## ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS APPLICATION

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When did present owner acquire title? 2019
Was the title acquired by purchase: (Yes or No), If so from whom? Yes
Are you seeking a variance from the provisions of the ordinance? (Yes or No)
If so, from which ordinance, from which provision thereof and to what extent? Yes
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If you are seeking a variance from the provisions of the ordinance, do you contend that the effect of the ordinance on the property to which this appeal pertains is different from its effect on other properties in the same zoning district? (Yes or No) If so, in what respect and what is the cause of the difference of
Yes, see attached principal points letter
Does the owner of the premises involved in this application own any contiguous property? (Yes or No)
If so, in what respect and what is the cause of the difference?
No
Owners Signature: Date: 3 2 2

## **Zoning Compliance Analysis**

Property Address: 8 Kensington Rd				
Zoning District: Residence B				
Flood Zone: Ves: No. X				

ZONING STANDARD	REQUIRED	EXISTING	PROPOSED	STATUS
BUILDING USE	Residence	Residence	No Change	
LOT AREA	12000.0	6899.3	No Change	
LOT WIDTH	80.0	62.50	No Change	
LOT DEPTH	100.0	110.39	No Change	
FRONT YARD	20.0	40.15	No change	
SIDE YARD #1	12.0	8.39	No Change	
SIDE YARD #2	12.0	12.86	No Change	
REAR YARD	30.0	26.6	No Change	
HEIGHT (Feet & Stories)	30/2.5	25.7/2.5	No Change	
BUILDING COVERAGE	25%	17.8%	No Change	
USABLE OPEN SPACE	400.0	4661.3	4337.3	
F.A.R.				
PARKING	1	1	2	Exst Rear/ Prop Front
				Variance Rqd- Parking

All applications for additions to submit complete detailed finished grade and FAR calculations, and completed

Form Prepared By:	Name (Print): Nicholas Faustini
to parking is less than 3ft; (3	3) Proposed fence 6" above allowed; (4) Proposed retaining wall solid > than 1/2 height
If yes, describe all addition	nal variances: (1) Proposed parking space in the front yard; (2) Prop side lot line setbk
above? x Yes]	
1.1	heet on reverse, submission to be stamped by the design professional of record.

**Zoning F.A.R.** Calculation

	EXISTING	PROPOSED	SUB TOTAL
BASEMENT <sup>(b)</sup>		-	n/a
1 <sup>ST</sup> FLOOR			n/a
2 <sup>ND</sup> FLOOR			n/a
3 <sup>RD</sup> FLOOR (d)			
ATTIC (d)			n/a
GARAGE (c)			n/a
Existing FAR			n/a
Proposed FAR			n/a
% Increase of FAR			n/a
ACT	n/a		
	n/a		
PERMITTED F.A	n/a		
MAXIMUM PI (ACTUAL I	n/a		

\*\*\*Please refer to the Village of Bronxville Municipal Code Section 310- 22 Supplementary Regulations.

Calculations Prepared By: Name (Print): Nicholas L Faustini RA

Signature:

March 22, 2024

Village of Bronxville Zoning Board of Appeals 200 Pondfield Rd 80 Wheeler Avenue Bronxville, New York 10708

nicholas I faustini architect pc

Re: Letter of Principle Points, Area Variance Request for: 87 Kensington Rd Bronxville NY; SBL: 23./6/22; Application#: ALT 074-24:

Dear Chairman Mackintosh and Members of the ZBA:

We are writing to request area variance(s) related to the construction of a new one car driveway at the front yard of the above referenced single family residence located at 18 Kensington Rd. The subject property is located within a Residence B district composed primarily of Single Family and MultiFamily Residential Structures and immediately adjacent to the Metro North Railroad Line.

The addition of the new parking area at the property will not only increase the property value, but provide safe and convenient access for the homeowner. We feel that the benefit of constructing the driveway outweighs the detriment, if any, this variance would cause to the neighborhood.

#### Area Variances Requested

- 1. As per 310-11J- ..."No parking space shall be located in any front yard".. proposed new parking space requires a variance installation of a parking space in the front yard.
- 2. As per 310-22 D Parking in front yards prohibited in residential districts. ...not permitted within front yard. In addition, all driveways shall be setback at least 3 feet from any side yard lot line... Variance is required for parking in front yard and for less than 3 feet to the side yard lot line.
- 3. As per 310-1ID 4 (a) fence & walls- max combined ht-6-1/2' proposed; 7' variance reg'd- 6" for fence wall ht
- 4. 310-11D4(a)-fence and walls-required to be not more than 1/2 solid-stone retaining wall requires a variance.

It is our understanding that consideration of our application for area variances for this project includes review of five Principle Points or factors, which we respectfully address below:

 Whether the granting of the requested variance would create an undesirable change in the character of the neighborhood or detriment to nearby properties.

Most similar homes in this neighborhood have driveways which provide access to front yard parking or garages directly visible from the street. As the subject residence is considerably set back from Kensington Rd, and the first floor elevation is located approximately 2.5 ft below street elevation, the proposed new driveway and parking area at the front yard would be a practical solution or alternative to the introduction of a new driveway extending to the rear or side yard of the property. A new driveway in the rear or side yard would considerably add to development/building coverage and reduce green space.

The proposed parking area would be placed at approximate street elevation and surrounded with traditional picket fencing and vegetation to soften the appearance. The proposed fencing above street elevation would be less than 50% solid, below street elevation the driveway will be surrounded by stone retaining (>50% solid and only minimally visible from the street). The overall design will honor the historic character of the house and the surrounding area.

With two new families joining the neighborhood (and their additional cars), this variance will also help alleviate what is an increasingly crowded parking environment in both the shared driveway and street side.

#### 2. Whether the benefit sought can be achieved by some feasible method other than a variance.

The slope of the existing site, original placement of the existing home on the property and composition of the interior layout of the residence provide difficulties in locating a permitted parking area at an alternative location on the site. The owner currently has an existing one car garage located at the rear of the property accessed by way of driveway easement through 10 properties at the north. The access easement is approximately 390 ft long. While seemingly beneficial to the property owner, the board should be made aware that the access easement is a narrow driveway, typically bound on both sides by adjacent resident's parking which often times will not allow our client to turn around his vehicle to egress the property in a forward direction. This results in our client needing to proceed in reverse through most of the existing 390 feet driveway, often times at night. It is also important to note that a portions of the subject driveway slope up approximately 10% toward Kensington Rd, making it hazardous to exit in reverse, particularly during extreme weather conditions..

#### 3. Whether the requested area variance is substantial.

We believe the requested front yard parking area variance is minimal. The proposed parking area is 12.5ft wide x 20ft long and simply long enough and wide enough to park a vehicle off street and off the ROW and accommodate vehicle door swings.

The fencing and wall area variances requested are also minimal as the solid areas of the retaining wall/fence are below street elevation and the height variance request is a function the house and property being located at a lower elevation than the street.

# 4. Whether the requested variance has an adverse effect or impact on the physical or environmental conditions in the existing neighborhood.

We do not believe the requested area variance will have an adverse effect or impact on the physical or environmental conditions in the neighborhood. We have proposed the installation of a substantial trench drain and drywell system (above and beyond what would be required) to mitigate the anticipated additional stormwater runoff created by the proposed increase in impervious surfaces. The stormwater mitigation design has been proposed to capture the new runoff created by the parking area as well as improve the capture of existing stormwater run-off in an effort to redirect and store the run-off in recharger (drywell) chambers below ground, not only at the front by the proposed parking area, but also at the rear yard of the property to the benefit of the homeowner and the adjacent neighbors.

#### 5. Whether the difficulty is self-created.

We feel that the difficulty is not self-created as the location and orientation of the existing home on the property does not allow for a new parking area without encroaching on required setback lines or significantly increasing development/building coverage. Complications caused by the slope of the existing site and access of the private easement, as discussed above, allow our proposed design to provide the maximum benefit for the home owner and adjacent neighbors.

Thank you for your consideration of our application. We respectfully request that the ZBA grant our area variance request.

Sincerely, Nicholas L. Faustini, AIA Nicholas L Faustini Architect PC

## VILLAGE OF BRONXVILLE

Department of Buildings 200 Pondfield Road (914) 337-7338 (914) 337-0158 (Fax)

## PLAN REVIEW COMMENTS

**APPLICATION NUMBER:** ALT 074-24

**DATE RECEIVED:** March 6, 2024

LOCATION: 87 Kensington Road

**SBL**: 23./6/22

APPLICANT NAME: Nick Faustini

**DESCRIPTION OF WORK**: New driveway addition at front yard.

## DISAPPROVED MARCH 14, 2024, FOR THE FOLLOWING:

Your revised application for a permit on the above location has been reviewed and a permit may not be issued at this time for the reasons indicated below.

**ZONING CODE REVIEW** (Section Numbers refer to Village Code of 1981) Zoning Review - ALT 074-24 87 Kensington Road Driveway/ drainage installation Plans dated as Received 3/4/24

New Driveway proposed with surrounding retaining walls, and 2 new stone piers with lamps pedestrian entrance.

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This document constitutes a final administrative determination by the Building Inspector denying your application for the reasons set forth above. Section 7-712(a) of the New York State Village Law provides that any appeal of this decision must be filed within 60 days of the date hereof with the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Village of Bronxville.

## VILLAGE OF BRONXVILLE Department of Buildings 200 Pondfield Road

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#### APPLICATION REVIEW

- 1) Permit fee of \$800
- 2) Electrical Permit
- 3) Summary Project Statement must be sent out
- 4) Contractor's License and Insurances

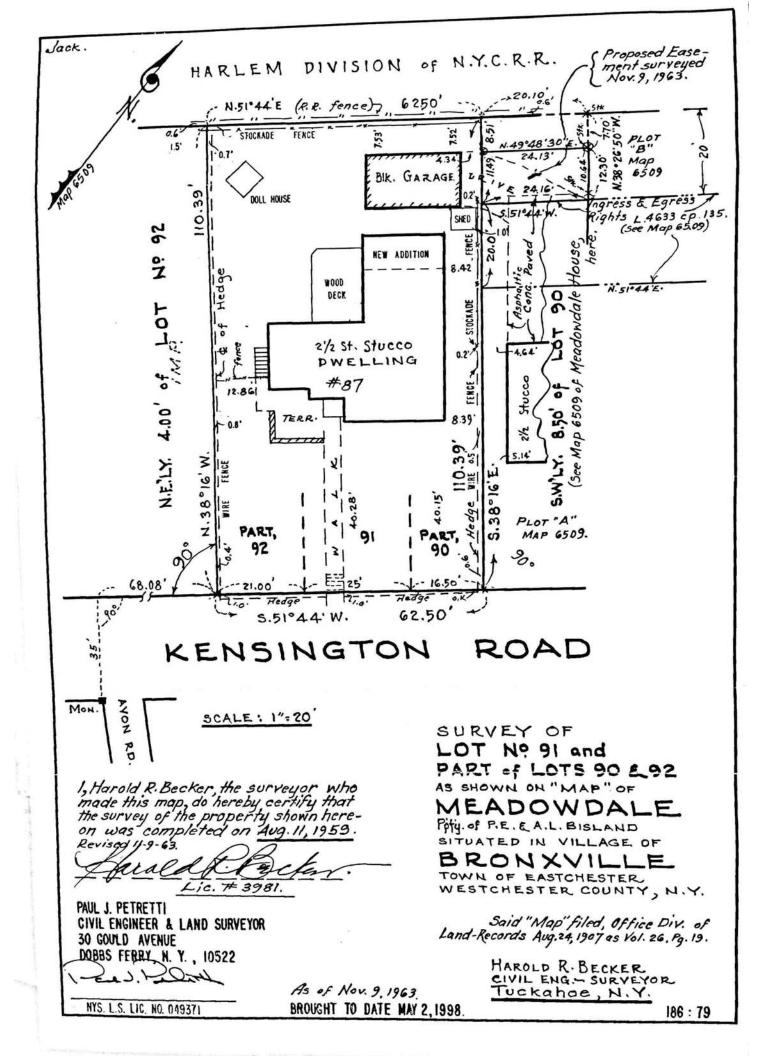
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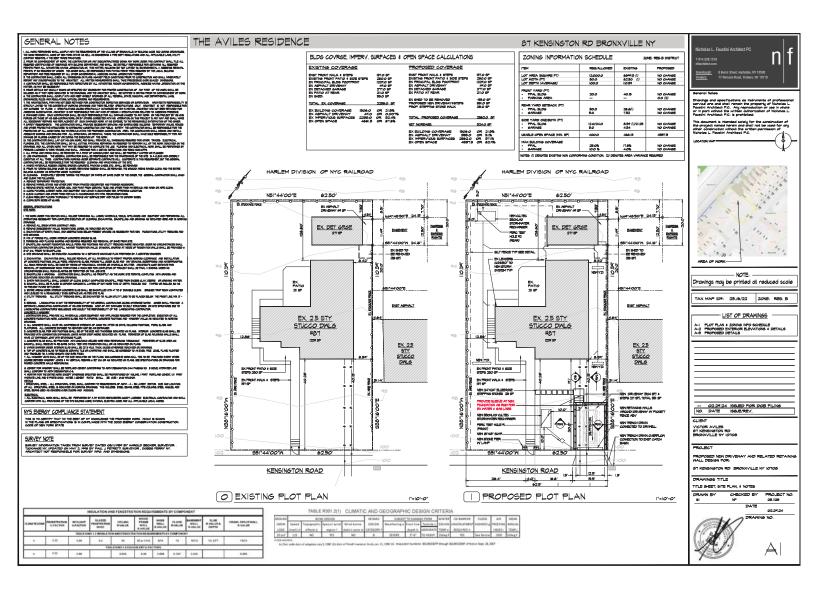
Plan Review - Plans Dated as received 3/4/24

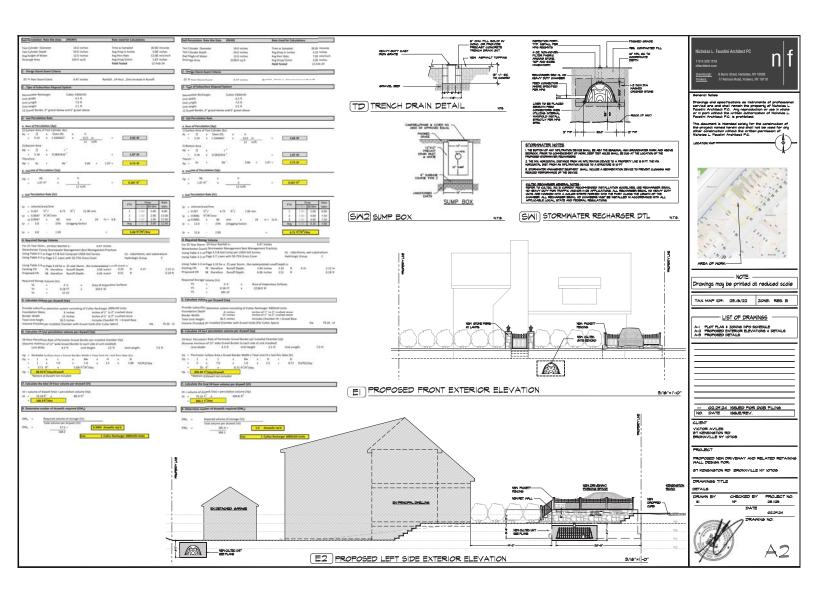
- 1) Complete drainage plan required to be submitted by NY State Licensed Engineer. \$1000.00 fee required for village consulting engineer review.
- 2) All drywells required to be a minimum 10' from any lot line, building.
- 3) Tie into public storm sewer system is not allowed.

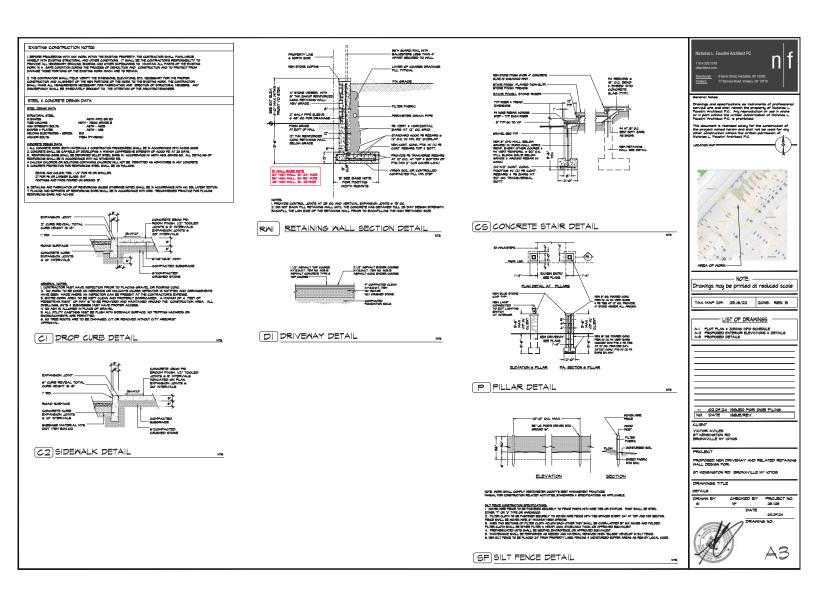
Paul Taft

Building Inspector











87 Kensington Rd (Front View)



87 Kensington Rd (Rear View)



87 Kensington Rd (Left Side View from rear)



87 Kensington Rd (Right Side View from driveway access easement)



89 Kensington Rd (Neighbor Next Door to the North)



85 Kensington Rd (Neighbor Next Door to the South)



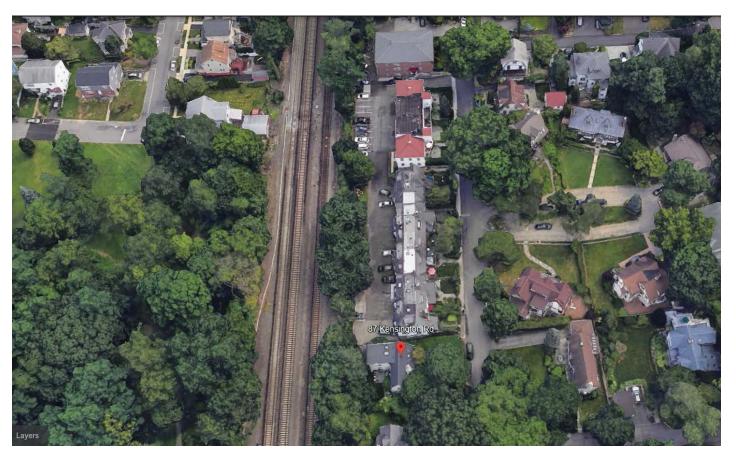
3 Avon Rd (Neighbor across the street to the East)



2 Oval Ct (Neighbor directly across the street to the South)

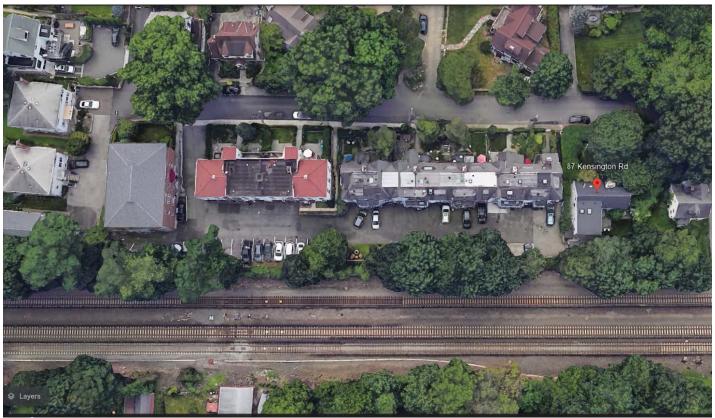


Rear Driveway access easement through neighbor's parking areas

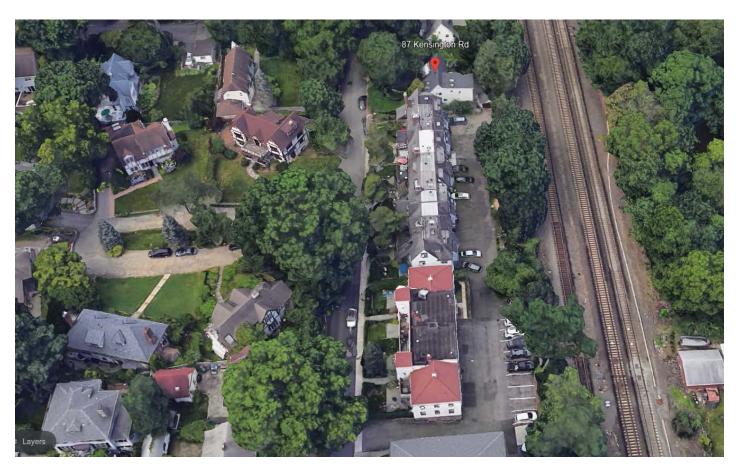


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**Google Earth View EAST** 



**Google Earth View SOUTH** 

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**Google Earth View WEST** 



**Existing Driveway Travel Distance to Kensington Rd through Access Easement** 





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