

# TOWN OF WARE

Planning & Community Development 126 Main Street, Ware, Massachusetts 01082 (413) 967-9648 ext. 120

# PLANNING BOARD

MEETING AGENDA

TOWN CLERK'S
TIME RECEIVED

Location:

Board of Selectmen's Meeting Room

Town Hall, 126 Main Street, Ware, MA 01082

Date & Time:

Thursday, September 21, 2023 @ 7:00 PM

Digital Participation: Phone number:

929-205-6099

Meeting ID:

784 604 1861

Passcode:

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<u>Instructions for call-in option</u>: at or before 7pm call the phone number above and when prompted enter the Meeting ID number. The platform is Zoom Meetings. Join online: <a href="https://zoom.us/join">https://zoom.us/join</a>

# Pledge of Allegiance

#### **Administrative**

Approval of Minutes from August 17, 2023

## **Public Hearings**

- 7:05pm SP-2023-05: Application of James Mosher, for a Special Permit for the construction of a two-family home under section.4.1.1, of the Zoning Bylaw, and pursuant to MGL Chapter 40A.
   SITE LOCATION: Lee Rd, Ware, MA. Said premises being further described in deeds recorded in the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds, Book 14474, Page 54. Property is also identified as Assessor's Parcel # 35-10-8. Zoned: Rural Residential (RR).
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#### **New Business**

- Approval Not Required Plan, D. Jackson, 82 Osborne Road
- Schedule Public Hearing for Revised proposed zoning changes to the Belchertown Road (October 5)
- Review of Unfinished Subdivision Roads to recommend for Plowing/Sanding

#### Old Business

- Appointment of P.V.P.C. Commission Member and Alternate
- Planning & Community Department Update
- Any matters that are brought up that the Chair did not anticipate including on the agenda prior to this meeting.

The next Planning Board meeting will be held on October 5, 2023.



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126 Main Street, Ware, Massachusetts 01082 t. 413.967.9648 ext. 120

Planning Board

Meeting Minutes from

Thursday, August 17, 2023

Selectboard Meeting Room 126 Main Street, Ware MA 01082

Planning Board Members in Attendance:

Rick Starodoj Ed Murphy

Chair Vice Chair Absent

Ken Crosby Chris DiMarzio

Elizabeth Hancock

Remote

Staff Members in Attendance:

Kristen Jacobsen PCD Dept. Admin. Assistant

Stuart Beckley

Town Manager

Anna Marques

Building

Commissioner/Zoning **Enforcement Officer** 

Members of the Public in Attendance:

Bernie Bergeron

Alex Bergeron

Jeremy Croteau Angela Panaccione Remote

**PVPC** 

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman E. Murphy called the meeting to order at 7:03pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE**

Approval of minutes from August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023

Motion by C. DiMarzio to approve the August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023, meeting minutes. Seconded by R. Starodoj Discussion. None

E. Murphy		Aye
R. Starodoj		Aye
K. Crosby		Absent
E. Hancock		Absent
C. DiMarzio		Aye
Three in favor. Two Ak	sent	
Approved 4	4/0/1.	

# <u>ANR</u>

- o ANR-2023-03 34-33-2 & 34-0-31 Osborne Road
- Applicant seeks to create one conventional building lot from two parcels.
   Remaining land and frontage would meet regulations for estate lot requirements
- J. Croteau presented the ANR, describing the arrangement of the parcels. The board discussed the plan to combine lots and found that the building lot met all area and frontage requirements and the Estate lot met all regulations.

**Motion** by C. DiMarzio to approve ANR-2023-03 as presented. **Seconded** by R. Starodoj **Discussion**. None

E. Hancock connected via Zoom

E. Murphy		Aye
R. Starodoj		Aye
K. Crosby		Absent
E. Hancock		Aye
C. DiMarzio		Aye
Four in favor. One Absent		
Approved 4/0/1.		

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

A. Panaccione presented the draft of the Muddy Brook Subwatershed Resiliency Master Plan. A. Panaccione described the process of developing the plan, year 1 deliverables, year 2 work plan and timeline. C. DiMarzio asked if there were any plans for restricting uses on abutting properties. A. Panaccione said she didn't believe so but, subdivision regulations may want to be revised to address green infrastructure. The board discussed the need for curbing in stormwater management. A. Panaccione discussed the upcoming DEP stormwater

management regulations. The board discussed the possibility of the reopening and size increase of the Casella landfill.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

## Revisit Proposed Zoning Changes: 415 – 417 Belchertown Road (Bergeron)

S. Beckley reviewed the changes to the proposed RB District Overlay after meeting with A. Bergeron and B. Bergeron. The changes included removing the lot size requirement, the number of uses previously allowed (Automotive service, labs, and research facilities). The size requirement was replaced by a screening requirement. Also, 2 sections (areas on map) of the former proposed overlay district areas were removed.

S. Beckley addressed past questions of spot zoning, mentioning the test which can be used to test for spot zoning and does not believe this overlay district constitutes spot zoning.

E. Hancock addressed comments from B. Bergeron's previous inclusion in the RB district, and reiterated the property was not historically included in the RB district. A. Bergeron confirmed that he understood. E. Hancock and the Bergeron's discussed the DeSantis property, and that it is not included in the revisited district.

E. Hancock suggested only parcels with frontage along rt 9 should be included. C. DiMarzio confirmed that was what was included on the plan. E. Hancock listed uses included in the previous RB district (hotels, motels, nursing/convalescent homes, government buildings, restaurants, and membership clubs) E. Hancock reviewed the proposed allowed uses. E. Hancock recommended seeing a report from the Fire Chief regarding tank farms.

C. DiMarzio suggested cleaning up the language regarding the vegetated buffer. The board suggested it should be on any line of sight of the structure and that can be delt with during the conditions of the Special Permit. The board discussed who would be proposing the bylaw, and if proposed by the Bergerons they would be the proponents.

The board discussed who would be responsible for the fees for the advertising. S. Beckley that the town would be responsible because it was zoning.

**Motion** by R. Starodoj to end the discussion on the proposed revisited and send the revised RB Overlay District Bylaw to the Select Board . **Seconded** by C. DiMarzio. **Discussion**. None

E. Murphy	Aye
R. Starodoj	Aye
K. Crosby	Absent
E. Hancock	Aye
C. DiMarzio	Aye

Four in favor. One Absent Approved 4/0/1.

# Appointment of P.V.P.C. Commission Member and Alternate

The board discussed potential volunteers. C. DiMarzio suggested E. Hancock, E. Hancock had questions regarding the meeting arrangements and the ability to attend remotely. K. Jacobsen said she'd look into that for her. E. Murphy volunteered to be the alternate member.

**Motion** by R. Starodoj to defer the appointment of PVPC commission member and alternate until September 5, 2023. **Seconded** by C. DiMarzio. **Discussion**. None

E. Murphy		Aye
R. Starodoj		Aye
K. Crosby		Absent
E. Hancock		Aye
C. DiMarzio		Aye
Four in favor. One Absent		
Approved -	4/0/1.	

# Planning Department Update

S. Beckley said there were many grants in progress

Marylane is moving forward with demolition

Tractor Supply should be in September/October

The towing company has been in contact with the town.

## **ADJOURN**

**Motion** made by R. Starodoj to **ADJOURN at 8:34 pm. Seconded** by E. Hancock. **Discussion**: None

E. Murphy		Aye
R. Starodoj		Aye
K. Crosby		Aye
E. Hancock		Aye
C. DiMarzio		Absent
Four in favor. One Absent		

Four in favor. One Absent Approved 4/0/1.

# **NEXT PLANNING BOARD MEETING DATE:**

Thursday, September 7, 2023 at 7:00pm.

Minutes from Thursday, August 17, 2023.

Respectfully submitted by,

Kristen Jacobsen Administrative Assistant Planning & Community Development

Minutes Approved on:				
Starodoj				
Murphy				
Hancock				
Crosby				
DiMarzio				



# TOWN OF WARE

Planning & Community Development

126 Main Street, Ware, Massachusetts 01082 t. 413.967.9648 ext.118 rwatchilla@townofware.com

Notice of Public Hearing
Planning Board

LEGAL NOTICE to be published in the *Ware River News* issues 08/24/03 and 8/31/30/2023

SP-2023-05

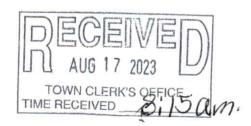
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WARE PLANNING BOARD Ed Murphy, Chairman



# Planning Board Zoning Board of Appeals

Robert A. Watchilla Director of Planning & Community Development

# Town of Ware

# Planning & Community Development

# **Application for Special Permit**



126 Main Street Ware, MA 01082 413.967.9648 ext. 120

	Applicant	Name of Applicant (primary contact): SP-20 <u>23</u> - 05  Address: 34 (465)	413.967.9648 ext. 120 www.townofware.com
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<u>~</u>		Vill the project require a: Site Plan Review: Yes* No Variance:	Yes* No *Explain in parreting
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SP-2023-05 Project Narrative (transposed from hand written note)

I am proposing to build a two family home that would alter less than 1-acre (40,000 square feet) of land.

Each home would be on one ground level and would be handicap accessible, it would contain 950-square feet.

The north and south wing would have two parking spaces, with a patio for a grill and a table.

This would be paid for myself and owned by myself



# Commonwealth of Massachusetts City/Town of WARE Application for Disposal System Construction Permit

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Form 1A

DEP has provided this form for use by local Boards of Health if they choose to do so. Before using the form, check with your local Board of Health to make sure that they will accept it.

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key.		LOT 2 LEE RD			
		Address or Lot #	MA	01082	
V-		WARE	State	Zip Code	
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	2.	Owner Information			
		JAMES MOSHER			
		Name			
		203 Osbourne Rd			
		Address (if different from above)	MA	01082	
		Ware City/Town	State	Zip Code	
		City/Town	413-345-9355		
			Telephone Number		
SEP - 5 2023	3. 3.	Installer Information  JAMES MUSHER  Name  203 Osbourne Rd	Name of Company		
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		Name PO BOX 600	Name of Company		
		Address	840	01585	
		WEST BROOKFIELD	MA State	Zip Code	
		City/Town	508-867-5363		

Telephone Number



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# Commonwealth of Massachusetts City/Town of Disposal System Construction Permit Form 2A

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Number

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Permission is hereby granted to:  James Moshel  Name  203 Osboulu Rd	Name of Company	
Address  City/Town	State	UUS 2 Zip Code
to perform the following work on an on-si	te sewage disposal system:	
Construction Repair or replacement Repair or replacement of system con	nponents	
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Ware City/Town	M A State	O(08 2 Zip Code
James Mosher	Telephone Number	
The work to be performed is further describer. The applicant recognizes his/her or special conditions:	ribed in the Application for I duty to comply with Title 5 a	Disposal System Construction and the following local provision
All construction must be completed w		te below.
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Form 1A

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# Commonwealth of Massachusetts City/Town of WARE

# **Application for Disposal System Construction Permit**

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# **B.** Agreement

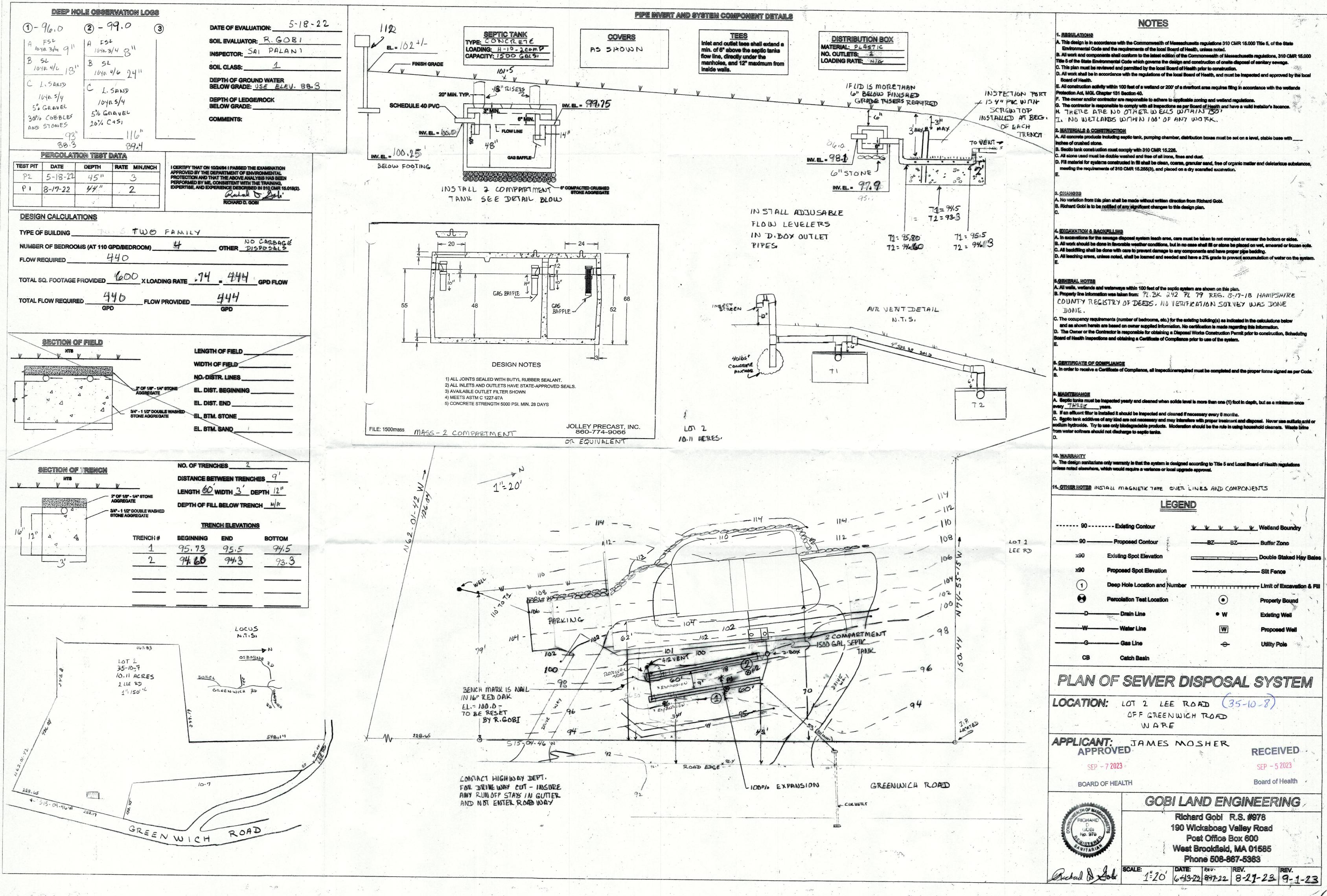
The undersigned agrees to ensure the construction and maintenance of the aforedescribed on-site sewage disposal system in accordance with the provisions of Title 5 of the Environmental Code and not to place the system in operation until a Certificate of Compliance has been issued by this Board of Health.

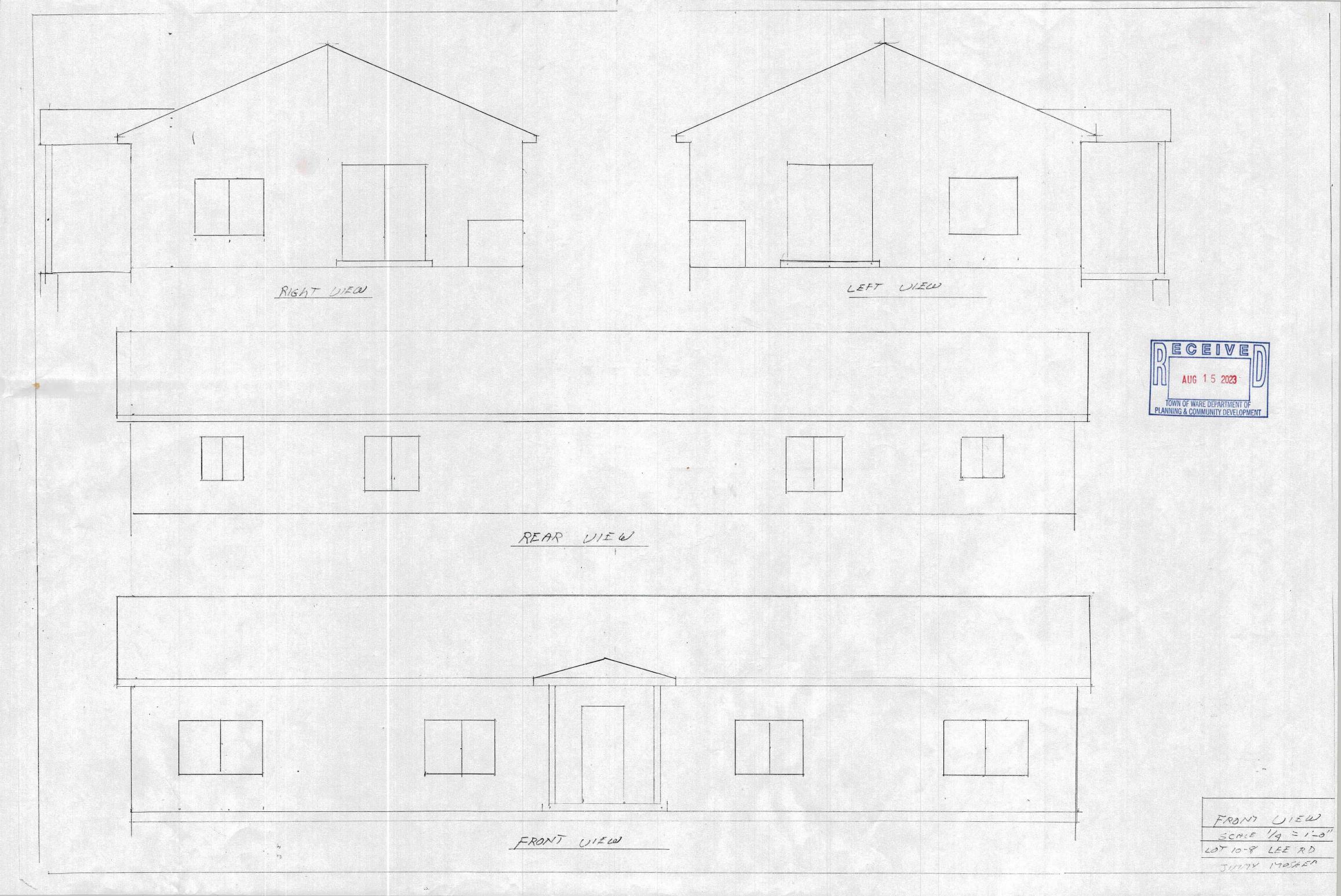
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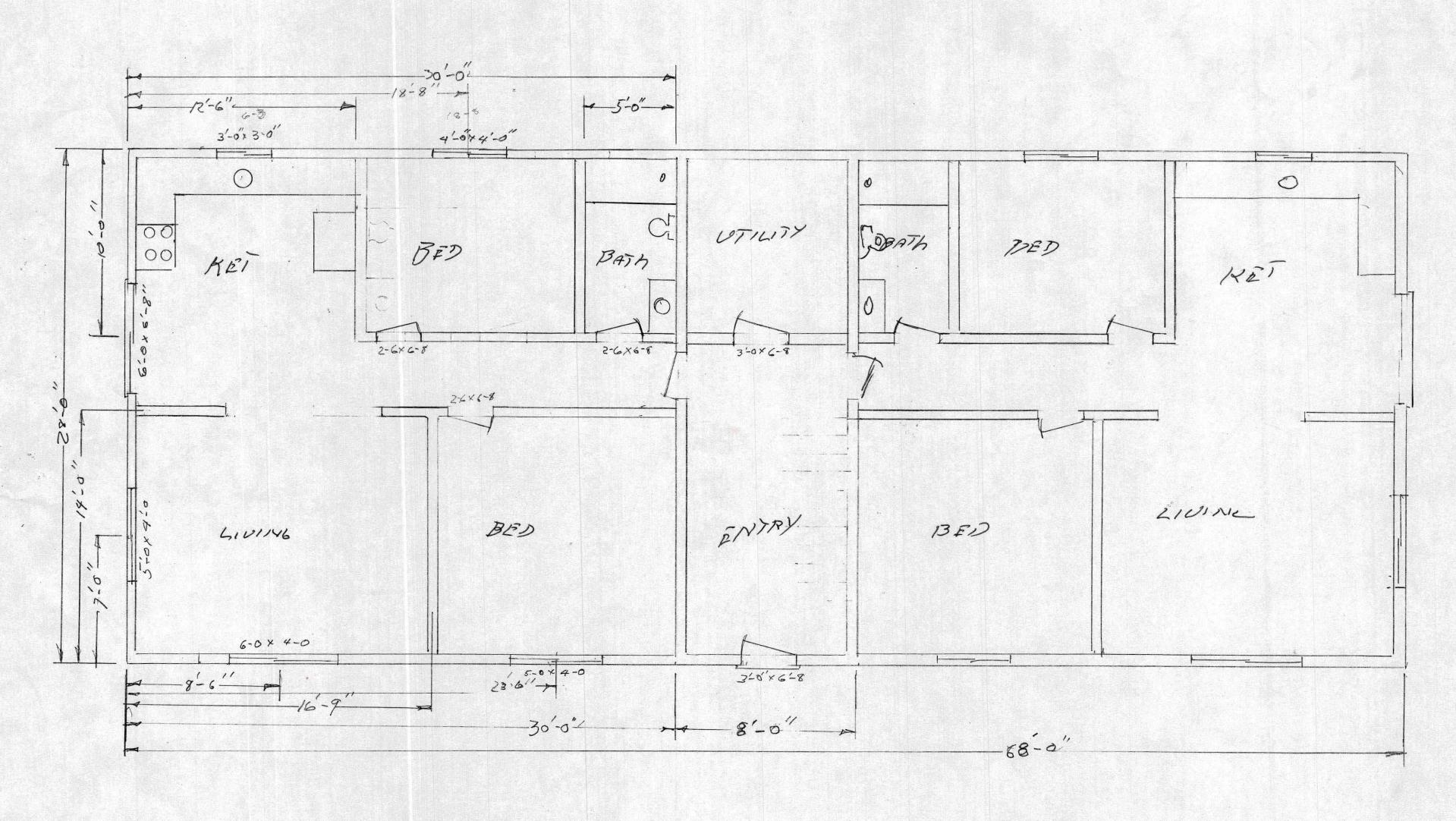
Application Disapproved for the following reasons:

Board of Health

APPROVED
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BOARD OF HEALTH







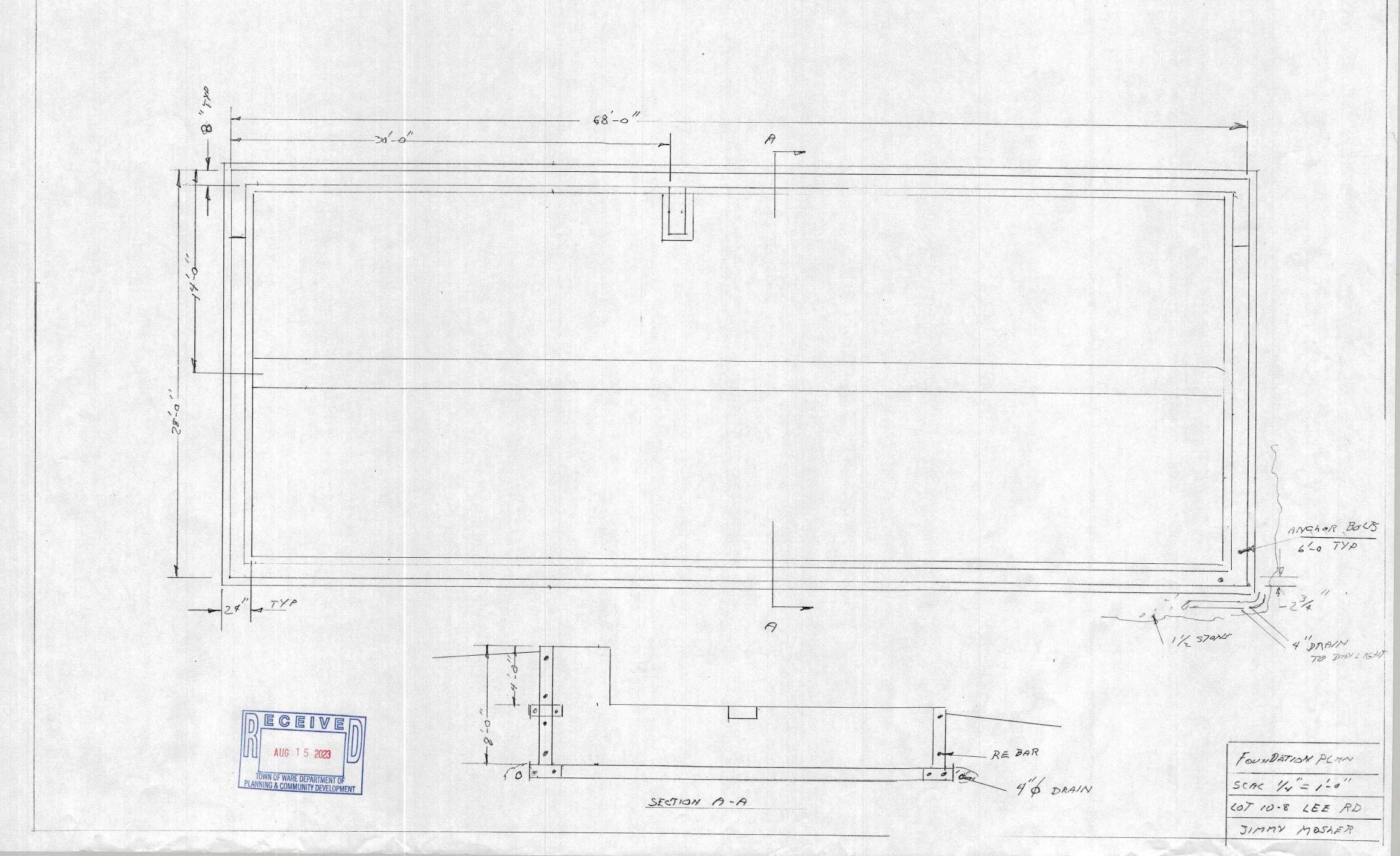


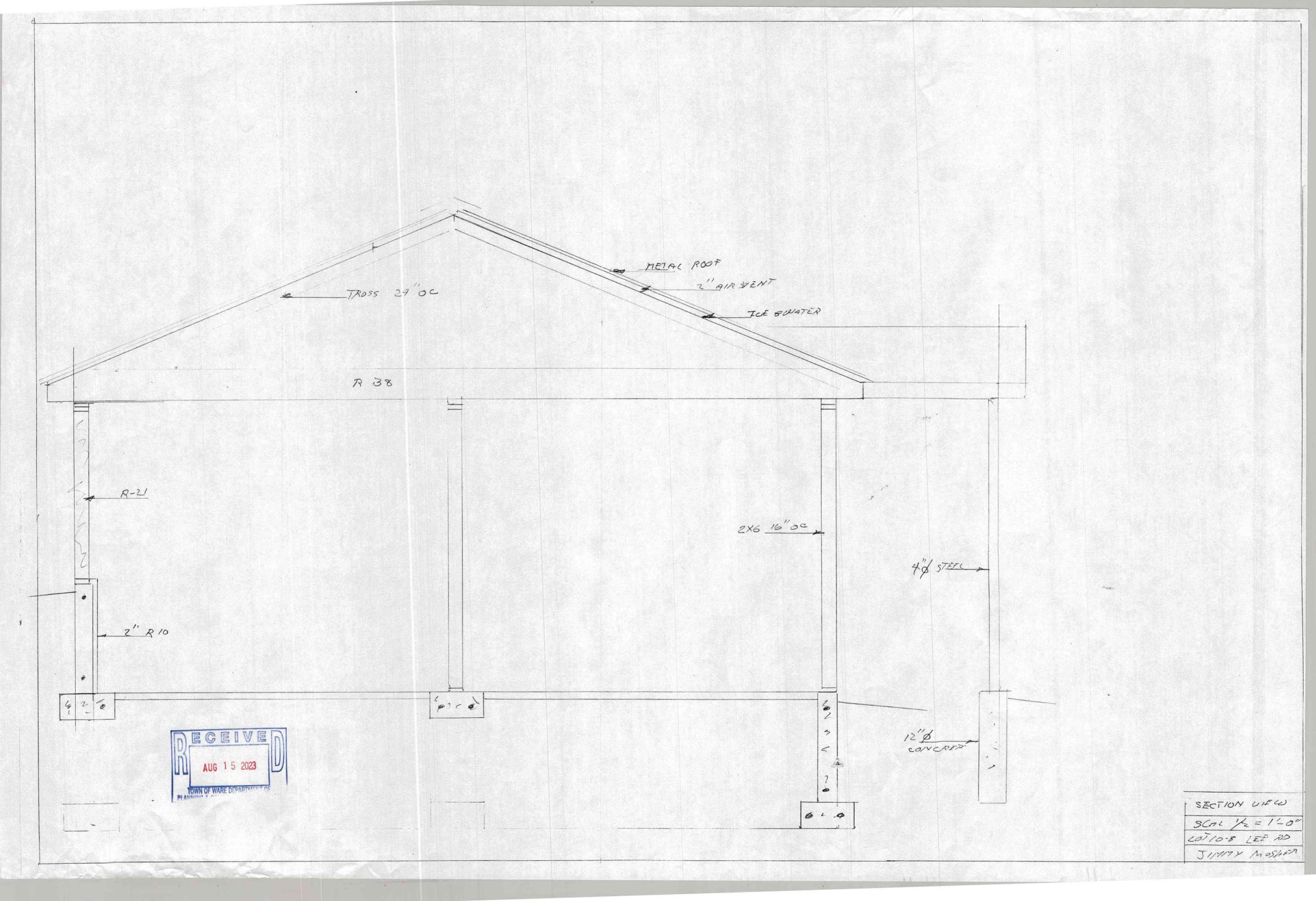
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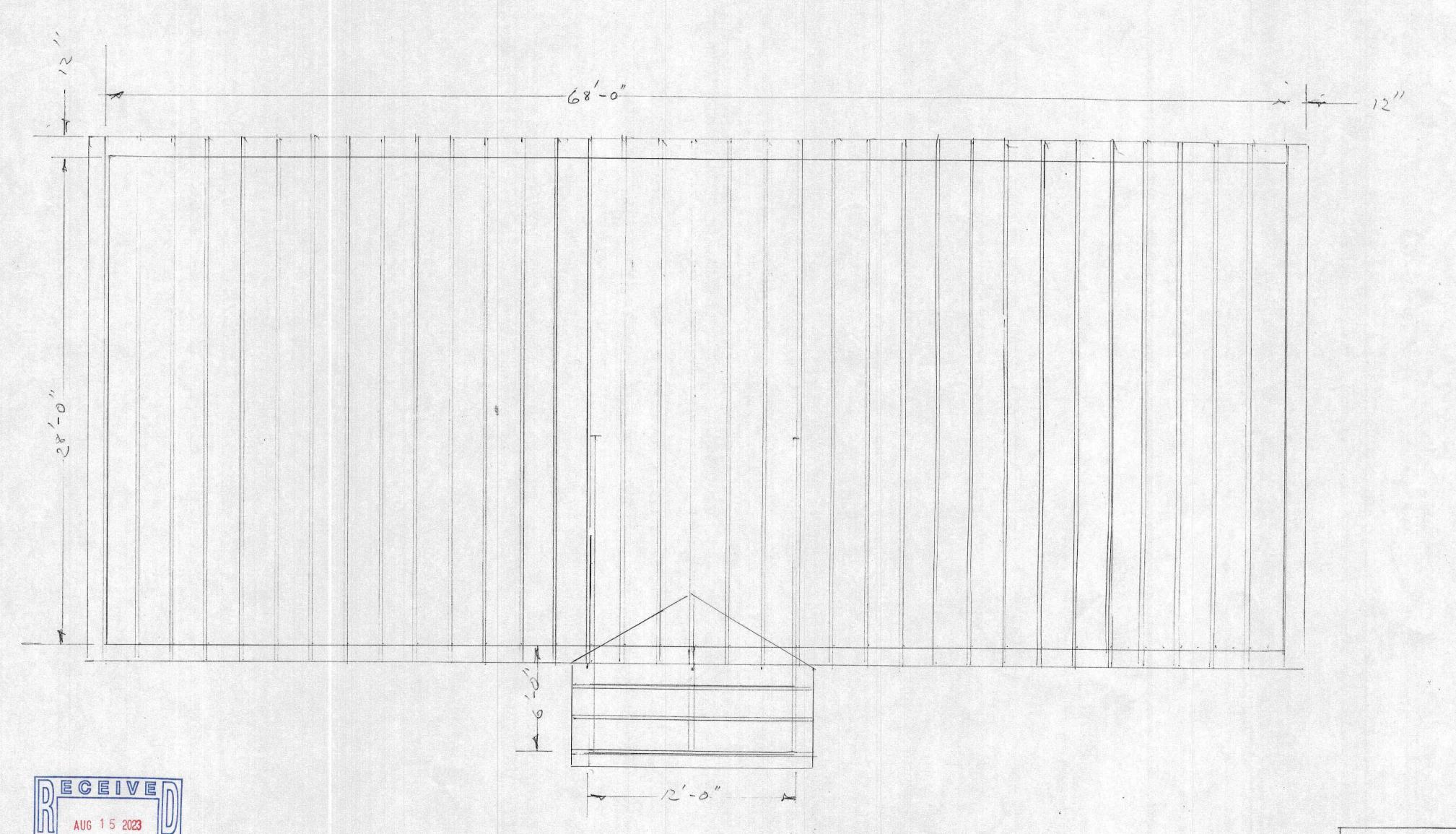
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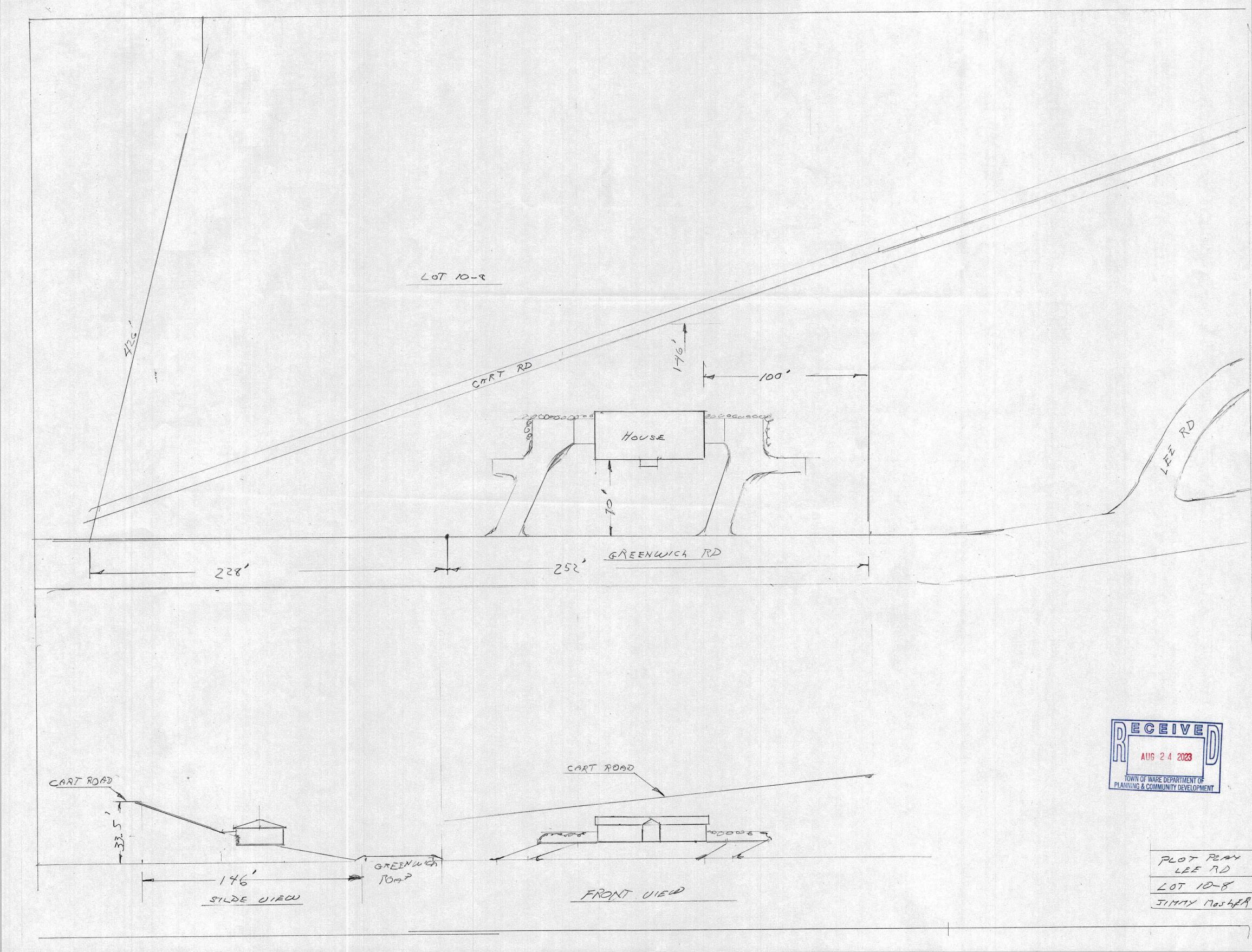






TOWN OF WARE DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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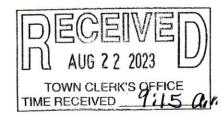


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WARE PLANNING BOARD Ed Murphy, Chairman

# Town of Ware Planning & Community Development

Planning Board & Zoning Board of Appeals

Robert A. Watchilla Director of Planning & Community Development

# Request for Extension of Site Plan / Special Permit / Variance / Definitive Subdivision



126 Main Street Ware, MA 01082 413.967.9648 ext. 120 www.townofware.com

	20www.townotware.com
<del></del>	Name of Applicant (primary contact): Melink Solar Development (Jeremy Chapman)
Applicant	Company: Ware Solar, LLC
A O	Address: 276 N Forest Ave NE, Marietta, GA 30060
	Phone: 513-432-4979 Cell:
	Email Address: jchapman@melinksolardevelopment.com
ă	Name of Owner: John C Soper
Owner	Address: 142 N Main St, South Deerfield, MA 01703
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	Phone: 617-312-4991 Cell:Cell:
	Email: Jermeeper@remailmenter.
Sal	The undersigned herewith resubmits the accompanying additional plan, materials, information, etc., relative to
Proposa	the previously filed Site Plan Application No. SPR-2019-03 and/or Special Permit Application No. SP-2019-04
0	and/or Variance Application No for property located on/at 45 Greenwich Plains Rd
	and decision recorded at the Hampshire Registry of Deeds, Deed Book <u>13457</u> , Page <u>159</u> , dated <u>9/19/2019</u> and/or Plan Book, Page
	and/or Plan Book, Page
	With this submission of this form, and any other materials requested by the Planning and Community
	Development Department, I am hereby requesting a 12 month extension, to commence work on said
	project as described in the original Decision.
(1)	Original Owner's Signature (Blue Ink Only): Some C Soft Date: 8/21/23
nature	Mailing Address: 142 North Men Street Town/State/Zip: South Decreie MA 0137
S	Phone Number: 617-312-4991 Email: john soper@ Verizon wire less.
3	Town Clerk's stamp:
e or	Official Use Only: Date Received: Date of Public Hearing:           Fee: \$ Check Dated: Check #:
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Office Use only	Decision of Board: Approved Approved with Conditions Denied
~	Date of Decision: Expiration Date:



August 21, 2023

Town of Ware 126 Main St. Ware, MA 01082

RE: Request for Extension, SPR-2019-03 and SP-2019-04

Dear Planning Board Members,

We understand that Robert Watchilla's former position as Director of Planning is currently vacant, so we ask that you route this request to the person or persons filling those duties in the interim.

Please accept the enclosed form, signed by John C. Soper as the owner of the real property located at 45 Greenwich Road, along with this narrative and accompanying Exhibits, in approval of a 12-month extension of time to start construction for the previously approved permits # SPR-2019-03 and SP-2019-04.

The Special Permit and Site Plan Review for the Ware Solar, LLC project were originally approved on September 19, 2019. Between 2019 until 2022, the project continuously underwent transmission and distribution studies administered by National Grid (NG) in coordination with ISO-NE as the Regional Transmission Operator. Impact Study results for the MPL-East Area were compiled by NG in Q4 2022 and, on December 19, 2022, NG filed docket # 22-170 with the Department of Public Utilities (DPU) detailing their Capital Investment Project (CIP) proposal for the Provisional Program under DPU 20-75-B. The CIP covers all grid-side improvements proposed by NG across the larger area, including those necessary for this project and all others studied in the region.

On April 10, 2023, the DPU published a procedural notice outlining the schedule of dates related to the NG CIP hearings across the state (the "Schedule"). On July 7, 2023, the Attorney General and Group Study Developers simultaneously submitted requests for evidentiary hearings to DPU (the "Evidentiary Hearing Requests"). On August 18, 2023, the DPU published its notice of intent (the "Notice") to incorporate the evidentiary record for each of the NG CIPs into one another for efficiency in the upcoming evidentiary hearings. The Notice allowed for written comments through August 21, 2023 but, as of the date of this request, none had been published in the DPU file room. As such, the evidentiary hearings remain scheduled for the week of September 7-13 as of the date of this request.



At this time, we presume that DPU will finish its review of the NG CIPs in Q4 2023 and issue their approval by year-end 2023. If so, NG would issue interconnection agreements in Q1 2024, followed by the project's final SMART qualification in 2024. However, NG's timeline for construction of the related utility-side upgrades will not be finalized until DPU's approval of the CIP later this year. As a result, it's possible that further extensions may be required to follow NG's timeline as ultimately approved by DPU. If so, we will submit a further request for extension in 2024 after those details are finalized.

Your office can refer to Docket # 20-75-B created by DPU on November 24, 2021 detailing the Provisional Program and Docket # 22-170 created by DPU on December 19, 2022 detailing the proposed CIP for the MPL-E area that includes the Town of Ware. Also attached for supporting documentation are copies of the Schedule, Evidentiary Hearing Requests and Notice as Exhibits to this request.

The study process and CIP adjudication process as noted above are beyond the control of Ware Solar, LLC (the "Applicant") and affect all DG projects greater than 1MWac in size within the Central and Western Areas designated by NG. Such studies and related CIPs are required to ensure the integrity of the electric distribution grid as the Commonwealth works to achieve its clean energy goals and, since they are beyond the control of the Applicant, constitute "good cause" for a corresponding extension of time to the related permits.

Sincerely,

**Donna Jones** 

Manager

JCD Solar Consulting, LLC d/b/a Melink Solar Development Managing Member

Ware Solar, LLC



# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

# DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

TO: Service Lists:

Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company,

D.P.U. 22-170 (Monson-Palmer-Longmeadow (East));

Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company,

D.P.U. 23-06 (Gardner Winchendon);

Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company,

D.P.U. 23-09 (Barre-Athol);

Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company,

D.P.U. 23-12 (Spencer-Rutland)

VIA: Electronic Mail

FROM: Andrew Strumfels, Hearing Officer

RE: Procedural Notice and Ground Rules

DATE: April 10, 2023

CC: Mark D. Marini, Department Secretary

## PROCEDURAL NOTICE

## I. <u>PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE</u>

On March 8, 2023, the Department of Public Utilities ("Department") conducted a consolidated Public Hearing and Procedural Conference in the referenced dockets involving Capital Investment Project proposals filed by Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company, each d/b/a National Grid ("National Grid") ("Dockets").

In response to the Hearing Officer's request, the parties<sup>1</sup> submitted a jointly proposed procedural schedule ("Jointly Proposed Procedural Schedule"). Following the consolidated

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National Grid; the Monson-Palmer-Longmeadow (East) Group Study Coalition; Zero Point Development, Inc.; the Barre-Athol Group Study Coalition; the Spencer-Rutland

Public Hearing and Procedural Conference for the Dockets, the Hearing Officer contacted the parties and participants to the proceedings via email with alternative deadlines to the Jointly Proposed Procedural Schedule. None of the parties or participants expressed objections or concerns with the Department's proposed procedural schedule.

Therefore, pursuant to 220 CMR 1.06(5), the Department establishes the following consolidated schedule for the Dockets. In setting this schedule, the Department has given careful consideration to several important factors including: allowing the necessary time to develop a complete evidentiary record, affording all parties a reasonable time to conduct discovery and file testimony and exhibits, and reserving sufficient time for deliberation by the Commission. Finally, in establishing the schedule, the Department has considered its obligation to conduct its proceedings in an efficient and orderly manner.

<u>DATE</u>	ACTION
May 12, 2023	Deadline for Intervenors to provide notice of intent to file testimony <sup>2</sup>
June 16, 2023	Deadline for Intervenors to file direct testimony
July 7, 2023	Deadline to request evidentiary hearings
July 14, 2023	Deadline for issuing discovery <sup>3</sup>
July 21, 2023	Deadline for Company to file rebuttal testimony

Group Study Coalition, and the Attorney General of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts ("Attorney General").

For Intervenors that intend to file testimony, the notice of intent to file testimony must contain (1) the identity of each witness and (2) the subject matter on which each witness is expected to testify.

Parties shall provide responses to information requests within ten business days of receipt of the requests as calculated in accordance with 220 CMR 1.02(4). However, if at any point during the procedural schedule the Department determines a shorter response time is warranted to allow for additional discovery prior to the July 14, 2023 deadline, the Department may shorten the information request response time through Hearing Officer Memorandum.

August 4, 2023 Deadline to file responses to discovery

August 14, 2023 Deadline for Intervenors to file surrebuttal

testimony<sup>5</sup>

September 7, 8, 11, 12, Evidentiary Hearings (if necessary)

 $13, 2023^4$ 

September 29, 2023 Deadline for simultaneous initial briefs

October 13, 2023 Deadline to file simultaneous reply briefs

## II. SERVICE LIST

Due to certain ongoing safety measures and precautions put in place due to the COVID-19 pandemic, as outlined in the June 15, 2021 Commission Memorandum continuing modified filing requirements, and as outlined in further detail in the ground rules below, all filings should be submitted to the Department and parties by electronic means only, for the time being.

Mark D. Marini, Department Secretary Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities One South Station, 5th Floor Boston, Massachusetts 02110

Email: dpu.efiling@mass.gov

If evidentiary hearings are requested, the Department will further clarify the schedule at that time. Evidentiary hearing participants should ensure their availability for September 7, 8, 11, 12, 13, 2023. Relevant National Grid personnel should plan to be available for the entirety of the dates identified for evidentiary hearings.

Surrebuttal testimony shall be limited in scope to new arguments and evidence presented by National Grid for the first time after June 16, 2023, that the Intervenors have not had the opportunity to address.

Katie Zilgme, Hearing Officer Katherine Stock, Hearing Officer Andrew Strumfels, Hearing Officer

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AND NANTUCKET ELECTRIC COMPANY

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## III. GROUND RULES

Please refer to the Standard Ground Rules, which can be found at the Department's website at <a href="https://www.mass.gov/how-to/file-comments-or-pleadings-with-the-dpu">https://www.mass.gov/how-to/file-comments-or-pleadings-with-the-dpu</a>, and the following exceptions to the Standard Ground Rules applicable to this proceeding.

# A. Exceptions to Standard Ground Rules

#### 1. Filing

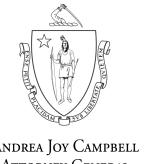
In all instances where the Standard Ground Rules reference paper filing or service, please disregard. At this time, parties must submit, serve and exchange all materials only in electronic format. Parties must retain the original paper version and the Department will later determine when the paper version must be filed with Mark D. Marini, Department Secretary, Department of Public Utilities. Further, parties shall submit all electronic files via email only to <a href="mailto:dpu.efiling@mass.gov">dpu.efiling@mass.gov</a>. All materials shall be deemed to be filed or received on the date on which the email containing the material is received by the Department.

# 2. <u>Protected Materials</u>

As with all other filings, materials for which confidential protection is sought, or may constitute CEII, shall be submitted in electronic format only, marked and distributed via email appropriately according to the Standard Ground Rules, and the filing party must retain original paper versions to be filed at a later date determined by the Department.

## 3. Hearing Arrangements

The Department is not presently holding in-person evidentiary hearings at the Department's offices. Arrangements for evidentiary hearings will be decided by the Department and communicated to parties prior to the scheduled hearing.



# THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

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July 7, 2023

Mark D. Marini, Secretary Department of Public Utilities One South Station, 5th Floor Boston, MA 02110

Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company, each d/b/a National Re:

Grid, D.P.U. 22-170, D.P.U. 23-06, D.P.U. 23-09, and D.P.U. 23-12

Dear Secretary Marini:

Pursuant to the procedural schedule in the above-captioned matters, the Attorney General submits her request for evidentiary hearings. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

/s/ Kelly Caiazzo Kelly Caiazzo Assistant Attorney General

#### Enclosures

cc: Katie Zilgme, Hearing Officer

Katherine Stock, Hearing Officer Andrew Strumfels, Hearing Officer

Service Lists

# COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company, each d/b/a National Grid	D.P.U. 22-170
Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company, each d/b/a National Grid	D.P.U. 23-06
Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company, each d/b/a National Grid	D.P.U. 23-09
Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company, each d/b/a National Grid	D.P.U. 23-12

# **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that I have this day served the foregoing document upon all parties of record in these proceedings in accordance with the requirements of 220 C.M.R. 1.05(1) (Department's Rules of Practice and Procedure). Dated at Boston this 7<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2023.

/s/ Kelly Caiazzo
Kelly Caiazzo
Kelly Caiazzo
Assistant Attorney General
Massachusetts Attorney General
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# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

TO: Service Lists

Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company, D.P.U. 22-61

(Shutesbury)

Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company, D.P.U. 22-170

(Monson-Palmer-Longmeadow (East))

Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company, D.P.U. 23-06

(Gardner-Winchendon)

Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company, D.P.U. 23-09

(Barre-Athol)

Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company, D.P.U. 23-12

(Spencer-Rutland)

FROM: Katherine Stock, Hearing Officer

RE: Evidentiary Record in <u>Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric</u>

Company, D.P.U. 22-61; D.P.U. 22-170, D.P.U. 23-06, D.P.U. 23-09, and

D.P.U. 23-12

DATE: August 18, 2023

CC: Mark D. Marini, Secretary

# **Notice of Intent to Incorporate By Reference**

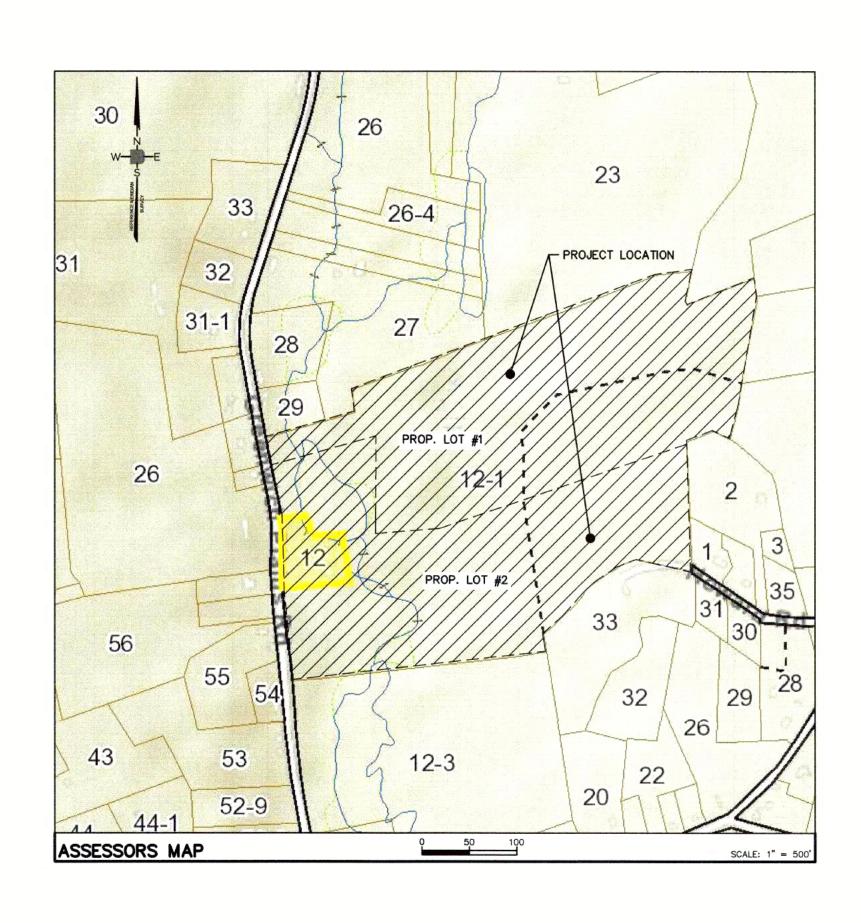
By this Notice of Intent to Incorporate by Reference ("Notice"), the Department of Public Utilities ("Department") states its intention, pursuant to 220 CMR 1.10(3) to incorporate the evidentiary record in each pending Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company, each d/b/a National Grid ("National Grid") Capital Investment Project ("CIP") referenced above into the record of the other pending National Grid CIPs, namely:

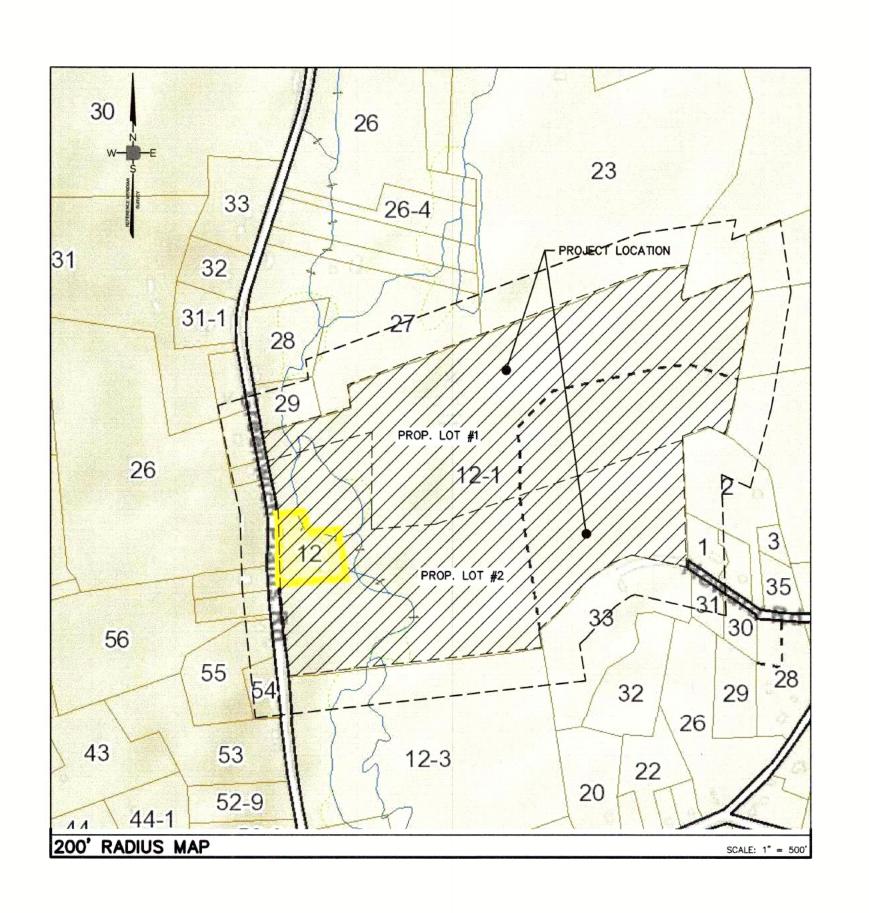
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- Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company, D.P.U. 23-12

In stating this intention, the Department determines that all of these CIP proceedings have substantial common identity of parties, factual issues, and legal issues. Based on these common relationships, the Department finds that it is appropriate and efficient to incorporate the evidentiary record in each of the pending National Grid CIPs into one another. Any party to any of the listed proceedings may file written comments regarding this Notice no later than the close of business (5:00 pm) on **August 21, 2023**. The Departments' standard rules for electronic filing apply.

# DEFINITIVE SUBDIVISION PLAN FIELDSTONE COMMONS

TAX MAP 22, LOTS 0-12 & 12-1
45 GREENWICH PLAINS RD
TOWN OF WARE
HAMPSHIRE COUNTY, MASSACHUSETTS





DRAWING LIST			
DWG. #	DRAWING TITLE	DATED/ LAST REVISED	REV. #
C1.0	COVER SHEET	05-24-22	0
C2.0	DEFINITIVE SUBDIVISON PLAN	05-24-22	0
C2.1	WETLAND RESOURCE AREA PLAN WITH SOLAR USE	05-24-22	0

TOWN OF WARE - ZONING	
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JOHN C. SOPER 42 NORTH MAIN ST	
SOUTH DEERFIELD, MA 01373	
DB. 10506 PG.121	
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WARE TOWN CLERK CERTIFICATION

WAS RECEIVED DURING THE TWENTY DAYS NEXT FOLLOWING SUCH RECEIPT AND RECORDED OF SAID NOTICE.

DATE: \_

PLANNING BOARD APPROVAL UNDER THE SUBDIVISION CONTROL LAW REQUIRED M.G.L. CHAPTER 4, SECTION 81U.

DATE:

"NO DETERMINATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH ZONING"

REQUIREMENTS HAS BEEN MADE OR INTENDED"

RESERVED FOR USE BY THE REGISTRY OF DEEDS

THE CERTIFICATIONS SHOWN HEREON ARE INTENDED TO MEET REGISTRY OF DEEDS REQUIREMENTS AND ARE NOT A CERTIFICATION TO TITLE OR OWNERSHIP OF THE PROPERTY SHOWN.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS IS A TRUE PLAN BASED ON FIELD SURVEYS AND THE LATEST DEEDS AND PLANS OF RECORD AND THAT THIS PLAN CONFORMS TO THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE REGISTRY OF DEEDS.

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— COMMONS

TAX MAP 22-0-12, 45 GREENWICH PLAINS ROAD TAX MAP 22-12-01, HOWARD ROAD TOWN OF WARE, MA

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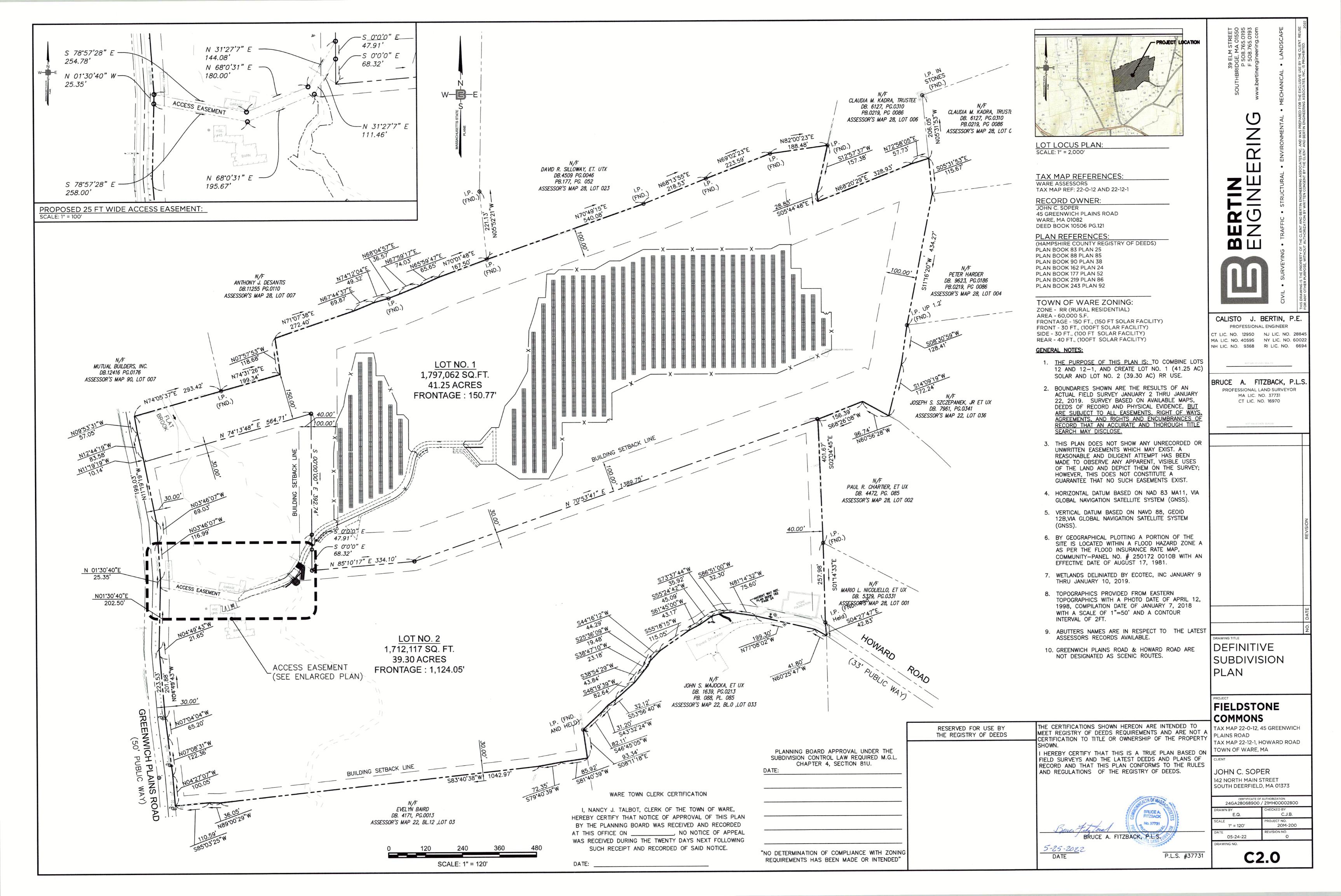
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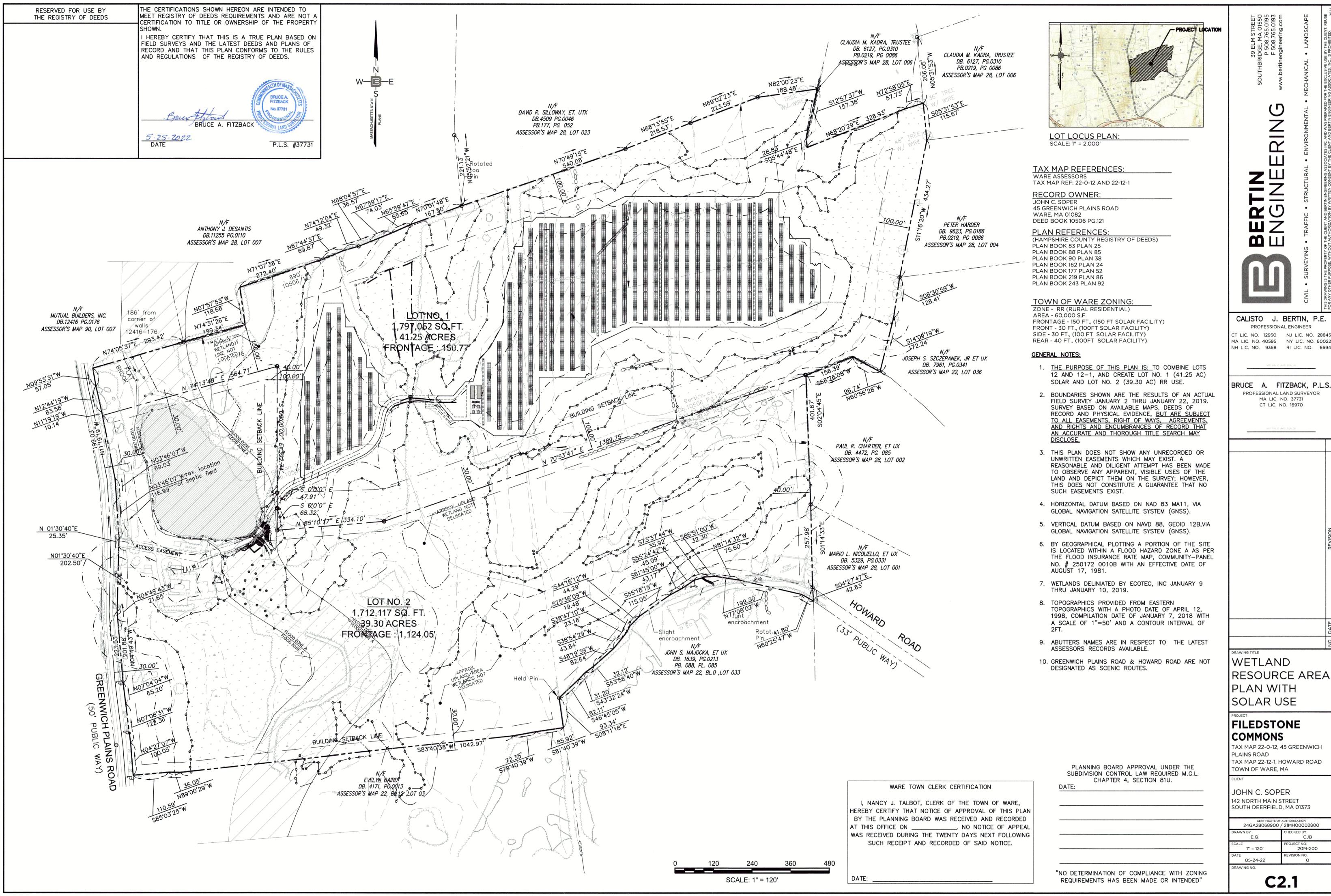
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Planning Board

Robert A. Watchilla Director of Planning & Community Development

## Town of Ware

## Planning & Community Development

## Application for ANR

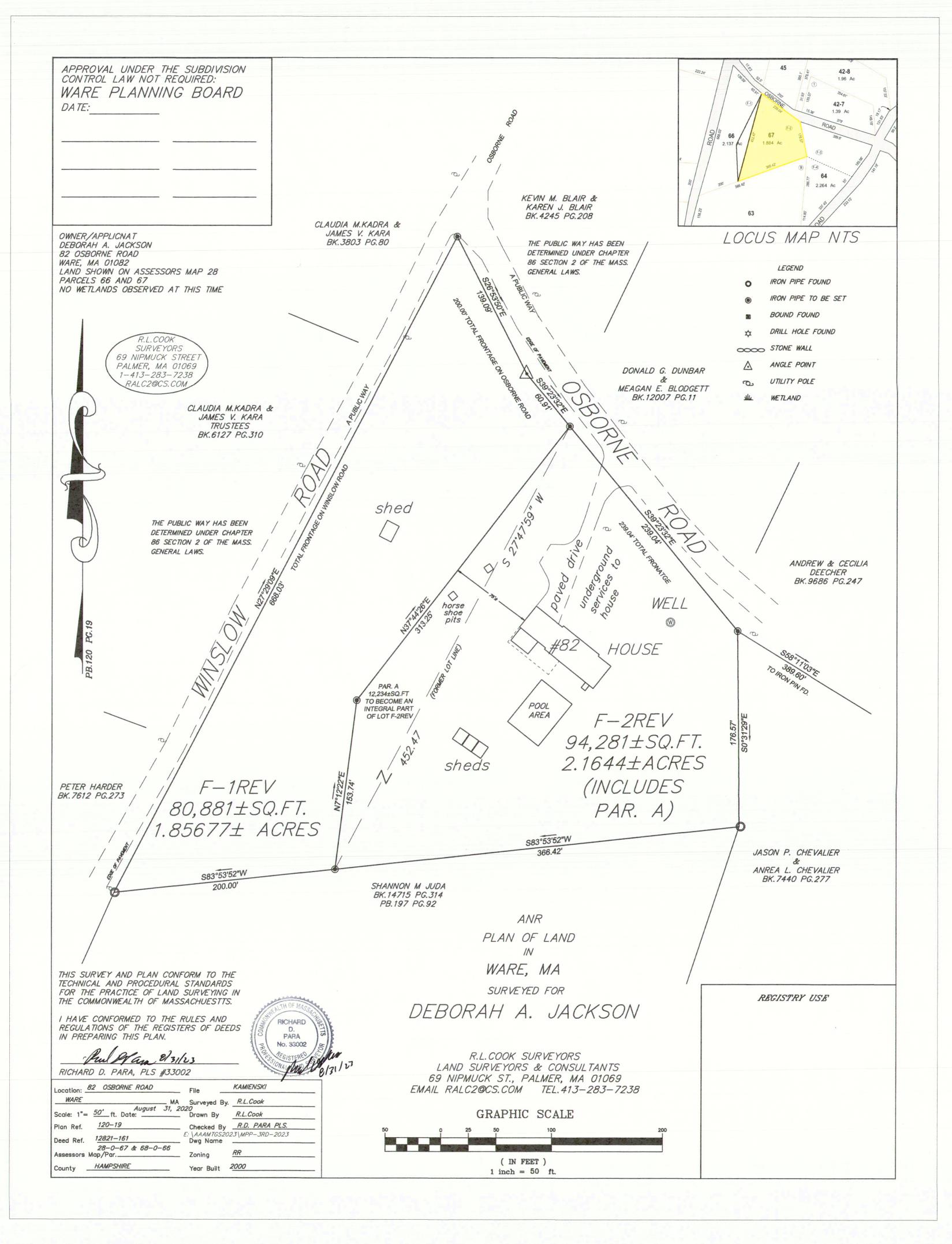
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ANR 20<u>23</u> - 04



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can	Name of Applicant (primary contact): DEBORAH A	A. JACKSON	
Applican	Address: 82 OSBORNE ROAD, WARE, MA 01082		
A	Phone: Cell: 774-262-2131		
	Email Address: dajackson2017@comcast.net		
Owner	Parcel ID MAP 28 PARCELS 66 & 67		
	Name SAME AS APPLICANT		18.00
	Address	Address	
Surveyor	Name of Surveyor: RICHARD D. PARA, PLS #33002		
	Company: R.L.COOK SURVEYORS		
	Address: 69 NIPMUCK STREET, PALMER, MA 01069		
	Phone: 413-283-7238 Email: RALC2@CS.COM		
Request	Check one: Boundary Line Adjustment Create new lot(s); indicate total number including original parcel: 2		
	Description of proposal: TAKING 12,234 SQ FROM PARCEL 66 AND ADDING IT TO PARCEL 67 TO CREATE NEW LOTS		
	F-1REV 1.8567ACRES AND F-2REV 2.1644 ACRES		
Property	Location of Property: ON THE EASTERLY SIDE OF WINSLOW ROAD AND SOUTHERLY OF OSBORNE ROAD		
	Assessor's Tax Map/Lot Number Affected: MAP 28, PARCELS 66 & 67		
	Deed References – Hampshire District Registry of Deeds Book/Page Number: 12821-161		
	Plan References – Hampshire District Registry of Deeds Book/Plan Number: 120-19		
	Zoning Distričt: RR		
Sign	Note: All affected owners must sign the application		0 - 0-
	Applicant's signature: Deborah (1)		Date: <u>9-1-2023</u>
	Owner's Signature (s): Debrah affect	usm	Date: 9-1-2023
			Date:
			Town Clerk's Stamp:
	Official Use Only:		
	Fee: \$50.00 ,Date,Paid: 9/1/23	_ Check #:	
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## **Town Manager**

# Memo

To:

PCD Dept - Planning Board

From:

Stuart Beckley

cc:

Date:

August 23, 2023

Re:

**Proposed Zoning Amendments** 

Members of the Planning Board:

At a regular scheduled Selectboard meeting held on August 22, 2023, the Board voted in favor to forward the proposed zoning amendments for the creation of a Rural Business Overlay District along Route 9 to the Planning Board to schedule a Public Hearing. The map and language amendments are attached for reference.

Thank you,

Stuart Beckley Town Manager

- 3.3.2 Parcels transected by one or more zoning district boundaries.
  - A. The use regulations for the less restricted portion of such parcel may extend not more than 30 feet into the more restricted portion, or, by special permit, not more than 100 feet into the more restricted portion. In such applications, the Special Permit Granting Authority shall first determine that the proposed use will have no detrimental impact on abutting properties and uses. This provision does not apply to overlay districts.
  - B. The area, frontage, and setback requirements of §5.1 shall be determined based on the requirements of the district where at least 50% of the proposed structure will be located.

#### 3.4 Overlay Districts

- 3.4.1 FP Floodplain. The purposes of the floodplain district are to protect the public health, safety, and general welfare, to protect human life and property from the hazards of periodic flooding, to preserve the natural flood control characteristics and the flood storage capacity of the floodplain, and to preserve and maintain the groundwater table and water recharge areas within the floodplain.
- 3.4.2 AP Aquifer Protection. The purposes of the aquifer protection district are to protect, preserve and maintain present and potential sources of public and private water supplies including their recharge areas, conserve the natural resources of the town, and prevent temporary and permanent contamination of the environment due to adverse land use practices.
- 3.4.3 RRB Rural Business. The purpose of the rural business overlay district is to preserve the scenic rural character of the route 9 corridor, while allowing for commercial development that is in keeping with adjoining uses and in harmony with the natural environment. This district allows for the potential of economic development while minimizing the impacts to the rural character of the corridor.

## 4.9 Overlay District Regulations

- 4.9.1 Floodplain
- 4.9.2 Aquifer Protection
- 4.9.3 Rural Business
  - A. Purpose. The purposes of the Rural Business District are to:
    - 1. Allow for commercial development that is in keeping with adjoining uses and in harmony with the natural environment.
    - 2. Preserve the scenic rural character of the route 9 corridor.
    - 3. Promote economic development along a heavily traveled state highway.

#### B. District Delineation

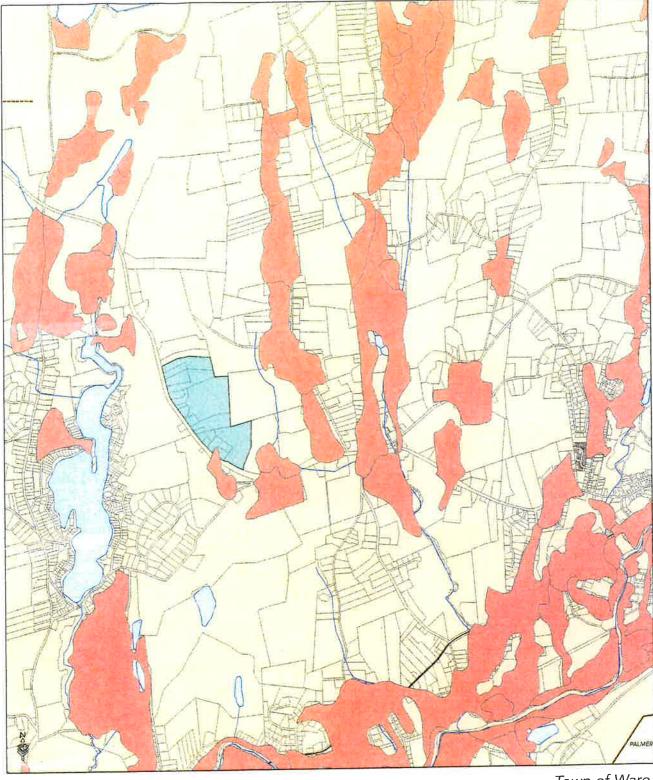
1. The general boundaries of the Rural Business Overlay District are shown on the "Rural Business Overlay District" Map dated (Month of STM Approval), 2022.

#### C. Use Regulations

- 1. The Rural Business District is established as an overlay district over the Rural Residential (RR) district. Any uses permitted in the RR district by right or by special permit shall continue to be permitted by right or by special permit.
- Reference to Existing Regulations. All development in the Rural Business Overlay District, including structural and non-structural activities, must be in compliance with the dimensional and parking requirements as required in the RR district, unless otherwise specified for each permitted use in this section.
- 3. Permitted Uses. The following uses are allowed by right in the Rural Business Overlay District:
  - a) All uses allowed by right (Y) in the Rural Residential (RR) District. (refer to section 4.2 Use Table)
- 4. Uses Permitted by Special Permit and Site Plan Review. The following uses are allowed by Special Permit and Site Plan Review (see section 7.4.2) in the Rural Business District:
  - a) All uses allowed by special permit (SP) in the Rural Residential (RR) District. (see section 4.2 Use Table)
  - b) Business, Finance, or Other Professional Offices
  - c) Office or clinic for health services
  - d) Self-service Storage Facility
  - e) Light Industry (see section 2.2 Definitions)
  - f) Tank Farm
    - Limited only to the storage of gases including natural gases, propane, methane, butane, and ethane.
    - Tank farms shall adhere to a setback requirement of 125 feet from the nearest residential property line and 200 feet from the nearest residential structure in order to protect the welfare and safety of abutting neighbors.
- 5. Prohibited Uses. The following uses are prohibited in the Rural Business Overlay District:
  - a) Auto Salvage Yards (see section 2.2)
  - b) Junkyards/Automobile Graveyards (as defined in MGL c. 140B section 1)
- 6. All uses permitted by Special Permit in the Rural Business Overlay District shall have a 50-

## foot buffer and shall include a 20-foot vegetated buffer that screens the use

- D. Special Permit Approval Criteria. The SPGA may grant a special permit after a duly noticed public hearing in accordance with §7.2 of this Zoning Bylaw provided it finds that the proposed use:
  - Will be designed to avoid substantial disturbance to the natural environment to include (but not limited to) soils, topography, drainage, vegetation, and ground water;
  - 2. Is in harmony with the purpose and intent of this ordinance and will promote the purposes of
  - 3. the Rural Business Overlay District; and
  - 4. Is consistent with the existing and probable future development of surrounding area.



## Legend

Town of Ware Proposed Rural Business Overlay District District Approved TBD

Proposed Rural Business District

Parcels 2021

—— Rt 9

\* 4ª

--- Local Roads

Prime Farmland

The Rural Business Overlay District encompasses areas along the Route 9 Corridor that makes up half of the former "Residential Business 2 (RB2)" Zoning District (prior to 2012), as well as areas that have current commercial and mixed-uses. The underlying reason for creating the overlay district are to allow for economic development along this historic commercial corridor by limiting the size and type of commercial/industrial uses allowed. This will help to preserve the open space that exists within the Rural Residential (RR) district. (See Section 4.\*\*\*\*\* of the Zoning Bylaw.)



Planning Department 126 Main Street, Suite G Ware, MA 01082

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Sources: MA DOT: Roads Data downloaded from MassGIS February 2012 and August 2022 0 0.25 0.5 1 1.5 2



## TOWN OF WARE

Planning & Community Development

126 Main Street, Ware, Massachusetts 01082 t. 413.967.9648 ext. 118

# Notice of Public Hearing Planning Board

LEGAL NOTICE to be published in the *Ware River News* issues 9/21/2023and 9/28/2023

Pursuant to MGL Ch. 40A, Sec. 5, the Ware Planning Board will hold a public hearing on <u>Thursday</u>, <u>October 5th</u>, during their normally scheduled meeting starting at 7pm in the Town Hall meeting room, 126 Main Street, Ware, MA. The purpose of this hearing is to consider amendments to sections 3.4 (Overlay Districts) and 4.9 (Overlay District Regulations) of the Town of Ware Zoning Bylaws to include language and a map on a proposed overlay district known as the "Rural Business Overlay District" along the route 9 corridor.

Pursuant to Chapter 22 of the Acts of 2022, this hearing will be conducted in person and via remote means, in accordance with applicable law. This means that members of the Planning Board as well as members of the public may access this meeting in person, or via virtual means. In person attendance will be held in Town Hall Meeting Room, 126 Main Street, Ware, MA. It is possible that any or all members of the public body may attend remotely, with in-person attendance consisting of members of public. The meeting may be accessed remotely via zoom. Go to https://zoom.us/join or join by phone. Phone Number: 929-205-6099; Meeting ID: 784 604 1861; Password: 01082.

A complete copy of the proposed changes can be found at the Planning & Community Development Department Office and on the department web page at www.townofware.com. Anyone interested or wishing to be heard should appear at the time and place designated. All interested parties are invited to attend.

WARE PLANNING BOARD Edward Murphy, Chairman



## TOWN OF WARE

Planning & Community Development 126 Main Street, Ware, MA 01082 t. 413.967.9648 ext. 120

## **MEMORANDUM**

To: Selectboard

From: Planning Board

Date: September 21, 2023

Subject: Recommendations for Plowing and Sanding Unfinished Subdivision Roads –

Winter 2023/24

Dear Members of the Selectboard:

The Planning Board wishes to provide the following recommendations regarding plowing and sanding of the Town's privately owned roadways:

#### **BELAIR DRIVE** (Belair Estates):

- It appears that no repairs have been made to this road for some time
- Road condition has gotten worse since last year
- Owner used concrete on exposed manholes to smooth the road
- We recommend that Belair Drive NOT be plowed nor sanded this winter

#### **HIGH MEADOW LANE**

- The road serves as someone's driveway and has not been plowed in the past
- We recommend that High Meadow Lane NOT plowed and sanded by the Town this winter.

## **COLDBROOK DRIVE** (Penny brook Estates):

- The road is in good condition.
- We recommend that Coldbrook Drive be plowed and sanded by the Town this winter.

#### KING GEORGE DRIVE

- The DPW has plowed this private road in the past
- Road is still in good condition but is starting to show signs of deterioration.
- We recommend that King George Drive be plowed and sanded this winter.

#### **LEE ROAD**

- The DPW has plowed this private road in the past
- There are two easements placed on Lee Road for the purposes of plowing, drainage and general road maintenance.
- Road conditions are showing signs of deterioration.
- We recommend that Lee Road be plowed and sanded this winter.

## **WALTER DRIVE** (Edgewood Estates):

- The basecoat continues to deteriorate but still in good condition.
- There appear to be no problems for either the Town or the owner if the Town plowed and sanded this winter.
- We recommend that Walter Drive be plowed and sanded by the Town this winter

## **WILDFLOWER DRIVE & BRIAR CIRCLE** (Isabella Ridge):

- Roads are showing early signs of deteriorating.
- We recommend that Wildflower Drive and Briar Circle be plowed and sanded by the Town this winter.

## **WILLISTON DRIVE**

- Only the eastern section of Williston Drive has been accepted by the Town (see photo)
- The DPW has historically plowed and sanded the entire length of this road so that the trucks could turn around easily.
- Roads are showing early signs of deterioration.



- Potholes are in need of repair prior to paving.
- We recommend that the entirety of Williston Drive be plowed and sanded this winter.

#### **SUMMARY**

The Planning Board recommends directing the DPW to manage sanding and snow and ice removal on the private section of Williston Drive and on the private roads Coldbrook Drive, King George Drive, Lee Road, Walter Drive, Wildflower Drive, Briar Circle, and Williston Drive during the Winter of 2023-2024 (FY24). The Planning Board is recommending the potholes on Williston Drive be repaired prior to snow and ice removal.

Thank you.

9-19-23

To the Kenbers of the Ware Planning Board,

I am writing to you today to request your assistance and due diligence with respect to Tractor Supply.

The location,256 West Street is an area that is next door to the town schools and is significantly congested with traffic. Heading north on Rt. 32 toward Main Street, the curvature and pitch of the road enables traffic to exceed the speed limit. With that in mind I plead with you to have the Massachusetts DOT conduct a traffic survey. This survey will provide the number of vehicles that use this roadway daily and assess the impact a retail store, Tractor Supply, will have on traffic and a potential increase in accidents and personal injuries. I also ask that you protect the area designated as "wetland", located on this property. The establishment of a retail store will certainly and most negatively impact the environment and neighborhood. I ask that the area of wetlands be left undisturbed which benefits all of us.

Thank you for your attention and assistance.

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