



CITY OF SARATOGA SPRINGS

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(Application #)

(Date received)

APPLICATION FOR: APPEAL TO THE ZONING BOARD FOR AN INTERPRETATION, USE VARIANCE, AREA VARIANCE AND/OR VARIANCE EXTENSION

	APPLICANT(S)*	OWNER(S) (If not applicant)	ATTORNEY/AGENT
Name	Chris Armer Teri L. DeSorbo		
Address	[REDACTED]		
Phone	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Email	[REDACTED]		

* An applicant must be the property owner, lessee, or one with an option to lease or purchase the property in question.

Applicant's interest in the premises: Owner Lessee Under option to lease or purchase

PROPERTY INFORMATION

1. Property Address/Location: 117 Middle Ave Tax Parcel No.: 166 45 3 25
(for example: 165.52 - 4 - 37)
2. Date acquired by current owner: 8/22/2014 3. Zoning District when purchased: UR3
4. Present use of property: Single Family Home 5. Current Zoning District: UR3
6. Has a previous ZBA application/appeal been filed for this property?
 Yes (when? For what?)
 No
7. Is property located within (check all that apply): Historic District Architectural Review District
 500' of a State Park, city boundary, or county/state highway?
8. Brief description of proposed action:
Add second story and a small addition to a single family home that is currently on the property. The existing home is outside of the setback requirements in that the east side of the home has a side setback of 2.8' and 3.1'. We are requesting no change in this setback. The rear of the home (north) currently is between 1.5' and 2.1'. We are proposing a small addition to the west side of the building. This corner of this addition would be 1.4' from the property line as opposed to the current 1.5'.
9. Is there a written violation for this parcel that is not the subject of this application? Yes No
10. Has the work, use or occupancy to which this appeal relates already begun? Yes No
11. Identify the type of appeal you are requesting (check all that apply):
 INTERPRETATION (p. 2) VARIANCE EXTENSION (p. 2) USE VARIANCE (pp. 3-6) AREA VARIANCE (pp. 6-7)

AREA VARIANCE – PLEASE ANSWER THE FOLLOWING (add additional information as necessary):

The applicant requests relief from the following Zoning Ordinance article(s) _____

<u>Dimensional Requirements</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Side Setback _____ (Existing home currently has side setback proposed) _____	4 ft _____	2.8 to 3.1' _____
Rear Setback _____ (existing home currently has rear setback of 1.5' to 2.1' - we are proposing an addition that is approx 5' wide and the corner would be 1" closer to property line.) _____ _____	25' _____	1.4' to 2.1' _____ _____

Other: _____

To grant an area variance, the ZBA must balance the benefits to the applicant and the health, safety, and welfare of the neighborhood and community, taking into consideration the following:

- 1. Whether the benefit sought by the applicant can be achieved by other feasible means. Identify what alternatives to the variance have been explored (alternative designs, attempts to purchase land, etc.) and why they are not feasible.

I have attempted to contact the property owner to the rear of this property who has an oversized lot. I have sent letters and knocked on the door many times and have had no response from either.
 We have explored other designs to try to make the home a bit larger to fit todays standards. The home is very narrow and we feel the small side addition adds much to using the still small square footage to its best use.

- 2. Whether granting the variance will produce an undesirable change in the character of the neighborhood or a detriment to nearby properties. Granting the variance will not create a detriment to nearby properties or an undesirable change in the neighborhood character for the following reasons:

The nearby neighborhood has many properties that do not fit the current setback requirements and therefore this property would not stand out as being out of character
 As mentioned , the bordering property to the rear has an oversized lot and the home on that property is very close to the far border leaving a large back yard. The bordering property to the East has a home that is also located at the far border(east) of its lot leaving yard in between the 2 properties therefore the homes would not be abnormally close to each other. The bordering property to the West is a double lot that runs between both Middle Ave and York. The portion of the property that borders our lot on Middle ave is used as a driveway. The proposed addition to our property would still be 18.2' from that property line. There is also an existing garage along the same property line that is 8.1' from the property line.

3. Whether the variance is substantial. The requested variance is not substantial for the following reasons:

The requested variance is not substantial because the only difference between the current setback of the existing structure and the proposed changes is only reduced by 1" on one corner of the home.

4. Whether the variance will have adverse physical or environmental effects on neighborhood or district. The requested variance will not have an adverse physical or environmental effect on the neighborhood or district for the following reasons:

There are many similar homes in the area that do not fit the current setback requirements and there will be little impact to neighboring properties.

5. Whether the alleged difficulty was self-created (although this does not necessarily preclude the granting of an area variance). Explain whether the alleged difficulty was or was not self-created:

This property was purchased knowing that variances would be required but none of the required variances needed are out of character for the surrounding area nor are they substantial.

DISCLOSURE

Does any City officer, employee, or family member thereof have a financial interest (as defined by General Municipal Law Section 809) in this application? No Yes If "yes", a statement disclosing the name, residence and nature and extent of this interest must be filed with this application.

APPLICANT CERTIFICATION

I/we, the property owner(s), or purchaser(s)/lessee(s) under contract, of the land in question, hereby request an appearance before the Zoning Board of Appeals.

By the signature(s) attached hereto, I/we certify that the information provided within this application and accompanying documentation is, to the best of my/our knowledge, true and accurate. I/we further understand that intentionally providing false or misleading information is grounds for immediate denial of this application.

Furthermore, I/we hereby authorize the members of the Zoning Board of Appeals and designated City staff to enter the property associated with this application for purposes of conducting any necessary site inspections relating to this appeal.

C Christopher Armer
Digitally signed by C Christopher Armer
Date: 2016.02.09 15:26:49 -05'00'

2/9/2016

Date: _____

(applicant signature)

Teri L DeSorbo
Digitally signed by Teri L DeSorbo
Date: 2016.02.09 15:30:11 -05'00'

2/9/2016

Date: _____

(applicant signature)

If applicant is not the currently the owner of the property, the current owner must also sign.

Owner Signature: _____

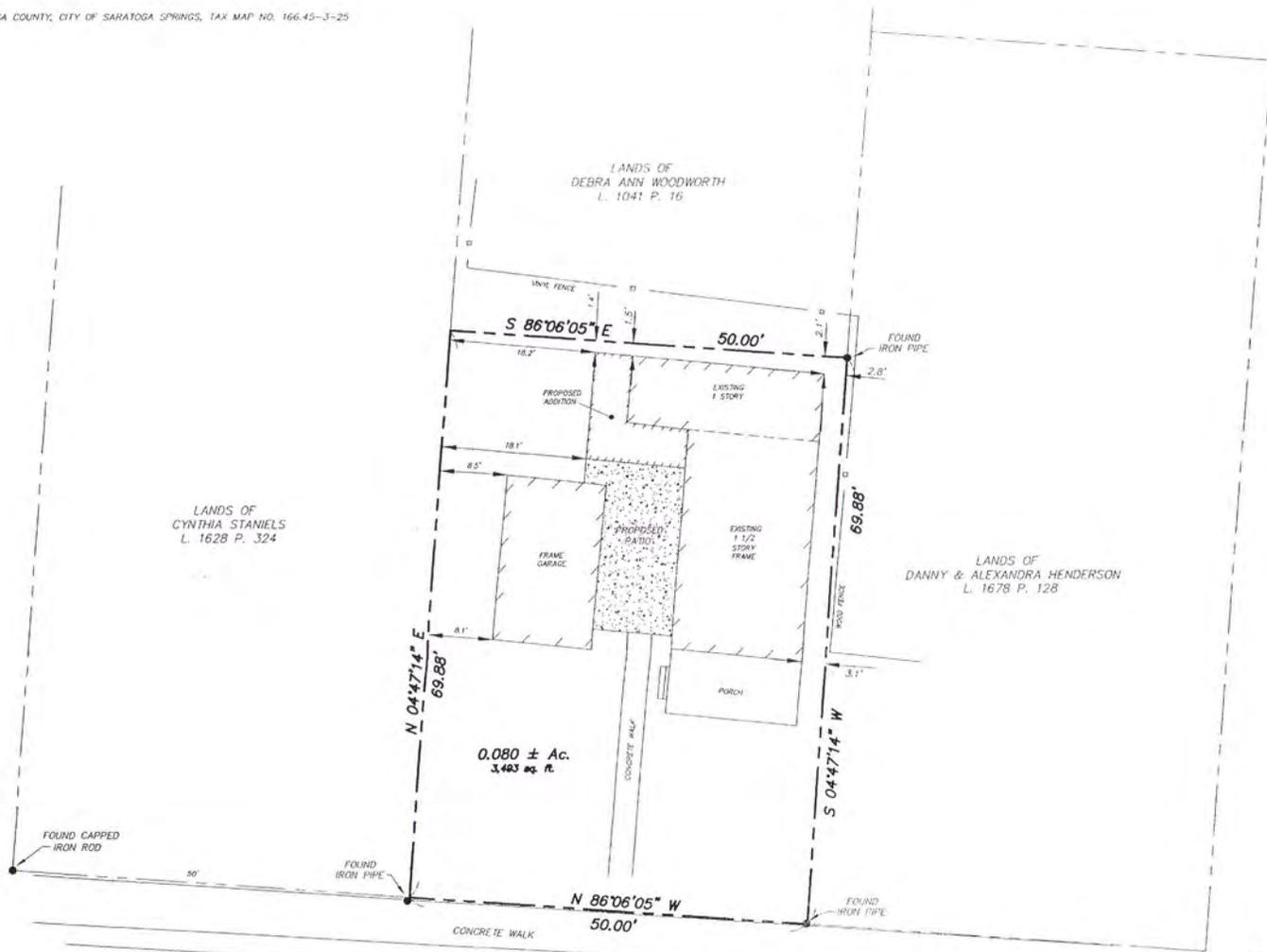
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Owner Signature: _____

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MAP REFERENCES:

1. SARATOGA COUNTY, CITY OF SARATOGA SPRINGS, TAX MAP NO. 166-45-3-25



MAP OF SURVEY
OF LANDS OF
**C. CHRISTOPHER ARMER &
TERI DeSORBO**

CITY OF SARATOGA SPRINGS, SARATOGA COUNTY, NEW YORK
SCALE: 1" = 10' DATE: OCTOBER 21, 2014

UPDATED NOVEMBER 18, 2015 TO SHOW PROPOSED ADDITION

- LEGEND:**
- FOUND IRON MARKER
 - SET IRON ROD WITH CAP
 - UTILITY POLE
 - E— POWER LINE
 - STONE WALL
 - - - - FENCE

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EXISTING HOME -
117 MIDDLE AVE - SUBJECT
PROPERTY



REAR/SIDE OF SUBJECT FROM WEST
(EXISTING HOME.)



Neighbor Driveway to West
From Back Property Line



Looking WEST from
117 Middle Ave



Looking EAST From
117 Middle Ave



Across STREET from 117 Midd/E



Across STREET from 117 Middle



Google earth

feet
meters



- SHOWS DENSITY OF AREA.



FRONT LEFT ELEVATION



FRONT RIGHT ELEVATION



REAR LEFT ELEVATION



REAR RIGHT ELEVATION

PLAN NO:

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OF

DRAWN BY:

REVISIONS/DATE:

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ARMER**

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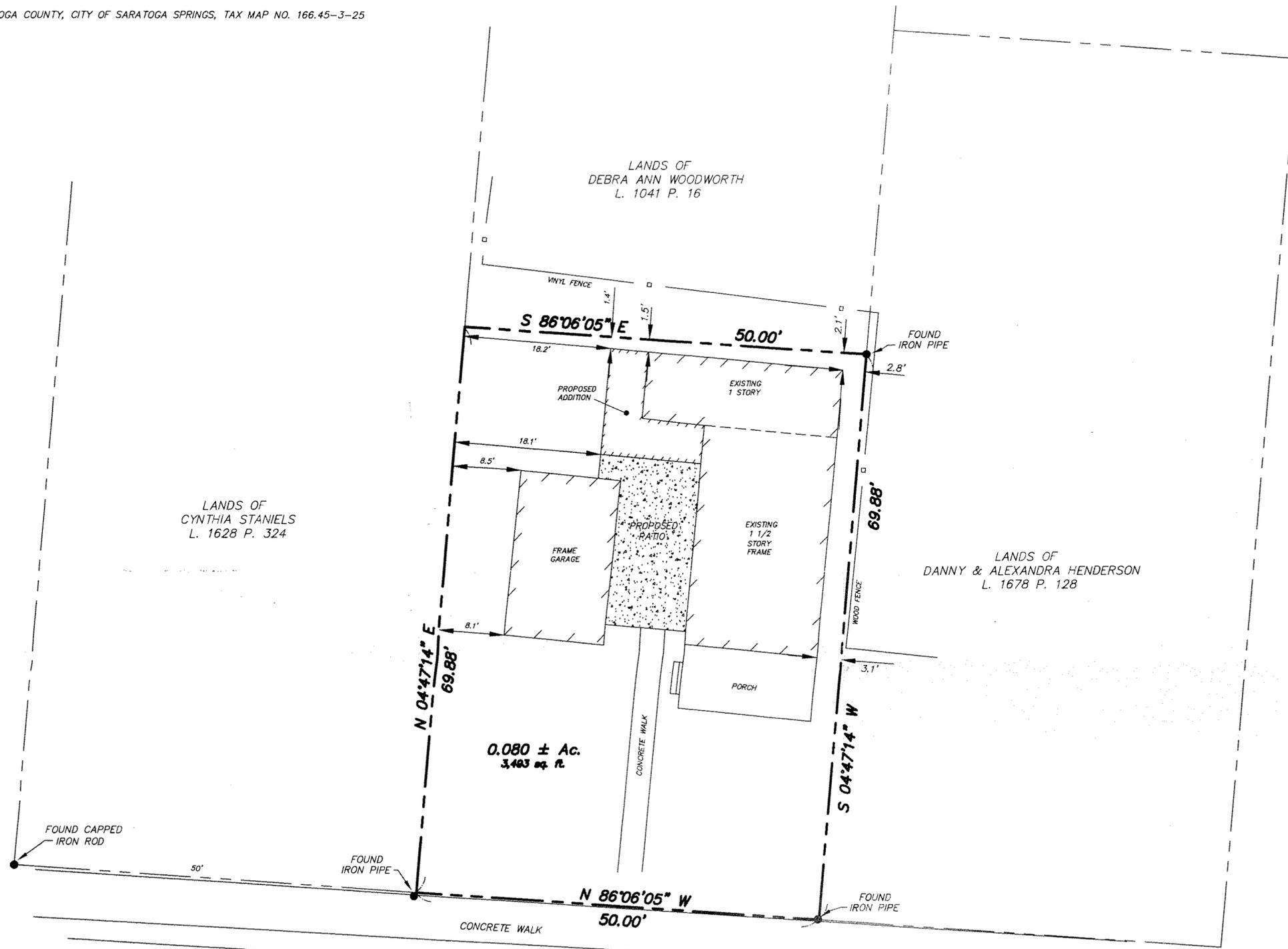
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