

Zoning Board of Appeals Hybrid Meeting
July 15, 2025 7:00 P.M.
Putnam Municipal Complex
Room 201 Second Floor
200 School Street, Putnam, CT

Roll Call:

Agenda:

Public hearing on Appeal #2025-002 Bruce & Kathleen Elliott request for a side yard variance of 12 feet from the required 20 feet to 8 feet for the installation of a solar panel array. The property is located at 281 Liberty Highway, Town Assessors Map 32, Lot 56, Zoned Ag-2. VOTE REQUIRED

Regular Meeting:

Review minutes of the June 17, 2025 meeting. VOTE REQUIRED

Correspondence:

Public Participation:

New Business: VOTE REQUIRED

Appeal #2025-002 Bruce & Kathleen Elliott -281 Liberty Highway-12 foot side yard variance from the required 20 feet down to 8 feet.

Other Business: VOTE REQUIRED

Accepting of New Applications for public hearing for the August 18, 2025 meeting.

Adjournment.

Join Zoom Meeting

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Zoning Board of Appeals Hybrid Meeting Minutes
June 17, 2025 7:00 P.M.
Putnam Municipal Complex
Room 201 Second Floor
200 School Street, Putnam, CT

Meeting called to order at 7:18 P.M.

Present: Joseph Nash-Chairman, Scott Zadora, Mike Bogdanski

Absent: Glenn Godley, Marnie Ciquera

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Regular Meeting:

Review minutes of the May 20, 2025 meeting.

Motion by Scott Zadora to accept the minutes, second by Mike Bogdanski. ALL WERE IN FAVOR

Correspondence: None

Public Participation:

Bruce & Kathleen Elliot of 281 Liberty Highway described their appeal for the variance. Not enough members were present to approve or deny as it requires 4 votes.

New Business:

Appeal #2025-002 Bruce & Kathleen Elliott -281 Liberty Highway-12 foot side yard variance from the 20 feet down to 8 feet.

Other Business:

Accepting of New Applications for public hearing for the July 15, 2025 meeting. None

Motion by Scott Zadora to adjourn at 7:28 P.M., second by Mike Bogdanski. ALL WERE IN FAVOR

Mike Bogdanski, Secretary

PLEASE SUBMIT APPLICATION
3 WEEKS PRIOR TO MEETING DATE



APPEAL NO. 2025-002

TOWN OF PUTNAM
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
PUTNAM, CONNECTICUT 06260

DATE: 5-20-2025
FEE: 160.00 0112
Amount Check #

Brenda Roy

- ☐ APPLICATION FOR SPECIAL EXCEPTION
☒ VARIANCE FROM THE ZONING ORDINANCE
☐ CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL OF LOCATION
☐ APPEAL FROM THE DECISION OF THE ZONING AGENT

1.) NAME OF APPLICANT: Bruce + Kathleen Elliott BNELLIOTT@snet.net
ADDRESS & TELEPHONE NO. 281 Liberty Hwy Putnam 860-928-2509

2.) OWNER OF LAND Bruce + Kathleen Elliott
ADDRESS 281 Liberty Hwy Putnam

3.) PREMISES LOCATED AT: MAP 32 LOT 56 STREET CARD NO. _____

4.) ZONE AG-2 AREA OF LOT 5 ACRES FRONTAGE 249.27'

5.) DESCRIBE YOUR REQUEST AND WHICH SECTION OF THE ZONING REGULATIONS AFFECT YOU:

SECTION 401 TABLE IV-1 Schedule of Dimensional
REQUIREMENTS

SIDE YARD VARIANCE FROM 20 FEET TO 8 FEET

PLEASE SEE ATTACHED

PLEASE ATTACH A SKETCH OF YOUR PROPOSAL WITH THIS APPLICATION.

DATE APPROVED _____
DATE REJECTED _____

Kathleen Elliott 5/20/25
SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT DATE

Request for Variance

Dear Members :

We are writing to formally request a variance to reduce the side yard setback from 20 feet to 8 feet to accommodate the installation of a solar panel array for our home.

First, we would like to make the committee aware that when we planned the position of this solar panel array with Tom Shippee from Shippee Solar we positioned the array's stone pad based on the topography on that side of the property so the array would face solar south; but we also positioned it based on what we believed was our boundary marker at that end of the property. There is a metal pin just in front of the water culvert (very similar to what the plot plan shows) on the north side of our frontage which was identified as the boundary pin by two different realtors (Harry Havales and Judy Tedeschi) who I worked with when I purchased this property 40 years ago. For the past 40 years I have assumed that this pin represented our north frontage boundary, and it is this pin that I instructed Mr. Shippee to use to optimize the position of our array. It was not until Mr. Fitzback met with us on Monday, May 12th, when he showed us what he believes is the actual north frontage boundary marker.

The need for the requested variance, in addition to my incorrect identification of the north frontage boundary pin, is driven by the unique topography of our property as this part of the property slopes downward and away from our home creating a natural swale. This swale, in turn, then leads to the lower points on the property. This is the north side of the house, which is the optimal position for the new solar panel array as it will face solar south for maximal efficiency. For greatest efficiency of the array, there is no better place on the property. If we were to move the array towards the house it would be necessary to fill in the natural swale, which would bring it in very close proximity to the water outlet for our foundation's footing drain, as well as the water outlet from 4 of our downspouts. In times of significant rainfall this would bring an abundance of water to the base of the array which could possibly create a dangerous situation. To ensure both the efficiency and safety of the installation, it is vital that the panels be placed further away from the house.

Attached, we have provided you with a map from Shippee Solar where Tom Shippee depicts the dimensions of the solar array and its position with relation to the northern boundary of the property.

We have spoken with the 3 adjacent neighbors to our property, and no one is in opposition to the requested variance. We will be submitting signed letters from the adjacent property owners supporting this claim at your next meeting.

We believe that granting this variance will contribute positively to our efforts as we try to adopt sustainable energy solutions, benefiting both our household and the surrounding environment. We appreciate your consideration of our request and are happy to provide any additional information or documentation if it is needed.

Thank you for your time and efforts in this matter.

Sincerely,

Bruce N. Elliott

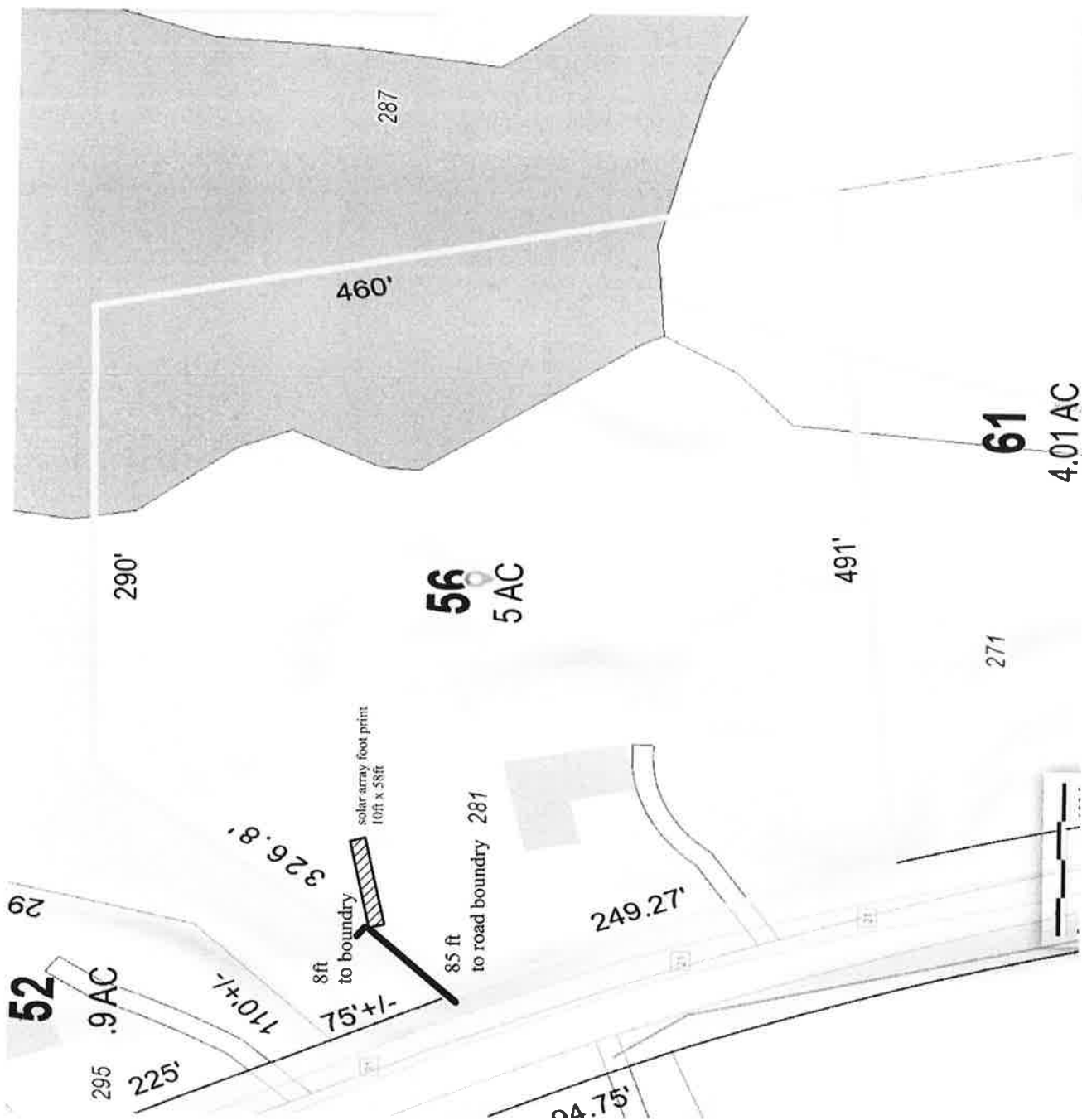
Kathy Elliott

Bruce and Kathy Elliott
281 Liberty Hwy
Putnam, CT 06260

Print Date 2/21/2025 12:17:20 A

Card #

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Shippee Solar and Construction LLC 111 Sabin St Putnam CT 06260 1-860-450-2345		Site Plan for small-scale, single-phase PV System	
TITLE Site Name: Kathy Elliott Site Address: 281 Liberty Hwy Putnam CT		System Size: 5 kw (existing) 9.1 kw new	
SIZE	CAGE CODE	DWG NO	REV

Drawn by: Tom



June 9, 2025

TOWN OF PUTNAM

MUNICIPAL COMPLEX

TOWN HALL

200 SCHOOL STREET • PUTNAM, CT 06260

Dear Abutting Property Owner,

The Town of Putnam Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a hybrid meeting on June 17, 2025, at 7:00 P.M. on the second floor, Room 201, of the Municipal Complex located at 200 School Street, Putnam, CT. A public hearing will be held on the following:

Appeal #2025-002 Bruce & Kathleen Elliott request for a side yard variance of 12 feet from the required 20 feet to 8 feet for the installation of a solar panel array. The property is located at 281 Liberty Highway, Town Assessors Map 32, Lot 56, Zoned Ag-2.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to submit them in writing to the Building/Land Use Office and/or attend the meeting. All meeting information will be available on the Town Website prior to the meeting.

Sincerely,

Brenda B. Roy

Recording Secretary



100 feet Abutters List Report

Putnam, CT
May 20, 2025

Subject Property:

Parcel Number: 032-056
CAMA Number: 032-056-000
Property Address: 281 LIBERTY HGWY

Mailing Address: ELLIOTT BRUCE N & KATHLEEN H
281 LIBERTY HGWY
PUTNAM, CT 06260

Abutters:

Parcel Number: 032-052
CAMA Number: 032-052-000
Property Address: 295 LIBERTY HGWY

Mailing Address: GUILMETTE SAMANTHA M
295 LIBERTY HGWY
PUTNAM, CT 06260

Parcel Number: 032-057
CAMA Number: 032-057-000
Property Address: 287 LIBERTY HGWY

Mailing Address: FROG ROCK LLC
36 TERRACE DRIVE
THOMPSON, CT 06277

Parcel Number: 032-058
CAMA Number: 032-058-000
Property Address: 288 LIBERTY HGWY

Mailing Address: COPELAND ALBERT H JR
288 LIBERTY HGWY
PUTNAM, CT 06260

Parcel Number: 032-060
CAMA Number: 032-060-000
Property Address: 274 LIBERTY HGWY

Mailing Address: GUSTAVSON ANN MARIE
PO BOX 486
PUTNAM, CT 06260

Parcel Number: 032-061
CAMA Number: 032-061-000
Property Address: 271 LIBERTY HGWY

Mailing Address: MARTEL JEFFREY A & ARCAND
RACHAEL E
271 LIBERTY HIGHWAY
PUTNAM, CT 06260



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5/20/2025

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Return to:
Mr. & Mrs. Bruce N. Elliott
281 Liberty Highway
Putnam, CT 06260

STATUTORY FORM QUIT-CLAIM DEED

KNOW YE, THAT I, **BRUCE N. ELLIOTT**, of the Town of Putnam, County of Windham, and State of Connecticut for the consideration of One and 00/100 (\$1.00) Dollar paid, grant to **BRUCE N. ELLIOTT AND KATHLEEN H. ELLIOTT**, both of the Town of Putnam, County of Windham, State of Connecticut with **QUIT CLAIM COVENANTS AS JOINT TENANTS WITH FULL RIGHTS OF SURVIVORSHIP** for property known as **281 LIBERTY HIGHWAY, PUTNAM, CONNECTICUT**:

A certain piece or parcel of land situated in the Town of Putnam, County of Windham and State of Connecticut, located on the easterly side of Route 21 as shown on a map entitled, "PLAN PREPARED FOR HENRY SIKORSKI, ROUTE 21, PUTNAM, CONN., RESUBDIVISION, SCALE 1" = 40' DATED 10-28-83 DRN. R.E.D. TRD. A.V.H. FILE NO. 82302 SHEET NO. 1 OF 1, BOUD & MEEHAN Consulting Engineers-Surveyors, P.C.", which map or plan is on file in the Town Clerk's Office ins aid Town of Putnam, to which reference may be had, and being more particularly bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at an iron pin to be set and marking the southwesterly corner of the herein described land, the line runs S 75° 12' 43.6" E, a distance of 491.00 feet along land now or formerly of Petrowsky to an iron pin to be set; thence the line runs N 07° 13' 31" E, a distance of 460.00 feet along other land of Sikorski to an iron pin to be set; thence the line runs N 70° 24' 00.7" W, a distance of 290.00 feet to an iron pin to be set; thence the line runs S 56° 38' 39.7" W, a distance of 326.83 feet; thence the line runs on a curve to the right along Route 21, a distance of 249.27 feet to an iron pin, which marks the point and place of beginning, said curve having a radius of 1472.70 feet and a central angle of 09° 41' 53". Said parcel contains 5.0 acres.

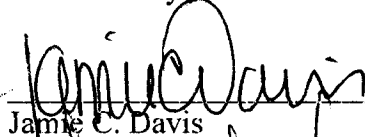
Together with a right of way to pass and repass for a distance of up to 200 feet from Route 21, to the above-described premises, as more particularly set forth and described in a Quit-claim Deed from Henry A. Sikorski to Paul R. Paquin and Louise D. Paquin, dated April 2, 1984, and recorded in Putnam Land Records, Volume 118, Page 684.

As partial consideration for this conveyance, the herein Releasees agree to assume and pay all real estate taxes and other municipal charges hereafter coming due on the within described premises.

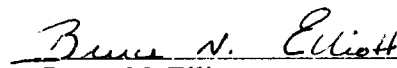
SAID PREMISES ARE SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING ENCUMBRANCES:
Any and all provisions of any ordinance, municipal regulation, public or private law. Any assessments or pending assessments for which a lien or liens have not as yet been filed, if any. Any provision, if applicable, of any inland/wetlands or coastal wetlands statutes, ordinances, rules, and regulations. Any restrictions as of record in said Land Evidence Records, if any.

Signed this 30th day of September, 2016.

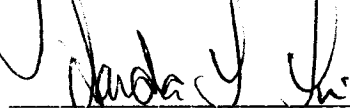
Witnessed by:



Jamie C. Davis



Bruce N. Elliott



Sandra L. Lemire

Town Clerk-Putnam CT
Sara J. Seney
Oct 05, 2016 01:27P

CONVEYANCE TAX RECEIVED
STATE  LOCAL 

TOWN CLERK OF PUTNAM, CT

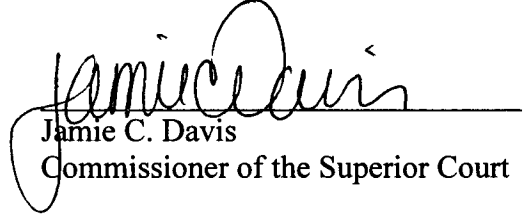
STATE OF CONNECTICUT)

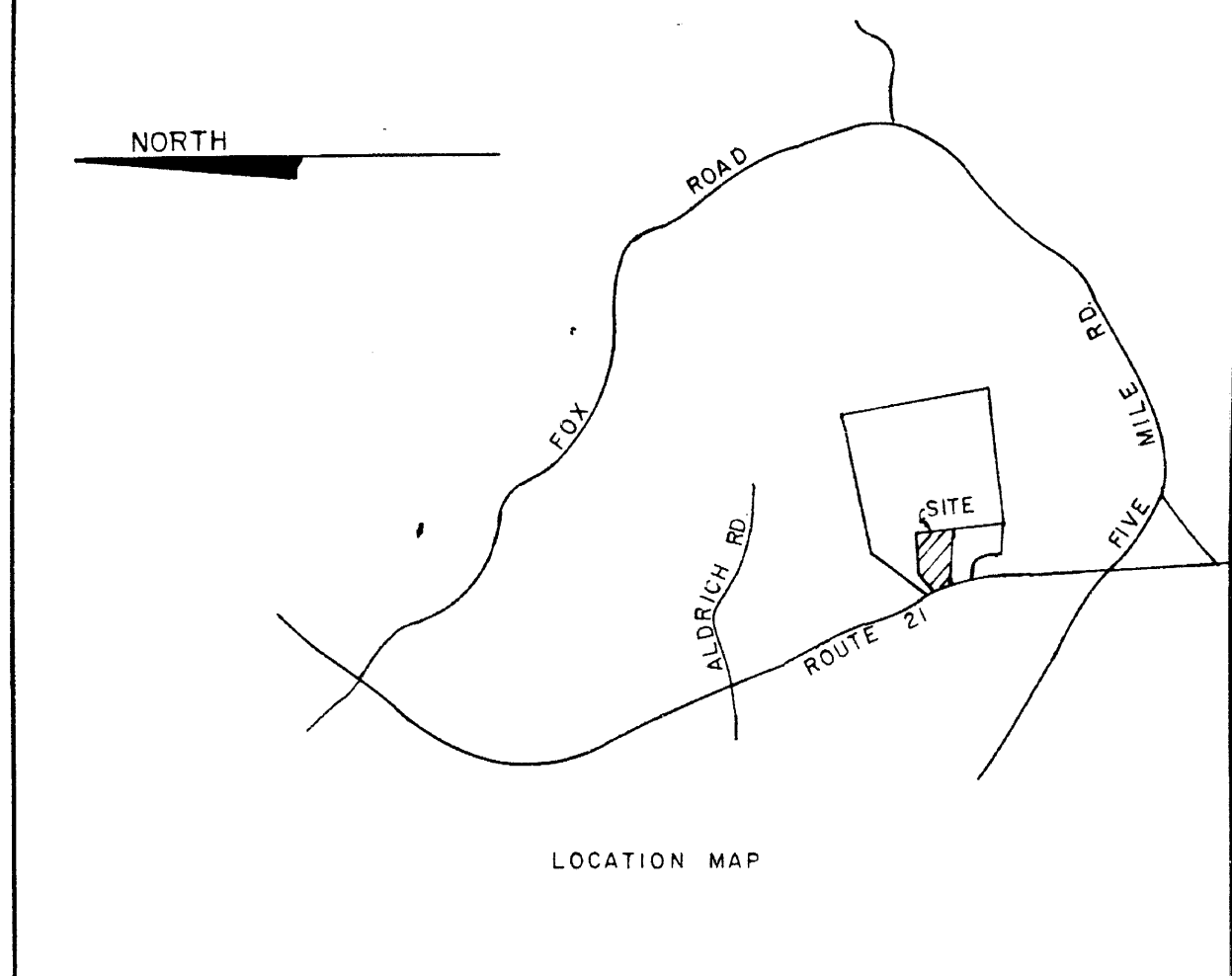
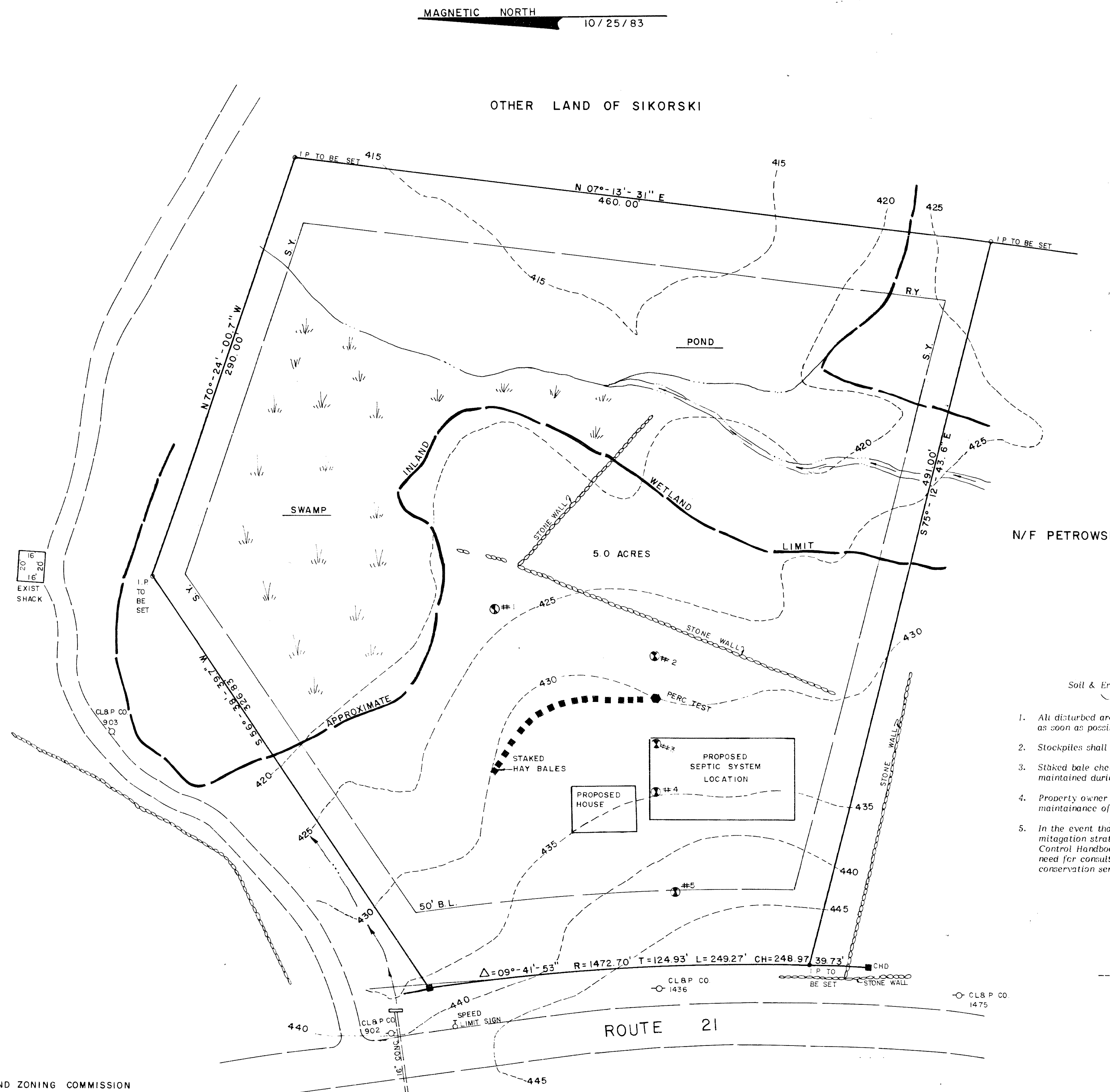
) ss. Putnam

September 30, 2016

COUNTY OF WINDHAM)

Personally appeared, Bruce N. Elliott, signer of the foregoing Instrument, and acknowledged the same to be his free act and deed, before me.

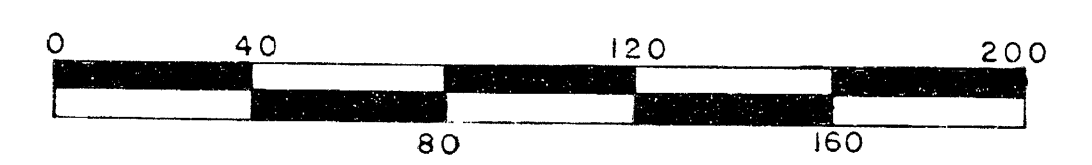

Jamie C. Davis
Commissioner of the Superior Court



- Test Hole #1**
- 0" - 6" Organic Topsoil
 - 6" - 30" Brown, Silty, Sandy Gravel
 - 30" - 120" Grey, Silty, Sandy Gravel
 - Mottling at 30" Water entering hole at 108"
 - No Ledge present
- Test Hole #2**
- 0" - 8" Organic Topsoil
 - 8" - 24" Brown, Silty Sand with some Gravel
 - 24" - 96" Grey-Brown, Mottled, Silty Sand with Stone
 - Mottling at 24" Water entering hole at 78"
 - No Ledge present
- Test Hole #3**
- 0" - 8" Loamy Topsoil
 - 8" - 30" Brown, Gravelly Loam
 - 30" - 54" Brown, Sandy Gravel
 - 54" - 96" Grey-Brown, Silty Sand and Gravel
 - Mottling at 54" Water entering hole at 94"
 - No Ledge present
- Test Hole #4**
- 0" - 6" Organic Topsoil
 - 6" - 48" Brown, Silty, Sandy Gravel
 - 48" - 96" Grey-Brown, Silty Sand and Gravel
 - Possible Mottling at 66" No Water present
 - No Ledge present
- Test Hole #5**
- 0" - 6" Organic Topsoil
 - 6" - 48" Brown, Silty, Sandy Gravel
 - 48" - 96" Grey-Brown, Silty, Sandy Gravel
 - Possible Mottling at 72" No Water present
 - No Ledge present
- Test observed by J. Valentie and J. Paggioli November 14, 1983
Percolation Rate 1 - 5 minutes to the inch determined by J. Valentie

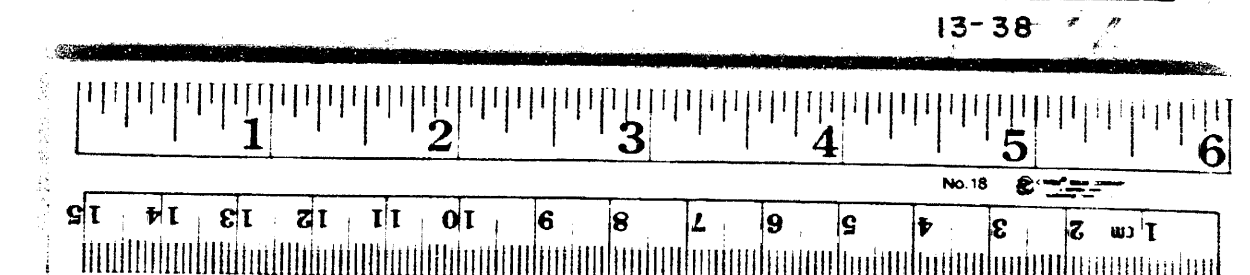
- Soil & Erosion Sedimentation Control Notes
- All disturbed area shall be loamed, seeded, & stabilized as soon as possible.
 - Stockpiles shall be seeded with temporary vegetative covers.
 - Staked bale check dam shall be installed as shown and maintained during all phases on construction.
 - Property owner shall be responsible for the inspection and maintenance of all mechanical and vegetative controls.
 - In the event that a disagreement arises on a particular mitigation strategy, the Connecticut Erosion and Sedimentation Control Handbook shall be used as a guide. If there is further need for consultation, the local representative of the soil conservation service shall be contacted for assistance.

- REFERENCE MADE TO THE FOLLOWING MAPS
- "PROPERTY OF PETROWSKY REAL ESTATE CO. ROUTE 21 PUTNAM, CONN. SCALE 1" = 40' JUNE, 1982 STEPHEN A. FILIP, LAND SURVEYOR, ASHFORD, CONN.
 - TOPOGRAPHIC INFORMATION TAKEN FROM MAP ENTITLED "RELOCATION OF CONN. 12 KILLINGLY TO THOMPSON SHEET 6 OF 9" AND LIMITS FIELD CHECKS



- LEGEND
- 00--- EXISTING CONTOURS
 - TEST HOLE
 - PERCOLATION TEST

	BOUD & MEEHAN Consulting Engineers - Surveyors, P.C. 387 North Main Street • Manchester, CT 06040			
	PLAN PREPARED FOR HENRY SIKORSKI			
REVISIONS		ROUTE 21 PUTNAM, CONN.		
DATE	APPROVED	RESUBDIVISION		
		SCALE 1" = 40'	FILE NO 82302	
		DATE 10-28-83	SHEET NO 1 OF 1	



APPROVED FOR RECORD
22 December 1983
Chairman *Glen C. Mauer* DATE 11/16/83
Secretary _____ DATE _____

APPROVED BY THE PUTNAM PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION
CHAIRMAN *Glen C. Mauer* DATE 11/16/83
SECRETARY _____ DATE _____

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS MAP AND SURVEY WERE PREPARED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STANDARDS OF A CLASS A-2 SURVEY AS DEFINED IN THE CODE OF PRACTICE FOR STANDARDS OF ACCURACY OF SURVEYS AND MAPS, ADOPTED DECEMBER 10, 1975 AS AMENDED BY THE CONNECTICUT ASSOCIATION OF LAND SURVEYORS, INC.

Richard Meehan
RICHARD MEEHAN L.S. 12330

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