

MVYRADIO

MARTHA'S VINEYARD & THE WORLD

January 2, 2024

To: Chilmark Select Board
From: Friends of MVYRADIO

Friends of MVYRADIO Inc ("Friends") is a 501.C.3 not-for-profit corporation, organized under the laws of Massachusetts. Friends owns and operates WMVY-FM, licensed to Edgartown, MA, a non-commercial radio station serving Martha's Vineyard, Nantucket, Newport and Cape Cod. WMVY's broadcasting antenna for the 88.7FM signal is mounted on a tower in Tisbury, MA, located on the northeastern portion of the island. The signal of the station, while considerable, is terrain shielded by the topography of the island resulting in many of the residents of Chilmark, Menemsha and Aquinnah being unable to receive the station over the air.

Friends has applied and received a supplemental non-commercial license from the Federal Communications Commission to broadcast on Martha's Vineyard on an additional signal. In order for the new license to broadcast effectively and provide service to those underserved on the island, the new station's antenna must be mounted on a tower that has "line of sight" access to those portions of the island where the current signal is impaired – namely portions of Chilmark, Menemsha and Aquinnah. Chilmark's fire station on North Road provides an excellent location as a transmission site for the new station to work in tandem with WMVY to provide full island coverage for all island residents.

The resulting combination of signals would, in addition to providing the standard radio broadcast of WMVY, also provide access to the FCC's Emergency Alert System (EAS) to all the residents of Martha's Vineyard from a locally licensed broadcast facility. The EAS provides critical contact for those in the station's licensed area for any emergency, particularly weather related.

Friends is seeking permission from the Select Board to replace the current antenna located on the roof of the Chilmark fire station located on North Road with a more robust transmission structure anchored to the ground that could support the antenna of the radio station, *as well as* any communication antennas for the Town of Chilmark, and critical communication devices for emergency services the town deemed appropriate. Friends would take full responsibility for the construction of the proposed structure but would be open to either continuing to own the completed project or donating the structure to the town in exchange for a long-term license agreement for the new station's antenna.

Thank you for your consideration.



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Key: 242

Town of Chilmark - Fiscal Year 2023

12/28/2022

5:30 pm

SEQ #: 298

CURRENT OWNER

PARCEL ID

LOCATION

CLASS

CLASS%

DESCRIPTION

BN ID

BN

GARD

CHILMARK TOWN OF/NORTH RD FIRE

8-49-2

221 NORTH RD

9310

100

IMP SELECT/CITY CNCL

1

1

1 of 1

P O BOX 119

TRANSFER HISTORY

DOS

T

SALE PRICE

PMT NO

08/30/2003

DESC

AMOUNT

INSP

BY

CHILMARK, MA 02535

CHILMARK TOWN OF/NORTH RD

99

NA-NA

43

3

Renovations

6,000

100

100

CD	T	AC/SF/JUN	Nbhd	Inf1	Inf2	ADJ BASE	SAF	Inf3	Loi	VC	CREDIT AMT	ADJ VALUE
100	S	130,680	1	1.00	1.00	418,200	0.48	1.00	1	1.00		582,010
300	A	0.300	1	1.00	1.00	51,000	2.40	1.00	1	1.00		36,720
TOTAL												

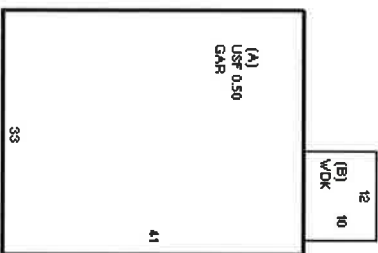
TY	QUAL	COND	DIM/NOTE	YB	UNITS	ADJ PRICE	RCNLD
TOTAL 3,300 Acres							
ZONING 2A3							
FRNT 0							

ASSESSED	CURRENT	PREVIOUS
LAND	618,700	618,700
BUILDING	183,600	158,100
DETACHED	0	0
OTHER	0	0
TOTAL	802,300	776,800



PHOTO 01/27/2012

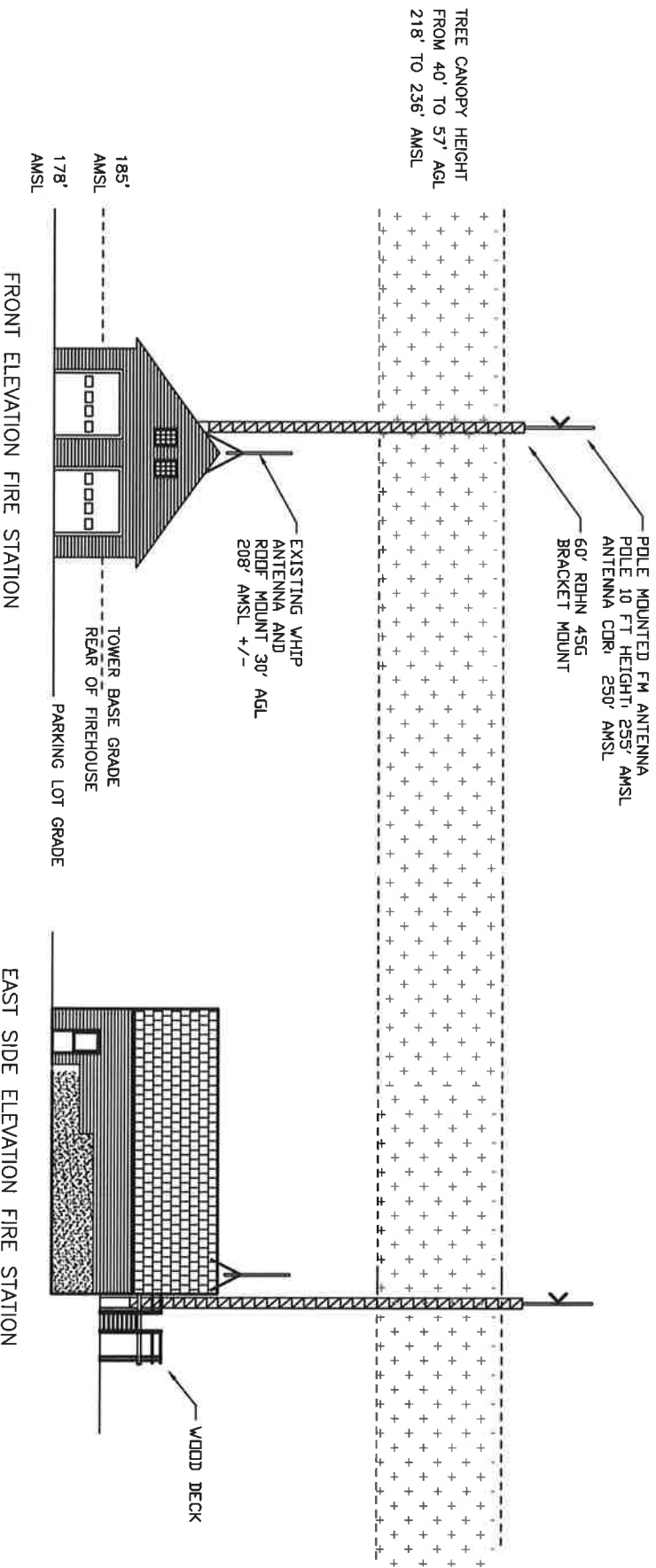
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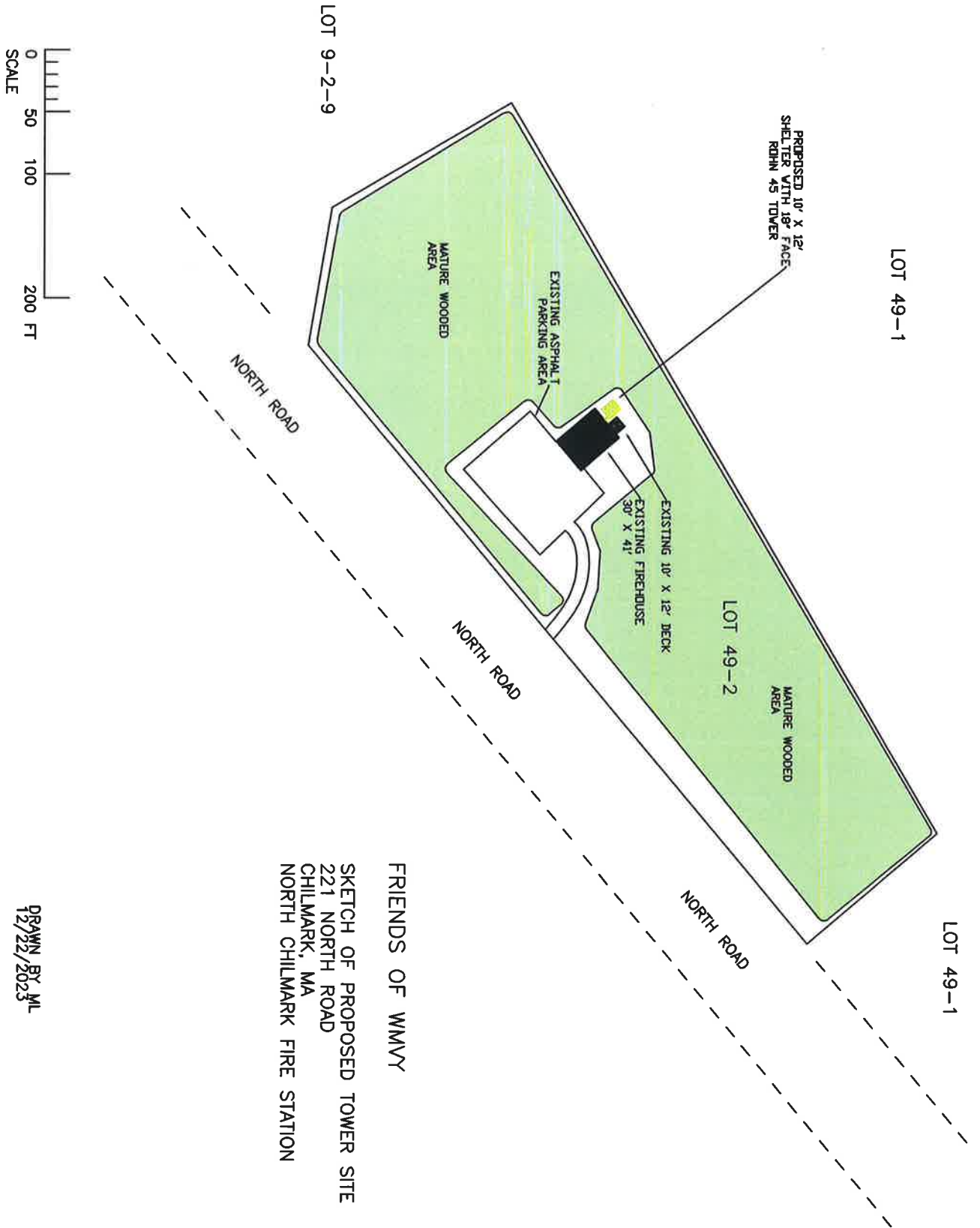


MODEL	CD	ADJ	DESC	MEASURE	LIST	REVIEW	CD	DESCRIPTION	ADJ	S	BAT	T	DESCRIPTION	UNITS	YB	ADJ PRICE	RCN
90	1	1.00	RESIDENTIAL	3/24/2016	PB	3/24/2016	2	SLAB	0.95	A	GAR	N	BUILT-IN GARAGE	1,353	1992	59,02	79,850
1.10	+	1.10	DETACHED (100%) PLUS AVE (100%)	3/24/2016	PB	3/24/2016	1	CLAPBOARD	1.00	A	USE	L	UP-STRY FIN	677	1992	215,11	145,629
1.00	1	1.00	WOOD FRAME (100%)	3/24/2016	PB	3/24/2016	1	GABLE	1.00	B	WDK	N	WOOD DECK	120		47,63	5,716

YEAR BLT	1992	SIZE ADJ	1,000	FOUNDATION	CD	DESCRIPTION	ADJ	TOTAL RCN	235,375		
NET AREA	677	DETAIL ADJ	0,950	EXT. COVER	2	SLAB	0.95	CONDITION ELEM			
\$NLA(RCN)	\$348	OVERALL	1,000	ROOF SHAPE	1	CLAPBOARD	1.00	EXTERIOR			
CAPACITY											
STORIES	1.5	UNITS	1,000	ROOF COVER	1	ASPH/COMP SHIN	1.00	INTERIOR			
ROOMS	1	ADJ	1,000	FLOOR COVER	5	VINYL	1,000	KITCHEN			
BEDROOMS	1		1,000	INT. FINISH	2	DRYWALL	1,000	BATHS			
FULL BATHS	1		1,000	HEATING/COOL	1	FORCED AIR	1,000	HEAT			
1/2 BATHS	0		1,000	FUEL SOURCE	2	GAS	1,000	ELECT			
FIXTURES	5		\$4,180							EFF. YR/AGE	1996 / 25
UNITS	0		1,000							COND	22 22 %
										FUNC	0
										ECON	0
										DEPR	22 % GD
										RCNLD	\$183,600

FRIENDS OF WMVY PROPOSED TOWER 221 NORTH ROAD, NORTH CHILMARK FIRE STATION





FRIENDS OF WMVY
 SKETCH OF PROPOSED TOWER SITE
 221 NORTH ROAD
 CHILMARK, MA
 NORTH CHILMARK FIRE STATION

DRAWN BY ML
 12/22/2023