
In granting a variance, the board may attach to it such conditions regarding the location, character, or other features of the proposed building, structure, or use as the board may consider advisable to protect established property values in the surrounding area or to promote the public health, safety, or general welfare.



Town of Seabrook Island

Property Zoning Report

14 Feb 2023



Parcels

Parcel ID: 1491400027

Owner: MARTIN MICHAEL J MARTIN ANNE MARIE

Owner Street Address: 100 BLACK WALNUT LN

Owner City State ZIP Code: SEABROOK ISLAND, SC 29455

Parcel Street Address: 2919 DEER POINT DR

Zoning

Count Zoning Code and Description

Overlapping Quantities

1. 1 R-SF2 - Residential - Single-Family (Medium Lot) 17,747.32sf (0.41acres)



M. Brennan Architects, Inc.

BZA Application

Jan. 5, 2023 Tyler Newman Town of Seabrook Island 2001 Seabrook Island Road Seabrook Island, SC 29455

Reference: Martin Renovation

2919 Deer Point Drive

Seabrook Island, South Carolina 29455

Dear Mr. Newman,

The attached Drawings indicate the proposed improvements which the Owners would like to undertake. Also attached is the BZA application for the variance we will need in order to undertake these improvements. The Drawings submitted with this application have also been submitted to the ARC and we have requested a Letter of Acknowledgement from the ARC.

Due to the limitation of space on the BZA Application Form, our responses are provided in this letter. The paragraphs below are enumerated to correspond with the BZA Application Form.

A. Please provide a brief description of the proposed scope of work.

A small new swimming pool with accompanying open deck, stair, and walkway.

B. In order to complete the proposed scope of work, the Applicant(s) is (are) requesting a variance from the following requirement(s) of the town's DSO:

DSO Section References: DSO 10.5A.1

DSO Requirements: SETBACK Required. Except as otherwise provided in this ordinance, no structure shall be placed above or below ground (including propane tanks) within 25 feet of any CRITICAL AREA.

We are requesting a variance from DSO Section 10.5A.1 to construct 444 sf of the proposed open deck, 42 sf of the proposed exterior stair, and 19 sf of the proposed permeable paving, extending 8'-9", 4'-1", and 4'-1" into the required 25' critical area setback.

As shown on the Please note that 106 sf of the existing deck, stairs, and pavers already encroaches into the 25' OCRM setback area. Therefore, the total additional encroachment that we are requesting is (444 + 42 + 19) - 106 = 399 sf.

- C. The application of the zoning requirements of the town's DSO will result in unnecessary hardship, and the standards for a variance set by State Law and the DSO are met by the following facts:
 - 1) There are extraordinary and exceptional conditions pertaining to this particular piece of property as follows:

113 Wappoo Creek Drive, Suite 4, Charleston, SC. 29412 Page 1 of 3

Phone: 843-406-7813, Fax: 843-406-7814, Email: m@mbrennanarchitects.com

M. Brennan Architects, Inc.

BZA Application

This property is located in the R-SF2 Zoning District with a minimum lot size is 17,500 sf. However, the amount of high ground on this lot is only 15,547. The buildable area of the lot has been further restricted by the previous Owner's decision to construct the home behind the existing dune at the front of the property. This decision effectively increased the front yard setback from 30' to over 65'. See attached Site Plan

2) These conditions do not generally apply to other property in the vicinity as shown by:

Where large dunes exist on similar properties, the home is typically constructed on top of the dune, thus destroying the vegetation and ecological integrity associated with this natural feature. In contrast, this home was pushed as far back as possible, thus preserving the dune and natural vegetation.

3) Because of these conditions, the application of the zoning requirements to this particular piece of property would effectively prohibit or unreasonably restrict the utilization of the property as follows:

To construct a new pool without encroaching on the 25' OCRM setback line, the existing deck will be demolished. The variance we are requesting will allow the property owner to recover his open deck.

Before submitting this request, Mr. Martin offered to purchase all or any part of the adjacent undeveloped property that the Kiawah Habitat Conservancy would be willing to sell. Our hope was to increase the size of this site enough to construct a new Guest House and pool without the need for any variances. After carefully considering our proposal, the Kiawah Habitat Conservancy decided not to sell any of their property.

The only other available land on this site is located at the front of this property. Since swimming pools are not permitted in the front yard, this option would require demolishing portions of the existing home to make room at the rear of the site. This option would also require constructing an addition on the front of the house to recover the demolished square footage. We prefer not to pursue this option because of the impact of the addition on the existing dune and vegetation.

In this particular case, the recent prohibition on open decks beyond the 25' OCRM Setback line, effectively penalizes the commendable choice to preserve the existing dune and vegetation at the front of this site.

4) The authorization of the variance will not be of substantial detriment to adjacent property or to the public good, and the character of the district will not be harmed by the granting of the variance for the following reasons:

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BZA Application

- a. The proposed new deck will not extend closer to the OCRM line than the existing deck on the adjacent neighbor's property. See attached Site Plan.
- b. The proposed decking will be permeable so no additional storm water runoff will be created. The foundation walls for the deck will extend approximately 8" above the finished grades and backfilled with 18" of gravel. Rainwater will flow between pavers or decking, onto the gravel below, and absorbed into the sandy subsoils.
- c. The pool overflow will be discharged behind the 25' OCRM setback line.
- d. The proposed deck has a maximum projection of only 5'-11" beyond the existing deck and approximately 8'-9" beyond the 25' Setback. See attached Site and Floor Plans.
- e. We have also enhanced the privacy between Lots 17 and 18 by adding 5 palm trees to the existing landscape buffer.
- D. The Owner of this property has not created this hardship. The decision to place the home so close to the 25′ OCRM setback line was made by the previous property owner to preserve the existing dune at the front of the property. As stated above, we have investigated every other available option to construct these improvements without the need for a variance. We are pursuing this variance because this design will allow the Owner to enjoy his property in the same manner as many of his neighbors while fully respecting the total environment, including the existing wetlands and the existing dune.

Also please also note that at the time Mr. Martin purchased this property, March 21, 2022, he would have understood that a future open deck, similar to the one for which we are now requesting a variance, would have been permitted without a variance.

E. The property Owner is not requesting this variance to make the property more valuable but so that his family may enjoy the natural environment in the same manner as many of their neighbors.

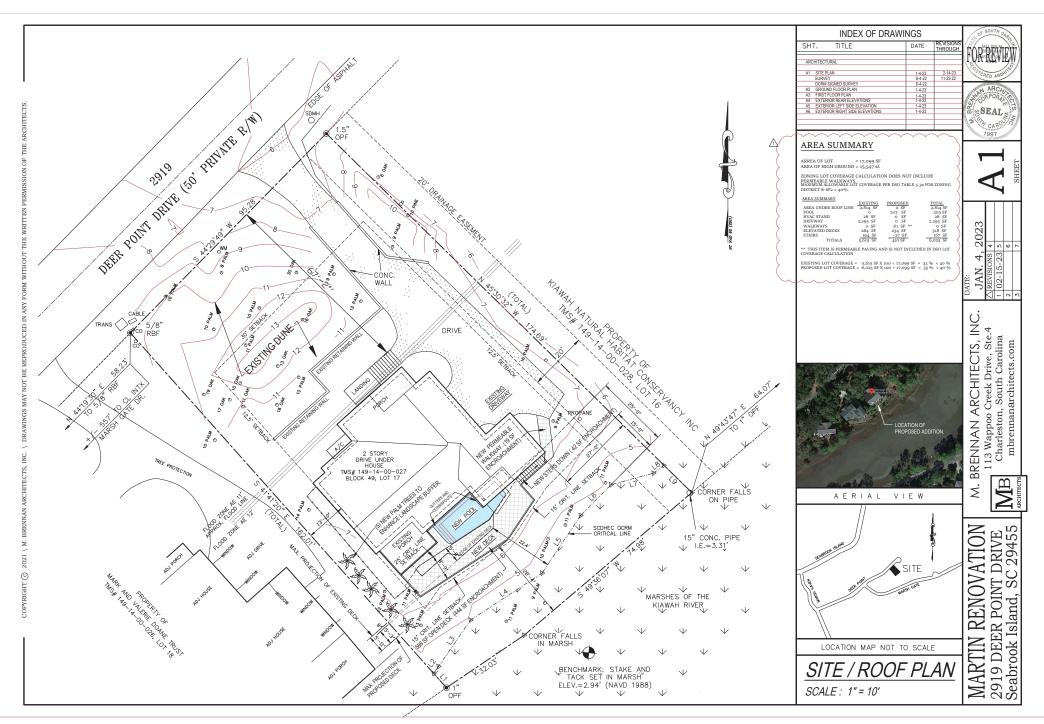
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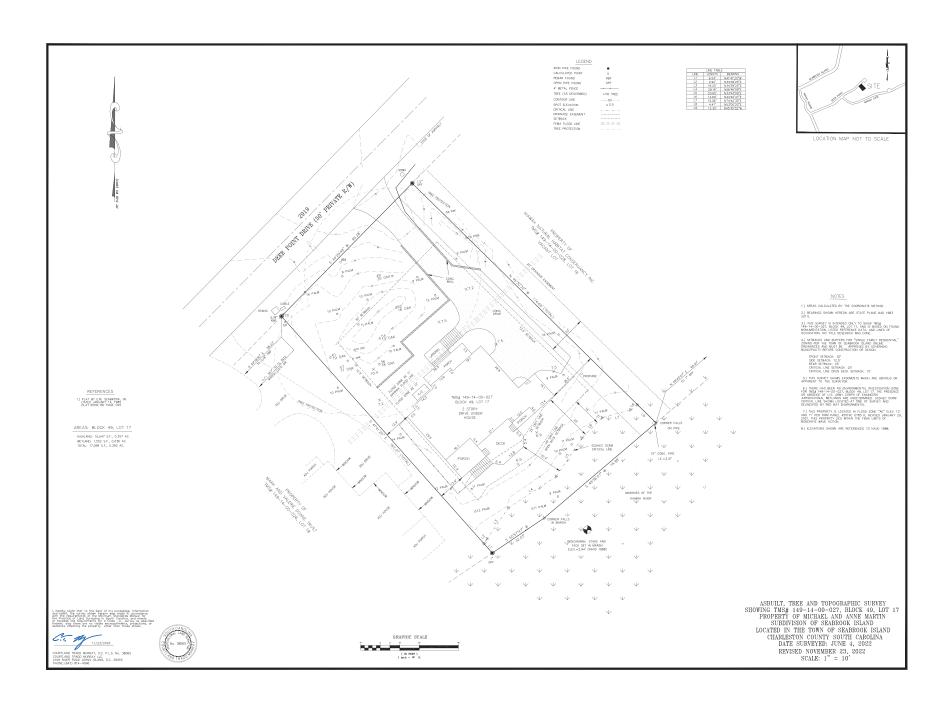
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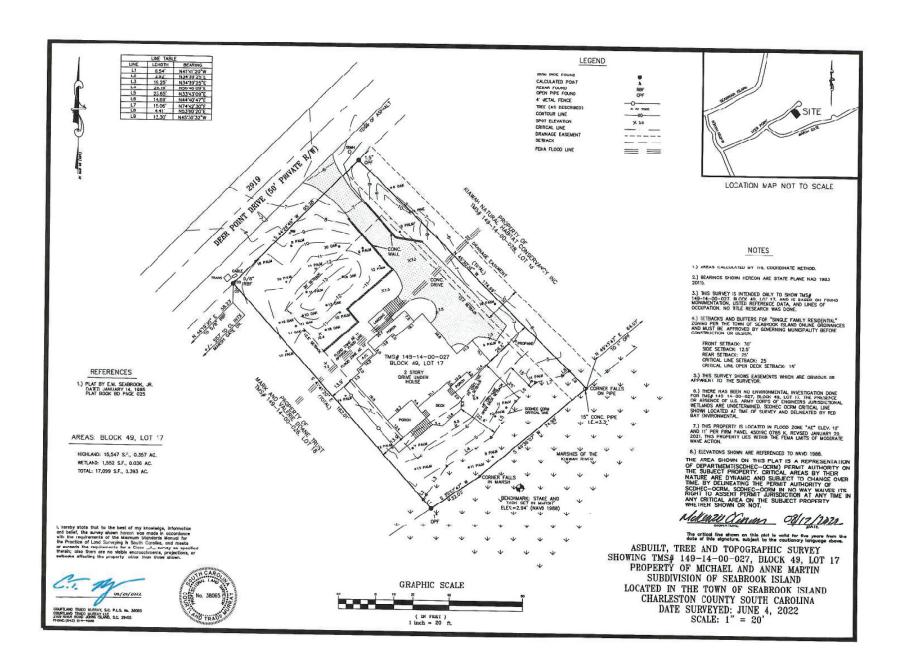
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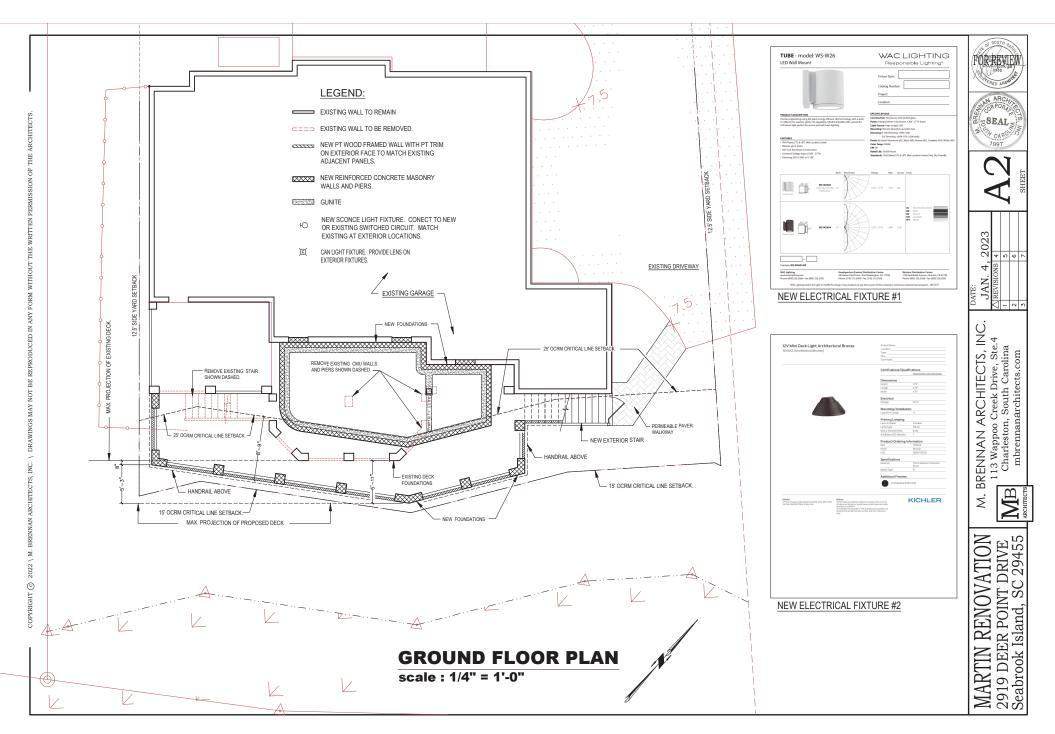
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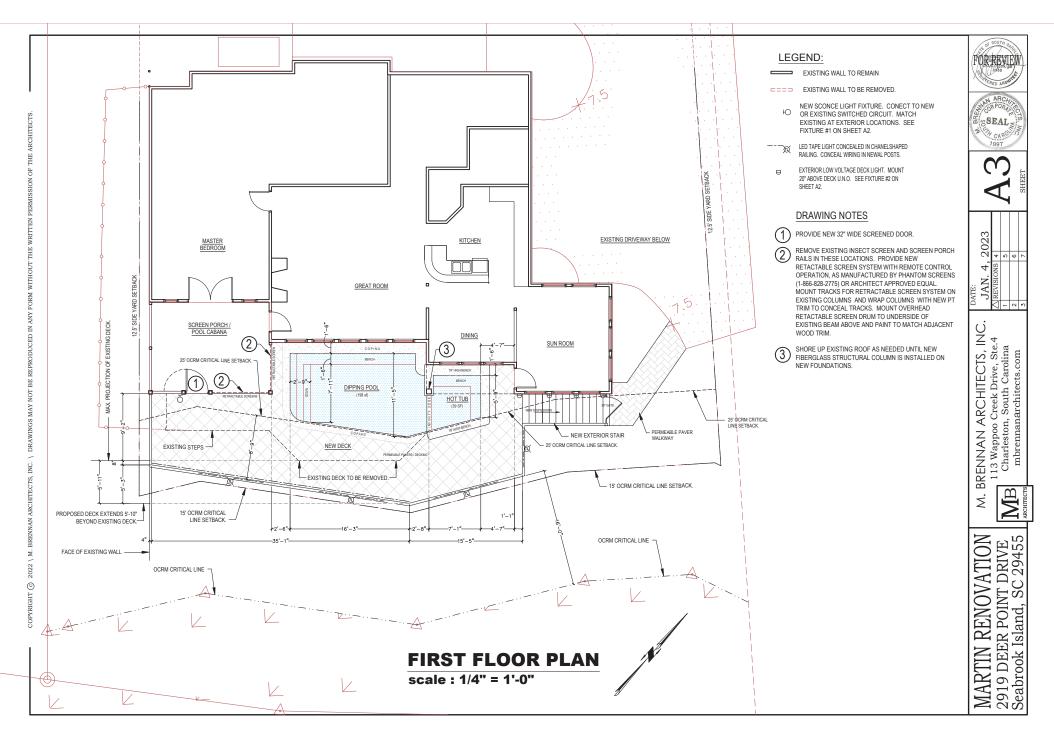
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1202 Landfall Way * Johns Island, SC 29455 * 843-725-1560 * kburrell@sipoa.org

VIA email: tnewman@townofseabrookisland.org

February 10, 2023

Tyler Newman Zoning Administrator Town of Seabrook Island 2001 Seabrook Island Road Seabrook Island, SC 29455

Re: Block 49 Lot 17 – 2919 Deer Point / Remodel – Rear Decking Encroachment

Dear Mr. Newman:

It is my understanding that a variance request has been submitted to the Town of Seabrook Island Board of Zoning Appeals relating to the proposed encroachment into rear 25' critical area setback to allow for a first-floor open deck and open stair along the rear setback. The SIPOA ARC performed a brief review of the remodel plans for this home and is aware of the perspective owners' desire to install a pool in the rear deck and extend the decking toward the marsh. The pool would not encroach into the rear setback, but in order to have the desired area of pool decking, would require that the decking and stairs encroach into the rear critical area setback by less than 10'. The ARC feels that this is acceptable and meets the requirements of the SIPOA Policies and Procedures for Residential Development with regard to the allowed 10' encroachment for open decking on properties that back up to open areas. The ARC has indicated that if the request for the variance is approved by the Town of Seabrook Island Board of Zoning Appeals, the project will then be reviewed for approval by SIPOA ARC Staff with the condition that the request meet all requirements of the SIPOA Policies and Procedures.

Please contact me if you need any additional information.

Very truly yours,

KatrinsBurrell

Katrina Burrell, CMCA, AMS

Director of Administration and Architectural Review

cc: Michael Martin via email

M. Brennan Architects, Inc. via email

B49 L17 – 2919 Deer Point Drive (Master File)

PREPARED BY: Buist, Byars & Taylor, LLC 130 Gardener's Circle PMB# 138 Johns Island, SC 29455 File No. 6967.0002



STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)	TITLE TO REAL ESTATE
COUNTY OF CHARLESTON)	

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that J. David Whitehouse and Susan C. Whitehouse ("Grantor"), in the State aforesaid, for/and in consideration of the sum of ONE MILLION SEVEN HUNDRED TWENTY THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$1,720,000.00), to us in hand paid at and before the sealing of these Presents by Michael J. Martin and Anne Marie Martin, in the State aforesaid, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, have granted, bargained, sold and released, and by these Presents do grant, bargain, sell and release unto the said Michael J. Martin and Anne Marie Martin, as joint tenants with rights of survivorship, and not as tenants in common, the following described property, to-wit:

SEE EXHIBIT "A" ATTACHED HERETO AND INCORPORATED HEREIN BY REFERENCE FOR LEGAL DESCRIPTION.

TMS Number: 149-14-00-027

Address of Grantee(s): 100 Black Walnut Lane

Plymouth Meeting, PA 19462

This is the same property conveyed to Grantor by deed from Craig A. Greene and Melodie G. Greene dated February 26, 2008 and recorded March 5, 2008 in Book Z652, page 556, Charleston County Recording Office.

TOGETHER with all and singular, the rights, members, hereditaments and appurtenances to the said premises belonging or in anywise incident or appertaining.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD, all and singular, the said Premises before mentioned unto the said Michael J. Martin and Anne Marie Martin, as joint tenants with rights of survivorship, and not as tenants in common, their heirs and assigns, forever.

AND subject to the exceptions set forth above, Grantor does hereby bind ourselves and our heirs, executors, and administrators, to warrant and forever defend, all and singular, the premises before mentioned unto the said **Michael J. Martin and Anne Marie Martin**, their heirs and assigns, against us and our heirs, and all persons whomsoever lawfully claiming, or to claim the same or any part thereof.

WITNESS our hand and seal this 4th day of March, 2022.

SIGNED, SEALED AND DELIVERED IN THE PRESENCE OF: Witness #2	J. Daxid Whitehouse J. Daxid Whitehouse Susan C. Whitehouse
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)	
COUNTY OF CHARLESTON)	
The foregoing instrument was acknowle C. Whitehouse, this 1410 day of March, 2022	dged before me by J. David Whitehouse and Susan
Notary Public for)
My commission expires:	ATHERINE JOHNSTON SALAZAR otary Public-State of South Carolina My Commission Expires May 30, 2028

EXHIBIT A

ALL that certain lot, piece or parcel of land, situate, lying and being on Seabrook Island, Charleston County, State of South Carolina, and known and designated as LOT 17, BLOCK 49, on a plat by E. M. Seabrook, Jr., CE & LS, dated September 16, 1982, revised January 14, 1985, and recorded in the Charleston County RMC Office in Plat Book BD, at Page 25.

Said lot having the size, shape, dimensions, buttings and boundings, more or less, as are shown on said plat, which is specifically incorporated herein by reference.

THIS CONVEYANCE IS SUBJECT TO the Covenants, Conditions, Restrictions, Limitations, Affirmative Obligations and Easements of record and more particularly set forth in instruments duly recorded in the RMC Office for Charleston County, as follows: Book N-100, at Page 296; as amended by instrument recorded in Book Y-110, at Page 143; and Second Modification thereto dated March 26, 1985 and recorded in Book J-144, at Page 67; Third Modifications of Protective Covenants dated April 24, 1987 and recorded in Book J-164, at Page 487; Also, By-Laws of Association of record in Book S-109, Page 2; Second restated and amended By Laws dated October 18, 1984 and recorded in Book B-141, at Page 267; as amended by instrument dated March 26, 1985 and recorded Book J- 144, at Page 59; Third Restated and Amended By-Laws of the Seabrook Island Property Owners Association, dated August 1, 1989, and recorded in the RMC Office for Charleston County in Book L-186, Page 718; and Amendment filed in Book K-215, Page 001; Restatement and Fourth Modification of Protective Covenants for Seabrook Island Development, dated August 1, 1989, and recorded in the Charleston County RMC Office in Book L-186, Page 697; Restatement and Fifth Modification recorded in Book K-215, Page 23.

Said property is subject to all applicable covenants, conditions, restrictions, limitations, obligations and easements of record affecting subject property.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
COUNTY OF CHARLESTON)

AFFIDAVIT FOR TAXABLE OR EXEMPT TRANSFERS

,
PERSONALLY appeared before me the undersigned, who being duly sworn, deposes and says: 1. I have read the information on this Affidavit and I understand such information.
2. The property located at 2919 Deer Point Drive, Seabrook Island, SC 29455 bearing Charleston County Tax Map Number 149-14 00-027, was transferred by J. David Whitehouse and Susan C. Whitehouse to Michael J. Martin and Anne Marie Martin on March 21, 2022.
3. Check one of the following: The deed is
 (a) X subject to the deed recording fee as a transfer for consideration paid or to be paid in money or money's worth. (b) subject to the deed recording fee as a transfer between a corporation, a partnership, or other entity and a stockholder partner, or owner of the entity, or is a transfer to a trust or as distribution to a trust beneficiary. (c) exempt from the deed recording fee because (See Information section of affidavit): (If exempt please skip items 4-7, and go to item 8 of this affidavit.)
If exempt under exemption #14 as described in the Information section of this affidavit, did the agent and principal relationship exist a the time of the original sale and was the purpose of this relationship to purchase the realty? Check Yes or No
4. Check one of the following if either item 3(a) or item 3(b) above has been checked (See information section of this affidavit.):
 (a) X (b) The fee is computed on the consideration paid or to be paid in money or money's worth in the amount of \$1,720,000.00 (b) The fee is computed on the fair market value of the realty which is \$ (c) The fee is computed on the fair market value of the realty as established for property tax purposes which is \$
5. Check YES or NO_X_ to the following: A lien or encumbrance existed on the land, tenement, or realty before the transfer and remained on the land, tenement, or realty after the transfer. (This includes, pursuant to Code Section 12-59-140(E)(6), any lien of encumbrance on realty in possession of a forfeited land commission which may subsequently be waived or reduced after the transfer under a signed contract or agreement between the lien holder and the buyer existing before the transfer.) If "Yes," the amount of the outstanding balance of this lien or encumbrance is:
6. The deed recording fee is computed as follows: (a) Place the amount listed in item 4 above here: (b) Place the amount listed in item 5 above here: (If no amount is listed, place zero here.) (c) Subtract line 6(b) from Line 6(a) and place result here: 1,720,000.00 \$0 1,720,000.00
7. As required by Code Section 12-24-70, I state that I am a responsible person who was connected with the transaction as : <u>Lega Representative</u>
8. I understand that a person required to furnish this affidavit who willfully furnishes a false or fraudulent affidavit is guilty of misdemeanor and, upon conviction, must be fined not more than one thousand dollars of impresoned not more than one year, or both.
Legal Representative BUIST BYARS & TAYLOR, LLC

of March, 2022.

KATHERINE JOHNSTON SALAZAR Notary Public-State of South Carolina My Commission Expires May 30, 2028

RECORDER'S PAGE

NOTE: This page MUST remain with the original document



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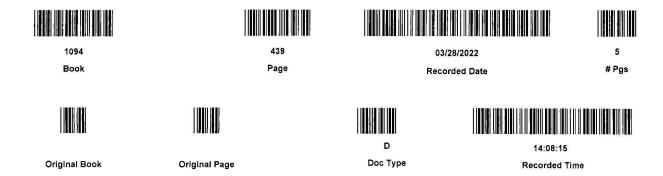
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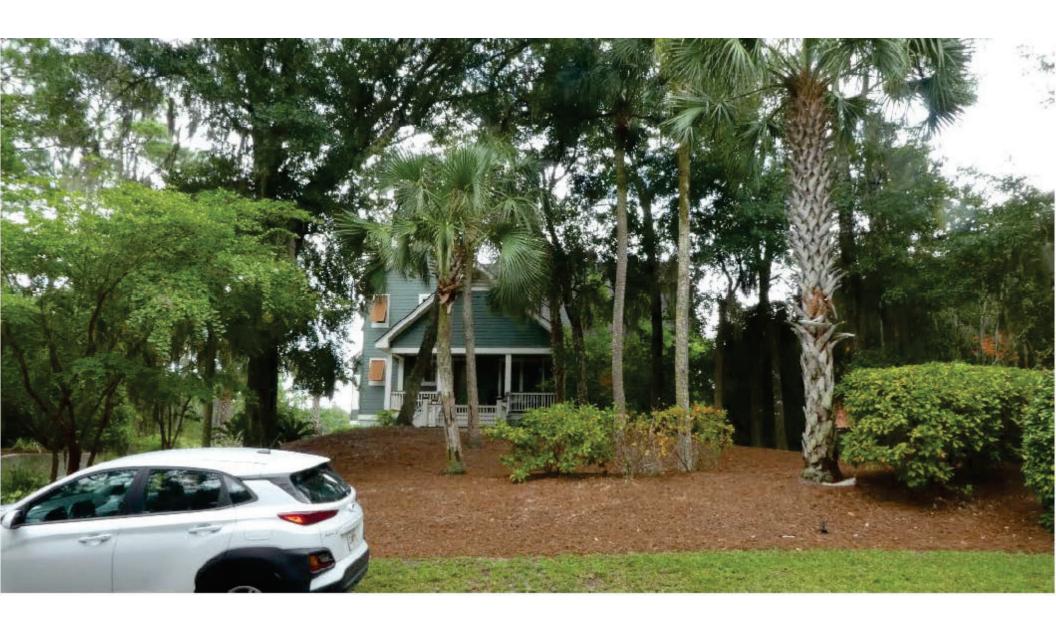
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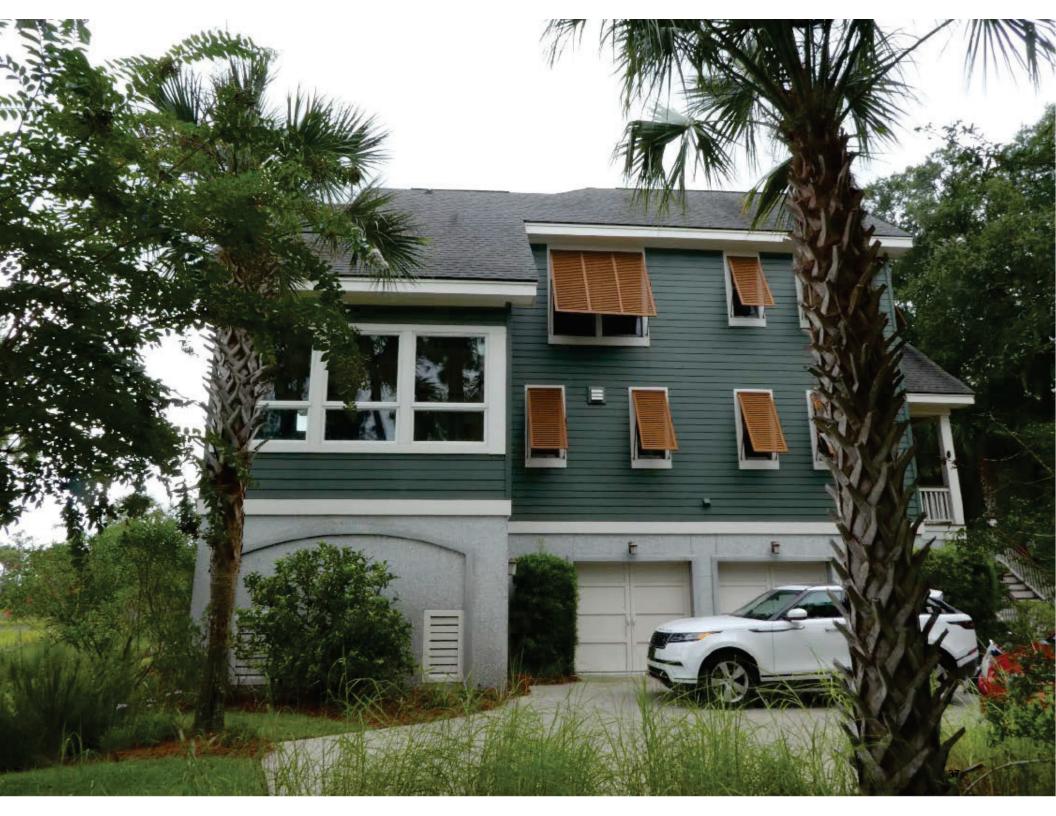
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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

TO: Neighboring Property Owners

FROM: Tyler Newman, Zoning Administrator

SUBJECT: Variance Request for 2919 Deer Point Drive (Variance #181)

DATE: February 14, 2023

Dear Property Owner:

The purpose of this letter is to notify you that the owners of **2919 DEER POINT DRIVE** have requested a **VARIANCE** from the zoning requirements of the Town's Development Standards Ordinance (DSO). The purpose of the variance request is to:

• 1) A VARIANCE FROM DSO SECTION 10.5.A.1, CRITICAL AREA SETBACK, TO ALLOW 444 SQUARE FEET OF PROPOSED OPEN DECK TO ENCROACH 8'-9" INTO THE REQUIRED 25' CRITICAL AREA SETBACK, 2) A VARIANCE FROM DSO SECTION 10.5.A.1, CRITICAL AREA SETBACK, TO ALLOW 42 SQUARE FEET OF PROPOSED EXTERIOR STAIR TO ENCROACH 4'-1" INTO THE REQUIRED 25' CRITICAL AREA SETBACK. 3) A VARIANCE FROM DSO SECTION 10.5.A.1, CRITICAL AREA SETBACK, TO ALLOW 19 SQUARE FEET OF PROPOSED PERMEABLE PAVING TO ENCROACH 4'-1" INTO THE REQUIRED 25' CRITICAL AREA SETBACK.

A copy of the variance application is enclosed for your information.

The Seabrook Island Board of Zoning Appeals will hold a **PUBLIC HEARING** on the variance request at the date and time listed below. This notification is being provided to you pursuant to Section § 20.2.B.2 of the DSO.

PUBLIC HEARING DATE: Wednesday March 22, 2023

PUBLIC HEARING TIME: 1:00 PM

PUBLIC HEARING LOCATION: TOWN HALL (2001 SEABROOK ISLAND ROAD)

For information on how to submit a public comment during (or prior to) the Public Hearing, please refer to the attached Public Hearing Notice.

The Public Hearing will be live streamed on the town's YouTube channel beginning at 1:00 PM at the following address: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCIkF87knEApHD1q0kGlaGZg.

If you have any questions about the contents of this letter, please feel free to contact me by phone at (843) 768-9121 or by email at tnewman@townofseabrookisland.org.

Sincerely,

Tyler Newman Zoning Administrator



Ву:_____

TOWN OF SEABROOK ISLAND 2001 SEABROOK ISLAND RD JOHNS ISLAND SC 29455

AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION

The Post and Courier

State of South Carolina

County of Charleston

Personally appeared before me the undersigned advertising clerk of the above indicated newspaper published in the city of Charleston, county and state aforesaid, who, being duly sworn, says that the advertisement of

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appeared in the issues of said newspaper on the following day(s):

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NOTARY PUBLIC, SC My commission expires

TOWN OF SEABROOK ISLAND, SC NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
The Town of Seabrook Island Board of Zoning Appeals will conduct a Public Hearing at 1:00 p.m. on March 22, 2023, at Seabrook Island Town Hall (2001 Seabrook Island Road). During the meeting, the Board will consider the following request for variance from the Development Standards Ordinance for the Town of Seabrook Island:
APPLICANT: Malcolm Brennan (Applicant) Michael Martin (Property Owner) Michael Martin (Property Owner)
ADDRESS:
27979 Deer Point Drive
TAX MAP NUMBER:
147-14-00-027
ZONING DISTRICT:
R-SP-2 (Moderale Lot
Single-Family)
CODE SECTION: \$10.5.A.1
(Critical Area Serback)
VARIANCE REQUEST: 1)
A variance from DSO \$
10.5.A.1, Critical Area
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2) A variance from DSO \$
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The meeting will be open to
the public. Documents
relating to the variance
request may be viewed at
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