

City of Augusta Planning Board

REF: Imported Cars Project update

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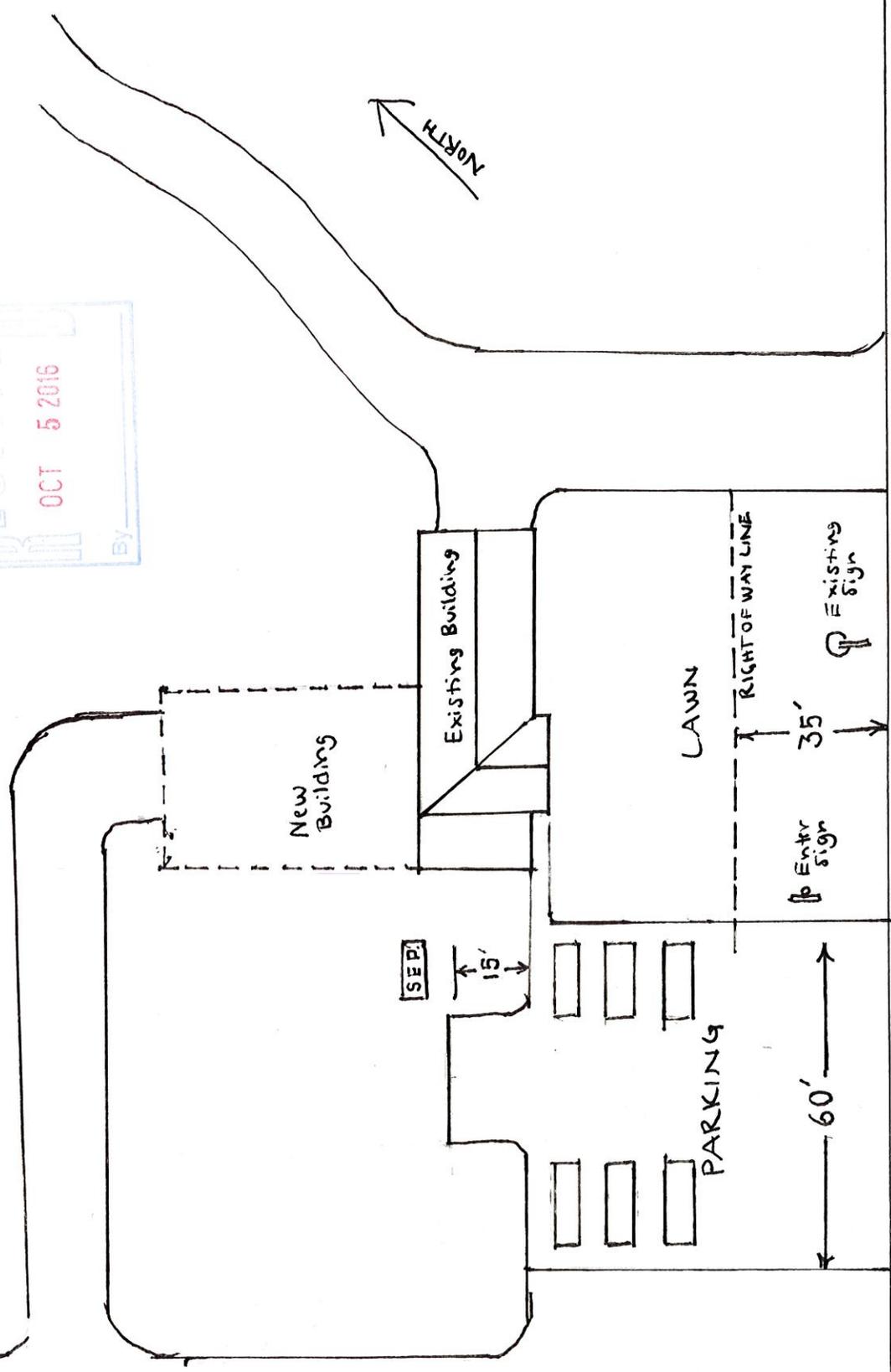
Please find below, my updated information as requested by the Planning Board at the September meeting. The following points were asked:

1. **Business Hours:** I am open by appointment only Monday thru Friday and open all day on Saturday as it has been for the last 25 years. Typical normal traffic would be 1-2 appointments during M-F and the average has been 2-3 customers on Saturday which I suspect will rise to 4-8 customers in the future due to the type of product I plan on having there. Much of the business is done electronically through Web based auctions and does not create much local physical traffic.
2. **Building Entrance:** The entrance has always been on the left side of the building as you face the building from RT. 3 as it has been for the last 45 plus years. The new building plans call for the door to be in the same area on the left side and will be marked as such on the physical door and proper road signage as discussed in #4 of my responses.
3. **Landscaping:** Improvements will be made as needed around the back bank area for stabilization and better use of existing area for parking (see parking diagram). The front of the building will be landscaped as it currently is due to it is in the MDOT right of way. MDOT asked/requested back 35 years ago to remove the paved area in front of the current building to eliminate the dangerous turn around actions taking place there by tractor trailers and other vehicles. We did as requested and continue to comply with that plan as directed by MDOT.
4. **Signage:** There will be a sign on the front of the building (see drawing) designating the the car business and there will be an enter sign placed out by RT3 with a no more than a 4 sq.ft. ENTER sign to assist in directing people to the entrance. I will work with City Code on the correct language and placement for this. (drawing shows the enter sign in concept only)
5. **Visibility for RT.3:** I have and will continue to work with MDOT on tree clearing in their right of way. I have spoken with the land owners of the abutting properties and they will allow MDOT to cut as needed when MDOT decides/schedules that operation. I do not have a formal response back from MDOT yet, but I have always had good luck with MDOT who has a district office in the China area of RT3 and are responsible for this section of RT3. I will keep trying them until I get a more formal response.

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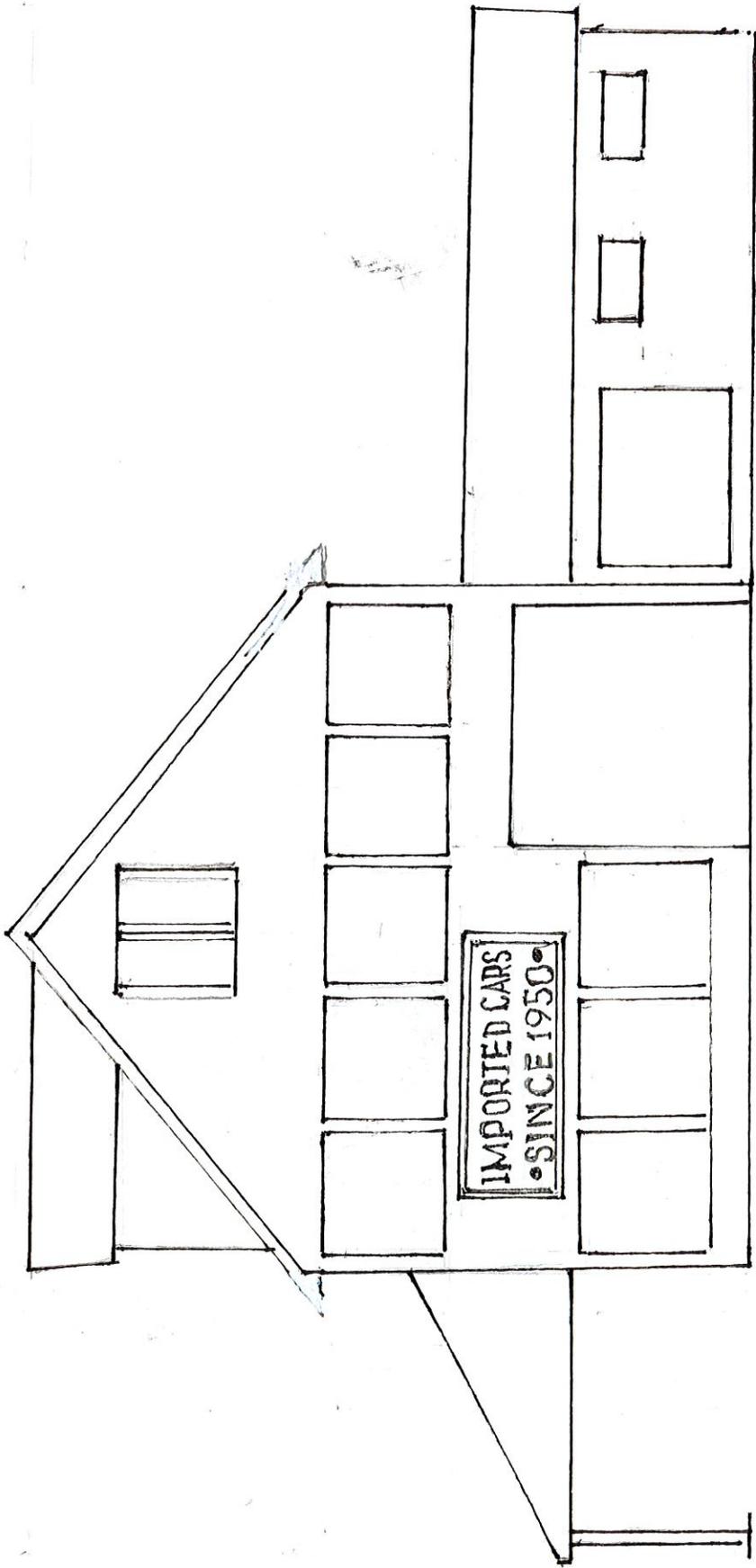
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