



HOWARD COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
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**HPC EXECUTIVE SECRETARY
 EXEMPTION DETERMINATION FOR MINOR ALTERATIONS**

APPLICANT INFORMATION:	PROPERTY INFORMATION:
Gary Segal 3630 Church Road Ellicott City, MD 21043	Property Address: 3630 Church Road, Ellicott City
	Minor Alteration Case Number: MA-20-33
	Property Information: Map 25, Parcel 208

OWNER INFORMATION:	HISTORIC DISTRICT INFORMATION
Gary Segal 3630 Church Road Ellicott City, MD 21043	Ellicott City Historic District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Lawyers Hill Historic District <input type="checkbox"/>

PROPOSED WORK:
<p>The Applicant seeks approval to remove two mature, but diseased trees. Tree 1 is a 30” diameter Sugar Maple that was damaged 20 years ago in a thunderstorm and has decayed considerably since then. The Applicant has provided an excerpt from an arborist report that states, “Tree has suffered severe storm damage over the years. That, combined with the highest sugar content in all of the sap, the sugar maple has no residual compound to keep it from rotting. This tree shows significant decay throughout it’s trunk and is starting to lose bark.” This tree will cause damage if it falls.</p> <p>Tree #2 is also most likely a Sugar Maple that is 24” in diameter. The Applicant has no written feedback on the tree, but was given verbal feedback that it needs to come down as the trunk is severely decayed and not treatable. Given the height, there is risk of damage if the tree is to fall.</p>

COMPLIANCE WITH GUIDELINES:
<p>The Executive Secretary has determined that the proposed work is considered a minor alteration and is consistent with the Guidelines as referenced below.</p> <p>Chapter 9.B: Landscape and Site Elements; Trees and Other Vegetation</p> <p>1) Not Recommended – Removal of live mature trees, unless it is necessary due to disease or to prevent damage to historic structures.”</p> <p>The applicant has retained the trees for many years, even after the initial damage was caused to Tree #1 by the storm. The application indicates that both trees are showing signs of disease and are in poor condition.</p>

Date Posted to HPC Website:	Executive Secretary Signature
7/17/2020	<p>DocuSigned by:  2009CCB01D534A7... Beth Burgess, Executive Secretary Historic Preservation Commission</p> <p style="text-align: right;">7/17/2020 Date</p>

**3630 Church Road, Ellicott City
Minor Alteration Determination**

AFTER 5 DAYS POSTING ON WEBSITE:

Written Objection WAS NOT Received:	Written Objection WAS Received:	Date Issued:
<input type="checkbox"/> No written objection was received and the proposed work was determined to be a minor alteration, not requiring Commission approval.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, a written objection was received. A Certificate of Approval is required.	

Executive Secretary Signature

Beth Burgess, Executive Secretary Date
Historic Preservation Commission

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: 3630 Church Road File

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GENERAL APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL AND TAX CREDIT PRE-APPROVAL

SUBMIT 10 COPIES of this application package, including all supporting materials required on pages 2-5 of this application to Howard County Department of Planning and Zoning. Applications must be received no later than 5:00 pm 22 days prior to the meeting. Applications can be submitted via mail, but may result in missing the deadline. Applications are not accepted via email or fax.

Address: 3430 Court House Drive, Ellicott City, MD 21043

Meeting Information

The Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) meets at 7:00 pm generally on the first Thursday of each month at 3430 Court House Dr., Ellicott City, MD. Please contact us regarding emergency applications.

Questions

Please contact Samantha Holmes, Historic Preservation Planner at 410-313-4428 or sholmes@howardcountymd.gov.

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Application #:

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MA - 20-33

Meeting Date:

posted online

Date Received:

7/15/2020

PROPERTY INFORMATION

Address of Subject Property: 3630 Church Rd. Ellicott City, MD

Name of Property Owner: Gary and Celeste Segal

Historic District (please check): Ellicott City Local Historic District Lawyers Hill Local Historic District

Is this property listed on the Howard County Historic Sites Inventory? Y N #HO- I'm not sure

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name of Applicant (please only provide one name for contact purposes): Gary Segal

Mailing address: 3630 Church Rd. Ellicott City

Phone No. (W) n/a (H) 410-461-5131

Email: odadolum@gmail.com Contact Preference: email

BELOW FOR STAFF USE ONLY

Tax Account Number: _____

Map _____ Parcel _____

Description of proposal:

Remove 2 mature, but diseased trees from the front yard of our property.

Tree 1: Tree 1 is a 30" diameter sugar maple. It was damaged 20 plus years ago in a thunderstorm and has decayed considerably since that time. Here is the opinion of one of the Arborists that evaluated the tree:

“Tree has suffered severe storm damage over the years. That, combined with the highest sugar content in all of the sap, the sugar maple has no residual compound to keep it from rotting. This tree shows significant decay throughout its trunk and is starting to lose bark along the trunk.”

This tree leans a little toward the PFI vehicle entrance gate and likely will cause damage if it falls down. The bulk of the foliage is on the south side of the tree (the same side as the PFI gate). This tree does have value to us both in memories and current use, so we would be amenable to a trim back if deemed feasible, instead of full removal.

Tree 2: I believe tree 2 is also a sugar maple. It is 24" in diameter. I have no written feedback on tree 2, but verbal feedback was that it needed to come down, because the trunk is severely decayed and not treatable. Given its height, if it were to come down, there is considerable risk of property damage to either our property or the fence surrounding PFI



Here is an overhead view of our property. Tree 1 sits just a few feet off the road. Tree 2 sits a few feet from the road and the driveway.

This tree has been our friend and we do not want to lose it, but it has severe damage.





Tree 1 trunk

Tree 2: I consider this tree a higher fall risk and has a greater potential to cause property damage. When we moved in, there was a maple on both sides of our driveway, but the other fell years ago. If this tree fell toward the house, damage would be substantial.



Tree 2 shows a lot of disease around the trunk.

