Measuring the 17 School Street Building Height

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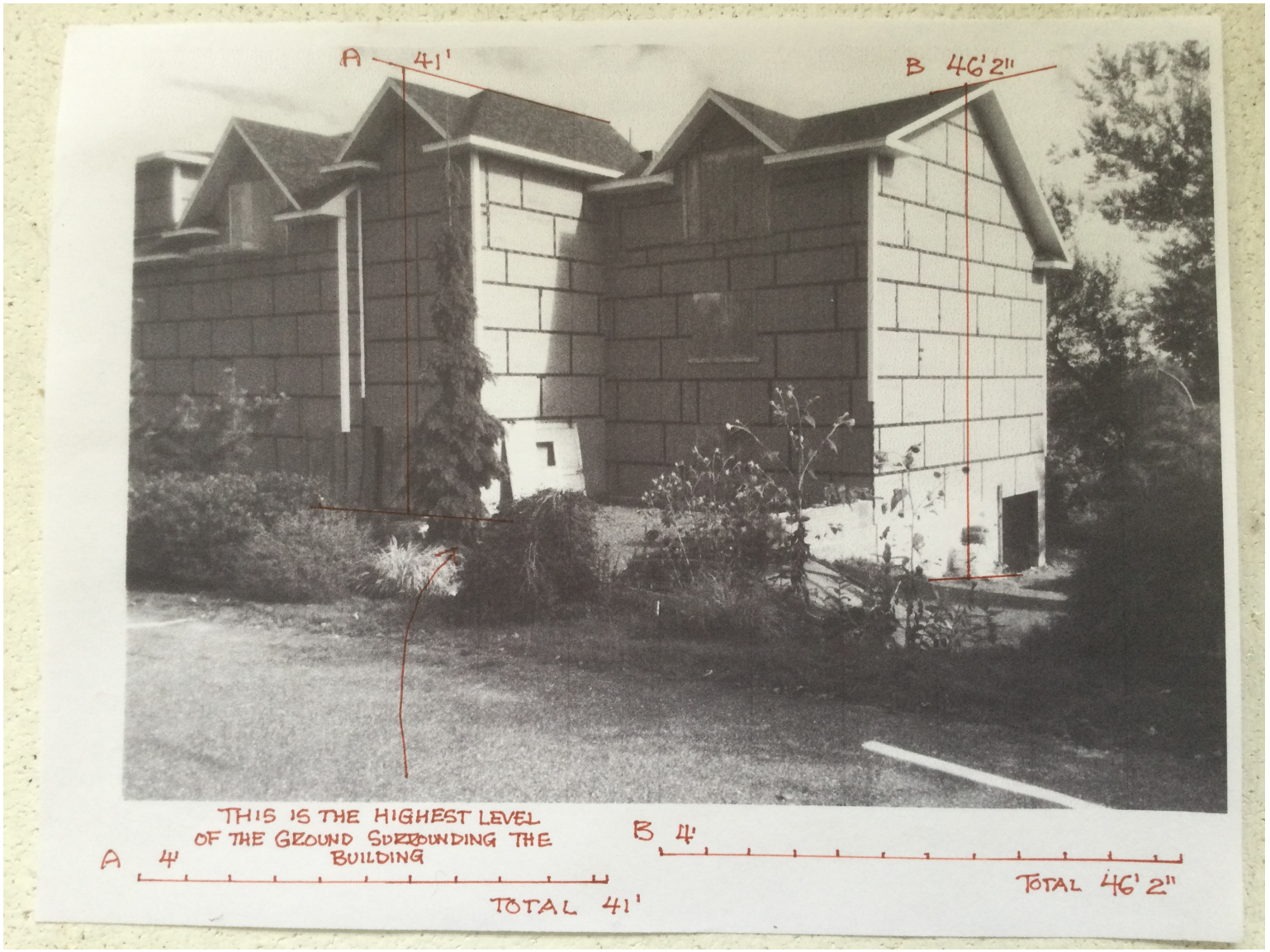
Underlying my opposition to 17 School St. becoming a marijuana establishment is my belief that 17 School St. is overbuilt and taller then it's lapsed permit allowing a height of not over 39 and 1/2 feet.

So I decided to try and measure the height using pictures I took of 5 different areas. In taking the pictures, I tried to be as centered on the level of the building as possible. The most accurate measurements will come with the most level centered photos I took. I enlarged the photos, then I drew vertical lines from the top of ridges, turret tops, and flat tops to the ground level. For each vertical measuring line of height, I chose a zip system board midway between top and bottom. I marked on a piece of card stock the width of this zip system board making sure I included half the black tape on top and bottom and using a number 3 pencil. This would be my unit of measure for this vertical lines's length. Zip system boards are 4 feet wide, so I could take my card stock and carefully mark out 4 foot units on a line of equal length to the vertical height line I had drawn, then count the units and left over line to get a height.

This is a very crude way and quite honestly difficult way to measure a building's height. But I think it gives an idea of the height of the building. I hope other's will try to measure the height. I do not believe any business can be approved for the building until the building is approved. The building can not be approved until the height is known.

Please note that it was next to impossible to measure the south side because of vegetation blocking a good picture. I believe the south side elevations would have larger height numbers because of the down side slope. I measured areas where no more fill could be put down to bring the level of the ground up. The front ridge and turret measured at 46 feet 9 inches and 47 feet. (The 46' 9" measurement was up slope from the middle of the house 47' measurement.) The ridge of the back addition measured at 46 feet 2 inches. No height measurement came in below 39 and1/2 feet.

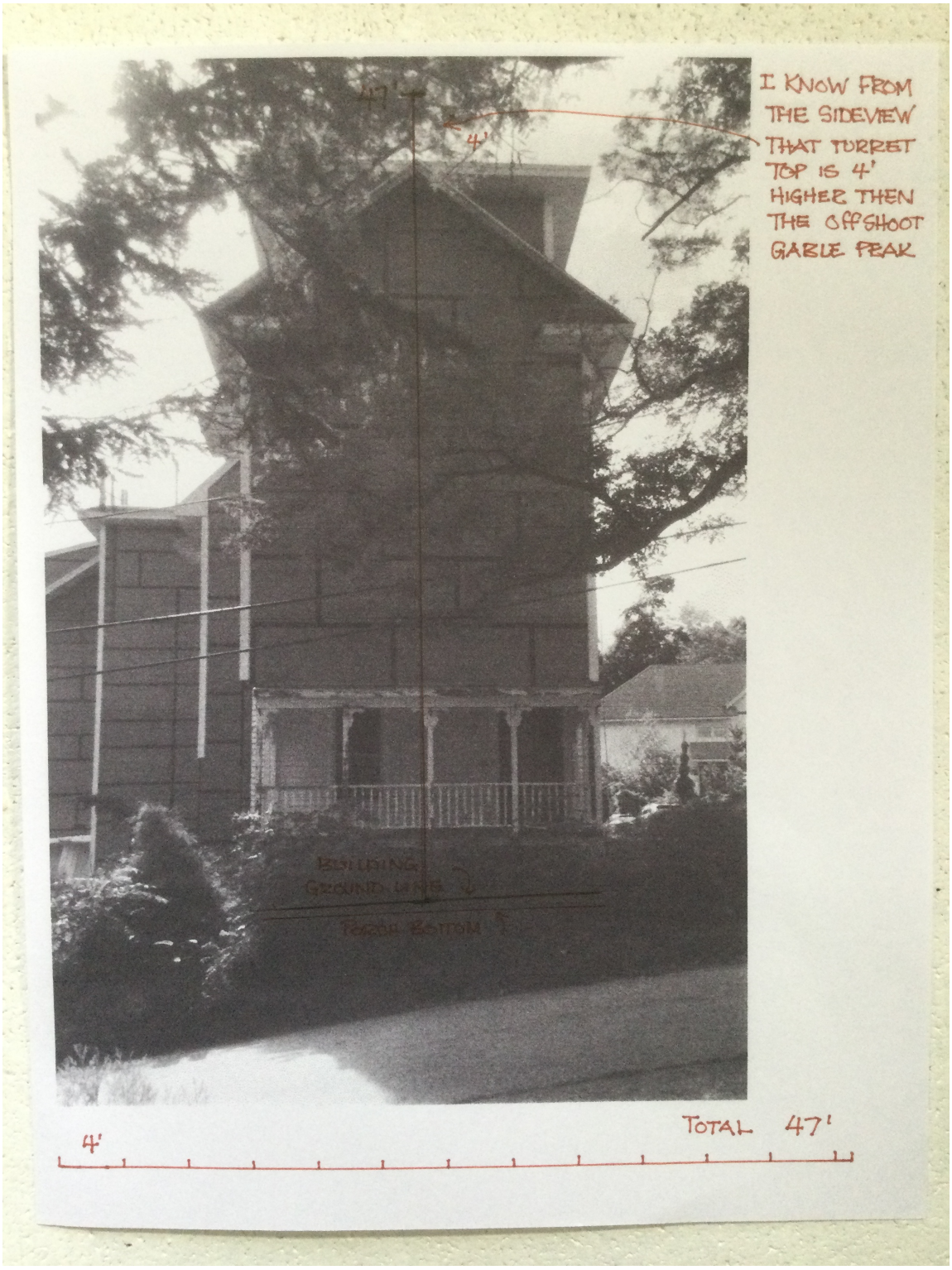
Attached are 5 Photos

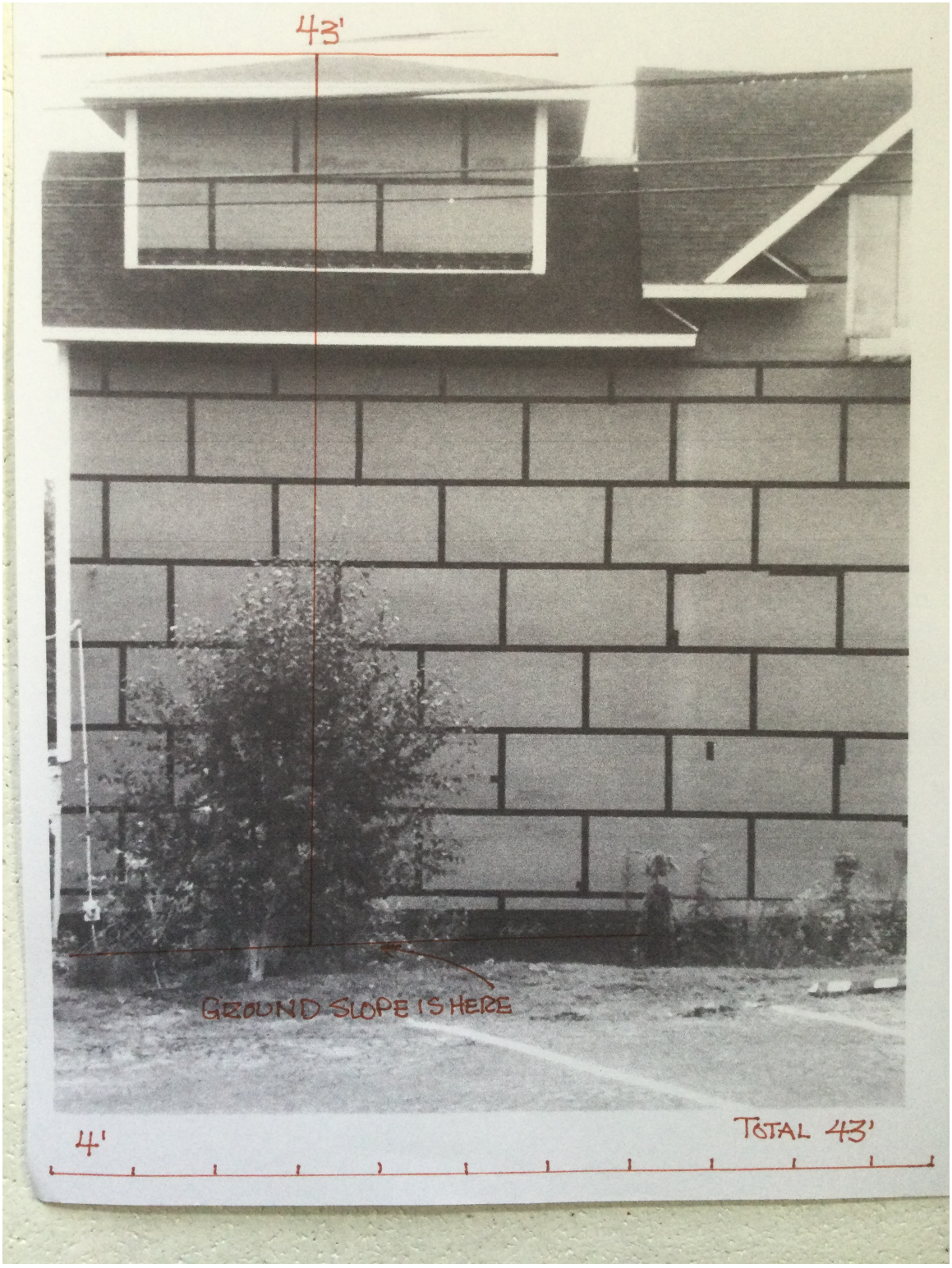

A 41'
B 46' 2"
THIS IS THE HIGHEST LEVEL OF THE GROUND SURROUNDING THE BUILDING
A 4'
TOTAL 41'
B 4'
TOTAL 46' 2"

West Ridge

Front Side Measurement

Front Gable and Turret Center (least accurate)





North side Turret

South side flat top tower measurement