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Report Overview

THE HOUSE IN PERSPECTIVE

This is a well built home that has been lacking maintenance somewhat. Apart from the short term need to deal with this lacking maintenance, *the improvements that are recommended in this report are not considered unusual for a home of this age and location.* Please remember that there is no such thing as a perfect home.

CONVENTIONS USED IN THIS REPORT

For your convenience, the following conventions have been used in this report.

Major Concern: a system or component which is considered significantly deficient or is unsafe. Significant deficiencies need to be corrected and, except for some safety items, are likely to involve significant expense.

Safety Issue: denotes a condition that is unsafe and in need of prompt attention.

Repair: denotes a system or component which is missing or which needs corrective action to assure proper and reliable function.

Improve: denotes improvements which are recommended but not required.

Monitor: denotes a system or component needing further investigation and/or monitoring in order to determine if repairs are necessary.

Please note that those observations listed under "Discretionary Improvements" are not essential repairs, but represent logical long term improvements.

• For the purpose of this report, it is assumed that the house faces south.

Comments made in red below are those made by the seller. Any discrepancies without seller comments should be considered "AS IS".

IMPROVEMENT RECOMMENDATION HIGHLIGHTS / SUMMARY

The following is a synopsis of the potentially significant improvements that should be budgeted for over the short term. Other significant improvements, outside the scope of this inspection, may also be necessary. Please refer to the body of this report for further details on these and other recommendations.

All issues found in this report should be addressed with the appropriate parties to make any improvements, corrections or repairs necessary. All improvements, corrections and repairs should meet the satisfaction of the client named on this report and the inspection agreement associated with this report prior to closing. This report and the findings listed herein are intended for the client only and is not transferable without a signed written agreement.

Foundation

• Monitor: The basement floor slab has typical cracks usually the result of shrinkage and/or settling of the slab as it cures. Shrinkage cracks are very common and are not normally a concern. AS IS

Gutters & Downspouts

• **Repair:** The downspout(s) should discharge water at least five (5) feet from the house. Storm water should be encouraged to flow away from the building at the point of discharge. **Will repair prior to closing**

Exterior Walls

• Monitor: Siding of this type requires considerable monitoring and maintenance. It has a tendency to pop out past nail heads creating a space where to panels join together. Re-securing and caulking these areas is standard maintenance for this type of siding. Some previous repairs were noted and all panels appear to be tight at this time. AS IS

Windows

• Repair: Some of the windows require minor caulking. Will repair prior to closing

Garage

• **Repair:** The weather strip on the large garage door bottom edge is cut short and does not get a tight seal on the ends of the door when closed. As Is

- Repair: The small overhead garage door requires adjustment or an opener in order to get a tight seal on the top edge when closed. As Is
- **Repair:** The garage door opener button is loose and needs to be secured. **Repaired**
- Monitor: The garage floor slab has typical cracks usually the result of shrinkage and/or settling of the slab. As Is

Lot Drainage

• **Repair:** The grading should be improved to promote the flow of storm water away from the house. This can often be accomplished by the addition of top soil. The ground should slope away from the house at a rate of one inch per foot for at least the first ten feet. At least eight (8) inches of clearance should be maintained between soil level and the bottom of exterior wall siding. **Repaired**

Deck

• Repair: The deck should be painted or stained to improve durability. As Is

Driveway

Monitor: The soil around the driveway on the west side by the gutter has eroded. This should be filled and and the
erosion problem corrected to prevent damage to the driveway. As Is

Walkway

• **Repair:** The walkway has a large cavity under it and has settled. This area should be filled and mud jacked to bring the walkway back to the proper level. As Is

Furnace

• Improve: The dirty air filter should be replaced. Repaired

Plumbing Fixtures

• **Repair:** The master bedroom shower has a hole in it. This needs to be repaired or the shower replaced to prevent water damage underneath the shower. **Will repair prior to closing**

Wall / Ceiling Finishes

- Repair: Major damage was noted on the wall of the northwest bedroom. Will repair prior to closing
- Monitor, Repair: Evidence of patching was detected on the living room and master bedroom ceilings. Repaired
- Monitor: The door and frame to the laundry chute in the master bedroom bath is loose and needs top be secured. As Is
- Monitor, Repair: Numerous other typical drywall flaws or minor damage was observed, especially in the master bedroom over the shower. As Is

Floors

• Monitor, Repair: The carpet is stained in several locations and may need to be replaced if cleaning will not bring to an acceptable condition. Will professionally clean only. Otherwise, AS Is

Doors

Repair: The front door frame is damaged and needs repair. Will repair prior to closing

Windows

• Repair: The upper window in the master bedroom is damaged. Repaired

Basement Leakage

• Monitor: No evidence of moisture penetration was visible in the basement at the time of the inspection. It should be understood that it is impossible to predict whether moisture penetration will pose a problem in the future. The vast majority of basement leakage problems are the result of insufficient control of storm water at the surface. The ground around the house should be sloped to encourage water to flow away from the foundation. Gutters and downspouts should act to collect roof water and drain the water at least five (5) feet from the foundation or into a functional storm sewer. Downspouts that are clogged or broken below grade level, or that discharge too close to the foundation are the most common source of basement leakage. Please refer to the Roofing and Exterior sections of the report for more information.

In the event that basement leakage problems are experienced, lot and roof drainage improvements should be undertaken as a first step. Please beware of contractors who recommend expensive solutions. Excavation, damp-proofing and/or the installation of drainage tiles should be a last resort. In some cases, however, it is necessary. Your plans for using the basement may also influence the approach taken to curing any dampness that is experienced. As Is

All components designated for inspection in the ASHI® Standards of Practice are inspected, except as may be noted in the "Limitations of Inspection" sections within this report.

It is the goal of the inspection to put a home buyer in a better position to make a buying decision. Not all improvements will be identified during this inspection. Unexpected repairs should still be anticipated. The inspection should not be considered a guarantee or warranty of any kind.

Please refer to the pre-inspection contract for a full explanation of the scope of the inspection.

WEATHER CONDITIONS

Wet weather conditions prevailed at the time of the inspection.

The estimated outside temperature was 40 degrees F.

Weather conditions leading up to the inspection have been relatively dry.

Structure

DESCRIPTION OF STRUCTURE

Foundation: •Poured Concrete •Basement Configuration •40% Of Foundation Was Not

Visible Due To Consealed Walls

Columns:

Floor Structure:

Wall Structure:

Ceiling Structure:

•Steel

•Wood Joist

•Wood Frame

•Joist
•Rafters

Roof Structure: •Rafters •Waferboard Sheathing

STRUCTURE OBSERVATIONS

Positive Attributes

The construction of the home is good quality. The materials and workmanship, where visible, are good. The visible joist spans appear to be within typical construction practices. The inspection did not discover evidence of substantial structural movement.

General Comments

No major defects were observed in the accessible structural components of the house. No repair to structural components is necessary at this time.

RECOMMENDATIONS / OBSERVATIONS

Foundation

• **Monitor:** The basement floor slab has typical cracks usually the result of shrinkage and/or settling of the slab as it cures. Shrinkage cracks are very common and are not normally a concern.

LIMITATIONS OF STRUCTURE INSPECTION

As we have discussed and as described in your inspection contract, this is a visual inspection limited in scope by (but not restricted to) the following conditions:

- Structural components concealed behind finished surfaces could not be inspected.
- Only a representative sampling of visible structural components were inspected.
- Furniture and/or storage restricted access to some structural components.
- Engineering or architectural services such as calculation of structural capacities, adequacy, or integrity are not part of a home inspection.

Roofing

DESCRIPTION OF ROOFING

Roof Covering: •Asphalt Shingle

Roof Flashings:

Chimneys:

•Metal

•None

Roof Drainage System: •Aluminum •Downspouts discharge above grade

Skylights:

•Curb-Type

•Walked on roof

ROOFING OBSERVATIONS

Positive Attributes

The roof coverings are to be in generally good condition. The installation of the roofing materials has been performed in a professional manner. The quality of the installation is above average. Better than average quality materials have been employed as roof coverings. The steep pitch of the roof should result in a longer than normal life expectancy for roof coverings. Roof flashing details appear to be in good order. The gutters are clean.

General Comments

In all, the roof coverings show evidence of normal wear and tear for a home of this age.

RECOMMENDATIONS / OBSERVATIONS

Gutters & Downspouts

• **Repair:** The downspout(s) should discharge water at least five (5) feet from the house. Storm water should be encouraged to flow away from the building at the point of discharge.

Discretionary Improvements

As a preventative measure, it may be wise to redirect all downspouts so they discharge at least five (5) feet from the house.

LIMITATIONS OF ROOFING INSPECTION

As we have discussed and as described in your inspection contract, this is a visual inspection limited in scope by (but not restricted to) the following conditions:

- Not all of the underside of the roof sheathing is inspected for evidence of leaks.
- Evidence of prior leaks may be disguised by interior finishes.
- Estimates of remaining roof life are approximations only and do not preclude the possibility of leakage. Leakage can develop at any time and may depend on rain intensity, wind direction, ice build up, and other factors.
- Antennae, chimney/flue interiors which are not readily accessible are not inspected and could require repair.
- Roof inspection may be limited by access, condition, weather, or other safety concerns.

Exterior

DESCRIPTION OF EXTERIOR

Wall Covering: •Stucco •Hardboard

Eaves, Soffits, And Fascias: •Wood

Exterior Doors:

Window/Door Frames and Trim:

•Metal •Sliding Glass
•Wood •Vinyl-Covered

Entry Driveways:

Entry Walkways And Patios:

•Concrete
•Concrete

Porches, Decks, Steps, Railings: •Concrete •Wood

Overhead Garage Door(s):

•Steel •Automatic Opener Installed

•Level Grade •Graded Towards House

Retaining Walls:

Fencing:

•Concrete
•None

EXTERIOR OBSERVATIONS

Positive Attributes

The wood window frames are in generally good condition. There is no significant wood/soil contact around the perimeter of the house, thereby reducing the risk of insect infestation or rot. The auto reverse mechanism on the overhead garage door responded properly to testing. This safety feature should be tested regularly as a door that doesn't reverse can injure someone or fall from the ceiling. Refer to the owner's manual or contact the manufacturer for more information. The garage appears to be fully insulated. The garage completely finished.

General Comments

The exterior of the home is generally in good condition. The exterior of the home shows normal wear and tear for a home of this age.

RECOMMENDATIONS / OBSERVATIONS

Exterior Walls

• Monitor: Siding of this type requires considerable monitoring and maintenance. It has a tendency to pop out past nail heads creating a space where to panels join together. Re-securing and caulking these areas is standard maintenance for this type of siding. Some previous repairs were noted and all panels appear to be tight at this time.

Windows

• **Repair:** Some of the windows require minor caulking.

Garage

- Repair: The weather strip on the large garage door bottom edge is cut short and soes not get a tight seal on the ends of the door when closed.
- **Repair:** The small overhead garage door requires adjustment or an opener in order to gert a tight seal on the top edge when closed.
- **Repair:** The garage door opener button is loose and needs to be secured.
- Monitor: The garage floor slab has typical cracks usually the result of shrinkage and/or settling of the slab.

Lot Drainage

• **Repair:** The grading should be improved to promote the flow of storm water away from the house. This can often be accomplished by the addition of top soil. The ground should slope away from the house at a rate of one inch per foot for at least the first ten feet. At least eight (8) inches of clearance should be maintained between soil level and the bottom of exterior wall siding.

Deck

• **Repair:** The deck should be painted or stained to improve durability.

Driveway

• **Monitor:** The soil around the driveway on the west side by the gutter has eroded. This should be filled and and the erosion problem corrected to prevent damage to the driveway

Walkway

• **Repair:** The walkway has a large cavity under it and has settled. This area should be filled and mud jacked to bring the walkway back to the proper level.

LIMITATIONS OF EXTERIOR INSPECTION

As we have discussed and as described in your inspection contract, this is a visual inspection limited in scope by (but not restricted to) the following conditions:

- A representative sample of exterior components was inspected rather than every occurrence of components.
- The inspection does not include an assessment of geological, geotechnical, or hydrological conditions, or environmental hazards.
- Screening, shutters, awnings, or similar seasonal accessories, fences, recreational facilities, outbuildings, seawalls, breakwalls, docks, erosion control and earth stabilization measures are not inspected unless specifically agreed-upon and documented in this report.

Electrical

DESCRIPTION OF ELECTRICAL

Size of Electrical Service: •120/240 Volt Main Service - Service Size: 200 Amp

Service Drop:

Service Entrance Conductors:

•Underground
•Copper

Service Equipment &

Main Disconnects: •Main Service Rating 200 Amps •Breakers •Located: Lower Level

Service Grounding: •Copper •Water Pipe Connection

Service Panel &

Overcurrent Protection: •Panel Rating: 200 Amp •Breakers •Located: Lower Level

Distribution Wiring: •Copper

Wiring Method: • Non-Metallic Cable "Romex"

Switches & Receptacles: •Grounded

Ground Fault Circuit Interrupters:
•Bathroom(s) •Whirlpool •Exterior •Garage •Kitchen •Basement

Smoke Detectors: •Present

ELECTRICAL OBSERVATIONS

Positive Attributes

The size of the electrical service is sufficient for typical single family needs. The electrical panel is well arranged and all fuses/breakers are properly sized. Generally speaking, the electrical system is in good order. All outlets and light fixtures that were tested operated satisfactorily. The distribution of electricity within the home is good. All 3-prong outlets that were tested were appropriately grounded. Ground fault circuit interrupter (GFCI) devices have been provided in some areas of the home. These devices are extremely valuable, as they offer an extra level of shock protection. All GFCI's that were tested responded properly. Dedicated 220 volt circuits have been provided for all 220 volt appliances within the home. All visible wiring within the home is copper. This is a good quality electrical conductor.

General Comments

Inspection of the electrical system did not reveal the need for improvement.

RECOMMENDATIONS / OBSERVATIONS

LIMITATIONS OF ELECTRICAL INSPECTION

As we have discussed and as described in your inspection contract, this is a visual inspection limited in scope by (but not restricted to) the following conditions:

- Electrical components concealed behind finished surfaces are not inspected.
- Only a representative sampling of outlets and light fixtures were tested.
- Furniture and/or storage restricted access to some electrical components which may not be inspected.
- The inspection does not include remote control devices, alarm systems and components, low voltage wiring, systems, and components, ancillary wiring, systems, and other components which are not part of the primary electrical power distribution system.

Heating

DESCRIPTION OF HEATING

Energy Source: •Gas

Heating System Type: •Forced Air Furnace •Manufacturer: Lennox •Serial Number: 5802H40200

Vents, Flues, Chimneys: •Metal-Single Wall

Heat Distribution Methods: • Ductwork

HEATING OBSERVATIONS

Positive Attributes

The heating system is in generally good condition. Adequate heating capacity is provided by the system. Heat distribution within the home is adequate. The heating system is controlled by a "set back" thermostat. This type of thermostat, if set up correctly, helps reduce heating costs.

General Comments

The heating system shows no visible evidence of major defects. No repairs to the heating system are necessary at this time.

RECOMMENDATIONS / OBSERVATIONS

Furnace

• **Improve:** The dirty air filter should be replaced.

LIMITATIONS OF HEATING INSPECTION

As we have discussed and as described in your inspection contract, this is a visual inspection limited in scope by (but not restricted to) the following conditions:

- The adequacy of heat supply or distribution balance is not inspected.
- The interior of flues or chimneys which are not readily accessible are not inspected.
- The furnace heat exchanger, humidifier, or dehumidifier, and electronic air filters are not inspected.
- Solar space heating equipment/systems are not inspected.

Cooling / Heat Pumps

DESCRIPTION OF COOLING / HEAT PUMPS

Energy Source: •Electricity

Central System Type: •Air Cooled Central Air Conditioning •Manufacturer: Lennox •Serial Number:

5803A53217

Through-Wall Equipment:

Other Components:

•Not Present
•House Fan

COOLING / HEAT PUMPS OBSERVATIONS

Positive Attributes

The capacity and configuration of the system should be sufficient for the home. The location of the return air vents is well suited to air conditioning.

RECOMMENDATIONS / OBSERVATIONS

LIMITATIONS OF COOLING / HEAT PUMPS INSPECTION

As we have discussed and as described in your inspection contract, this is a visual inspection limited in scope by (but not restricted to) the following conditions:

- Window mounted air conditioning units are not inspected.
- The cooling supply adequacy or distribution balance are not inspected.
- The air conditioning system could not be tested as the outdoor temperature was below 60 degrees F.

Insulation / Ventilation

DESCRIPTION OF INSULATION / VENTILATION

Attic Insulation: •Loose Fiberglass/Mineral Wool in Main Attic

Exterior Wall Insulation: •Not Visible

Basement Wall Insulation:

• Fiberglass on Basement Walls

Vapor Retarders: •Unknown

Roof Ventilation: •Roof Vents •Soffit Vents

Exhaust Fan/vent Locations: •Bathroom •Dryer

INSULATION / VENTILATION OBSERVATIONS

Positive Attributes

Insulation levels are typical for a home of this age and construction.

General Comments

Upgrading insulation levels in a home is an improvement rather than a necessary repair.

RECOMMENDATIONS / ENERGY SAVING SUGGESTIONS

LIMITATIONS OF INSULATION / VENTILATION INSPECTION

As we have discussed and as described in your inspection contract, this is a visual inspection limited in scope by (but not restricted to) the following conditions:

- Insulation/ventilation type and levels in concealed areas are not inspected. Insulation and vapor barriers are not disturbed and no destructive tests (such as cutting openings in walls to look for insulation) are performed.
- Potentially hazardous materials such as Asbestos and Urea Formaldehyde Foam Insulation (UFFI) cannot be positively identified without a detailed inspection and laboratory analysis. This is beyond the scope of the inspection.
- An analysis of indoor air quality is not part of our inspection unless explicitly contracted-for and discussed in this or a separate report.
- Any estimates of insulation R values or depths are rough average values.

Plumbing

DESCRIPTION OF PLUMBING

Water Supply Source: •Public Water Supply

Service Pipe to House: •Copper

Main Water Valve Location: •Front Wall of Basement

Interior Supply Piping: •Copper

Waste System: •Public Sewer System

Drain, Waste, & Vent Piping:
•Plastic

Water Heater: •Gas •Approximate Capacity (in gallons): 40 •Manufacturer: American

•Serial Number: 0250142616

Fuel Shut-Off Valves: •Natural Gas Main Valve At Meter

Other Components: •Sump Pump

PLUMBING OBSERVATIONS

Positive Attributes

The plumbing system is in generally good condition. The piping system within the home, for both supply and waste, is a good quality system. The water pressure supplied to the fixtures is reasonably good. A typical drop in flow was experienced when two fixtures were operated simultaneously. The plumbing fixtures appear to have been well-maintained. The water heater is a relatively new unit. As the typical life expectancy of water heaters is 7 to 12 years, this unit should have several years of remaining life.

RECOMMENDATIONS / OBSERVATIONS

Plumbing Fixtures

• **Repair:** The master bedroom shower has a hole in it. This needs to be repaired or the shower replaced to prevent water damage underneath the shower.

LIMITATIONS OF PLUMBING INSPECTION

As we have discussed and as described in your inspection contract, this is a visual inspection limited in scope by (but not restricted to) the following conditions:

- Portions of the plumbing system concealed by finishes and/or storage (below sinks, etc.), below the structure, or beneath the ground surface are not inspected.
- Water quantity and water quality are not tested unless explicitly contracted-for and discussed in this or a separate report.
- Clothes washing machine connections are not inspected.
- Interiors of flues or chimneys which are not readily accessible are not inspected.
- Water conditioning systems, solar water heaters, fire and lawn sprinkler systems, and private waste disposal systems are not inspected unless explicitly contracted-for and discussed in this or a separate report.

Interior

DESCRIPTION OF INTERIOR

Wall And Ceiling Materials: •Drywall

Floor Surfaces: •Carpet •Tile •Wood

Window Type(s) & Glazing: •Double/Single Hung •Fixed Pane

Doors: •Plastic-Hollow Core •Sliding Glass •Storm Door(s)

INTERIOR OBSERVATIONS

General Condition of Interior Finishes

On the whole, the interior finishes of the home are in average condition. Typical flaws were observed in some areas.

General Condition of Windows and Doors

The majority of the doors and windows are good quality. The windows have, for the most part, been well-maintained.

General Condition of Floors

The floors of the home are relatively level and walls are relatively plumb.

RECOMMENDATIONS / OBSERVATIONS

Wall / Ceiling Finishes

- Repair: Major damage was noted on the wall of the northwest bedroom.
- Monitor: Evidence of patching was detected on the living room and master bedroom ceilings.
- Monitor: The door and frame to the laundry chute in the master bedroom bath is loose and needs top be secured.
- Monitor, Repair: Numerous other typical drywall flaws or minor damage was observed, especially in the master bedroom over the shower.

Floors

Monitor, Repair: The carpet is stained in several locations and may need to be replaced if cleaning will not bring to an
acceptable condition.

Windows

• **Repair:** The upper window in the master bedroom is damaged.

Doors

• **Repair:** The front door frame is damaged and needs repair.

Basement Leakage

• Monitor: No evidence of moisture penetration was visible in the basement at the time of the inspection. It should be understood that it is impossible to predict whether moisture penetration will pose a problem in the future. The vast majority of basement leakage problems are the result of insufficient control of storm water at the surface. The ground around the house should be sloped to encourage water to flow away from the foundation. Gutters and downspouts should act to collect roof water and drain the water at least five (5) feet from the foundation or into a functional storm sewer. Downspouts that are clogged or broken below grade level, or that discharge too close to the foundation are the most common source of basement leakage. Please refer to the Roofing and Exterior sections of the report for more information

In the event that basement leakage problems are experienced, lot and roof drainage improvements should be undertaken as a first step. Please beware of contractors who recommend expensive solutions. Excavation, damp-proofing and/or the installation of drainage tiles should be a last resort. In some cases, however, it is necessary. Your plans for using the basement may also influence the approach taken to curing any dampness that is experienced.

Discretionary Improvements

Install new exterior lock sets upon taking possession of the home.

LIMITATIONS OF INTERIOR INSPECTION

As we have discussed and as described in your inspection contract, this is a visual inspection limited in scope by (but not restricted to) the following conditions

- Furniture, storage, appliances and/or wall hangings are not moved to permit inspection and may block defects.
- Carpeting, window treatments, central vacuum systems, household appliances, recreational facilities, paint, wallpaper, and other finish treatments are not inspected.

Appliances

DESCRIPTION OF APPLIANCES

Appliances Tested: •Electric Range •Microwave Oven •Dishwasher •Waste Disposer

Refrigerator

Laundry Facility: •Dryer Vented to Building Exterior •Hot and Cold Water Supply for Washer

•Waste Standpipe for Washer

Other Components Tested: •Door Bell

APPLIANCES OBSERVATIONS

Positive Attributes

Most of the major appliances in the home are newer. The appliances are to be in generally good condition. All appliances that were tested responded satisfactorily. The kitchen and laundry facilities are well organized. The kitchen cabinetry is above average quality.

RECOMMENDATIONS / OBSERVATIONS

LIMITATIONS OF APPLIANCES INSPECTION

As we have discussed and as described in your inspection contract, this is a visual inspection limited in scope by (but not restricted to) the following conditions

- Thermostats, timers and other specialized features and controls are not tested.
- The temperature calibration, functionality of timers, effectiveness, efficiency and overall performance of appliances is outside the scope of this inspection.

Fireplaces / Wood Stoves

DESCRIPTION OF FIREPLACES / WOOD STOVES

Fireplaces: •Gas

Vents, Flues, Chimneys: •Metal Flue-Single Wall

FIREPLACES / WOOD STOVES OBSERVATIONS

General Comments

On the whole, the fireplace and its components are in above average condition.

RECOMMENDATIONS / OBSERVATIONS

LIMITATIONS OF FIREPLACES / WOOD STOVES INSPECTION

As we have discussed and as described in your inspection contract, this is a visual inspection limited in scope by (but not restricted to) the following conditions

- The interiors of flues or chimneys are not inspected.
- Firescreens, fireplace doors, appliance gaskets and seals, automatic fuel feed devices, mantles and fireplace surrounds, combustion make-up air devices, and heat distribution assists (gravity or fan-assisted) are not inspected.
- The inspection does not involve igniting or extinguishing fires nor the determination of draft.
- Fireplace inserts, stoves, or firebox contents are not moved.