

STATE OF CONNECTICUT - COUNTY OF TOLLAND **INCORPORATED 1786**

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ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS **REGULAR MEETING AGENDA** MONDAY, JUNE 3, 2024, 7:00 PM

IN-PERSON ATTENDANCE: TOWN HALL ANNEX, 57 MAIN STREET, ELLINGTON, CT **REMOTE ATTENDANCE: VIA ZOOM MEETING, INSTRUCTIONS PROVIDED BELOW**

- I. CALL TO ORDER:
- **II. PUBLIC COMMENTS** (ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS):
- III. PUBLIC HEARING(S): (Notice requirements met, hearing may commence unless otherwise noted)
 - 1. V202404 Gondal Corporation, owner/applicant, to appeal a decision from the Zoning Enforcement Officer dated March 27, 2024, of Section 6.3.2-General, Section 6.3.9-Illumination, and Section 6.3.10-Prohibited Signs at 83 West Road, APN 028-056-0000 in a Commercial (C) zone. (REQUEST FOR EXTENSION TO OPEN PUBLIC HEARING.)
 - 2. V202405 Stephanie Dias and Douglas Miller, owner/applicant, request for variance of the Ellington Zoning Regulations Section 4.1-Permitted Uses and Uses Reguiring Special Permit: to permit an existing first floor unit used for a salon to be changed to an apartment creating a twofamily dwelling at 15 West Road, APN 012-011-0000 in a Commercial (C) zone.
 - 3. V202406 Stephen D. Williams, owner/applicant, request for variance of the Ellington Zoning Regulations Section 3.2.3-Minimum Yard Setbacks: to reduce the front yard setback from 35ft to 9ft on Wendell Road and the rear yard setback from 25ft to 11ft to construct a single-family dwelling at 37 Wendell Road, APN 169-019-0000 in a Residential (R) zone.

VI. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

- 1. Approval of the April 1, 2023, Regular Meeting Minutes.
- 2. Correspondence/Discussion:

V. ADJOURNMENT:

Next Regular Meeting Scheduled for Monday, July 1, 2024

Instructions to attend remotely via Zoom Meeting listed below. The agenda is posted on the Town of Ellington webpage (www.ellington-ct.gov) under Agenda & Minutes, Zoning Board of Appeals. Join Zoom Meeting via link: Join Zoom Meeting by phone: https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89051286421

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1 646 558 8656 US (New York) Meeting ID: 890 5128 6421 Passcode: 459451

Town of Ellington Zoning Board of Appeals Application

		Application #
Type of Application: Variance Appeal of De		V202405
		Date Received 5/9/2024
Notices associated with this application will be sent to the applicant unless otherwise requested.	Notices associated with this application will be unless otherwise requested.	
Owner's Information	Applicant's Information (if differen	nt than owner)
Name: <u>Stephanie Dias + Douglas Miller</u>	Name:	6
Mailing Address: 18 Privite Grounds 1	Mailing Address:	
Ellington, CT06029	Jame Ml	/
Email: <u>Stephanie d 1965@ yaho. Com</u>	Email:	
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Primary Contact Phone #: 860 966 - 966 2	Primary Contact Phone #:	
Secondary Contact Phone #:	Secondary Contact Phone #:	
Owner's Signature: <u>Atijk Ali</u> , Date: <u>4</u> 25 /24	Applicant's Signature:	Date:
By signing below I certify that all information submitted with this application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge, that I am aware of and understand the application requirements and regulations; and acknowledge that the application is to be considered complete only when all information and documents required by the Board have been submitted. Moreover, by signing above I/we expressly provide written consent to the filing of the application and access to the site by the Board or its staff.	By signing below I certify that all information submitted true and accurate to the best of my knowledge, th understand the application requirements and regulati that the application is to be considered complete only w documents required by the Board have been submitted	at I am aware of and ons, and acknowledge when all information and
Street Address: 15 West Road		
Assessor's Parcel Number (APN): <u>012</u> - <u>011</u> -	<u> </u>	
Public Water: Yes No Public Sewer: Yes No If not served by public water and sewer, applicant/owner shall make applica	tion to North Central District Health Department (Ent	ield Office).
ls parcel within 500' to any municipal boundary? 🗌 Yes [\$
Are there any wetlands/watercourses within 100' of const when located in the Shenipsit Lake Drainage Basin? 🏾	truction activity or within 250' of wetland Yes ☑ No	ds/watercourses
Is the project in a public water supply watershed area?	r of Public Health about the proposed project by carti	fied mail, return of of notice and
Previous Variances related to this property?	No If yes, specify date	
Requesting a Variance to Zoning Regulations Section: (Fo	or Variance Application only)	
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Variance to allow conversion Multiduelling unit to an ap	30 a	
Hardship: Describe hardship and indicate why other ontions	are unaccentable (For Variance Application of	
picperty is surrounded by reside Utilize property	minal use unable to	

MEMORANDUM

TO: Town of Ellington Zoning Board of Appeals

RE: Application for Variance: 15 West Road

Dear Board Members:

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Stephanie Dias and Douglas Miller (the "Applicants") (Exhibit A), the current owners of 15 West Road (the "Property") (Exhibit B). Pending before you is an application seeking a variance from Sections 4.1 of the Town of Ellington Zoning Regulations ("Regulations"). In particular, the Applicants request that the Board permit them to use the first floor of a pre-existing, multi-dwelling building as an apartment due to a unique hardship and the desire to make reasonable use of this pre-existing structure.

Conn. Gen. Stat. § 8-6 defines the hardship necessary to justify a variance as follows:

[W]ith respect to a parcel of land where, owing to conditions especially affecting such parcel but not affecting generally the district in which it is situated, a literal enforcement of such bylaws, ordinances or regulations would result in exceptional difficulty or unusual hardship so that substantial justice will be done and the public safety and welfare secured..

For the reasons set forth below, the Applicants have a unique hardship that justifies the requested variances.

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The requested varian _______ also will not undermine the Town's __mprehensive Plan for the following reasons:

1. The Building is pre-existing. No new construction is proposed and, therefore, there will be no change in the existing appearance of the Property or the structures located thereon.

- 2. It is more compatible with the neighborhood in that all of the abutting properties have dwelling units in them and, as noted above, the impact on these residential uses from a commercial use located literally in their back yard, has been problematic.
- 3. A new apartment better serves the Town's recognized need for affordable housing options.
- 4. The conversion of the pre-existing first floor space to an apartment will not substantially increase or otherwise overcrowd the Property. There is ample pre-existing off street parking.

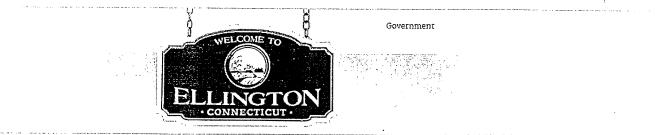
<u>Conclusion</u>

To be clear, the Applicants are not claiming an economic hardship. The hardship in this case arises out of the fact that the Property is pre-existing, non-conforming and the current Regulations do not allow for the reasonable use of the Building. For these reasons, the Applicants' hardship is unique, is not self-created and justifies the variances requested.

- steph Dur

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The Assessor's office is responsible for the maintenance of records on the ownership of properties. Assessments are computed at 70% of the estimated market value of real property at the time of the last revaluation which was 2020.



Information on the Property Records for the Municipality of Ellington was last updated on 4/26/2024.

Parcel Information

Location:	15 WEST RD	Property Use:	Retail	Primary Use:	Retail Store
Unique ID:	00061300	Map Block Lot:	012 011 0000	Acres:	0.3100
490 Acres:	0.00	Zone:	С	Volume / Page:	0470/0893
Developers		Census:	5352		

Map / Lot:

Value Information

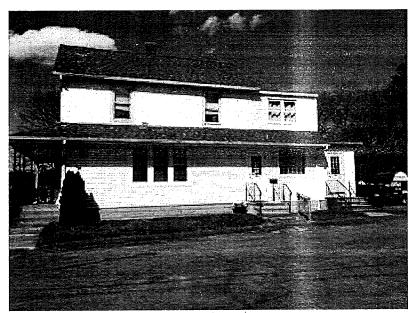
	Appraised Value	Assessed Value
Land	102,000	71,400
Buildings	64,130	44,890
Detached Outbuildings	4,000	2,800
Total	170,130	119,090

Owner's Information

Owner's Data

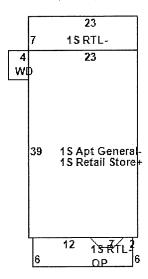
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Building 1



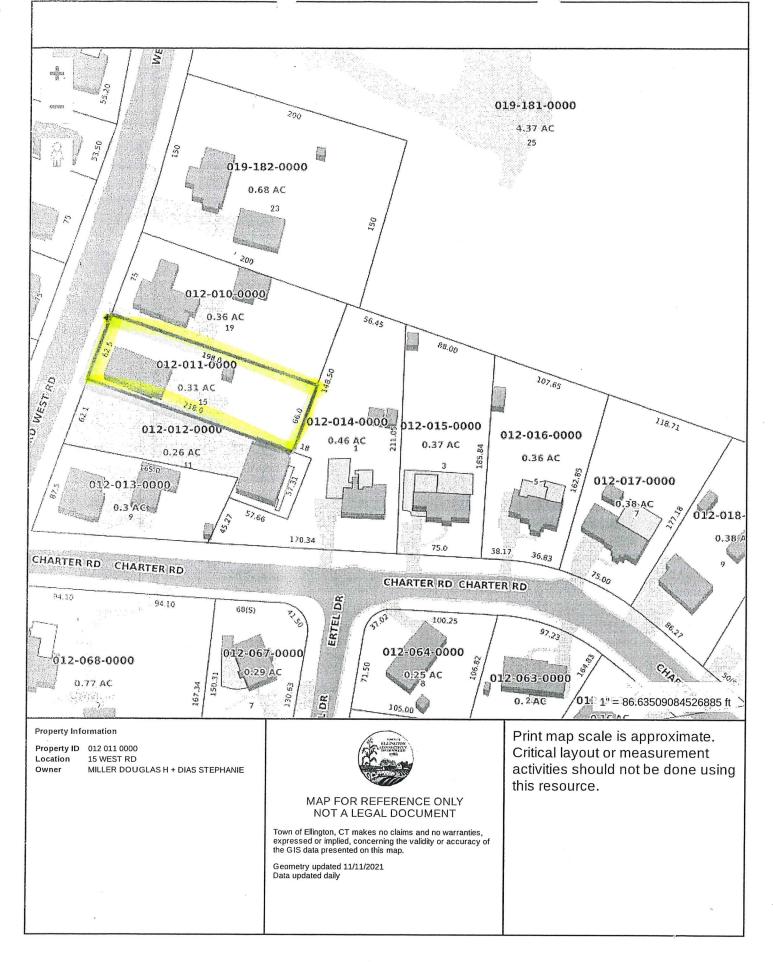
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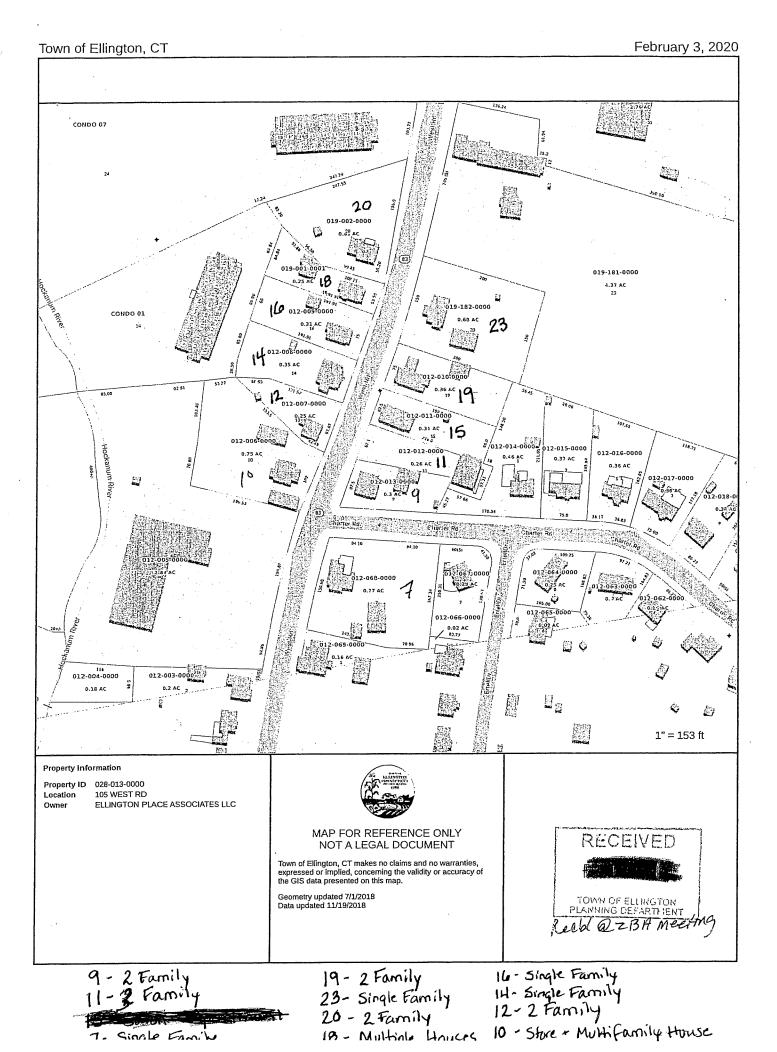


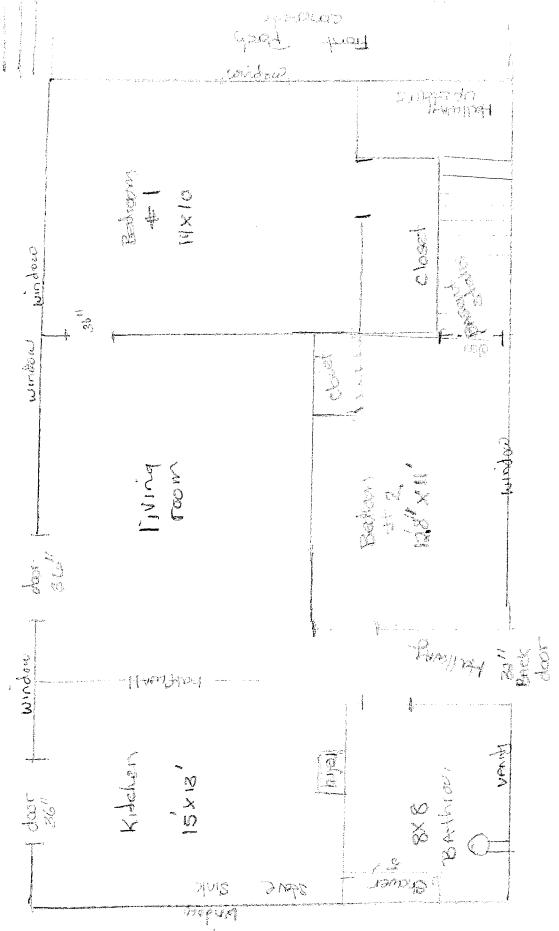


Category:	Retail	Use:	Retail Store	GLA:	1,965
Stories:	2.00	Construction:	Wood Frame	Year Built:	1900

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ELLINGTON PLANNING DEPARTMENT STAFF REVIEW SHEET ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

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PUBLIC HEARING DATE: June 3, 2024 STAFF REVIEW RETURN DATE: May 24, 2024

DEPARTMENT	COMMENTS AND/OR REQUIREMENTS
Town Engineer	
Building Official	
North Central District Health Department	
Fire Marshal	
Public Works Director/WPCA	DPW- No Comment WPCA- This property will be reassessed based on change of use. The assessment shall be incurred upon the issuance of the C/O.
Assessor	
Traffic Authority	
Ambulance Services	

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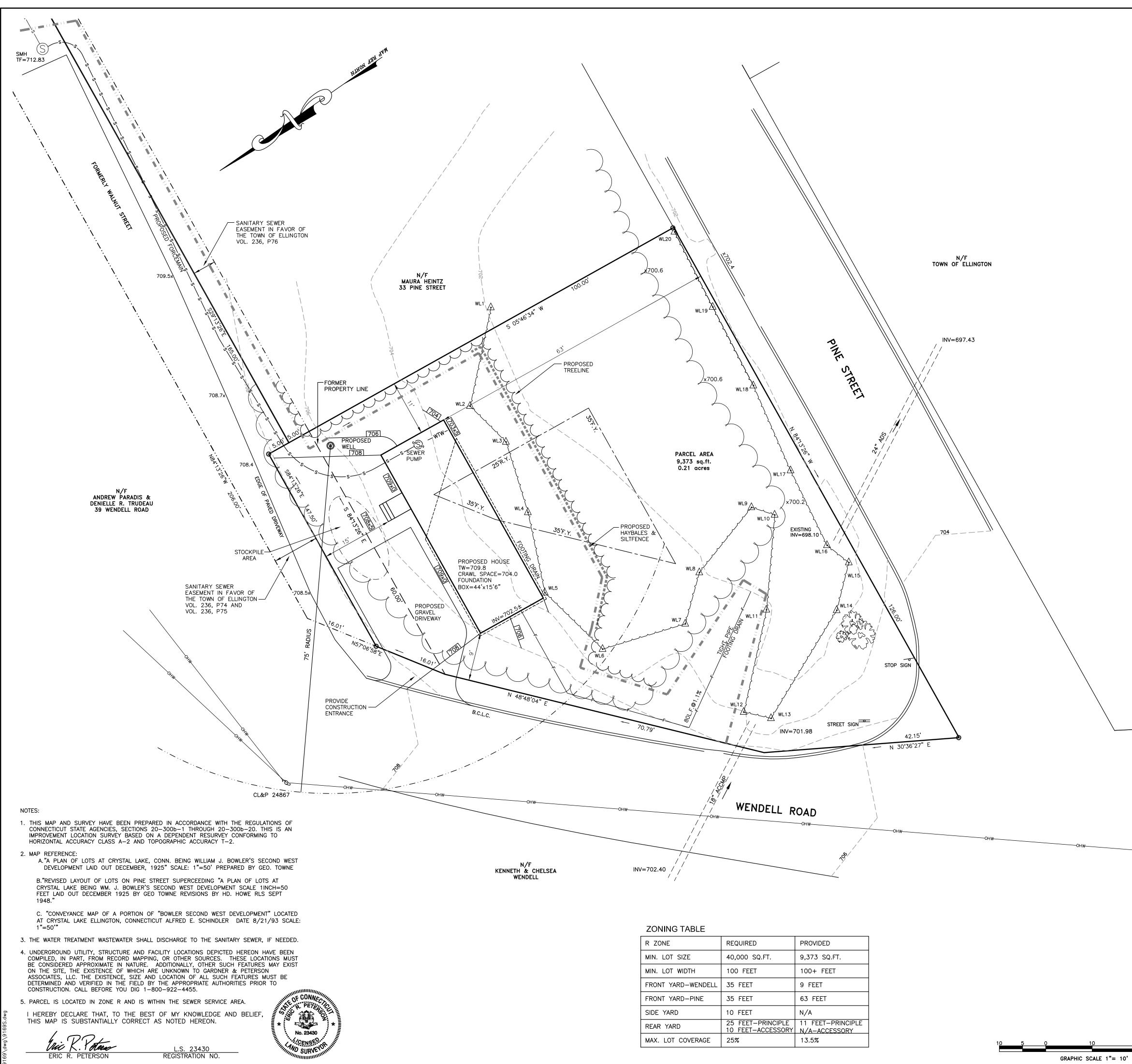
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	Date Received			
	5/13/2024			
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Owner's Information	Applicant's Information (if different than owner)			
Name:Stephen D. Williams	Name: Same			
Mailing Address: 36 Buff Cap Road	Mailing Address:			
Tolland, CT 06084				
Email:sdwhomes@gmail.com	Email:			
WHEN NOT REQUIRED BY LAW TO MAIL NOTICE BY USPS, MAY NOTICES BE EMAILED TO YOU? \Box Yes \Box No Primary Contact Phone #: <u>860-490-6767</u>	WHEN NOT REQUIRED BY LAW TO MAIL NOTICE BY USPS, MAY NOTICES BE EMAILED TO YOU? Yes No Primary Contact Phone #:			
Secondary Contact Phone #:	Secondary Contact Phone #:			
Owner's Signature: <u>Accon</u> Date: 5/8/29	Applicant's Sen Date: $5/5/24$			
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Street Address: 37 Wendell Road	MAY 1 3 2024			
Assessor's Parcel Number (APN): <u>169</u> - <u>019</u> -	0000 Zone: R TOWN OF ELLINGTON PLANNING DEPARTMENT			
Public Water: Yes No Public Sewer: Yes No If not served by public water and sewer, applicant/owner shall make application	AP INSIST 1			
Is parcel within 500' to any municipal boundary? 🕅 Yes				
Are there any wetlands/watercourses within 100' of const when located in the Shenipsit Lake Drainage Basin? X	truction activity or within 250' of wetlands/watercourses Yes \Box No			
Is the project in a public water supply watershed area? Yes X No If YES, applicant shall notify Connecticut Water Company and Commissioner of Public Health about the proposed project by certified mail, return receipt within 7 days of application Conn. Gen. Stat. §8-3i(b). Copy of application, plans, and supporting documents must accompany notice. Proof of notice and copies of return receipts must be provided to the Planning Department.				
Previous Variances related to this property? Yes X	No If yes, specify date			
Requesting a Variance to Zoning Regulations Section: (F	or Variance Application only) $3.2.3(1)$ & $3.2.3(3)$			
Describe Variance Request, Appeal of Decision, or Auto Dealer/Repairer License: (Attach additional sheets if needed) Proposed house will be 11' to the rear property line where 25' is				
required and 9' to the front property where 35' is required.	y line abutting Wendell Road			
Hardship: Describe hardship and indicate why other options Due to the parcel size and inland wet record, compliance with the zoning so of a house on this property.	land location on this lot of			

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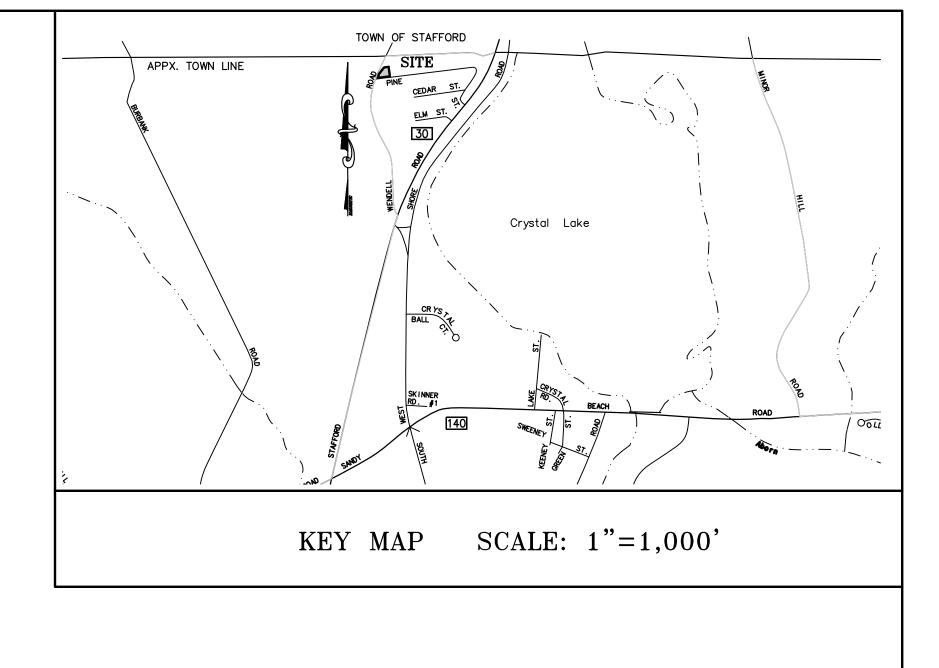
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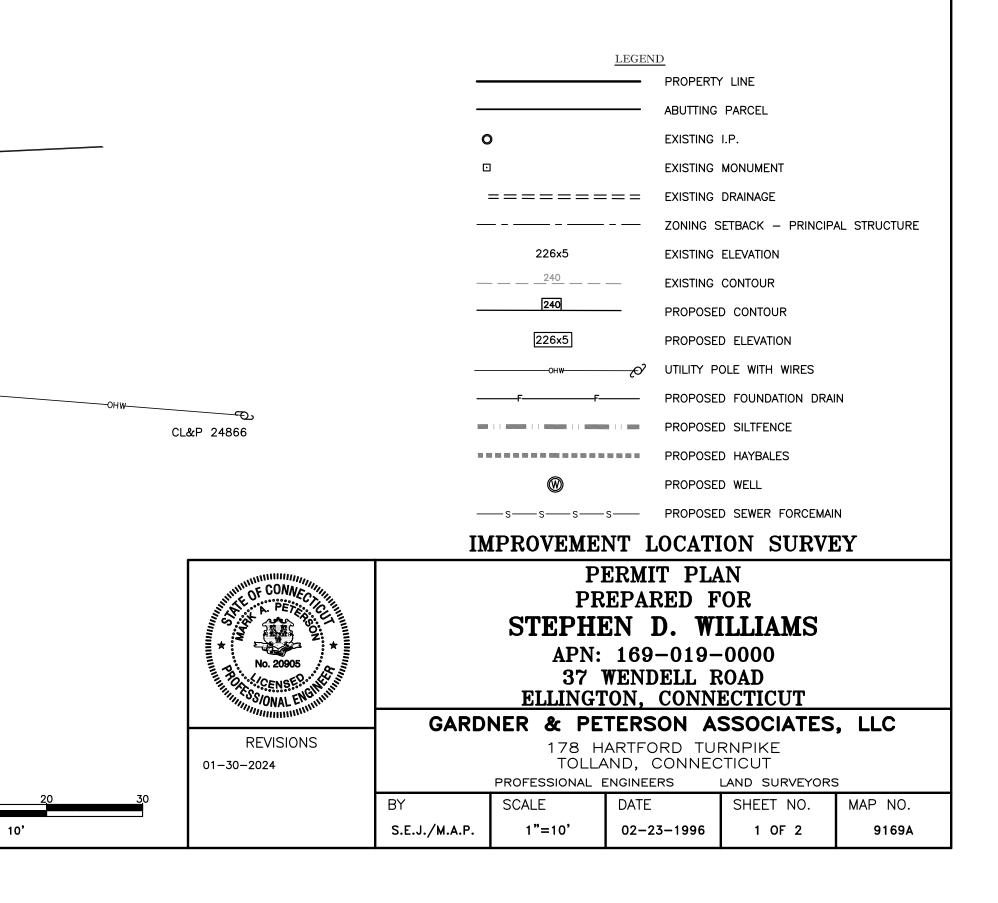
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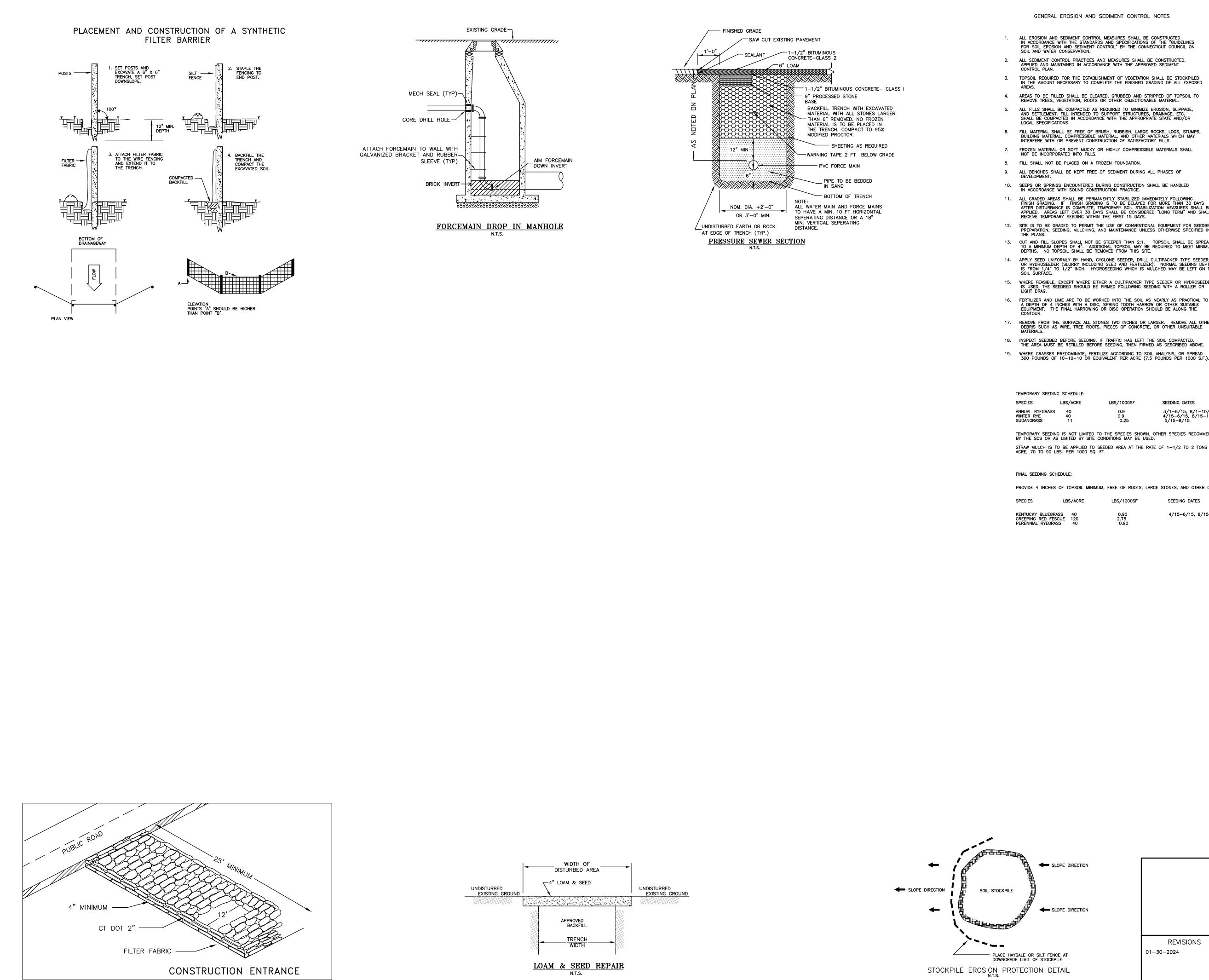
DEPARTMENT	COMMENTS AND/OR REQUIREMENTS
Town Engineer	
Building Official	
North Central District Health Department	
Fire Marshal	
Public Works Director/WPCA	DPW- Defers to the Town engineer for review/comments. WPCA- Please have the developer reach to the WPCA for coordination of the sanitary sewer requirements.
Assessor	
Traffic Authority	
Ambulance Services	



R ZONE	REQUIRED	PROVIDED
MIN. LOT SIZE	40,000 SQ.FT.	9,373 SQ.FT.
MIN. LOT WIDTH	100 FEET	100+ FEET
FRONT YARD-WENDELL	35 FEET	9 FEET
FRONT YARD-PINE	35 FEET	63 FEET
SIDE YARD	10 FEET	N/A
REAR YARD	25 FEET-PRINCIPLE 10 FEET-ACCESSORY	11 FEET-PRINCIPLE N/A-ACCESSORY
MAX. LOT COVERAGE	25%	13.5%









GENERAL EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL NOTES

ALL EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL MEASURES SHALL BE CONSTRUCTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STANDARDS AND SPECIFICATIONS OF THE "GUIDELINES FOR SOIL EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL" BY THE CONNECTICUT COUNCIL ON SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION.

2. ALL SEDIMENT CONTROL PRACTICES AND MEASURES SHALL BE CONSTRUCTED, APPLIED AND MAINTAINED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE APPROVED SEDIMENT CONTROL PLAN.

TOPSOIL REQUIRED FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF VEGETATION SHALL BE STOCKPILED IN THE AMOUNT NECESSARY TO COMPLETE THE FINISHED GRADING OF ALL EXPOSED

AREAS TO BE FILLED SHALL BE CLEARED, GRUBBED AND STRIPPED OF TOPSOIL TO REMOVE TREES, VEGETATION, ROOTS OR OTHER OBJECTIONABLE MATERIAL.

ALL FILLS SHALL BE COMPACTED AS REQUIRED TO MINIMIZE EROSION, SLIPPAGE, AND SETTLEMENT. FILL INTENDED TO SUPPORT STRUCTURES, DRAINAGE, ETC. SHALL BE COMPACTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE APPROPRIATE STATE AND/OR LOCAL SPECIFICATIONS. 6. FILL MATERIAL SHALL BE FREE OF BRUSH, RUBBISH, LARGE ROCKS, LOGS, STUMPS, BUILDING MATERIAL, COMPRESSIBLE MATERIAL, AND OTHER MATERIALS WHICH MAY INTERFERE WITH OR PREVENT CONSTRUCTION OF SATISFACTORY FILLS.

FROZEN MATERIAL OR SOFT MUCKY OR HIGHLY COMPRESSIBLE MATERIALS SHALL NOT BE INCORPORATED INTO FILLS.

ALL BENCHES SHALL BE KEPT FREE OF SEDIMENT DURING ALL PHASES OF DEVELOPMENT.

10. SEEPS OR SPRINGS ENCOUNTERED DURING CONSTRUCTION SHALL BE HANDLED IN ACCORDANCE WITH SOUND CONSTRUCTION PRACTICE.

11. ALL GRADED AREAS SHALL BE PERMANENTLY STABILIZED IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING FINISH GRADING. IF FINISH GRADING IS TO BE DELAYED FOR MORE THAN 30 DAYS AFTER DISTURBANCE IS COMPLETE, TEMPORARY SOIL STABILIZATION MEASURES SHALL BE APPLIED. AREAS LEFT OVER 30 DAYS SHALL BE CONSIDERED "LONG TERM" AND SHALL RECEIVE TEMPORARY SEEDING WITHIN THE FIRST 15 DAYS.

12. SITE IS TO BE GRADED TO PERMIT THE USE OF CONVENTIONAL EQUIPMENT FOR SEEDBED PREPARATION, SEEDING, MULCHING, AND MAINTENANCE UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED IN THE PLANS.

13. CUT AND FILL SLOPES SHALL NOT BE STEEPER THAN 2:1. TOPSOIL SHALL BE SPREAD TO A MINIMUM DEPTH OF 4". ADDITIONAL TOPSOIL MAY BE REQUIRED TO MEET MINIMUM DEPTHS. NO TOPSOIL SHALL BE REMOVED FROM THIS SITE. 14. APPLY SEED UNIFORMLY BY HAND, CYCLONE SEEDER, DRILL CULTIPACKER TYPE SEEDER, OR HYDROSEEDER (SLURRY INCLUDING SEED AND FERTILIZER). NORMAL SEEDING DEPTH IS FROM 1/4" TO 1/2" INCH. HYDROSEEDING WHICH IS MULCHED MAY BE LEFT ON THE SOIL SURFACE.

15. WHERE FEASIBLE, EXCEPT WHERE EITHER A CULTIPACKER TYPE SEEDER OR HYDROSEEDER IS USED, THE SEEDBED SHOULD BE FIRMED FOLLOWING SEEDING WITH A ROLLER OR LIGHT DRAG.

16. FERTILIZER AND LIME ARE TO BE WORKED INTO THE SOIL AS NEARLY AS PRACTICAL TO A DEPTH OF 4 INCHES WITH A DISC, SPRING TOOTH HARROW OR OTHER SUITABLE EQUIPMENT. THE FINAL HARROWING OR DISC OPERATION SHOULD BE ALONG THE CONTOUR.

17. REMOVE FROM THE SURFACE ALL STONES TWO INCHES OR LARGER. REMOVE ALL OTHER DEBRIS SUCH AS WIRE, TREE ROOTS, PIECES OF CONCRETE, OR OTHER UNSUITABLE

18. INSPECT SEEDBED BEFORE SEEDING. IF TRAFFIC HAS LEFT THE SOIL COMPACTED, THE AREA MUST BE RETILLED BEFORE SEEDING, THEN FIRMED AS DESCRIBED ABOVE.

SEEDING DATES LBS/ACRE LBS/1000SF 0.9 0.9 0.25 3/1-6/15, 8/1-10/1 4/15-6/15, 8/15-10/1 5/15-8/15

TEMPORARY SEEDING IS NOT LIMITED TO THE SPECIES SHOWN. OTHER SPECIES RECOMMENDED BY THE SCS OR AS LIMITED BY SITE CONDITIONS MAY BE USED. STRAW MULCH IS TO BE APPLIED TO SEEDED AREA AT THE RATE OF 1-1/2 to 2 tons per acre, 70 to 90 LBS. PER 1000 SQ. FT.

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CHES OF TOPS	SOIL MINIMUM, FREE (OF ROOTS, LARGE STO	ONES, AND OTHER OBJECTS.
LBS/A	CRE LBS/	1000SF	SEEDING DATES
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CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE & EROSION & SEDIMENT CONTROL CHECKLIST

PROJECT NAME: PERMIT PLAN LOCATION: 37 WENDELL ROAD ELLINGTON, CT PROJECT DESCRIPTION: SINGLE FAMILY HOUSE PARCEL AREA: 0.21 ACRES RESPONSIBLE PERSONNEL: STEPHEN D. WILLIAMS

EROSION & SEDIMENT WORK DESCRIPTION INITIALS DATE CONTROL MEASURES INSTALLED CONTACT CBYD FLAG LIMIT OF CLEARING CUT TREES INSTALL ANTI-TRACKING PAD INSTALL SILTFENCE & HAYBALES REMOVE STUMPS ROUGH GRADE SITE CONSTRUCT HOUSE AND UTILITIES FINAL GRADE SITE LOAM AND SEED ALL DISTURBED AREAS REMOVE SILTFENCE & HAYBALES WHEN SITE IS STABILIZED

PROJECT DATES: DATE OF CONSTRUCTION START <u>APPROX. SUMMER 202</u>4 DATE OF CONSTRUCTION COMPLETION <u>1 YEAR AFTER START</u>

EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL PROCEDURES SHALL ESSENTIALLY BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THESE PLANS, AS REQUIRED BY TOWN REGULATIONS, AND THE MANUAL, "GUIDELINES FOR SOIL EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL" FOR CONNECTICUT, BY THE COUNCIL ON SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION, 1985, REVISED TO 2002.

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			STEPHE	EN D. WI	ILLIAMS	
	APN: 169-019-0000					
OPE DIRECTION		37 WENDELL ROAD				
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		GARDI	NER & PE	TERSON AS	SSOCIATES	, LLC
	REVISIONS	178 HARTFORD TURNPIKE				
CE AT ILE	01-30-2024	TOLLAND, CONNECTICUT professional engineers land surveyors				
					LAND SURVEYORS	
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IN PERSON ATTENDANCE: TOWN HALL ANNEX, 57 MAIN STREET, ELLINGTON, CT **REMOTE ATTENDANCE: ZOOM MEETING** (ATTENDEES BELOW WERE IN PERSON UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED)

PRESENT: Acting Chairman Sulakshana Thanvanthri, Regular members Ken Braga, Katherine Heminway, Subhra Roy and Miranda Graziani and Alternate Ron Stomberg

ABSENT: Alternates Ron Brown and Rodger Hosig

STAFF

PRESENT:

- John Colonese, Assistant Town Planner/Zoning Enforcement Officer, and Barbra Galovich, Recording Clerk
- I. CALL TO ORDER: Acting Chairman Sulakshana Thanvanthri called the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Acting Chairman Thanvanthri introduced Miranda Graziani as a new member of the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Commissioner Braga stated Art Aube passed away in late December. Art was a dedicated member of the Zoning Board of Appeals. He had been a member since 2007, holding the Vice Chairman position from 2016 to 2019 and Chairman position from 2020-2023. Art was also a member of the Inland Wetlands Agency since 2015. As a member, Art was fair and took the responsibilities of his position very seriously. The Zoning Board of Appeals is deeply saddened by his passing. He will be missed.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS (ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS): None

III. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

1. V202401 - Richard DeCarli, owner/applicant, request for variance of the Ellington Zoning Regulations Section 7.9.C-Rear Lot Requirement: to allow a driveway serving a proposed rear lot to be outside of the fee simple accessway at 189 Sadds Mill Road, APN 100-008-0002 in a Rural Agricultural Residential (RAR) zone.

Time: 7:02 pm Seated: Thanvanthri, Braga, Heminway, Roy and Graziani Attorney Atherton Ryan, 16 Virginia Drive, Richard and Darryl DeCarli, 189 Sadds Mill Drive were present to represent the application.

Attorney Ryan stated the owners of the property are planning to re-subdivide the parcel. 189 Sadds Mill Road was previously subdivided in 1994, however now they are planning to create a rear lot and will be requesting a special permit for the rear lot from the Planning & Zoning Commission on April 22nd. Attorney Ryan stated the owners are looking for a variance to allow the existing driveway serving the proposed rear lot to be outside of the fee simple accessway. The proposed rear lot will include the riding arena that was approved in 2008. Attorney Ryan noted there is a proposed access easement over the house lot that will be filed with the Town Clerk contingent upon approval from the Planning & Zoning Commission. Attorney Ryan noted the difficulty with locating a separate driveway for the rear lot due to existing slopes and the need for an additional curb cut on a state highway.

Richard DeCarli stated there is currently one driveway that leads to the existing dwellings and riding arena. Richard stated they have no intention of requesting another curb cut from the state Department of Transportation due to the location of the parcels and the Route 140 reconfiguration that took place in the past. Richard noted there currently are drainage components under the existing driveway and adding another driveway would be problematic to the drainage in the area. No one from the public spoke regarding the application.

MOVE (BRAGA), SECONDED (HEMINWAY) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR V202401.

MOVED (BRAGA), SECONDED (HEMINWAY) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE V202401 – Richard DeCarli, owner/applicant, request for variance of the Ellington Zoning Regulations Section 7.9.C-Rear Lot Requirement: to allow a driveway serving a proposed rear lot to be outside of the fee simple accessway at 189 Sadds Mill Road, APN 100-008-0002 in a Rural Agricultural Residential (RAR) zone.

HARDSHIP: Lot configuration

 V202402 – MCC Lake Properties Trust, owner/applicant, request for variance of Ellington Zoning Regulations Section 3.2.3-Minimum Yard Setbacks: to reduce the front yard setback from 35ft to 15ft to demolish and rebuild a home at 28 East Shore Road, APN 169-035-0000 in a Residential (R) zone.

Time: 7:17 pm Seated: Thanvanthri, Braga, Heminway, Roy and Graziani

Mark Peterson, Gardner & Peterson Associates, LLC, 178 Hartford Turnpike, Tolland, CT and Matthew Couzens, MCC Lake Properties Trust, 1 Pinnacle Road, were present to represent the application.

Mark Peterson reviewed the plan to demolish the existing dwelling and construct a new dwelling with an attached two car garage. Mark stated the request is to reduce the front yard setback from 35 feet to 15 feet to rebuild the dwelling. Mark explained since East Shore Road does not have a town right of way, the Zoning Board of Appeals have in the past granted variances to the edge of the road pavement or to the edge of the sewer easement. Mark pointed out the proposed house will comply with the side yard setback requirement to the south where the current house does not.

Alternate Stomberg asked what style dwelling is proposed to be built. Matthew Couzens replied that the style will be colonial with a two-car garage. John Colonese read the Water Pollution Control Authority comments, "The plan shows a relocation of the grinder pump. The homeowner will assume all responsibilities for the grinder pump after relocation. WPCA must be contacted & scheduled for inspections, permits & disconnection of existing grinder pump." No one from the public spoke regarding the application.

MOVE (BRAGA), SECONDED (ROY) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR V202402.

MOVED (BRAGA), SECONDED (HEMINWAY) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE V202402 – MCC Lake Properties Trust, owner/applicant, request for variance of Ellington Zoning Regulations Section 3.2.3-Minimum Yard Setbacks: to reduce the front yard setback from 35ft to 15ft to demolish and rebuild a home at 28 East Shore Road, APN 169-035-0000 in a Residential (R) zone.

HARDSHIP: Slope of the property and location of lake; Proposed house to comply with side yard setback requirements.

 V202403 – Lindsey Beaudry, owner/applicant, request for variance of Ellington Zoning Regulations Section 3.2.3-Minimum Yard Setbacks: to reduce the front yard setback from 35ft to 1ft, side yard setback from 10ft to 1ft, and rear yard setback from 10ft to 8ft to replace existing shed at 117 West Shore Road, APN 168-121-0000 in a Lake Residential (LR) zone.

Time: 7:24 pm Seated: Thanvanthri, Braga, Heminway, Roy and Graziani

Edward and Lindsey Beaudry, 117 West Shore Road were present to represent the application.

Edward Beaudry explained there was a 10'x8' shed on the lot when they purchased the property. The shed was dilapidated and unsafe and needed to be removed. They also removed an 8'x6' deck abutting the shed. Edward stated the plan is to replace the old shed and deck with a new 12'x8' shed with a 4'x8' covered porch area. Edward noted the request is to reduce the front yard setback from 35ft to 1ft, side yard setback from 10ft to 1ft, and the rear yard setback from 10ft to 8ft. The previous shed was 1ft from the front and side property lines and the existing decking was 6ft from the rear property line where the new covered porch will be 8ft from the rear line.

Acting Chairman Thanvanthri asked if any of the property would be paved, Edward replied that there would be no paving. No one from the public spoke regarding the application.

MOVE (HEMINWAY), SECONDED (BRAGA) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR V202403.

MOVED (HEMINWAY), SECONDED (BRAGA) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE V202403 – Lindsey Beaudry, owner/applicant, request for variance of Ellington Zoning Regulations Section 3.2.3-Minimum Yard Setbacks: to reduce the front yard setback from 35ft to 1ft, side yard setback from 10ft to 1ft, and rear yard setback from 10ft to 8ft to replace existing shed at 117 West Shore Road, APN 168-121-0000 in a Lake Residential (LR) zone.

HARDSHIP: Safety; Replacing dilapidated nonconforming shed.

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IV. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

1. Approval of the December 4, 2023, Regular Meeting Minutes.

MOVED (BRAGA), SECONDED (HEMINWAY) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE DECEMBER 4, 2023, REGULAR MEETING MINUTES AS WRITTEN.

- 2. Election of Officers for 2024.
 - a. Chairman

MOVED (BRAGA) TO NOMINATE COMMISSIONER THANVANTHRI FOR CHAIRMAN OF THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS FOR 2024.

COMMISSIONER THANVANTHRI ACCEPTED THE NOMINATION. HEARING NO FURTHER NOMINATIONS, NOMINATIONS CLOSED.

MOVED (BRAGA), SECONDED (ROY) TO ELECT COMMISSIONER THANVANTHRI FOR CHAIRMAN OF THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS FOR 2024.

b. Vice Chairman

MOVED (BRAGA) TO NOMINATE COMMISSIONER HEMINWAY FOR VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS FOR 2024.

COMMISSIONER HEMINWAY ACCEPTED THE NOMINATION. HEARING NO FURTHER NOMINATIONS, NOMINATIONS CLOSED.

MOVED (THANVANTHRI), SECONDED (GRAZIANI) TO ELECT COMMISSIONER HEMINWAY FOR VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS FOR 2024.

3. Correspondence/Discussion:

John Colonese stated the two correspondence items listed below are for informational purposes for the Board.

- a. Cease and Desist Order, dated March 14, 2024, 3 Jobs Hill Road, violation of the Ellington Zoning Regulations.
- b. Cease and Desist Order, dated March 27, 2024, 83 West Road, violation of the Ellington Zoning Regulations.

V. ADJOURNMENT:

MOVED (HEMINWAY), SECONDED (THANVANTHRI) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADJOURN THE ZBA MEETING AT 7:37 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbra Galovich, Recording Clerk