Approved May 17, 2022

SMITH VOCATIONAL AND AGRICULTURAL HIGH SCHOOL
NORTHAMPTON, MA

MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
Tuesday April 26, 2022
5:00 PM

PRESENT: Mr. Michael T. Cahillane, Dr. Julie Spencer-Robinson, Richard Aquadro, Mayor Gina-Louise Sciarra
ABSENT: Dr. John Provost, NPS Superintendent

ADMINISTRATION: Superintendent Dr. Andrew Linkenhoker
ABSENT: Principal Joseph Bianca, School Business Administrator Crystal Fairman, Facilities Director Tim Smith

STUDENT REP: Mandy Wright - absent, Jayanna Daniels - absent

Chair Michael T. Cahillane called the meeting to order at 5:00pm Dr. Spencer-Robinson lead the Pledge of Allegiance and Mr. Cahillane read the Mission Statement of the School.

Participation by the Public:
City Counselor Marianne LaBarge briefly spoke in support of the animal control facility here at Smith Vocational and Agricultural High School as going in the right direction. Ms LaBarge thanked the Mayor for going onsite to take a look. Smith is a great school with many vocational areas and with animal science, placing it here is the right direction. Ms LaBarge added the former mayor tried many times to get this facility placed within the city.

Ben Spencer spoke in support of the kennel being built here as a fantastic opportunity. Mr. Spencer commended all involved, this is a win win and demonstrates the city of Northampton at its best with all collaboration for the best outcome.

Patricia Maynard stated this seems like a perfect opportunity and commends this prospect.

Cyndi Ouimette the union coordinator for Smith Vocational and Agricultural High School faculty stated a concern is about student, faculty and staff safety. Will this facility bring more public onto campus? How will the school community be kept safe?

Participation by the Trustees: none

New Business:
A **MOTION** was made by Mayor Sciarra and seconded by Dr. Spencer-Robinson for **Discussion and possible action, to VOTE** to build an Animal Control Facility on the Smith Vocational and Agricultural High School Campus

Discussion:
Dr. Linkenhoker gave a brief history of where we were and how we arrived here today. Mayor Narkewicz did reach out with this request and at that time there was no available space, and at the same time we were looking to expand animal science program. The potential relationship was there

but the timelines didn't line up. Former Mayor Narkewicz did his due diligence in trying to locate a space for this facility, looking at other property of the school.

Dr. Linkenhoker added with the Board vote to not renew the GCC lease we are now able to expand companion animal concentration into that space.

Dr. Linkenhoker along with administrators discussed the two concerns of liability and responsibility of the facility should it be built on our campus. The space being looked at is down in back near the tennis courts and road.

Mayor Sciarra stated the quest for a very needed animal control facility was inherited from Mayor Narkewicz adding that he searched tirelessly for a location for this facility. During the transition reviewed many locations within the city, site of the Moose Lodge came up – the neighborhoods contested. Mayor Sciarra stated after having a conversation with Dr. Spencer-Robinson this site was discussed, after which the Mayor reached out to Dr. Linkenhoker. Mayor Sciarra is happy to clarify how the building will be used and who will have access to it, and at this point invited Chief of Police Jody Kasper to speak on the animal control facility.

Chief Kasper spoke briefly on the need adding that currently a snake and a turtle are in the station, without a doubt there is a need. Chief Kasper stated sometimes the need to house an animal is short term and sometimes long term. As far as the use of the facility, it will not be open to the public, this will be a city facility accessed by city employees, the animal control officers, and in their off hours the police department would be accessing. There will be various kennel areas for dog and cat, and also a quarantine room. Most animals are household pets, if an animal is deemed hard to handle only the animal control officer would handle that animal.

Dr. Linkenhoker briefly spoke on the concerns of potential budget implications, minimizing public on campus and the potential educational value. With expanding companion animals, the potential of collaboration is good. Mayor Sciarra agreed.

Dr. Spencer-Robinson stated the timing was good in regard to expanding Animal Science and this opportunity. Dr. Spencer-Robinson asked was there a shared facility with other communities? Chief Kasper replied that the city has shared kennel space with Amherst.
Dr. Spencer-Robinson asked what size would the facility be? Chief Kasper replied approximately 2000sf. Dr. Spencer-Robinson advocates for educational training space in the new facility, Chief replied there is an area that animals are assessed prior to being placed in a kennel, this could possibly be a collaborative training space.
Dr. Spencer-Robinson asked how many animals yearly will the facility hold, who will feed and provide water for animals? Chief Kasper replied right now some animals are in Amherst, some are fostering in private homes and then the police department holds a few. Chief Kasper stated that approximately 150 nights in a year is a rough estimate, most are one-night stays. Per State Regulations unclaimed animals stay 10 days and then the adoption process begins. There are some long stays due to the animals being evidence in a case.
Chief Kasper added the police department staff are feeding and providing water for the animals. Dr. Spencer-Robinson asked about the safety on campus concern, what can be put in place to monitor

who will be allowed on campus? Will they need to check in with the main office? How will staff be alerted of who are allowed to be here? Mayor Sciarra asked Dr. Linkenhoker how this was handled with GCC and the Rec Department in the past? Dr. Linkenhoker replied they had direct access to the building and agreed this is a concern. Chief Kasper added communication with the school campus that the animal control officer will be coming on campus as necessary as well as signage clearly stating this is not a public facility.

Mr. Aquadro asked will there be a chance that the building trades can be part of the construction of this building and what will the facility look like? Mayor Sciarra shared a design (attached) with the Trustees noting that these are concept drawings from when the Hampshire County House of Corrections was being considered as a possible site and it is likely that the design will change some in the new location. Chief Kasper added there is a sally port – an enclosed kennel run for animals brought to the facility, this will address the concerns of animals potentially getting loose.
Dr. Spencer-Robinson asked about sound proofing and will the building contain it? Mayor Sciarra replied yes there will be sound proofing.

Mr. Cahillane asked if there was additional discussion of the motion on the table, hearing none the Chair asked all in favor?
4-0 Passed

Future Business:
May 17, 2022 Regular Board of Trustees meeting 5:00pm - Library
June 21, 2022 Regular Board of Trustees meeting 5:00pm – Library

Upcoming Events:
May 4, 2022 Excellence in Teaching Awards Banquet – 5:30pm The Log Cabin
May 31, 2022 Senior Banquet - 6:00pm Garden House at Look Park
June 1, 2022 Senior Awards Night - 6:00pm SVAHS Cafeteria
June 2, 2022 Graduation - 6:00pm John M. Greene Hall at Smith College

Adjourn:
At 5:32 pm Dr. Spencer-Robinson **MOTIONED** to adjourn Mayor Sciarra seconded**.**
APPROVED 4-0

Respectfully submitted,
Deborah Carver, Board Secretary

GENERAL NOTES:

1. CONTRACTOR TO FIELD VERIFY ALL EXISTING CONDITIONS AND DIMENSIONS.

2. ALL CONCRETE REINFORCEMENT IN EXTERIOR APRONS IS TO BE EPOXY COATED.

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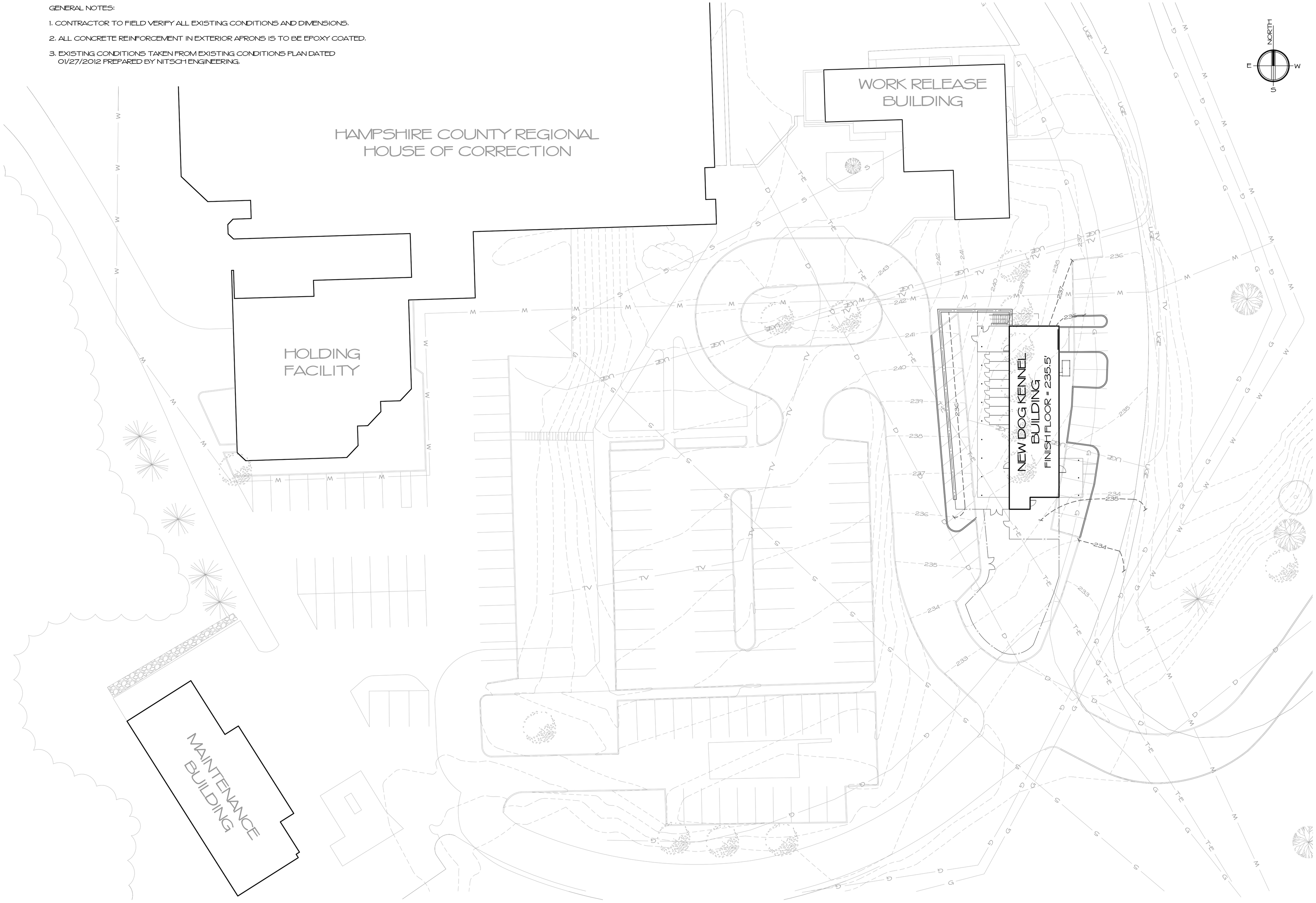

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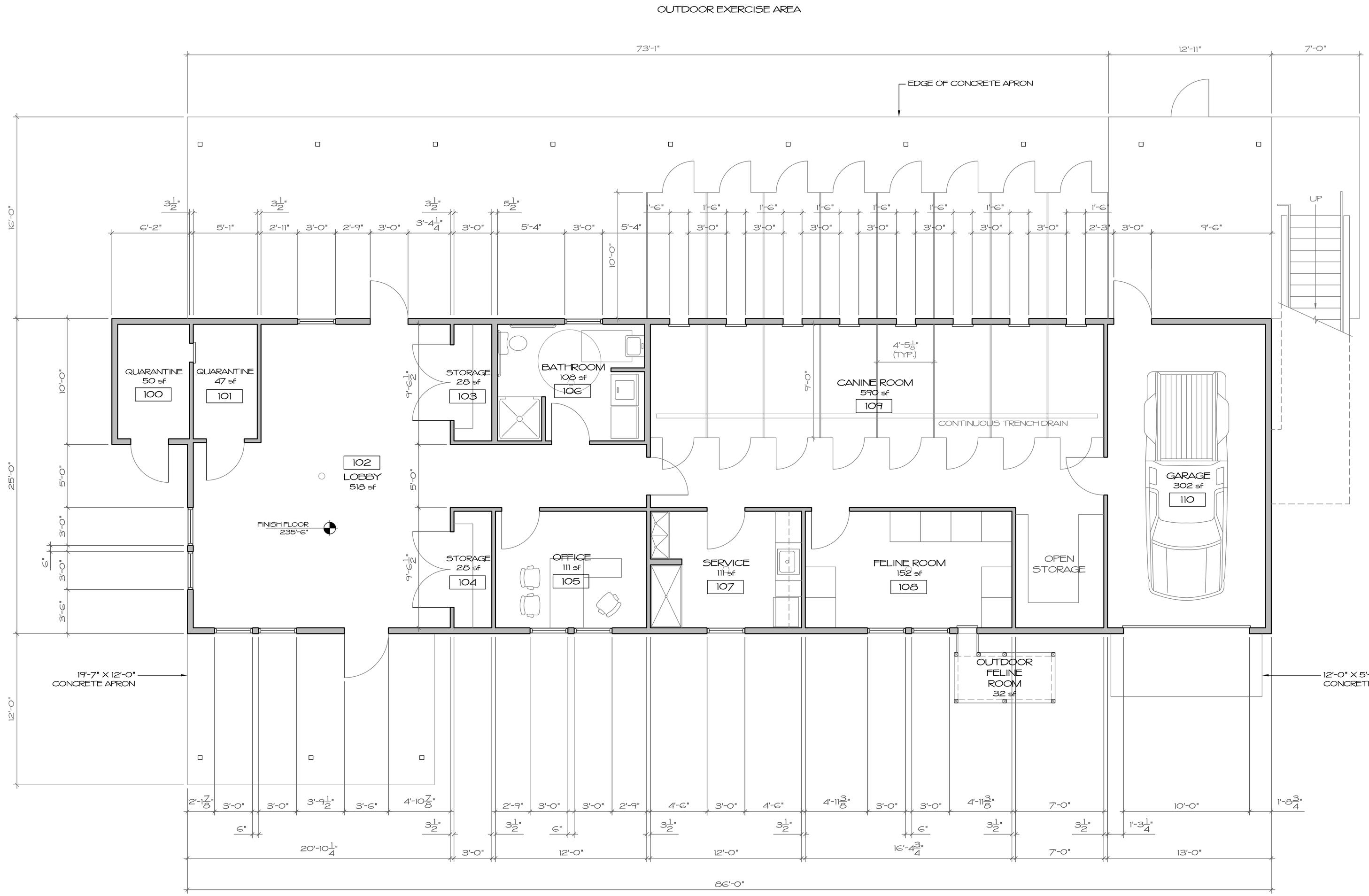

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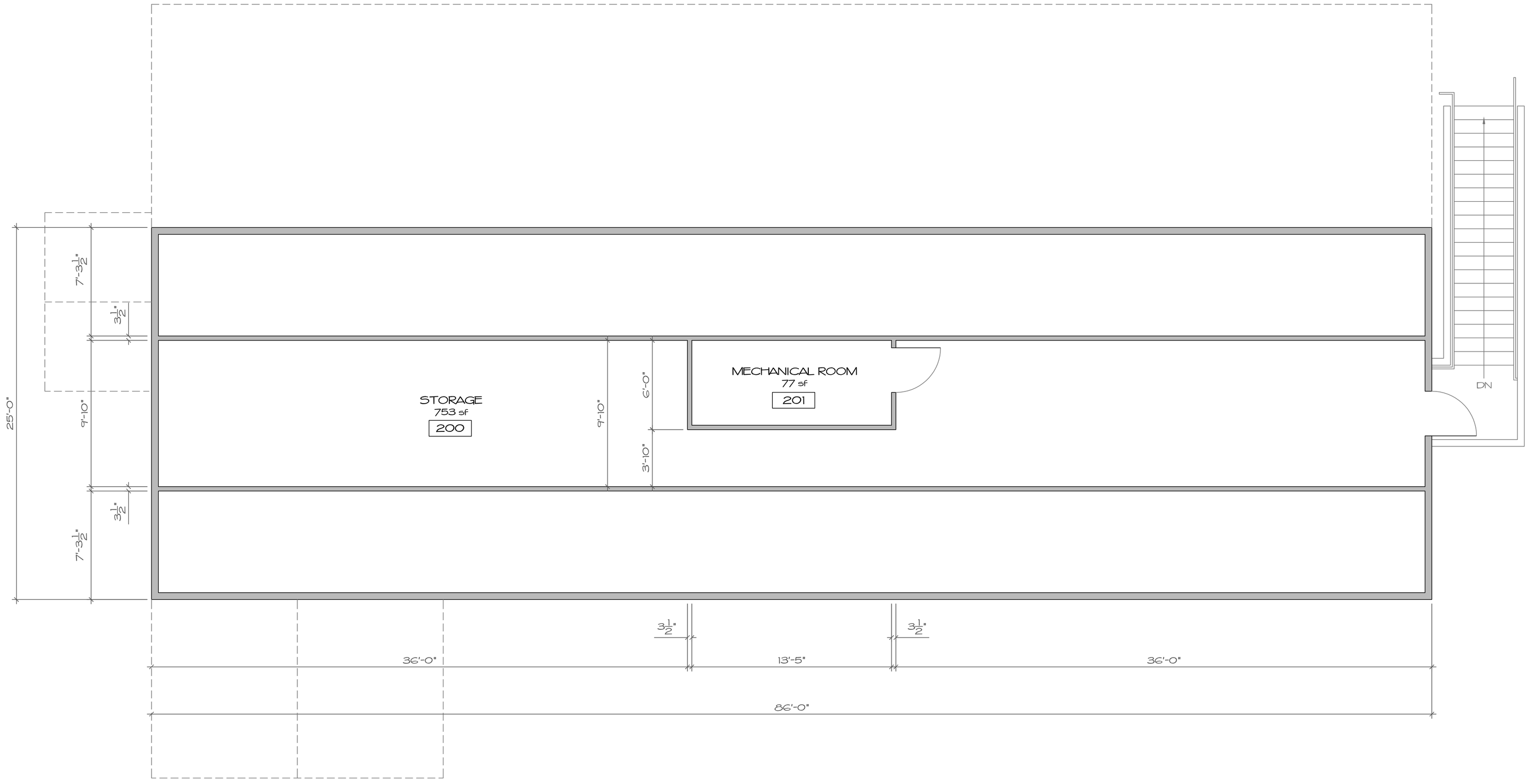

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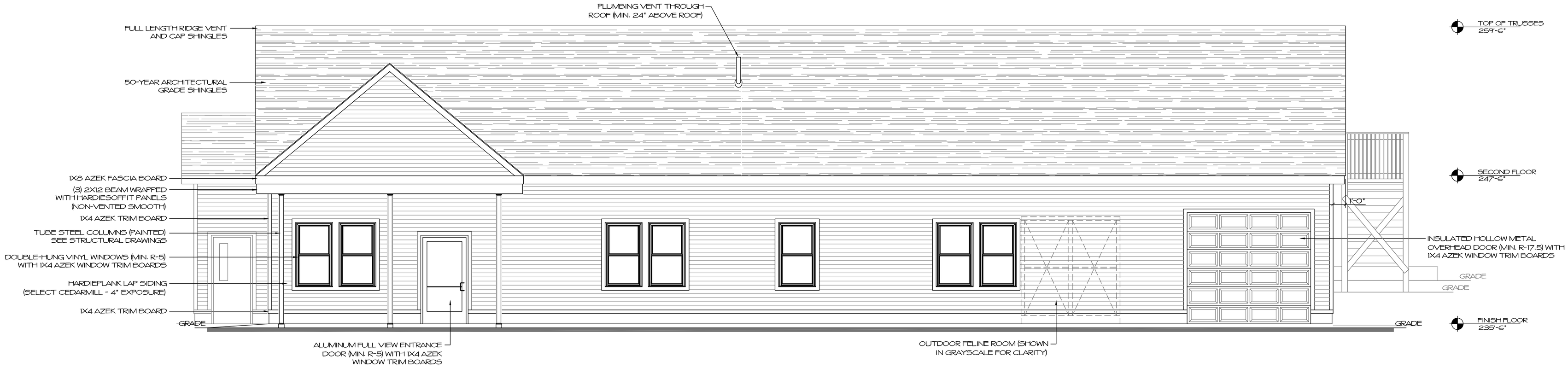

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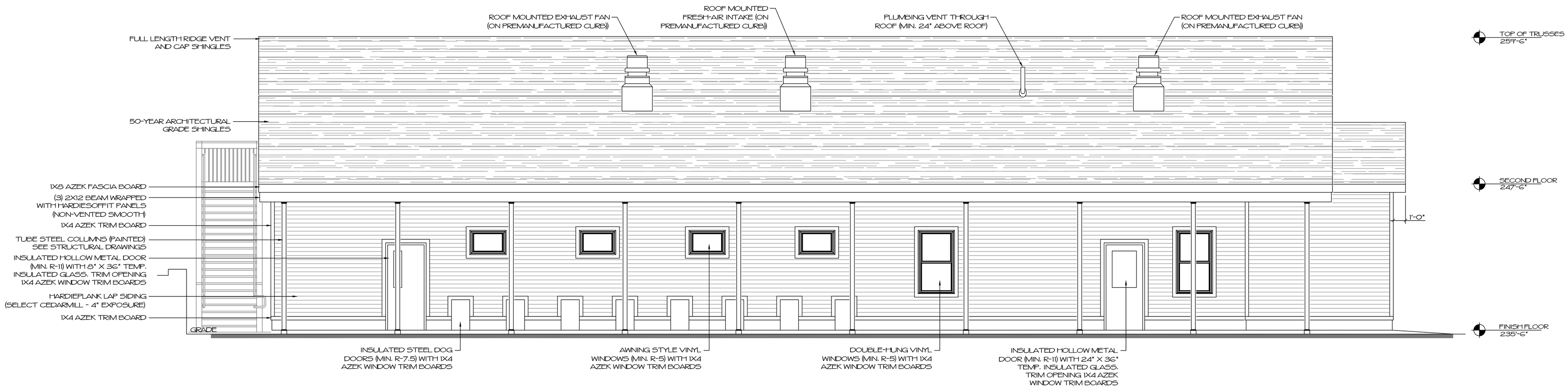

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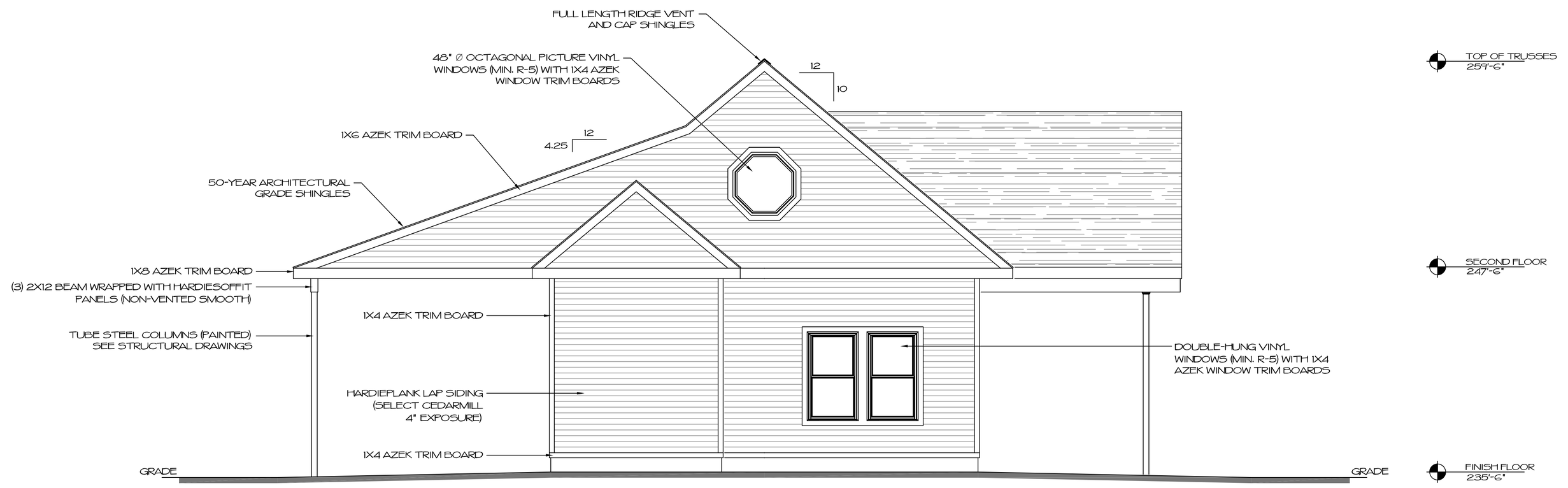

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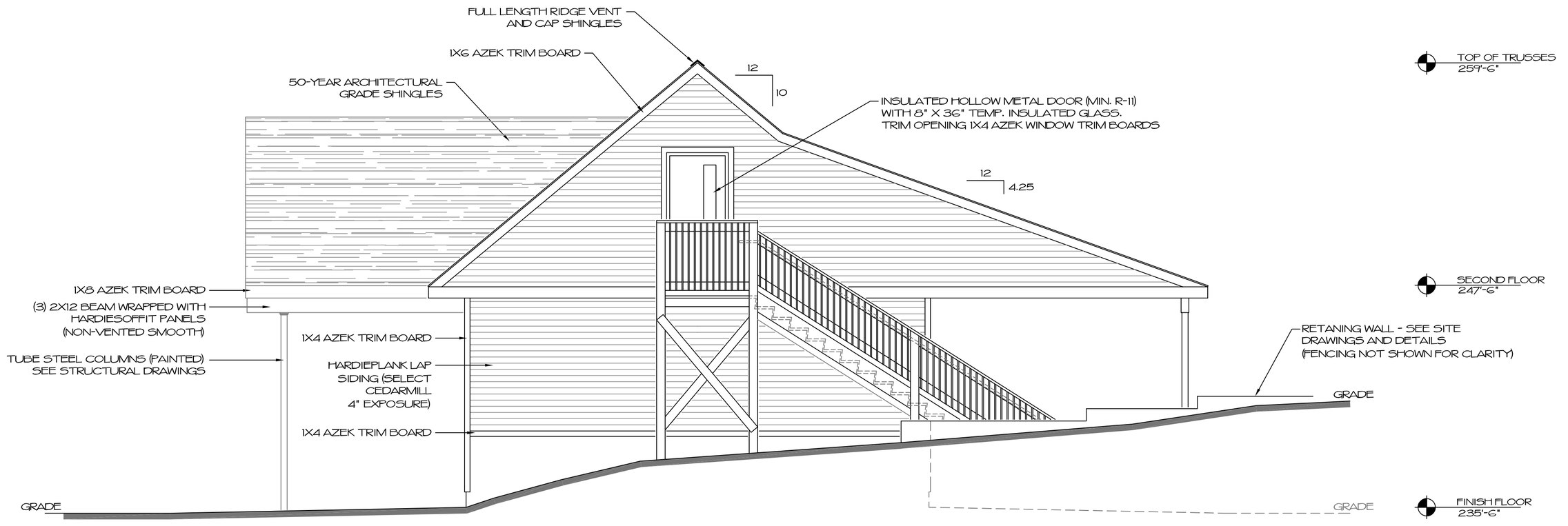

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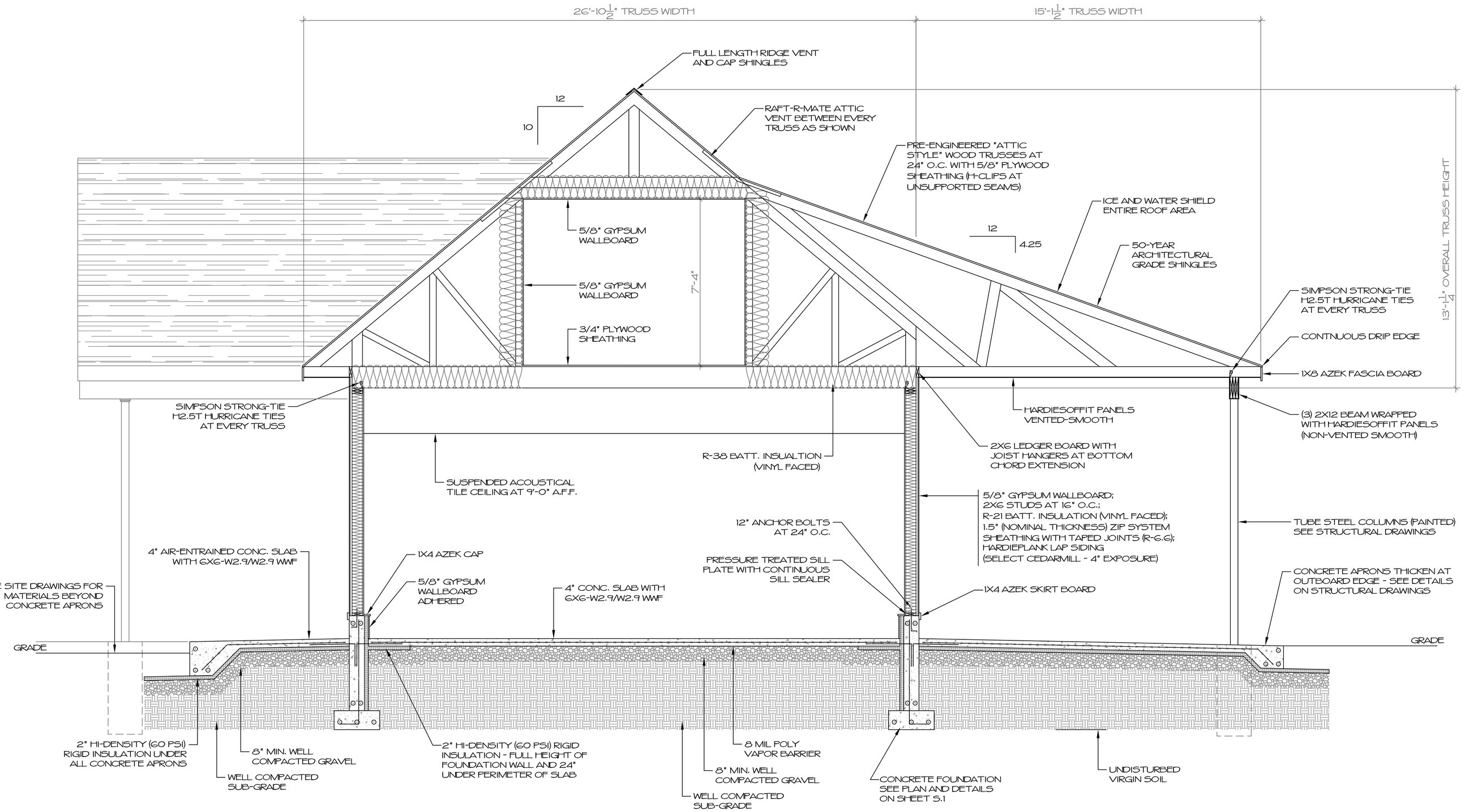

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