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TO: The Coastal Resources Commission

FROM: Christine A. Goebel, DEQ Assistant General Counsel

DATE: June 8, 2023 (for the June 15, 2023 CRC Meeting)

RE: Variance Request by Louis Wetmore (CRC-VR-23-02)

The Petitioner is Louis Wetmore, who owns property at 230 South Bald Head Wynd in the Village of Bald Head Island. The Petitioner proposed adding a new double-decker deck next to his existing oceanfront deck. In late November of 2023, Petitioner filed a CAMA Minor Permit Application with the Village of Bald Head Island's CAMA LPO. The proposed site of development for the double-decker deck is waterward of the pre-project vegetation line. The Village does not have a Commission-approved Static Line Exception or Beach Plan, and so the pre-project vegetation line is the applicable line from which to measure oceanfront erosion setbacks. On February 16, 2023, after some add-info holds and an extension, the LPO denied Petitioner's application as it does not comply with the applicable setback rules and the .0309 exceptions do not apply waterward of the pre-project vegetation line. The Petitioner now seeks a variance to develop the new double-decker deck extension as proposed in his permit application and these stipulated facts.

The following additional information is attached to this memorandum:

Attachment A: Relevant Rules
Attachment B: Stipulated Facts

Attachment C: Petitioner's Positions and Staff's Responses to Variance Criteria

Attachment D: Petitioner's Variance Request Materials
Attachment E: Stipulated Exhibits including powerpoint

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Stephen Boyett, CAMA LPO for VBHI, electronically

RELEVANT STATUTES OR RULES

APPENDIX A

15A NCAC 07H .0301 OCEAN HAZARD CATEGORIES

The Ocean Hazard categories of AEWCs encompass the natural hazard areas along the Atlantic Ocean shoreline where, because of their vulnerability to erosion or other adverse effects of sand, wind, and water, uncontrolled or incompatible development could endanger life or property. Ocean hazard areas include beaches, frontal dunes, inlet lands, and other areas in which geologic, vegetative and soil conditions may subject the area to erosion or flood damage.

15A NCAC 07H .0302 SIGNIFICANCE OF THE OCEAN HAZARD CATEGORY

- (a) Hazards associated with ocean shorelines are due to the constant forces exerted by waves, winds, and currents upon the unstable sands that form the shore. During storms, these forces are intensified and can cause changes in the bordering landforms and to structures located on them. Ocean hazard area property is in the ownership of a large number of private individuals as well as several public agencies and is used by a vast number of visitors to the coast. Ocean hazard areas are critical, due to both the severity of the hazards and the intensity of interest in these areas.
- (b) The location and form of the various hazard area landforms, in particular the beaches, dunes, and inlets, are in a permanent state of flux, responding to meteorologically induced changes in the wave climate. For this reason, the siting of development on and near these landforms shall be subject to the provisions in this Section in order to avoid their loss or damage. The flexible nature of these landforms presents hazards to development situated immediately on them offers protection to the land, water, and structures located landward of them. The value of each landform lies in the particular role it plays in affording protection to life and property. Development shall not diminish the energy dissipation and sand storage capacities of the landforms essential to the maintenance of the landforms' protective function.

15A NCAC 07H .0303 MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVE OF OCEAN HAZARD AREAS

- (a) The CRC recognizes that absolute safety from the destructive forces of the Atlantic Ocean shoreline is an impossibility for development located adjacent to the coast. The loss of life and property to these forces, however, can be greatly reduced by the proper location and design of structures and by care taken in prevention of damage to natural protective features particularly primary and frontal dunes. Therefore, it is the CRC's objective that development in ocean hazard areas shall be sited to minimize danger to life and property and achieve a balance between the financial, safety, and social factors that are involved in hazard area development.
- (b) The rules set forth in this Section shall further the goals set out in G.S. 113A-102(b), to minimize losses to life and property resulting from storms and long-term erosion, prevent encroachment of permanent structures on public beach areas, preserve the natural ecological conditions of the barrier dune and beach systems, and reduce the public costs of development within ocean hazard areas, and protect common-law and statutory public rights of access to and use of the lands and waters of the coastal area.

15A NCAC 07H .0304 AECS WITHIN OCEAN HAZARD AREAS

The ocean hazard AECs contain all of the following areas:

(1) Ocean Erodible Area. This is the area where there exists a substantial possibility of excessive erosion and significant shoreline fluctuation. The oceanward boundary of this area is the mean low water line. The landward extent of this area is the distance landward from the vegetation line as defined in 15A NCAC 07H .0305(a)(5) to the recession line established by multiplying the long-term erosion times 90; provided that, where there has been no long-term erosion or the rate is less than two feet per year, this distance shall be set at 180 feet landward from the vegetation line. For the purposes of this Rule, the erosion rates are the long-term average based on available historical data. The current long-term average erosion rate data for each segment of the North Carolina coast is depicted on maps entitled "North Carolina 2019 Oceanfront Setback Factors & Long-Term Average Annual Erosion Rate Update Study" and approved by the Coastal Resources Commission on February 28, 2019 (except as such rates may be varied in individual contested cases or in declaratory or interpretive rulings). In all cases, the rate of shoreline change shall be no less than two feet of erosion per year. The maps are available without cost from any Local Permit Officer or the Division of Coastal Management on the internet at http://www.nccoastalmanagement.net.

15A NCAC 07H .0306 GENERAL USE STANDARDS FOR OCEAN HAZARD AREAS

- (a) In order to protect life and property, all development not otherwise specifically exempted or allowed by law or elsewhere in the Coastal Resources Commission's rules shall be located according to whichever of the following is applicable:
- (1) The ocean hazard setback for development is measured in a landward direction from the vegetation line, the pre-project vegetation line, or the measurement line, whichever is applicable.
- (2) The ocean hazard setback distance shall be determined by both the size of development and the shoreline long term erosion rate as defined in Rule .0304 of this Section. "Development size" is defined by total floor area for structures and buildings or total area of footprint for development other than structures and buildings. Total floor area includes the following:
- (A) The total square footage of heated or air-conditioned living space;
- (B) The total square footage of parking elevated above ground level; and
- (C) The total square footage of non-heated or non-air-conditioned areas elevated above ground level, excluding attic space that is not designed to be load-bearing.

Decks, roof-covered porches, and walkways shall not be included in the total floor area unless they are enclosed with material other than screen mesh or are being converted into an enclosed space with material other than screen mesh.

- (3) With the exception of those types of development defined in 15A NCAC 07H .0309, no development, including any portion of a building or structure, shall extend oceanward of the ocean hazard setback. This includes roof overhangs and elevated structural components that are cantilevered, knee braced, or otherwise extended beyond the support of pilings or footings. The ocean hazard setback is established based on the following criteria:
- (A) A building or other structure less than 5,000 square feet requires a minimum setback of 60 feet or 30 times the shoreline erosion rate, whichever is greater;

- (6) Structural additions or increases in the footprint or total floor area of a building or other structure represent expansions to the total floor area and shall meet the setback requirements established in this Rule and 15A NCAC 07H .0309(a). New development landward of the applicable setback may be cosmetically but not be structurally attached to an existing structure that does not conform with current setback requirements.
- (8) Development setbacks in areas that have received large-scale beach fill as defined in 15A NCAC 07H .0305 shall be measured landward from the pre-project vegetation line as defined in this Section, unless an unexpired static line exception or Beach Management Plan approved by the Commission has been approved for the local jurisdiction by the Coastal Resources Commission in accordance with 15A NCAC 07J .1200.
- (9) A local government, group of local governments involved in a regional beach fill project, or qualified "owners' association" as defined in G.S. 47F-1-103(3) that has the authority to approve the locations of structures on lots within the territorial jurisdiction of the association and has jurisdiction over at least one mile of ocean shoreline, may petition the Coastal Resources Commission for approval of a "Beach Management Plan" in accordance with 15A NCAC 07J .1200. If the request for a Beach Management Plan is approved, the Coastal Resources Commission shall allow development setbacks to be measured from a vegetation line that is oceanward of the pre-project vegetation line under the following conditions:
- (A) Development meets all setback requirements from the vegetation line defined in Subparagraphs (a)(1) and (a)(3) of this Rule;
- (B) Development setbacks shall be calculated from the shoreline erosion rate in place at the time of permit issuance;
- (C) No portion of a building or structure, including roof overhangs and elevated portions that are cantilevered, knee braced, or otherwise extended beyond the support of pilings or footings, extends oceanward of the landward-most adjacent habitable building or structure. The alignment shall be measured from the most oceanward point of the adjacent building or structure's roof line, including roofed decks, if applicable. An "adjacent" property is one that shares a boundary line with the site of the proposed development. When no adjacent buildings or structures exist, or the configuration of a lot, street, or shoreline precludes the placement of a building or structure in line with the landward-most adjacent building or structure, an average line of construction shall be determined by the Director of the Division of Coastal Management based on an approximation of the average seaward-most positions of the rooflines of adjacent

structures along the same shoreline, extending 500 feet in either direction. If no structures exist within this distance, the proposed structure must meet the applicable setback from the Vegetation Line and will not be held to the landward-most adjacent structure or an average line of structures.

(D) With the exception of swimming pools, the exceptions defined in Rule .0309(a) of this Section shall be allowed oceanward of the pre-project vegetation line.

15A NCAC 07H .0309 USE STANDARDS FOR OCEAN HAZARD AREAS: EXCEPTIONS

- (a) The following types of development shall be permitted seaward of the oceanfront setback requirements of Rule .0306(a) of this Section if all other provisions of this Subchapter and other state and local regulations are met:

- (3) elevated decks not exceeding a footprint of 500 square feet. Existing decks exceeding a footprint of 500 square feet may be replaced with no enlargement beyond their original dimensions;

In all cases, this development shall be permitted only if it is landward of the vegetation line or pre-project vegetation line, whichever is applicable; involves no alteration or removal of primary or frontal dunes which would compromise the integrity of the dune as a protective landform or the dune vegetation; is not essential to the continued existence or use of an associated principal development; and meets all other non-setback requirements of this Subchapter.

STIPULATED FACTS

ATTACHMENT B

- 1. The Petitioner is Louis S. Wetmore who is representing himself. DCM is represented by DEQ Assistant General Counsel, Christine Goebel.
- 2. Louis S. and Julia P. Wetmore own the dwelling and property at 230 South Bald Head Wynd in the Village of Bald Head Island, Brunswick County (the Site). They have owned the Site since October 17, 2000, according to a deed recorded at Book 1410 Page 261 of the Brunswick County Registry, a copy of which is attached. In 2010, the Wetmores recorded a deed to change their ownership, a copy of which is attached.
- 3. The Site is also known as L-1247 BHI Stage 1 as shown on Plat M-84, a copy of which is attached, and which was recorded in 1981. The lot's platted dimensions at that time were 100' x 200'.
- 4. In 2004, the Commission denied the Wetmores a variance (CRC-VR-04-10) seeking a larger sandbag structure, proposed as adding an additional 3' in height to the 6' height allowed by the Commission's rules. That request followed Hurricane Charley (2004) which caused erosion and the installation of a sandbag structure at the Site. A copy of the Commission's final order is attached. Petitioner indicates that the sandbags were completely covered with sand during the 2004-05 nourishment project and remain covered with sand.
- 5. The Lot is bordered by the Atlantic Ocean to the west (though there is a lot platted waterward of the Site but which is entirely on the public trust beach and which was separated from the Site by Sandpiper lane, which is now not paved and located within the dunes/beach), West Bald Head Wynd to the east, 228 West Bald Head Wynd to the north (owned by the Morgans), and 232 West Bald Head Wynd to the south (owned by Daoud Holdings, LLC).
- 6. The Site and surrounding area are shown on the attached powerpoint which has both ground level and aerial (current and past) photos. Many of the ground level photos were taken by the Local Permit Officer for the Village of Bald Head Island Stephen Boyett on March 15 and May 16, 2023.
- 7. The Lot is located within the Ocean Erodible and the State Ports Areas of Environmental Concern ("AEC"). N.C.G.S. 113A-118 requires a CAMA permit for any development on the Site.
- 8. The Site is within both an AE flood zone with a base flood elevation of 9' and in a VE zone with a base flood elevation of 11, according to the Covedo Survey described later in these facts. The survey indicates that the residence is in the area zoned AE with a base flood elevation of 9'.
- 9. The Site is approximately 0.25 miles south of the Bald Head Island Terminal Groin, which was installed in 2015. The Site is located on the updrift side of the Terminal Groin within the fillet area where sand collects behind the groin and sediment transport moves towards the groin from the Site. The Site is also within the area of the smaller sandtube groin field

- which were installed before the Terminal Groin. They are seen on the aerial photos in the powerpoint.
- 10. At the Site, the currently applicable (and adopted in 2020) long term average erosion rate is 3' per year.
- 11. The erosion measured at the transects in the area of the Site, which were included in the 2020 erosion rate study, is shown on an attached exhibit. It shows the measured erosion (vs. the rate used for the setback block) at between 1.9'/year erosion to the south and 1.7'/year accretion to the north.
- 12. The area of the Lot is subject to a pre-project vegetation line (f.k.a. static vegetation line) based on the location of the vegetation line in 2007 before the Village's large-scale nourishment in the area of the Site. The Village of Bald Head Island has not been approved by the Commission for a static line exception or for a newly authorized beach plan and so the setback is measured 90' landward from the pre-project vegetation line.
- 13. The location of the pre-project vegetation line is shown on an attached image from the DCM Shoreline Viewer overlain on aerial photographs. The pre-project vegetation line transects the house, entering about halfway along the north wall and exiting in the southeast corner of the house. The deck is proposed to be developed on the waterward side of the house at the southwest corner, which is waterward of the pre-project vegetation line.
- 14. The location of the pre-project vegetation line (labeled as static line) is also shown on the 2022 survey by Walter B. Cavedo, P.L.S., a copy of which is attached. The 90' setback is also shown on this survey.
- 15. A stipulated exhibit is attached showing the shorelines in the area of the Lot over time, based on the wet/dry line on historic aerial images determined and digitized by DCM.
- 16. Petitioner's consultant at Davey Resource Group provided an attached aerial photograph from both April 13, 2023 drone imagery overlain with tax parcels and a 2003 image. Also attached is background information from the consultant describing how the drone image was georectified. This is not a sealed survey. It identifies the consultant's estimation of normal low and normal high water and measures the distance from the site of the proposed deck to approximate normal high water at 346'.
- 17. Pursuant to the 2000 Sand Management Plan between and among the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Bald Head Island, Oak Island, Caswell Beach and the State of North Carolina, sand from maintenance dredging of the Wilmington Harbor Shipping Channel is to be placed on the beaches of Bald Head Island two (2) out of three (3) dredging cycles with the third cycle going to Oak Island and Caswell Beach.
- 18. In 2009/2010 and 2018-19, which were the third phases in the dredging cycle, the Village of Bald Head Island self-funded a sand placement project with a private contractor to maintain its beaches and its engineered beach template.

- 19. Since the 2000 Sand Management Plan was agreed to, sand has been placed on Bald Head Island at the Site in the December 2022 Corps' Wilmington Harbor Project and was also placed at the Site in the 2019 Village project, in 2015 as part of the Terminal Groin fillet, in 2013 by the Corps, in the 2009/10 Village project and in the 2007 Corps project when the static/pre-project vegetation line was set.
- 20. According to Mr. Boyett, as stated in his affidavit, the Village is committed to maintaining an engineered beach with periodic sand placements at Bald Head Island pursuant to the 2000 Sand Management Plan with the US Corps of Engineers and supplemental Village-funded sand placements.
- 21. Mr. Boyett states that the last USACE sand placement occurred in April of 2023 and the next planned sand placement is scheduled for 2025 to be funded by the Village. A copy of Mr. Boyett's affidavit is attached.
- 22. On November 30, 2022, the CAMA Local Permitting Officer (LPO) for the Village of Bald Head Island, Mr. Stephen Boyett, received a CAMA minor permit application from Petitioner, through its authorized agent Coastal Express Building Co., Inc. (Steve Swain). A copy of the application (Permit Application # 2022-09) is attached. It proposed to construct a deck addition on the southeast corner of the waterward side of the existing house with a platform over the new deck. A copy of these plans is attached.
- 23. The drawing at A-1 shows a new deck 10'6" x 14' (147 square feet) and a stairway to the second story platform with a total footprint of 13'11' x 14'11" (206.6 square feet). The current deck is approximately 14' above mean sea level and the platform would be approximately 8' above that at 22' above mean sea level, with the platform's railings at 25' above mean sea level.
- 24. On December 22, 2022, Mr. Boyette extended the CAMA minor permit processing time by an additional 25 days. A copy of this letter is attached.
- 25. As part of the CAMA Minor permitting process, the Petitioner sent notice of the project to the two adjacent riparian owners through letters each dated September 2, 2022. Certified mail receipts also attached and tracked on usps.gov indicate delivery of the notice letter to the Morgans on September 10, 2022 and to Daoud Holdings on September 7, 2022. Copies of the letters and tracking information are attached.
- 26. The applicable setback from the pre-project vegetation line for the proposed 147 square foot footprint deck addition with a 3' per year erosion rate is (30 x 3'= 90'). The attached site plan survey shows the location of the pre-project vegetation line bisecting the house.
- 27. On February 16, 2023, Mr. Boyett, the CAMA LPO denied the CAMA Minor Permit as inconsistent with 15A NCAC 7H .0309 (a) where the additional proposed deck is not landward of the pre-project vegetation line. The parties agree that the proposed deck is also inconsistent with 15A NCAC 7H .0306 which requires development (other than that allowed in the setback by 7H .0309) to be located landward of the setback measured from the pre-project vegetation line.

- 28. Petitioner stipulates that the permit application was properly denied based on 15A NCAC 7H .0306(a)(5) and .0309(a).
- 29. Mr. Boyett visited the Site on May 16, 2023 and confirmed that the existing first floor deck is attached to the house, and that there is approximately 290 square feet of covered oceanside deck, approximately 258 square feet of uncovered oceanside deck, approximately 50 square feet of front (street-side) deck, approximately 171 square feet of grade-level front (street-side) deck, and approximately 312 square feet of parking/driveway grade decking. Photographs attached show the existing conditions of the Site.
- 30. As part of the variance process, Petitioner sent notice of the variance request to the adjacent riparian owners as required by 15A NCAC 7J.0701. Tracking information attached shows these letters were mailed on March 10, 2023 and were received by The Morgans on March 20, 2023 and by Daud Holdings on March 13, 2023. DCM has not received any correspondence back from either neighbor.
- 31. Petitioner is seeking a variance from the Commission from the Commission's rule at 15A NCAC 7H.0306(a)(5) (setting forth the setback) and 7H.0309(a) (where the proposed development does not meet any of the erosion setback exceptions where it is proposed waterward of the pre-project vegetation line.
- 32. Without a variance, a CAMA permit could be issued for development within the setback area at the Site, landward of the pre-project vegetation line on the landward side of the house per 15A NCAC 7H.0309, which allows elevated decks up to a 500 square foot footprint.

LIST OF STIPULATED EXHIBITS

- 1. 2000 Wetmore Deed 1410/261
- 2. 2010 Wetmore Deed
- 3. Plat Map M-84
- 4. 2004 Sandbag Variance Final Order
- 5. 2020 erosion rate study transect image
- 6. Pre-project vegetation line/Static line image
- 7. 2022 Cavedo Survey
- 8. Historic shorelines images
- 9. Petitioner's Exhibit over recent 2023 photo with overlain lines with report
- 10. Boyett affidavit
- 11. Application materials
- 12. 12-22-22 extension letter from LPO
- 13. Notice letters to adjacent riparian owners and tracking information
- 14. 2-16-22 denial letter
- 15. Notice of variance x2 with tracking information
- 16. Powerpoint with ground and aerial photos of the Lot including historic shoreline imagery

PETITIONERS' and STAFF'S POSITIONS

ATTACHMENT C

I. Will strict application of the applicable development rules, standards, or orders issued by the Commission cause the petitioner unnecessary hardships? If so, the petitioner must identify the hardships.

Petitioners' Position: Yes.

One of the finest benefits of occupying a beachfront house is the pleasure and satisfaction of being able to breath the salt air, watch the endless and unceasing action of the waves of the ocean and in general acknowledging the millions of years during which the ocean has covered the earth and continually shaped and re-shaped its continents, shorelines, valleys and mountains.

Because, though, the sand dunes between the petitioner's house and the ocean have grown considerably over the years, the view of the ocean and the waves is blocked, thereby denying the occupants of the house of a pleasure only to be enjoyed by people at the beach and that is an unobstructed view of the ocean.

Staff's Position: No.

Petitioner seeks a variance from the Commission's oceanfront setback rules, which prohibit development waterward of the pre-project vegetation line, unless the locality has a Beach Management Plan (where the setback is measured from the vegetation line). In this case, the pre-project vegetation line, which bisects the house, represents where the vegetation line was in 2007 before the initial large scale nourishment project at the Site. Petitioner used sandbags to protect his house when it was imminently threatened around 2004, and erosion continued at the site, as seen on historic aerial photos, until the 2015-16 development of the terminal groin, where the Site is within the fillet area updrift of the terminal groin. The terminal groin project, buried sandbags, and subsequent nourishment cycles have helped to grow the dune at the Site; however, the dune has also resulted in impacts to Petitioner's view from his existing deck.

As the Pre-Project Vegetation Line bisects his home, the Commission's Beach Management Plan rules, 15A NCAC 7J .1200 (and the former static line exception rules) would work to give some relief where proposed development can meet the applicable 90' setback from the Vegetation Line. At this time, the Village of Bald Head Island has not chosen to put forward a Beach Management Plan and so the Petitioner is held to the Pre-project Vegetation Line.

Staff do not believe that a strict application of the rules causes Petitioner an unnecessary hardship where, due to the increased dune size and the increased distance from the existing deck to the water resulting from the combination of the terminal groin/fillet project and subsequent nourishment cycles at the Site, the Petitioner's view from his deck has been impacted.

II. Do such hardships result from conditions peculiar to the petitioner's property, such as location, size, or topography of the property? Explain.

Petitioners' Position: Yes.

The inability to enjoy an unobstructed view of the ocean is caused by the buildup of the dune between the dwelling and the ocean. While the buildup of the dune is highly desirable (mainly for protection against high tides or hurricanes) it has limited the occupant's ability to enjoy the very things people come to the beach for in the first place.

Staff's Position: No.

The Site is located within the fillet area of the terminal groin project. While Staff acknowledge that the Site's location up-drift of the terminal groin within the fillet area is somewhat unique, Staff disagree that such a location is a condition of the property which results in Petitioner's hardship where the impacts of frontal and primary dunes on viewsheds is not a unique hardship.

III. Do the hardships result from the actions taken by the Petitioner? Explain.

Petitioners' Position: No.

In some ways, yes. Over the years, the petitioner who has owned the house for 23 years has endured three or four hurricanes and several instances of the high tide coming right up to the house. Consequently, the petitioner has installed several rows of sand fence and has planted 600 seedlings of sea oats over the ownership time of the house all seaward of the house. Hopefully, this activity has accelerated the thickness and formation of the dunes which certainly adds some measure of protection for the house, but has, at the same time, helped to create the view problem.

Staff's Position: Yes.

While Staff agree that Petitioner did not cause the previous erosion of the vegetation line and dune system on his lot and claims to have undertaken some dune planting in the past, Staff disagree that Petitioner's described view impacts are a hardship.

IV. Will the variance requested by the petitioner (1) be consistent with the spirit, purpose, and intent of the rules, standards, or orders issued by the Commission; (2) secure the public safety and welfare; and (3) preserve substantial justice? Explain.

Petitioners' Position: Yes.

(1) the dune buildup certainly can be expected to "minimize losses to life and property resulting from storms and long term erosion" but it has also reduced the positive results of owning a beach house; (2) Adding a second deck to the existing deck will in no wat have any negative effect upon public safety; (3) it will preserve substantial justice to the petitioner and all of his guests in that approving the variance request will in no way have any negative impact upon the present structure, but approval will allow a much greater usefulness and benefit to the tax paying owners of the property.

Staff's Position: Yes.

While Staff disagreed with Petitioner on the first three factors because Staff does not agree that impacts to Petitioner's view from his existing deck due to a higher, more robust dune and increased distance to the water due to both the terminal groin project and subsequent nourishment, Staff agrees that granting a variance to the Commission's oceanfront erosion setback rules so that Petitioner can add a new deck adjacent to their existing deck is consistent with the spirit, purpose, and intent of the Commission's rules. The Commission's rules have provided an oceanfront erosion setback since 1979, and while most structures are required to meet a setback landward of the vegetation line (in this case, 90-feet), the Commission has made exceptions to allow limited development within the setback area (See the nine exceptions listed in 07H .0309(a). However, where there has been large-scale nourishment and a Pre-Project Vegetation Line exists, the Commission only allows use of the Vegetation Line where the local government has made a commitment to maintaining the beach through a Beach Management Plan (or formerly with a Static Line Exception approval from the Commission). In this case, the Village of Bald Head Island has been regularly funding nourishment projects in intervening years between Corps-funded projects and has made commitments for beach maintenance in connection with the terminal groin project. These commitments are a unique requirement under the terminal groin provisions in the Coastal Area Management Act at N.C.G.S. §113A-115.1. While the Village has not yet sought approval of a Town-wide Beach Management Plan, it is under obligations associated with the CAMA permit to maintain the beach fillet associated with the terminal groin in this location.

The terminal groin and fillet project and subsequent nourishment has allowed the dune and vegetation line at the Site to expand upward and waterward, and there appears to be at least 90' between the vegetation line and the site of the proposed deck, and so if a Village Beach Management Plan is approved, Petitioner could build up to 500 square feet footprint (allowing an upper deck) as allowed by 7H .0309. For this reason, Staff believes that allowing decking up to

500 square feet at least 90' from the Vegetation Line where the Village has demonstrated its commitment to maintaining the terminal groin project is consistent with the spirit, purpose and intent of the Commission's setback rules.

Staff agrees that granting a variance for up to a 500 square feet footprint deck located at least 90' from the vegetation line will secure public safety and welfare, and the likelihood that the deck will become imminently threatened remains low if the terminal groin and fillet is maintained.

Finally, Staff contends that granting a variance for a deck, not as proposed, but up to 500 square feet of footprint would preserve substantial justice where the Commission's rules focus on preventing inappropriately sited development and if the terminal groin and fillet are maintained, the likelihood of the deck becoming threatened is low.

ATTACHMENT D: PETITIONERS' VARIANCE REQUEST MATERIALS

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May 2, 2023

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Please find enclosed the paperwork necessary for submitting a CAMA VARIANCE REQUEST FORM.

Please advise me if further information is required.

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Regards,

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Louis S. Wetmore

cc: Attorney General's Office Environmental Division 114 W. Edenton Street Raleigh, NC 27603

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PETITIONER'S NAME Louis S. Wetmore COUNTY WHERE THE DEVELOPMENT IS PROPOSED Brunswick

Pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 113A-120.1 and 15A N.C.A.C. 07J .0700 et seq., the above named Petitioner hereby applies to the Coastal Resources Commission (CRC) for a variance.

VARIANCE HEARING PROCEDURES

A variance petition will be considered by the CRC at a regularly scheduled meeting, heard in chronological order based upon the date of receipt of a complete petition. 15A N.C.A.C. 07J .0701(e). A complete variance petition, as described below, must be *received* by the Division of Coastal Management (DCM) a minimum of six (6) weeks in advance of the first day of a regularly scheduled CRC meeting to be eligible for consideration by the CRC at that meeting. 15A N.C.A.C. 07J .0701(e). The final set of stipulated facts must be agreed to at least four (4) weeks prior to the first day of a regularly scheduled meeting. 15A N.C.A.C. 07J .0701(e). The dates of CRC meetings can be found at DCM's website: www.nccoastalmanagement.net

If there are controverted facts that are significant in determining the propriety of a variance, or if the Commission determines that more facts are necessary, the facts will be determined in an administrative hearing. 15A N.C.A.C. 07J .0701(b).

VARIANCE CRITERIA

The petitioner has the burden of convincing the CRC that it meets the following criteria:

- (a) Will strict application of the applicable development rules, standards, or orders issued by the Commission cause the petitioner unnecessary hardships? Explain the hardships.
- (b) Do such hardships result from conditions peculiar to the petitioner's property such as the location, size, or topography of the property? Explain.
- (c) Do the hardships result from actions taken by the petitioner? Explain.
- (d) Will the variance requested by the petitioner (1) be consistent with the spirit, purpose, and intent of the rules, standards or orders issued by the Commission; (2) secure the public safety and welfare; and (3) preserve substantial justice? Explain.

Please make your written arguments that Petitioner meets these criteria on a separate piece of paper. The Commission notes that there are some opinions of the State Bar which indicate that non-attorneys may not represent others at quasi-judicial proceedings such as a variance hearing before the Commission. These opinions note that the practice of professionals, such as engineers, surveyors or contractors, representing others in quasi-judicial proceedings through written or oral argument, may be considered the practice of law. Before you proceed with this variance request, you may wish to seek the advice of counsel before having a non-lawyer represent your interests through preparation of this Petition.

For this variance request to be complete, the petitioner must provide the information listed below. The undersigned petitioner verifies that this variance request is complete and includes:

__X__ The name and location of the development as identified on the permit application;

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X A copy of the permit decision for the development in question;
X A copy of the deed to the property on which the proposed development would be located;
X A complete description of the proposed development including a site plan;
X A stipulation that the proposed development is inconsistent with the rule at issue;
X Proof that notice was sent to adjacent owners and objectors*, as required by 15A N.C.A.C. 07J .0701(c)(7);
X Proof that a variance was sought from the local government per 15A N.C.A.C. 07J .0701(a), if applicable;
X Petitioner's written reasons and arguments about why the Petitioner meets the four variance criteria, listed above;
X A draft set of proposed stipulated facts and stipulated exhibits. Please make these verifiable facts free from argument. Arguments or characterizations about the facts should be included in the written responses to the four variance criteria instead of being included in the facts.
X This form completed, dated, and signed by the Petitioner or Petitioner's Attorney.
*Please contact DCM or the local permit officer for a full list of comments received on your permit application. Please note, for CAMA Major Permits, the complete permit file is kept in the DCM Morehead City Office.
Due to the above information and pursuant to statute, the undersigned hereby requests a variance.

Signature of Petitioner or Attorney

April 28, 2023 Date

Louis S. Wetmore

Printed Name of Petitioner or Attorney

lou.wetmore@gmail.com

Email address of Petitioner or Attorney

P.O.Box 2262

Mailing Address

(828) 612-0415

Telephone Number of Petitioner or Attorney

Hickory, NC 28603

City

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VARIANCE CRITERIA

(a) Will strict application of the applicable development rules standards, or orders issued by the Commission cause the petitioner unnecessary hardships?

One of the finest benefits of occupying a beachfront house is the pleasure and satisfaction of being able to breath the salt air, watch the endless and unceasing action of the waves of the ocean and in general acknowledging the millions of years during which the ocean has covered the earth and continually shaped and re-shaped its continents, shorelines, valleys and mountains.

Because, though, the sand dunes between the petitioner's house and the ocean have grown considerably over the years, the view of the ocean and the waves is blocked, thereby denying the occupants of the house of a pleasure only to be enjoyed by people at the beach and that is an unobstructed view of the ocean.

(b) Do such hardships result from conditions peculiar to the petitioner's property such as the location, size, or topography of the property?

The inability to enjoy an unobstructed view of the ocean is caused by the buildup of the dune between the dwelling and the ocean. While the buildup of the dune is highly desirable (mainly for protection against high tides or hurricanes) it has limited the occupant's ability to enjoy the very things people come to the beach for in the first place.

(c) Do the hardships result from actions taken by the petitioner?

In some ways, yes. Over the years, the petitioner who has owned the house for 23 years has endured three or four hurricanes and several instances of the high tide coming right up to the house. Consequently, the petitioner has installed several rows of sand fence and has planted 600 seedlings of sea oats over the ownership time of the house all seaward of the house. Hopefully, this activity has accelerated the thickness and formation of the dunes which certainly adds some measure of protection for the house, but has, at the same time, helped to create the view problem.

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- (d) Will the variance requested by the petitioner (1) be consistent with the spirit, purpose, and intent of the rules, standards or orders issued by the Commission; (2) secure the public safety and welfare; and (3) preserve substantial justice?
- (1) The dune buildup certainly can be expected to "minimize losses to life and property resulting from storms and long term erosion" but it has also reduced the positive results of owning a beach house; (2) Adding a second deck to the existing deck will in no way have any negative effect upon public safety; (3) it will preserve substantial justice to the petitioner and all of his guests in that approving the variance request will in no way have any negative impact upon the present structure, but approval will allow a much greater usefulness and benefit to the tax paying owners of the property.



ATTACHMENTS:

- A. Letter of Denial of Minor Permit Application
- B. Certified mail receipts (letters to adjacent property owners.)
- C. Copies of letters to adjacent owners.
- D. Deed of subject property
- E. Survey showing static or pre-project vegetation line
- F. Stipulated Facts
- G. Petitioner's position
- H. Drawing of proposed deck addition
- I. View from current deck elevation
- J. View from proposed deck elevation

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The Village of Bald Head Island

ATTACHMENT A

February 15, 2023

CERTIFIED MAIL - 7021 2720 0000 8820 5987 RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Louis & Julia Wetmore PO Box 2262 Hickory NC 28603

RE: DENIAL OF CAMA MINOR DEVELOPMENT PERMIT

APPLICATION NUMBER- 2022-09

PROJECT ADDRESS- 230 West Bald Head Wynd

Dear Mr. Wetmore:

After reviewing your application in conjunction with the development standards required by the Coastal Area Management Act (CAMA) and our locally adopted Land Use Plan and Ordinances, it is my determination that no permit may be granted for the project which you have proposed.

This decision is based on my findings that your request violates NCGS 113A-120(a)(8) which requires that all applications be denied which are inconsistent with CAMA guidelines and Local Land Use Plans. You have applied to construct a _147__sq. ft. deck addition structurally attached to an existing single-family residence within the _3__ft. Ocean Hazard setback, which is inconsistent with 15 NCAC 7H .0309 (a), which lists the types of development that could be permitted seaward of the oceanfront setback (in this case as measured from the pre-project vegetation line/static line) and also states that the development shall be permitted only if it is landward of the vegetation line or pre-project vegetation line (previously called the static line), whichever is applicable;

Should you wish to appeal my decision to the Coastal Resource Commission or request a variance from that group, please contact me so I can provide you with the proper forms and any other information you may require. The Division of Coastal Management central office in Morehead City must receive appeal notices within twenty (20) days of the date of this letter in order to be considered.

Respectfully yours,

Wephen Boyett, LPO
Village of Bald Head Island
106 Lighthouse Wynd

PO Box 3009 Bald Head Island NC 28461

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cc: Rob Mairs, LPO Minor Permits Coordinator CAMA Coastal Cypress C/O Steve Swain, Authorized Agent

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Daud Holdings, LLC

401 Butler St

Pilot Mountain, NC 27041

Dear Daud Holdings,

This letter is to inform you that I, Louis s Wetmore and Julia P Wetmore have applied a a Cama variance on our property at 230 West Bald Head Wyynd, Bald Head Island, NC in Brunswick County.

As required by Cama regulations, I have enclosed a copy of our variance request.

Sincerely

Mus Wetmore

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Louis S Wetmore

Po Box 2262

Hickory, NC 28603

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Morgan

PO Box 2853

Pinehurst, NC 28370

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WARRANTY DEED

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THIS DEED, made this Add day f October, 2000, by JOHN FRANCIS McENTEE, Sr. and wife, BRENDA McENTEE, of 1677 MARY ELLEN DRIVE, FORT MILLS, SC 29708, GRANTOR, to LOUIS S. WETMORE and wife, JULIA P. WETMORE, of P. O. Box 638, Hickory, NC 28603, GRANTEB:

WITNESSETH:

That said Grantor, for a valuable consideration paid by the Grantee, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, has bargained and sold, and by these presents does grant, bargain, sell and convey unto the Grantee in fee simple, all that certain lot, tract, or parcel of land situated in the County of Brunswick and State of North Carolina, and more particularly described as follows:

BEING ALL OF LOT 1247, BALD HEAD ISLAND STAGE ONE, AS SHOWN ON A PLAT RECORDED IN MAP CABINET M AT PAGE 84 OF THE BRUNSWICK COUNTY REGISTRY, SAID LOT HAVING THE METES, BOUNDS AND LOCATION AS SHOWN ON SAID MAP.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the aforesaid lot, tract, or parcel of land, and all privileges and appurtenances thereto belonging to the said Grantee in fee simple; subject, however, to the exceptions, reservations and conditions herein referred to.

And the Grantor covenants with the Grantee, that Grantor is seized of said premises in fee and has the right to convey in fee simple; that the title is marketable and free and clear of all encumbrances; and that Grantor will warrant and defend the title against the lawful claims of all persons whomsoever except for the exceptions hereinafter stated. Title to the property hereinabove described is subject to the following exceptions: (a) subject to County and Local Zoning Ordinances; (b) subject to standard easements for utilities; (c) restrictive covenants of record, if any; (d) taxes for current year.

The designation Grantor and Grantee as used herein shall include said parties, their heirs, successors, and assigns, and shall include singular, plural, masculine, feminine or neuter as required by context.

Steven F. Siegel
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	IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the said Grantor has hereunto set his hand and seal, or if corporate, has caused this instrument to be signed in its corporate name by its duly authorized officers and its seal to be hereunto affixed by authority of its Board of Directors, the day and year first above written. Witness Witne
	STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER I, Audreu C. Peterson, a Notary Public of the County and State aforesaid, do hereby certify that JOHN FRANCIS McENTEE, Sr. and wife, BRENDA McENTEE, personally came before me this day and acknowledged the execution of the foregoing instrument.
	Witness my hand and official seal, this day of October, 2000. NOTARY PUBLIC My Commission Expires: (Notarial Seal) AUDREY E. PETERSON Notary Public State of North Carolina New Hanover County Commission Expires 9-29-2003
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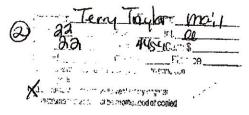
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and wife, Julia P. Wetmore P. O. Box 638		and wife, Julia P. Wetmore, a 1/3 undivided interest as Tenants in Common
Hickory, NC 28603		P. O. Box 638
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Title to the property hereinabove described is subject to the following exceptions:

- This conveyance is made subject to restrictive covenants and encumbrances of record, and to any and all easements and 1. rights-of-way on location on the above-described property heretofore granted or existing in favor of any individuals, corporations, public or private associations of individuals, public utilities, and governmental agents, commissions or departments for the purpose of constructing, erecting, laying, building or maintaining any streets, roads, highways, signs, service alleys, power lines or poles, gas lines, water lines, lines for pipes or sewer lines and any and all other similar or related public or private utility service facilities or otherwise.
- Matters of Survey.
- 3. 2009 Ad Valorem Taxes.

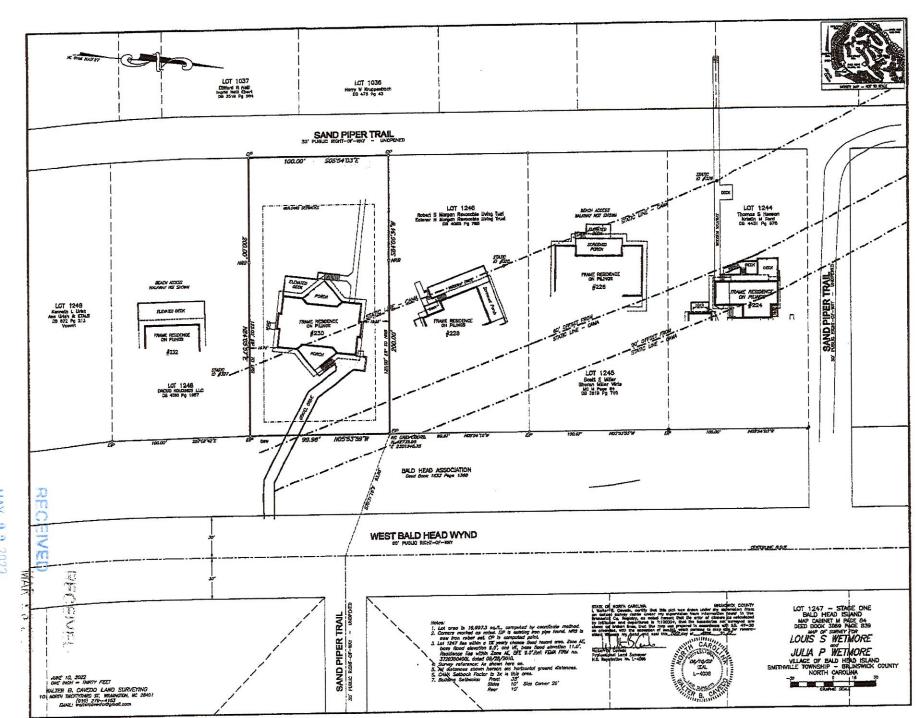
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PETITIONER'S POSITION

At first examination, it would appear that the Coastal Resource Commission's and Mr. Boyette's declining the application for a Minor Permit is consistent with 15A NCAC 7H .0309.

However, upon further examination of the Coastal Area Management Act which created the Coastal Resource Commission by G.S. 113A-104 it appears that the addition to an existing deck where the footprint is no closer to the mean high tide should be permitted.

§113A-103 (5) (a) "Development" means any activity in a duly designated area of environmental concern (except as provided in paragraph b of this subdivision) involving, requiring, or consisting of the construction or enlargement of a structure; excavation; dredging; filling; dumping; removal of clay, silt, sand, gravel or minerals; bulkheading, driving of pilings; clearing or alteration of land as an adjunct of construction; alteration or removal of sand dunes; alteration of the shore, bank, or bottom of the Atlantic Ocean or any sound, bay, river, creek, stream, lake, or canal; or placement of a floating structure in an area of environmental concern identified in G.S. 113A-113(b) (2) or (b) (5)

§(b) says: "The following activities including the normal and incidental operations associated therewith shall not be deemed to be development under this section:"

§(b) item (6) says "The construction of any accessory building customarily incident to an existing structure if the work does not involve filling, excavation, or the alteration of any sand dune or beach."

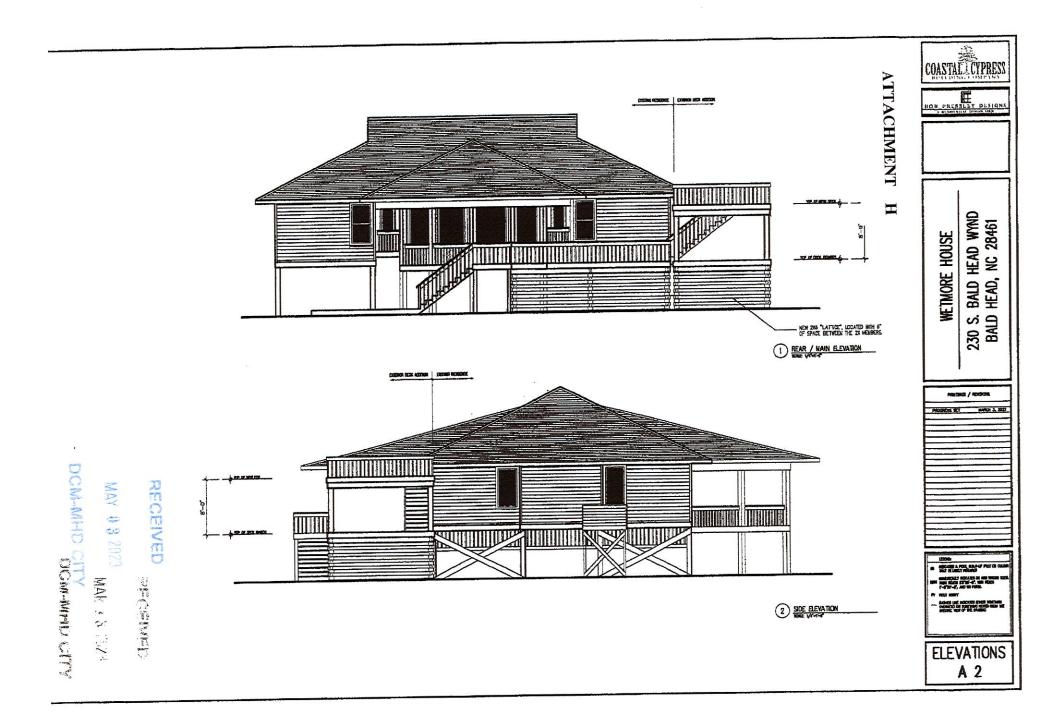
15A NCAC 7H .0309 lists the type of development that can't be seaward of the vegetation or pre-project vegetation line. However, since the addition of the deck to an existing deck "shall not be deemed to be development under this section" the petitioners contend that the request for a Minor Permit should be granted.

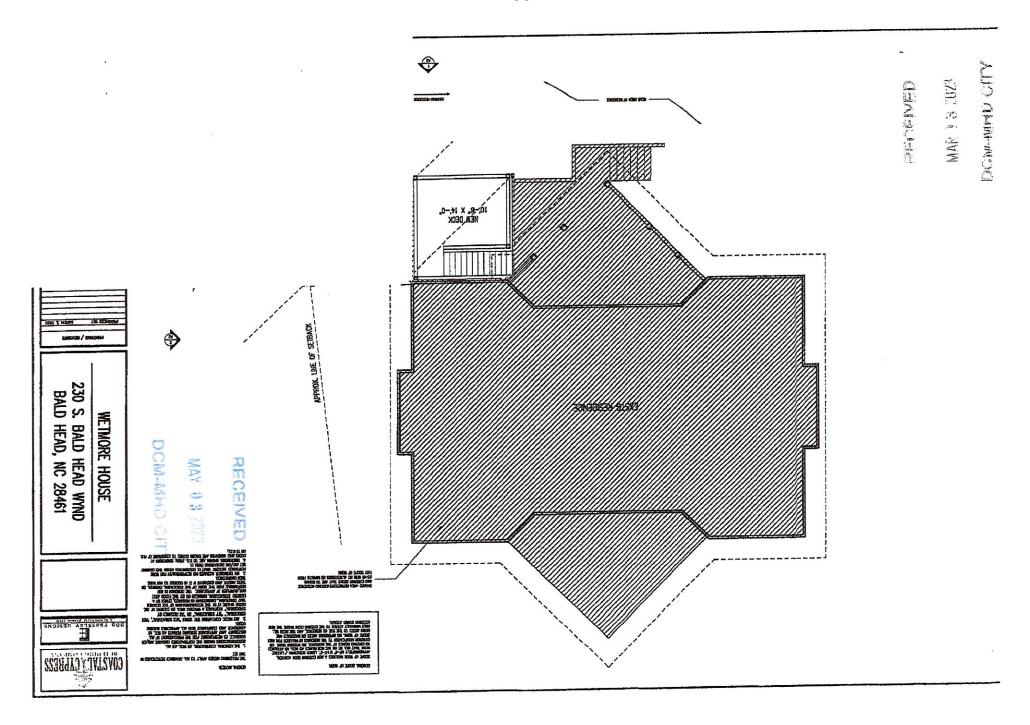
Further, the Management Objective of Ocean Hazard Areas provides that the spirit, purpose, and intent of the rules and standards set forth in 15A NCAC 7H are to "minimize losses to life and property resulting from storms and long-term erosion, prevent encroachment of permanent structures on public beach areas, preserve the natural ecological conditions of the barrier dune and beach systems, and reduce the public costs of development within ocean hazard areas, and protect common-law and statutory public rights of access to and use of the lands and waters of the coastal area. 15A NCAC 7H .0303(b).

It certainly appears to the petitioners that the addition of a second level to an existing deck in no way violates any of the objectives as shown in the preceding paragraph, but, in fact, furthers the objectives shown because the deck addition "protects common-law and statutory public rights of access to and use of the lands and waters of the coastal area."

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LIST OF STIPULATED EXHIBITS

- 1. 2000 Wetmore Deed 1410/261
- 2. 2010 Wetmore Deed
- 3. Plat Map M-84
- 4. 2004 Sandbag Variance Final Order
- 5. 2020 erosion rate study transect image
- 6. Pre-project vegetation line/Static line image
- 7. 2022 Cavedo Survey
- 8. Historic shorelines images
- 9. Petitioner's Exhibit over recent 2023 photo with overlain lines with report
- 10. Boyett affidavit
- 11. Application materials
- 12. 12-22-22 extension letter from LPO
- 13. Notice letters to adjacent riparian owners and tracking information
- 14. 2-16-22 denial letter
- 15. Notice of variance x2 with tracking information
- 16. Powerpoint with ground and aerial photos of the Lot including historic shoreline imagery

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

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COUNTY OF BRUNSWICK

WARRANTY DEED

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NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL WARRANTY DEED

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BEING ALL of Lot 1292, Bald Head Island, Stage 1, as shown on map recorded in Map Book 12, Pages 1 through 9, Brunswick County Registry.

This conveyance is made subject to the reservations, conditions and restrictions contained in the Amended and Restated Unified Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions for Bald Head Island Association, filed in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Brunswick County, North Carolina, in Book 4009 at Page 206, et seq., and all amendments and additions thereto.

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FURTHER ACKNOWLEDGES THAT TO THE MAXIMUM EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW, THE SALE OF THIS PROPERTY IS MADE ON AN "AS IS" CONDITION AND BASIS WITH ALL FAULTS.

This is the same property acquired by the Grantors by deed recorded in Book 1053 at Page 0019 in the Office of the Register of Deeds of Brunswick County, North Carolina.

This is not the Grantor's Primary Residence.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the aforesaid lot or parcel of land and all privileges and appurtenances thereto belonging to the Grantee in fee simple.

And the Grantor covenants with the Grantee, that Grantor is seized of the premises in fee simple, has the right to convey the same in fee simple, that title is marketable and free and clear of all encumbrances, and that Grantor will warrant and defend the title against the lawful claims of all persons whomsoever except for the exceptions hereinafter stated.



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Title to the property hereinbefore described is subject to the following exceptions:

- 1. Any and all easements, and public and private utility or rights of way of record or otherwise affecting said property.
- 2. Ad valorem taxes for 2023 and subsequent years.
- 3. Subject to all restrictions, limitations and reservations of record and as amended and supplemented from time to time.

{Signature Page & Notary to Follow}



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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Grantors have hereunto set their hands and seals, the day and year first above written.

Mary Tholara Crowder (Seal)

Mary Thelma Crowder

STATE OF North Caroling COUNTY OF Mecklen bury

I, the undersigned, a Notary Public for said County and State, do hereby certify that William Reed Paden and Mary Thelma Crowder, Grantors herein, either being personally known to me or whose identity was evidenced by the form of a Driver's License, personally appeared before me this day, and acknowledged the due execution of the foregoing instrument.

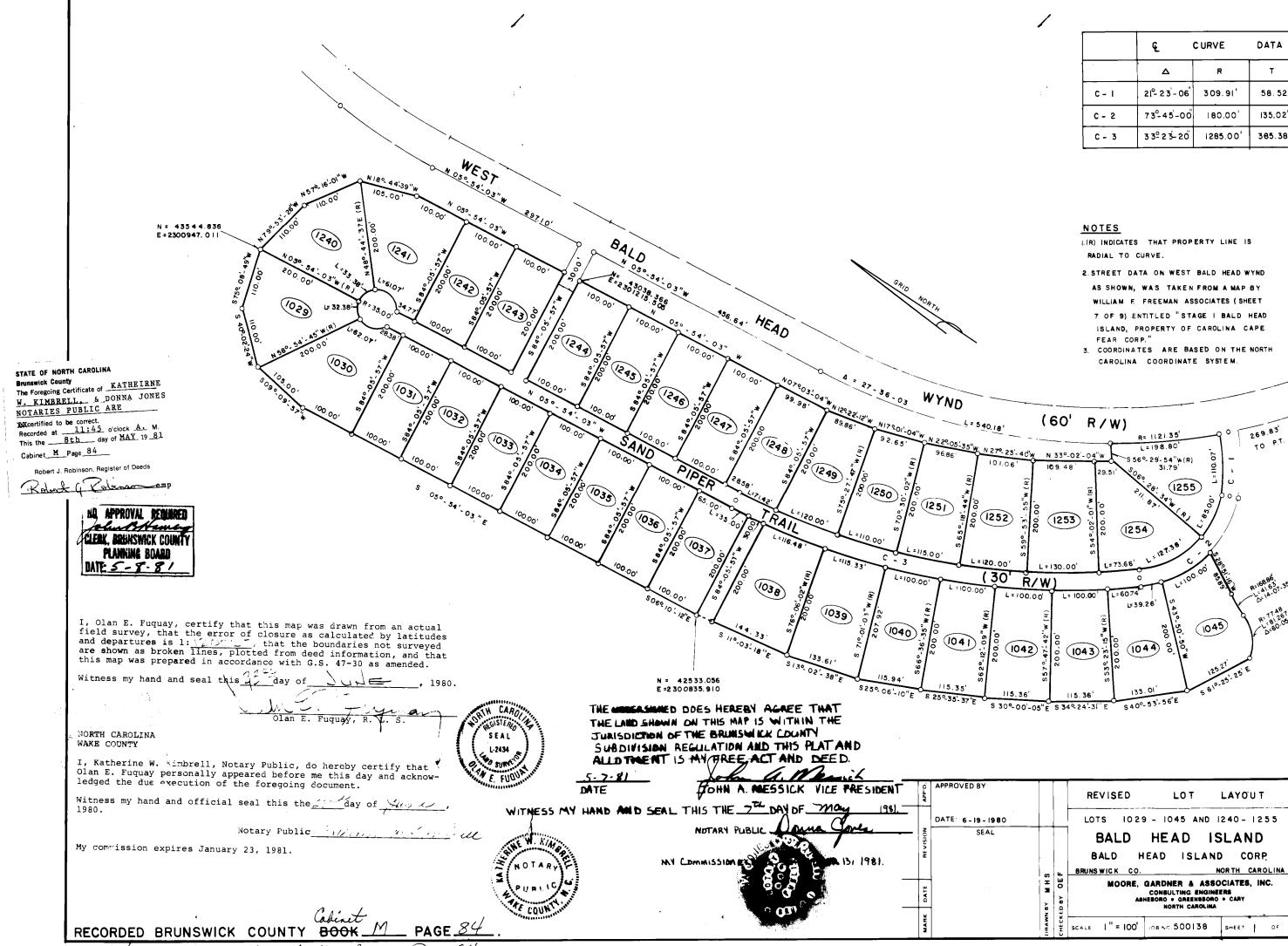
WITNESS my hand and official seal or stamp, this the 15th day of March

{SEAL-STAMP}

Notary Public

Printed Name: Madhyri Bendal e

My commission expires: 12-



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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

BEFORE
COASTAL

COUNTY OF BRUNSWICK

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA COASTAL RESOURCES COMMISSION CRC-VR-04-10

IN THE MATTER OF:)		•
PETITION FOR VARIANCE)		FINAL ORDER
BY LOUIS S. WETMORE)	·	

This matter was heard on oral arguments and stipulated facts at the regularly scheduled meeting of the North Carolina Coastal Resources Commission (hereinafter CRC) on August 26, 2004, in Raleigh, North Carolina pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 113A-120.1 and T15A NCAC 7J.0700, et seq. Assistant Attorney General Christine Goebel appeared for the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Division of Coastal Management; Mr. Wetmore appeared on his own behalf.

Upon consideration of the record documents and the arguments of the parties, the CRC adopts the following:

STIPULATED FACTS

- 1. Petitioner owns a lot and home on South Beach, Bald Head Island in Brunswick County, North Carolina. Petitioner purchased the property in 2000. The site is depicted in Petitioners' site plan submitted with the variance petition (Attachment D to the Staff Recommendation), a photograph submitted with the variance petition (Attachment D to the Staff Recommendation), and property information attached as Exhibit A to the Staff Recommendation. The home presently located on Petitioner's property was originally located across the street from the club. It was moved from that location to its location on Petitioner's lot in 1989 after Hurricane Hugo passed through Bald Head Island.
- 2. The lot is within the Ocean Hazard Area of Environmental Concern (AEC), the Ocean Erodible AEC, the High Hazard Flood AEC, and the Inlet Hazard AEC.

- 3. The long-term average annual erosion rate for Petitioner's beach is 8.0 feet per year.
- 4. The Village of Bald Head Island has recently received several permits from the Division of Coastal Management to install temporary erosion control structures near Petitioner's property, to protect a road (South Bald Head Wynd). Presently, the permits authorize 1550 linear feet of sandbags protecting this segment of threatened road.
- 5. Other neighboring property owners, both east and west of the Petitioner's property, also have recently permitted sandbag structures protecting their imminently threatened structures.
- 6. Petitioner's property is to the west of the Village's sandbag structure. There is one residence, also protected by sandbags, between Petitioner's property and the Village's sandbag structure.
- 7. Petitioner's lot has been sandbagged under CAMA General Permit #36853D, issued March 8, 2004, based on 15A NCAC 7H .1700. The house qualified as imminently threatened because the foundation was within 20 feet of the erosion scarp. 15A NCAC 7H .0308(a)(2)(B).
- 8. In accordance with the provisions of 7H .1705(a)(10), the base width of the sandbag structure "shall not exceed 20 feet, and the height shall not exceed six feet."
- 9. Petitioner's sandbags are eligible to remain in place until May 2008 because the Village has an active beach nourishment program based on CAMA Major Permit No. 9-95. The sand comes from spoil material from the Federal Wilmington Harbor Project, 15A NCAC 7H .1705(a)(7)(A).
- 10. The sandbag structures of the size permitted under the general permit, and presently existing on Petitioner's lot, have not prevented waves from overtopping the bags and eroding the area

behind the bags.

11. The Petitioner requests a variance from the provisions of 15A NCAC 7H .1705(a)(10), which limits the height and width of the bags to 6' x 20', to allow a taller sandbag structure for the temporary protection of his house from erosion. Specifically, the variance requests adding up to 3 additional feet in height to the existing structure.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. The CRC has jurisdiction over the parties and the subject matter.
- 2. The parties have been correctly designated and there is no question of misjoinder or nonjoinder of parties.
 - 3. All notices for the proceeding were adequate and proper.
- 4. The Petitioner has demonstrated that strict application of Rule 15A NCAC 7H .1705(a)(10) to his permit application will result in unnecessary hardship. The Petitioner's variance request materials and the staff recommendation are incorporated by reference as support for this conclusion.
- 5. The Petitioner has not demonstrated that his hardship results from conditions that are unique to Petitioner's property. The Petitioner's variance request materials and the staff recommendation are incorporated by reference as support for this conclusion.
- 6. The Petitioner has demonstrated that his hardship does not result from actions he has taken. The Petitioner's variance request materials and the staff recommendation are incorporated by reference as support for this conclusion.
- 7. The Petitioner has not demonstrated that his proposed development is within the spirt, purpose and intent of the Commission's rules; that it will secure public safety and welfare; and

that it will preserve substantial justice. The Petitioner's variance request materials and the staff recommendation are incorporated by reference as support for this conclusion.

<u>ORDER</u>

THEREFORE, the variance from 15A NCAC 7H .1705(a)(10) is DENIED.

This the 1st day of September, 2004.

Eugene B. Tomlinson, Jr., Chairman

Eugene B. Tomlinson Je-

Coastal Resources Commission

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

This is to certify that I have caused the foregoing Final Order to be served upon the Petitioner by depositing a copy thereof in the U.S. Postal Service CERTIFIED MAIL, RETURN RECEIPT.

REQUESTED with sufficient postage for delivery and addressed to:

Louis S. Wetmore 409 Thornburg Dr. So. Conover, NC 28613

Christine Goebel Assistant Attorney General N.C. Department of Justice

Hand Delivery

This the 1st day of September, 2004.

/Jill /B. Hickey

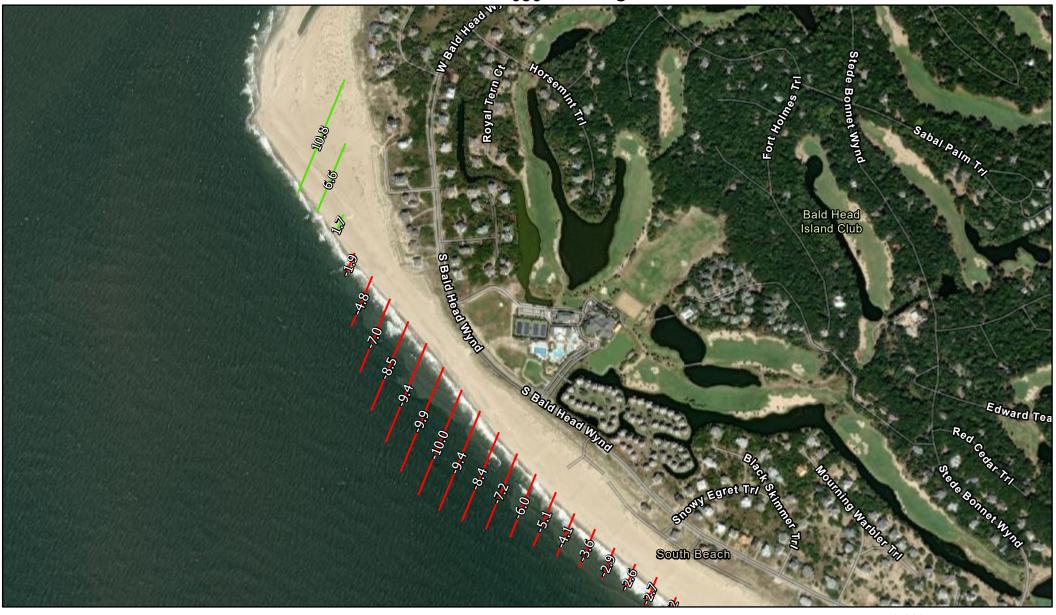
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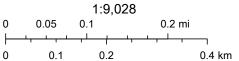
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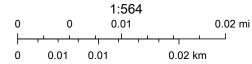
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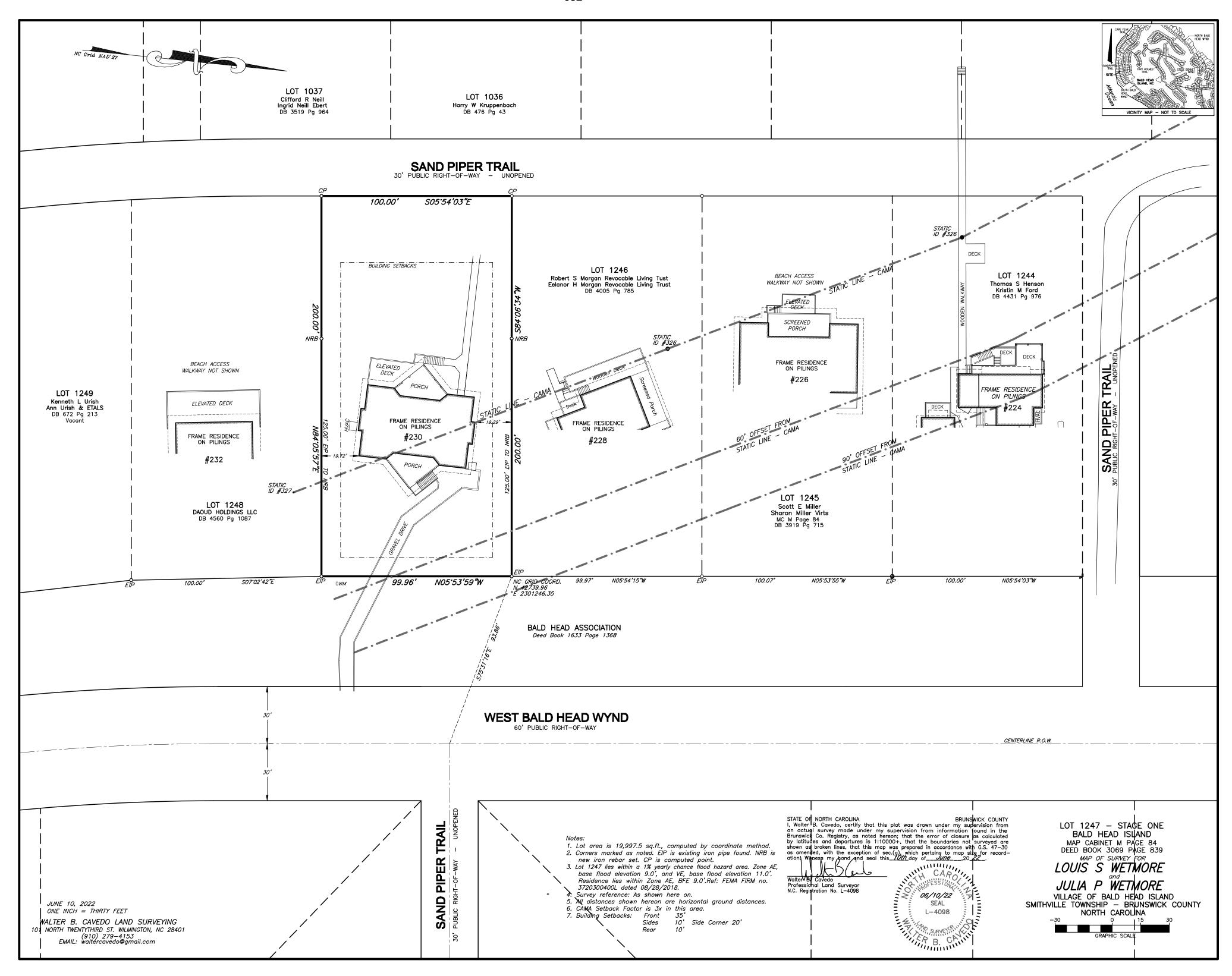
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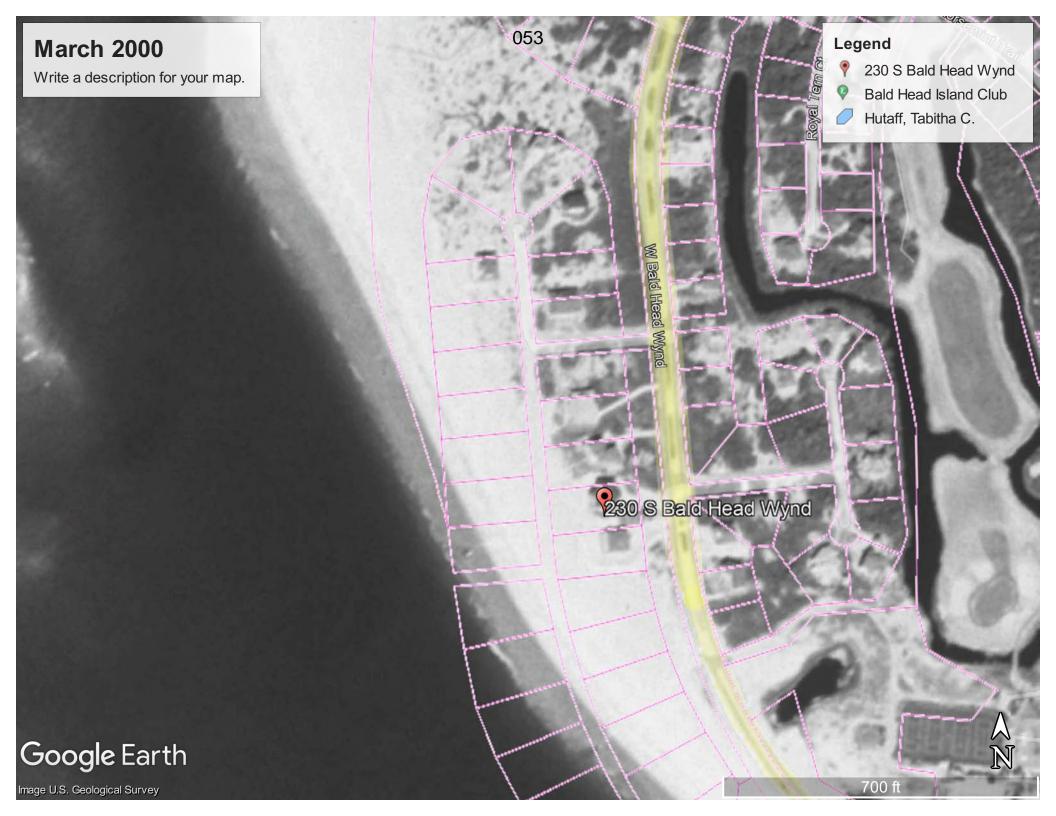
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Pre-Project Vegetation Lines



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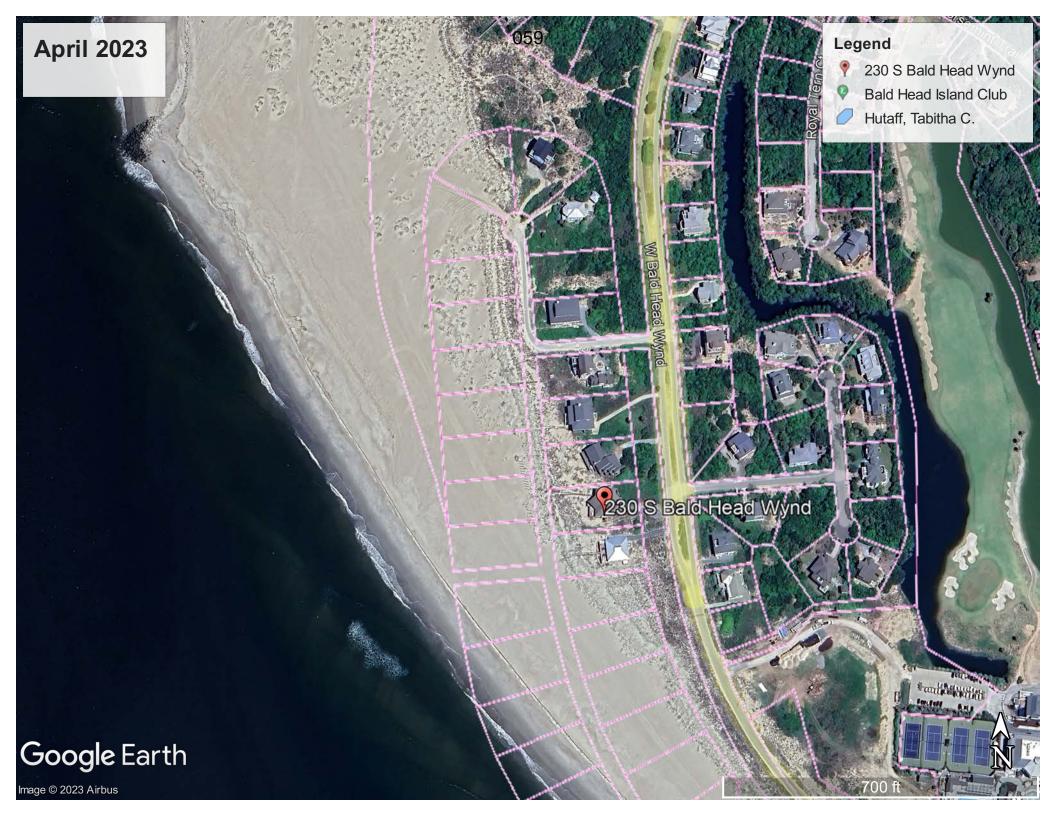




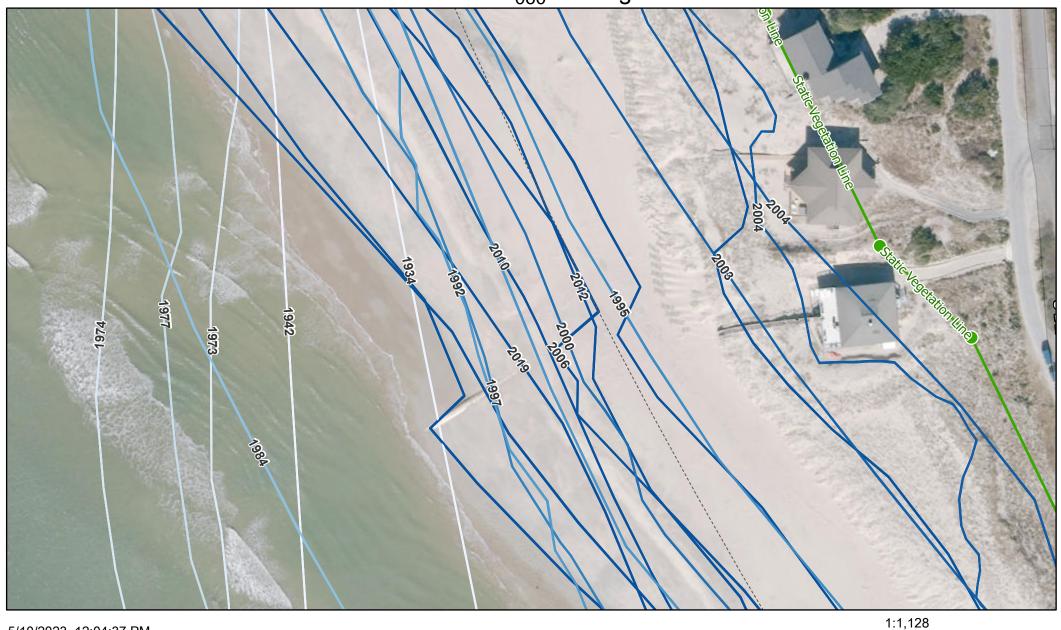


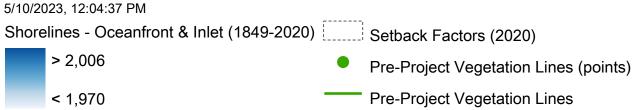


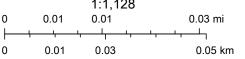




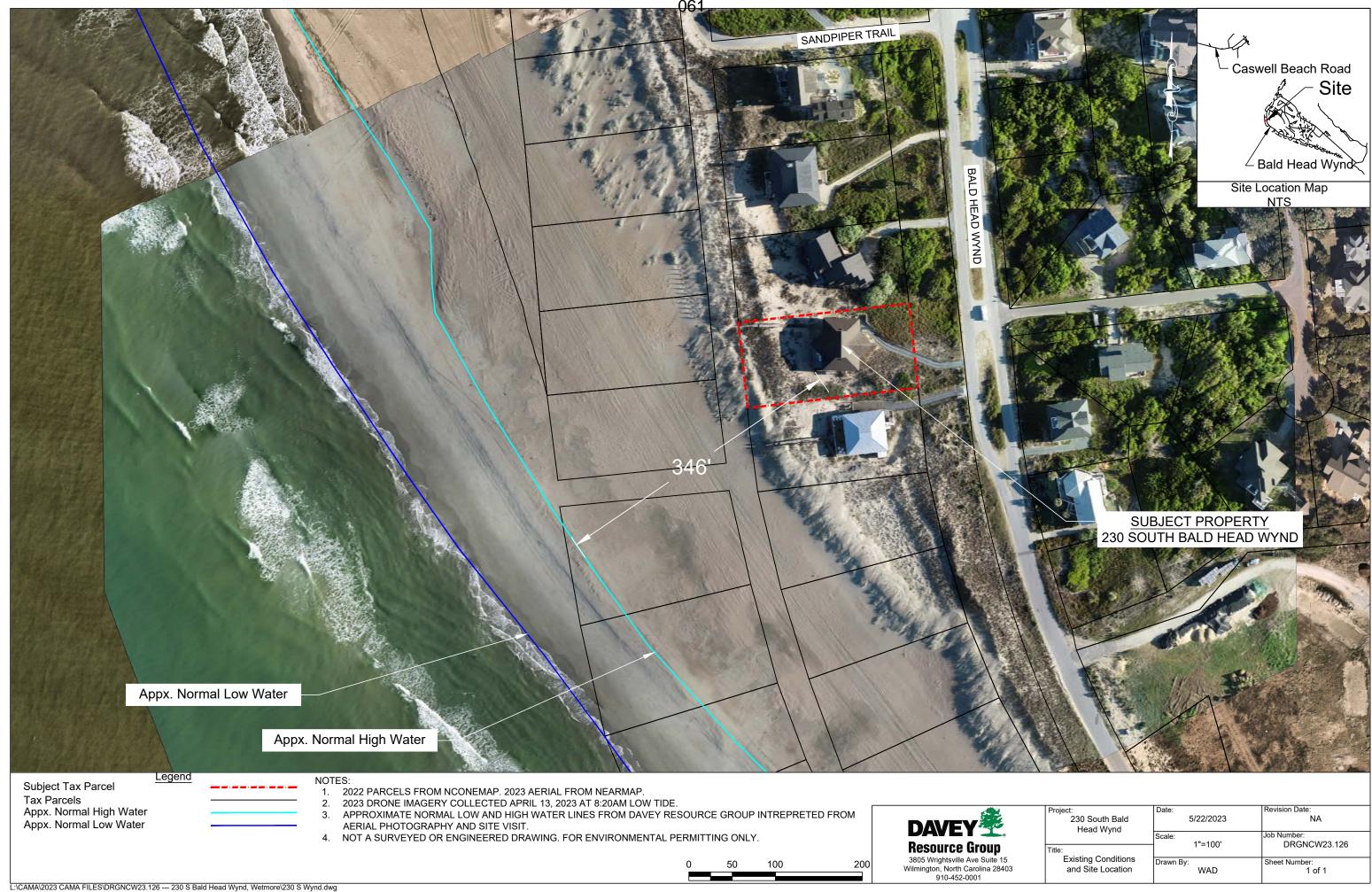
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S. Bald Head Wynd - S. Bald Head Wynd



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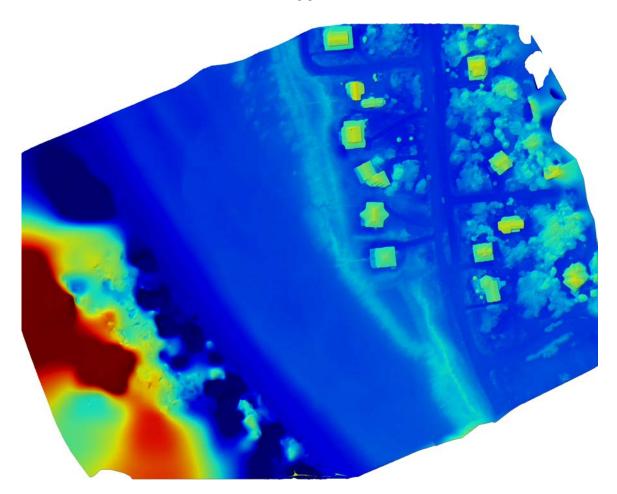
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Area Bounds (Coverage)	1718354.49ft ² (74%)
Image Sensors	DJI - FC6310S
Average GPS Trust	32.81ft

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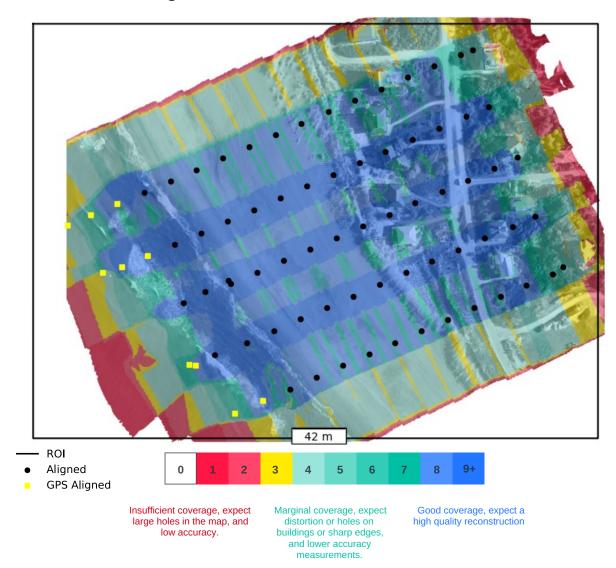
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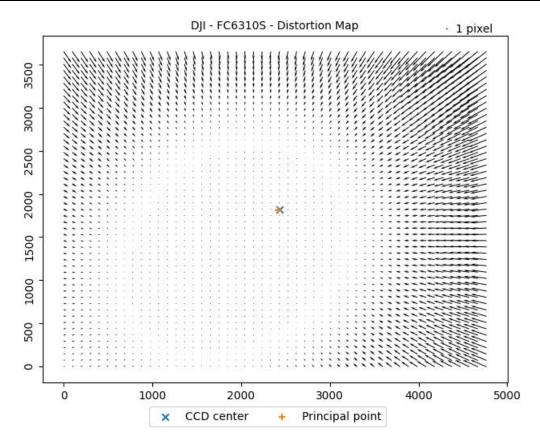
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Average Orthomosaic Image Density within Structured Area	7 images/pixel
Median Shutter Speed	1/160

Structure from Motion (i)

Aligned Cameras	88% 68/77
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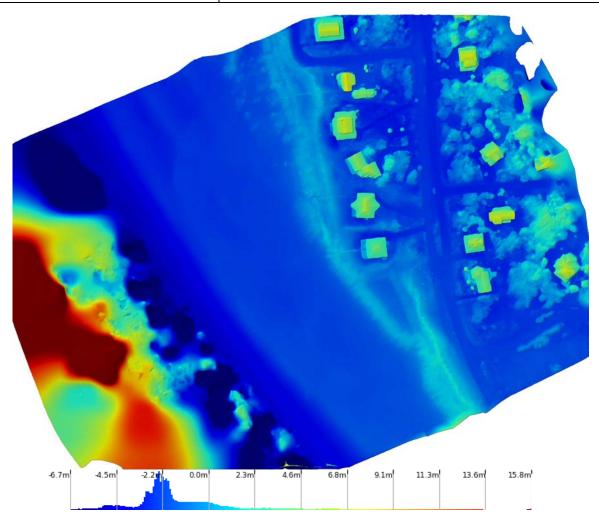


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Oblique images	0%
Horizontal images	0%
Total Points	3.6 million
Point Cloud Density	2.83 points/ft ²
Mesh Triangles	798.7 thousand

Digital Elevation Model (i)

Mode	Generated from Mesh
DEM GSD	DEM 4.00in/px
Relative/Absolute	Relative Altitude vs Drone takeoff



Affidavit of Stephen Boyett

Comes now the affiant, and being duly sworn, states as follows:

- 1. I am the Development Services Director of the Village of Bald Head Island ("Village"). I have been employed in this position since July 2005, and prior to that, as the assistant to the Building Inspector, since in or about July 2004.
- 2. I serve as the CAMA Local Permit Officer for Bald Head Island.
- 3. I am familiar with CAMA and building requirements on Bald Head Island
- 4. I am personally familiar with and have visited the dwelling at 230 South Bald Head Wynd. Bald Head Island.
- 5. In my role as CAMA Local Permit Officer on February 16, 2023, I denied the CAMA Minor Permit as inconsistent with 15A NCAC 7H .0309 (a) where the additional proposed deck is not landward of the pre-project vegetation line.
- 6. I Have reviewed the site plan submitted for an addition to the existing deck.
- 7. The proposed deck and existing deck on the oceanside of the dwelling are located seaward of the pre-project vegetation line.
- 8. The Village is committed to maintaining an engineered beach with periodic sand placements at Bald Head Island pursuant to the 2000 Sand Management Plan with the US Corps of Engineers (USACE) and supplemental Village funded sand Placements. A SMP Corps project (SMP-Corps Channel Maintenance Project) just wrapped up last month (April 2023) with placement of over 1Mcy of dredged material from the federal navigation shipping channel along south beach from the vicinity of the Terminal Groin "fillet" eastward along south beach in front of Mr. Wetmore's residence. In addition, the Village is currently working on the engineering, design and permitting for its next locally funded project to take place in 1st Quarter of 2025. A submittal and request on that project was just sent to Cameron Weaver this week from the Village's environmental consultant, Davey Group (formerly Land Management Group) for coordinating of a future scoping meeting (TBD) with DCM, Corps and other regulatory agencies to discuss the project.

Further Affiant sayeth not.

This the 22nd day of May, 2023.

Stephen Boyett

State of North Carolina

County of Brunswick

Sworn to and subscribed before me on

this day of May 2023.

Notary Public

(Typed/Printed Name of Notary Public)

My Commission Expires: 12/8/2200

(NOTARY SEAL/STAMP)

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MICHELLE KESMODEL Notary Public, North Carolina Brunswick County My Commission Expires December 08, 2026

Locality BALD HEAD ISLAND Permit Number 2022. 0
Ocean Hazard X Estuarine Shoreline ORW Shoreline Public Trust Shoreline Other (For official use only)
GENERAL INFORMATION received
LAND OWNER
Name: 1718 & HAD THIN WETMORE
Address: P.O. Box 2262
City: 44CFERY State: 10C Zip: 28603 Phone: 828-612-0415-
AUTHORIZED AGENT
Name: COASTAL CXBRES BUILDING CO. INC.
Address: 7506 NEEDLE FISH CT
City: WINNINGTON State: N.C. Zip: <u>78411</u> Phone: <u>910-312-2207</u>
LOCATION OF PROJECT: (Address, street name and/or directions to site. If not oceans front, what is the name of the adjacent waterbody.)
DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT: (List all proposed construction and land disturbance.)
SIZE OF LOT/PARCEL: Acres guare feet 46 acres
PROPOSED USE: Residential [(Single-family [Multi-family [) Commercial/Industrial [Other [
TOTAL ENCLOSED FLOOR AREA OF A BUILDING IN THE OCEAN HAZARD AREA OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERN (AEC): 2700 square feet (includes all floors and roof covered decks)
SIZE OF BUILDING FOOTPRINT AND OTHER IMPERVIOUS OR BUILT-UPON SURFACES IN THE COASTAL SHORELINE AREA OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERN (AEC): 2700 square feet (Calculations includes the area of the roof/drip line of all buildings, driveways, covered decks, concrete or masonry patios, etc. that are within the applicable AEC.)(Attach your calculations with the project drawing.) Choose the AEC area that applies to your property: (1) within 75 feet of Normal High Water for the Estuarine Shoreline AEC (2) within 575 feet of Normal High Water for the Estuarine Shoreline AEC, adjacent to Outstanding Resource Waters (3) within 30 feet of the Public Trust Shoreline AEC (Contact your Local Permit Officer if you are not sure which AEC applies to your property.)
STATE STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PERMIT: Is the project located in an area subject to a State Stormwater Management Permit issued by the NC Division of Water Quality? YES NO W

If yes, list the total built upon area/impervious surface allowed for your lot or parcel. ____ square feet.

OTHER PERMITS MAY BE REQUIRED: The activity you are planning may require permits other than the CAMA minor development permit. As a service we have compiled a listing of the kinds of permits that might be required. We suggest you check over the list with your LPO to determine if any of these apply to your project. Zoning, Drinking Water Well, Septic Tank (or other sanitary waste treatment system), Building, Electrical, Plumbing, Heating and Air Conditioning, Insulation and Energy Conservation. FIA Certification, Sand Dune, Sediment Control, Subdivision Approval, Mobile Home Park Approval, Highway Connection, and others.

I, the undersigned, an applicant for a CAMA minor development permit, being either the owner of property in an AEC or

STATEMENT OF OWNERSHIP:

a person authorized to act as an agent for purposes of applying for a CAMA minor development permit, certify that the person listed as landowner on this application has a significant interest in the real property described therein. This interest can be described as: (check one)
an owner or record title, Title is vested in Liver. see Deed Book 3069 page 939 in the Rouse Gounty Registry of Deeds.
an owner by virtue of inheritance. Applicant is an heir to the estate of; probate was in County.
if other interest, such as written contract or lease, explain below or use a separate sheet and attach to this application.
NOTIFICATION OF ADJACENT PROPERTY OWNERS:
I furthermore certify that the following persons are owners of properties adjoining this property. I affirm that I have given ACTUAL NOTICE to each of them concerning my intent to develop this property and to apply for a CAMA permit. (Name) (Address) (1) REBET INCREAN REV LIV TRUST & ELETANOR IT PROPERTY TRUST POBCK 283 ANEMORST, W.C. (2) DACCID HOLDINGS LL.C 401 BOTTER STREET PROT MTN, NC 28316 (4)

FOR DEVELOPERS IN OCEAN HAZARD AND ESTUARINE HAZARD AREAS:

I acknowledge that the land owner is aware that the proposed development is planned for an area which may be susceptible to erosion and/or flooding. I acknowledge that the local permit officer has explained to me the particular hazard problems associated with this lot. This explanation was accompanied by recommendations concerning stabilization and floodproofing techniques.

PERMISSION TO ENTER ON LAND:

I furthermore certify that I am authorized to grant and do in fact grant permission to the local permit officer and his agents to enter on the aforementioned lands in connection with evaluating information related to this permit application.

This application includes: general information (this form), a site drawing as described on the back of this application, the ownership statement, the AEC hazard notice where necessary, a check for \$100.00 made payable to the locality, and any information as may be provided orally by the applicant. The details of the application as described by these sources are incorporated without reference in any permit which may be issued. Deviation from these details will constitute a violation of any permit. Any person developing in an AEC without permit is subject to civil, criminal and administrative action.

This the 2 2 day of ADDIC 20

Landowner or person authorized to act as his agent for purpose of filing a CAMA permit application

AEC HAZARD NOTICE

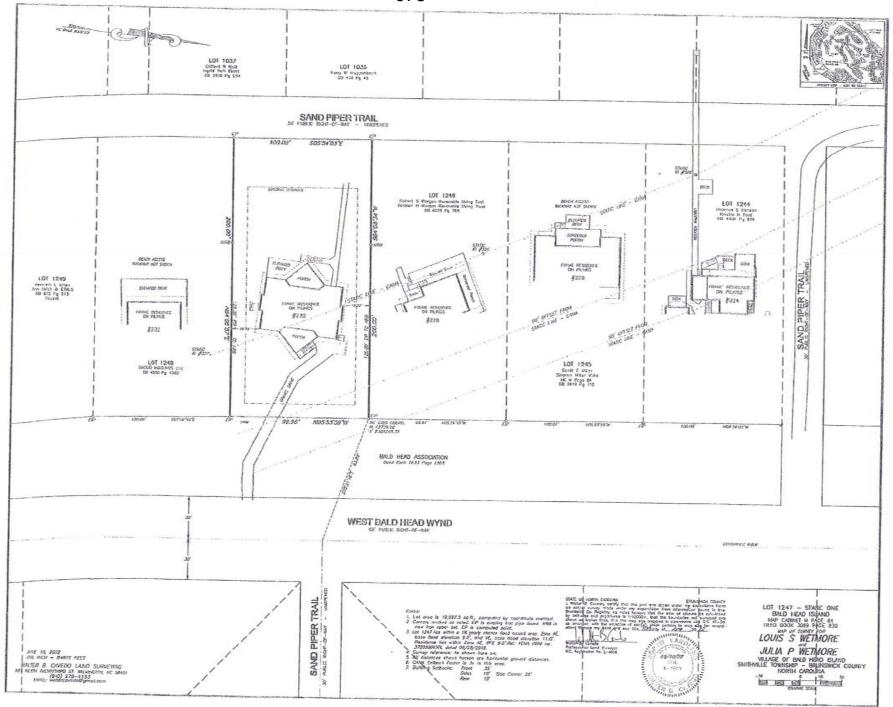
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Date Lot Was Platted: 6-10-22	
special risks and conditions associated with development in this area, which is subject to natural hazards such as storms, erosion and currents. The rules of the Coastal Resources Commission require that you receive an AEC Hazard Notice and acknowledge that notice in writing before a permit for development can be issued. The Commission's rules on building standards, oceanfront setbacks and dune alterations are designed to minimize, but not eliminate, property loss from hazards. By granting permits, the	SPECIAL NOTE: This hazard notice is required for development in areas subject to sudden and massive storms and erosion. Permits is sued for development in this area expire on December 31 of the third year following the year in which the permit was issued. Shortly before work begins on the project site, the Local Permit Officer must be contacted to determine the vegetation line and setback distance at your site. If the property has seen little change since the time of permit issuance, and the proposed development can still meet the setback requirement, the LPO will inform you that you may begin work. Substantial progress on the project must be made within 60 days of this setback determination, or the setback must be remeasured. Also, the occurrence of a major shoreline change as the result of a storm within the 60-day period will necessitate remeasurement of the setback. It is important that you check with the LPO before the permit expires for official approval to continue the work after the permit has expired. Generally, if foundation pilings have been placed and substantial progress is continuing, permit renewal can be authorized. It is unlawful to continue work after permit expiration.
The best available information, as accepted by the Coastal Resources Commission, indicates that the annual long-term average ocean erosion rate for the area where your property is located is feet per year.	For more information, contact: 5 TEPHEN BOYE 71 Local Permit Officer
The rate was established by careful analysis of aerial photographs of the coastline taken over the past 50 years.	PO BOX 3009 Address
Studies also indicate that the shoreline could move as much as 270 feet landward in a major storm.	BALD HEAD ISLAND XK 2840 Locality
The flood waters in a major storm are predicted to be aboutfeet deep in this area.	910-457-9700 Phone Number
Preferred oceanfront protection measures are beach nourishment and relocation of threatened structures. Hard erosion control structures such as bulkheads, seawalls, revetments, groins, jetties and breakwaters are prohibited. Temporary sand bags may be authorized under certain conditions.	

The applicant must acknowledge this information and requirements by signing this notice in the space below. Without the proper signature, the application will not be complete.

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AGENT AUTHORIZATION FOR CAMA PERMIT APPLICATION

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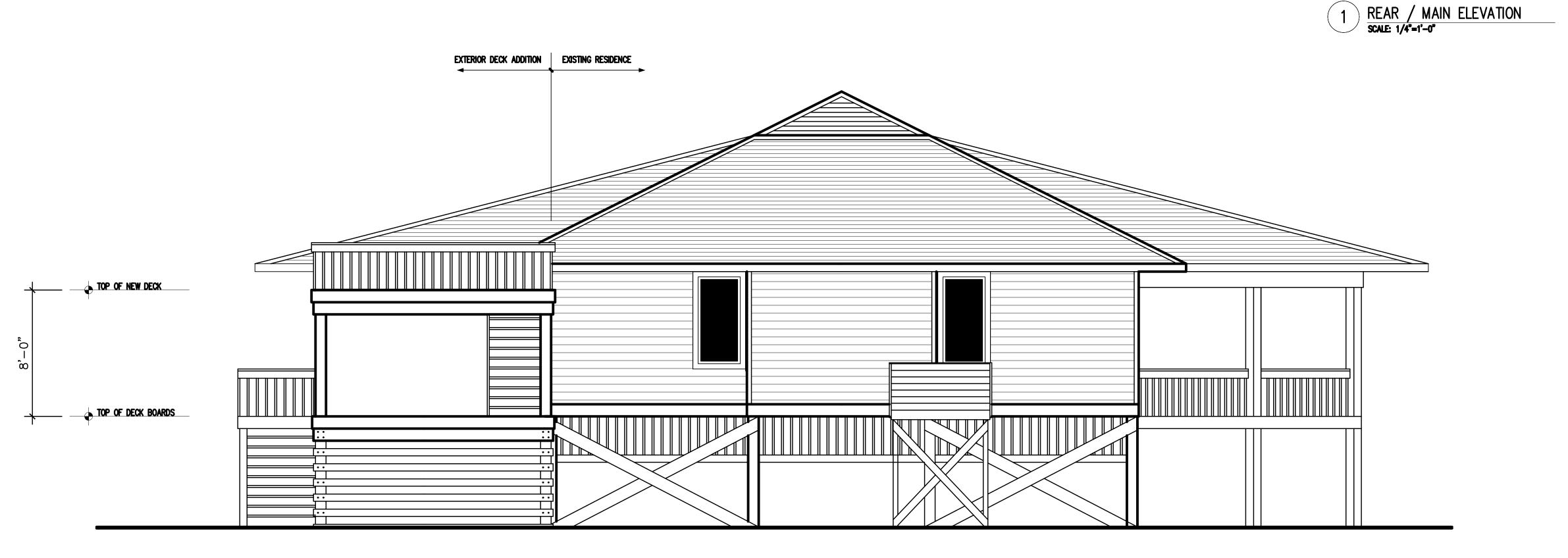
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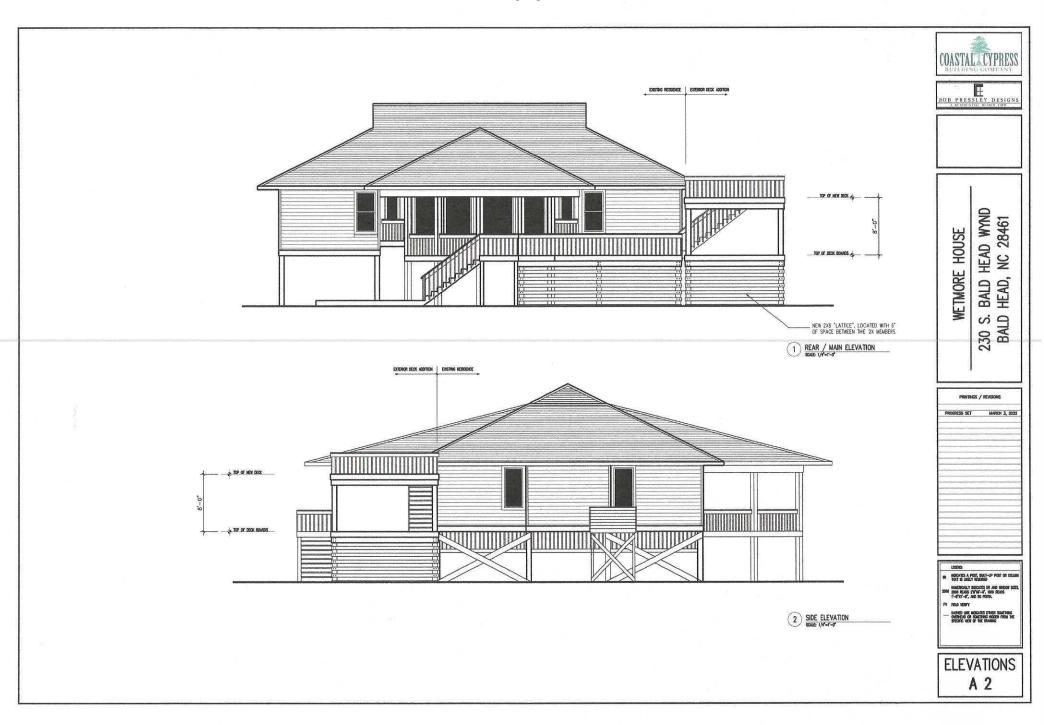
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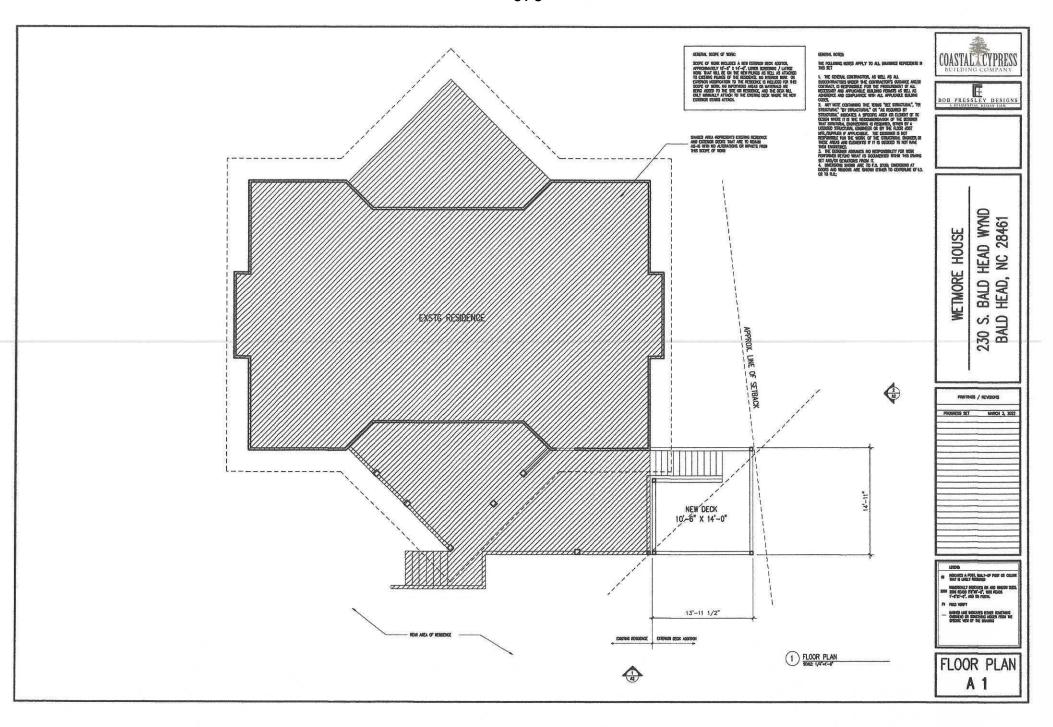
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The Village of Bald Head Island

December 22, 2022

Louis & Julia Wetmore

RE:

NOTICE TO EXTEND TIME TO GRANT OR DENY CAMA MINOR PERMIT

APPLICATION NUMBER - 2022-09

PROJECT ADDRESS/LOCATION - 230 West Bald Head Wynd

Dear Mr. Wetmore:

Pursuant to NCGS 113A-121(b), the undersigned hereby gives notice to the applicant that for good cause, and in order to properly consider all information necessary to making a decision on this permit application, the time period within which a final decision shall be made has been extended an additional twenty-five (25) days.

If you have any questions concerning this action, please contact me at 910-457-9700.

Sincerely.

Stephen Boyett, LPC Bald Head Island

PO Box 3009

Bald Head Island NC 28461

Cc: Rob Mairs, LPO Minor Permits Coordinator CAMA Coastal Cypress C/O Steve Swain, Authorized Agent

Louis S. Wetmore

P.O. Box 2262 28603 828-612-0415 Hickory, NC

September 2, 2022

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Morgan P.O. Box 283 Pinehurst, NC 28370

Dear Robert and Eleanor:

This letter is to inform you that I, Louis S. Wetmore and Julia P. Wetmore have applied for a CAMA Minor Permit on our property at 230 West Bald Head Wynd, Bald Head Island, NC, in Brunswick County.

As required by CAMA regulations, I have enclosed a copy of our permit application and project drawings as notification of our proposed project. No action is required by you or you may sign and return the enclosed objection form. If you have any questions or comments about our proposed project, please contact me at 828-612-0415, or by mail at the address shown above.. If you wish to file written comments or objections with the Village of BHI CAMA Minor Permit Program, you may submit them to:

Stephen Boyette
Local Permit Officer for Village of Bald Head Island
P.O. Box 3009
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The Village of Bald Head Island

February 16, 2023

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Louis & Julia Wetmore PO Box 2262 Hickory NC 28603

RE:

DENIAL OF CAMA MINOR DEVELOPMENT PERMIT

APPLICATION NUMBER- 2022-09

PROJECT ADDRESS- 230 West Bald Head Wynd

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Wetmore:

After reviewing your application in conjunction with the development standards required by the Coastal Area Management Act (CAMA) and our locally adopted Land Use Plan and Ordinances, it is my determination that no permit may be granted for the project which you have proposed.

This decision is based on my findings that your request violates NCGS 113A-120(a)(8) which requires that all applications be denied which are inconsistent with CAMA guidelines and Local Land Use Plans. You have applied to construct a _147__ sq. ft. deck addition structurally attached to an existing single-family residence seaward of the static line (Pre-project vegetation line) and the 90 ft. Ocean Hazard setback, which is inconsistent with 15 NCAC 7H .0309 (a), which lists the types of development that could be permitted seaward of the oceanfront setback (in this case as measured from the pre-project vegetation line/static line) and also states that the development shall be permitted only if it is landward of the vegetation line or pre-project vegetation line (previously called the static line), whichever is applicable;

Should you wish to appeal my decision to the Coastal Resource Commission or request a variance from that group, please contact me so I can provide you with the proper forms and any other information you may require. The Division of Coastal Management central office in Morehead City must receive appeal notices within twenty (20) days of the date of this letter in order to be considered.

Respectfully yours_

Stephen Boyett, LPS Village of Bald Head Island 106 Lighthouse Wynd

PO Box 3009 Bald Head Island NC 28461

CC:

Rob Mairs, LPO Minor Permits Coordinator CAMA Coastal Cypress C/O Steve Swain, Authorized Agent Christy Goebel, Assistant General Counsel, NCDEQ

> P.O. Box 3009 • BALD HEAD ISLAND, NC 28461 (910) 457-9700 • FAX (910) 457-6206 • WEBSITE: http://www.villagebhi.org

Louis S Wetmore

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Hickory, NC 28603

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401 Butler St

Pilot Mountain, NC 27041

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Louis Wetmore (CRC-VR-23-02) Bald Head Island, Oceanfront Setback



230 S. Bald Head Wynd

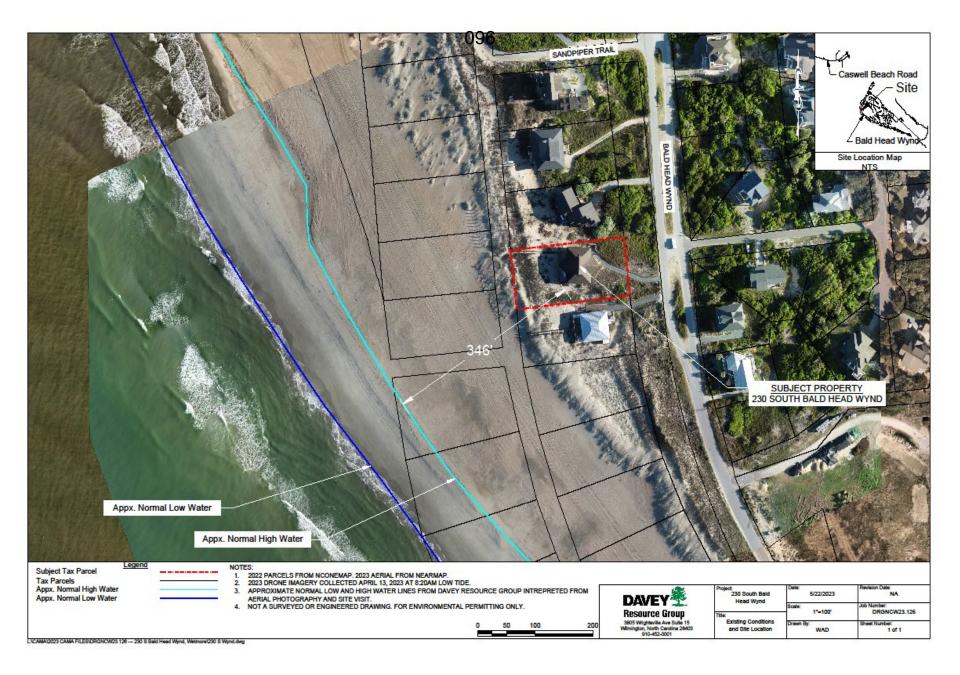
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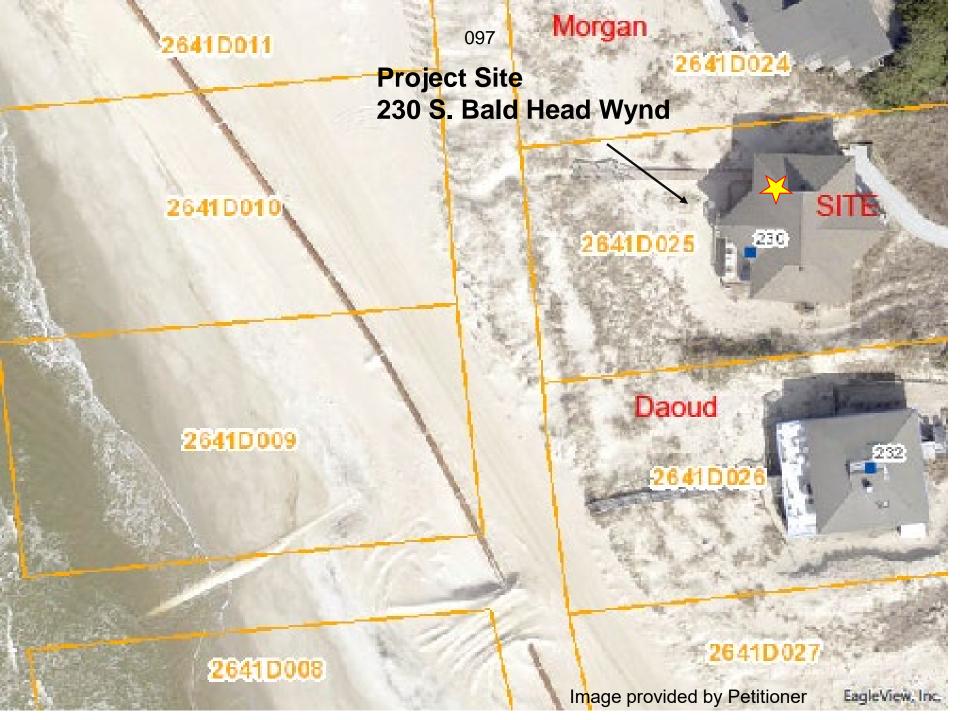


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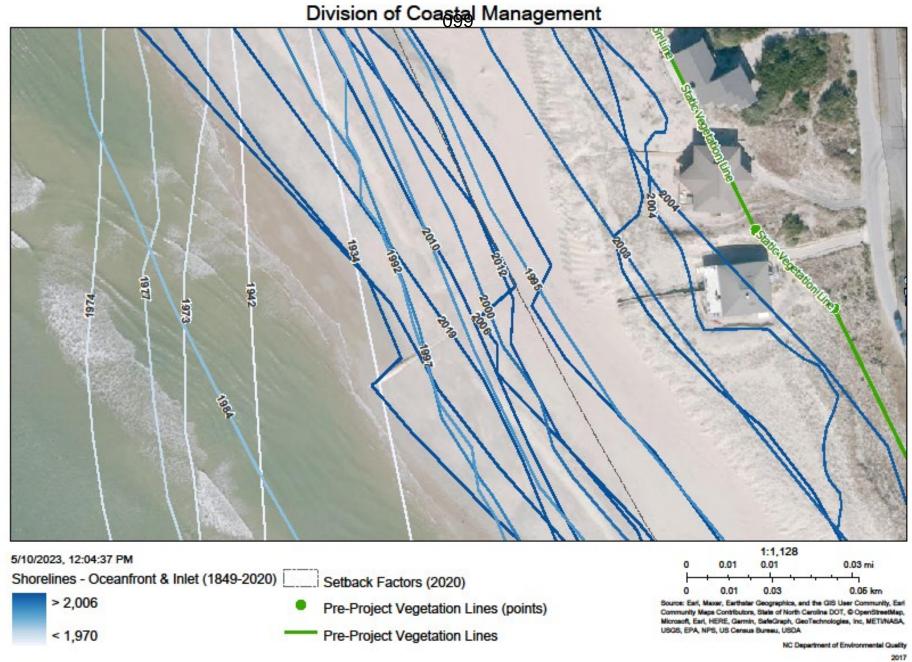


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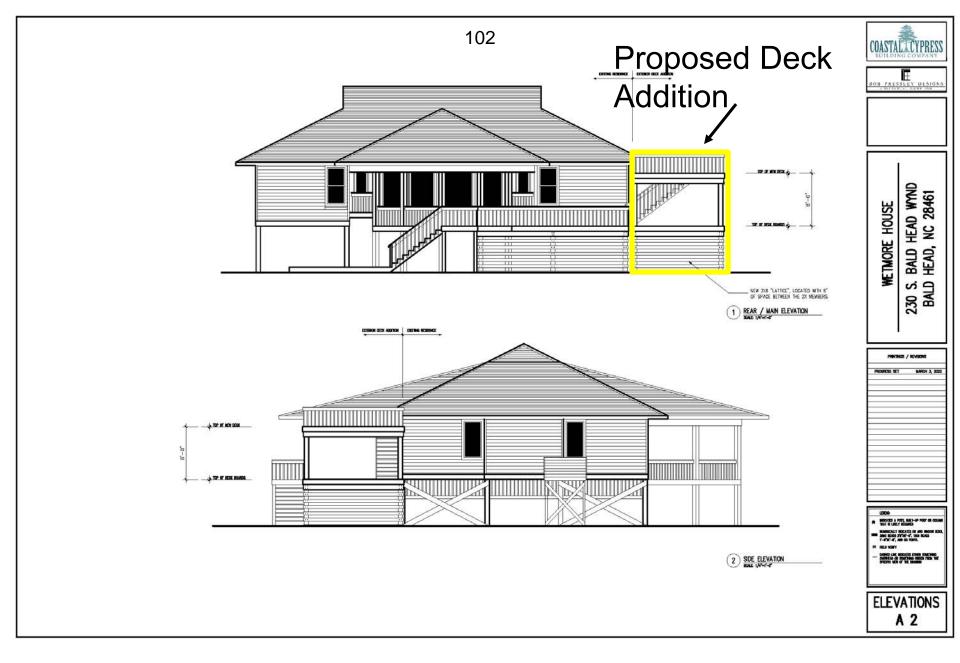




View of existing house from the frontal dune facing West



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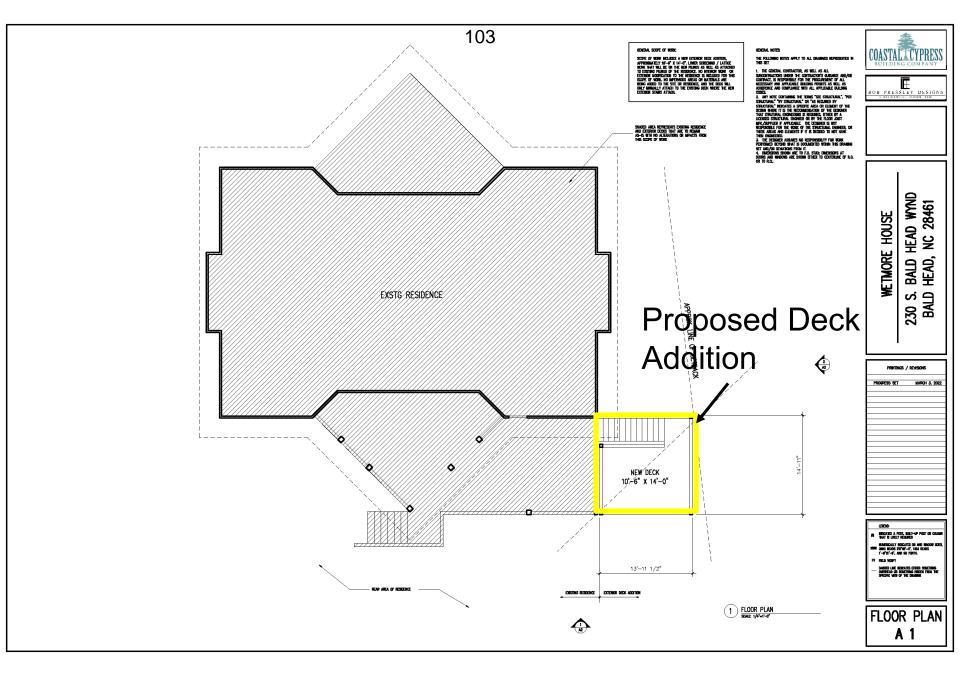


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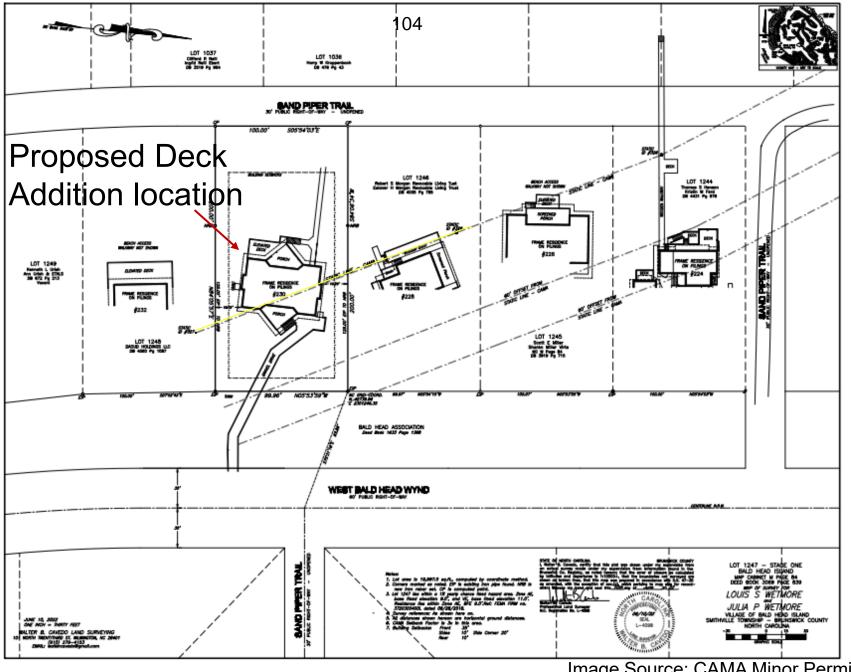


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VARIANCE CRITERIA

15A NCAC 07J.0703(f)

To grant a variance, the Commission must affirmatively find each of the four factors listed in G.S. 113A-120.1(a).

- (1) that unnecessary hardships would result from strict application of the development rules, standards, or orders issued by the Commission;
- (2) that such hardships result from conditions peculiar to the petitioner's property such as location, size, or topography;
- (3) that such hardships did not result from actions taken by the petitioner; and
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