

TOWN OF EXETER, NEW HAMPSHIRE

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LEGAL NOTICE EXETER ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT AGENDA

The Exeter Zoning Board of Adjustment will meet on Tuesday, June 18, 2024 at 7:00 P.M.in the Nowak Room located in the Exeter Town Offices, 10 Front Street, Exeter, to consider the following:

NEW BUSINESS: PUBLIC HEARINGS

The application of I.S. Realty Trust for a variance from Article 4, Section 4.3 Schedule II:Density and Dimensional Regulations-Residential to permit the subdivision of a 5.58-acre parcel into three (3) residential lots with two of the lots having less than the required minimum lot frontage. The subject property is located at 100 Linden Street (and Patricia Avenue) in the R-2, Single Family Residential zoning district. Tax Map Parcel #104-71. ZBA Case #24-5.

The application of Dennis Biery for a variance from Article 4, Section 4.3 Schedule II:Density and Dimensional Regulations-Residential to permit the subdivision of a 4.47-acre parcel into two (2) single-family residential lots with both lots having less than the required minimum lot frontage. The subject property is located at 165A Kingston Road, in the R-1, Low Density Residential zoning district. Tax Map Parcel #115-12. ZBA Case #24-6.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- RiverWoods Company of Exeter ZBA Case #24-4
 7 RiverWoods Drive, Tax Map Parcel #97-23
 Request for rehearing Variance from Article 6, Section 6.1.2.D to permit parking within the required 100-foot landscape buffer, in the R-1, Low Density Residential zoning district.
- Election of Officers
- Approval of Minutes: April 16, 2024

EXETER ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Robert V. Prior, Chairman

Posted 06/07/24: Exeter Town Office, Town of Exeter website

Town of Exeter Zoning Board of Adjustment April 16, 2024, 7 PM Town Offices Nowak Room **Draft Minutes** I. **Preliminaries** Members Present: Vice-Chair Esther Olson-Murphy, Clerk Theresa Page, Laura Davies, Joanne Petito - Alternate, and Mark Lemos - Alternate Town Code Enforcement Officer Doug Eastman was also present. Members Absent: Chair Robert Prior, Laura Montagno - Alternate, Martha Pennell -Alternate **Call to Order**: Acting Chair Esther Olson-Murphy called the meeting to order at 7 PM. I. **New Business**

A. The continuation of the application of The RiverWoods Company of Exeter for a variance from Article 4, Section 4.3 Schedule II to exceed the maximum height requirement in the R-1, Low Density Residential zoning district for the proposed construction of a new health center building; and a variance from Article 6, Section 6.1.2.D to permit parking and portions of the driveway within the required 100-foot landscape buffer. The subject properties are located at 7 RiverWoods Drive, 5 Timber Lane, 6 White Oak Drive, 78 Kingston Road and 67 Kingston Road, in the R-1, Low Density Residential zoning district. Tax Map Parcels #97-23, #98-37, #80-18, #97-29 and #97-44 (all now merged via voluntary lot merger). ZBA Case #24-4.

Ms. Olson-Murphy said at the end of the last meeting, the Board had closed the public hearing and were ready to deliberate, but we were under a time crunch. We have received additional photos from RiverWoods showing the site in winter, as well as a letter from abutter Mrs. Hooten indicating that she was unable to attend the last meeting but was upset that it sounded like she approved of this construction. She met with RiverWoods but did not approve, and would like that corrected in the record.

Mr. Baum went through the variance criteria as pertaining to the height variance. 1) The variance will not be contrary to the public interest and 2) The spirit of the ordinance will be observed; he doesn't think there's any health, safety, or welfare issue. That's a blocking of light or inability for emergency services, and there's no evidence that either will occur. There is enough distance from abutting properties. This would not be taller than other buildings in town. Regarding the essential character of the neighborhood, it is largely residential. It's somewhat unique because of the campus and institutional buildings. If it's a question between the flat or gabled roof, he thinks the gabled roof fits in better

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with the neighborhood but is taller than anything else in that area. Ms. Davies said it's more massive; the length is also an issue. Mr. Baum agreed that that is not consistent with the surrounding properties. Mr. Lemos said a length of 44 feet that close to the road makes it very different. Ms. Page said given the length, the added roof space for that continuous line does stand out. Exhibit 2 of the additional materials depicts what looks like a block. Ms. Olson-Murphy said it's gabled, but the peak of the roof is still flat. It doesn't look like a house. Ms. Davies said in the public comments, more people didn't want to see it rather than having architectural consistency. 3) Substantial justice is done: Mr. Baum said it's a question of whether they have their preferred architecture and additional height vs the aesthetic impact to the neighbors. Ms. Olson-Murphy said she doesn't know if the preferred architecture outweighs the concerns of the neighbors. They can still have their building without it [the gabled roof]. 4) The value of surrounding properties will not be diminished; Mr. Baum said expert testimony on this is not conclusive but cannot be ignored. There's an appraisal and evidence. Ms. Davies said it wasn't an appraisal, since there was no evaluation of market data; it was an opinion letter. She agrees with the general conclusion he came to about property values. He also says it doesn't alter the essential character of the neighborhood, but she doesn't agree with that conclusion. Mr. Baum said that was beyond the scope of his evaluation. This criteria is met by the applicant. 5) Literal enforcement of zoning ordinance will result in an unnecessary hardship; Mr. Baum said there are special conditions of this property, given the size and the layout. He has more trouble about the next prong. The purpose of height restrictions are to avoid large, massive buildings blocking viewshed and looming over other properties. Despite the size of this property - and he understands about the restrictions from wetlands and conservation land - it's sited right in the spot where it has the most impact to abutters. It can be constructed without relief, so the primary reason for the relief is aesthetic. We're weighing the gables vs the massing, and that massing is going to stick out. Ms. Page said the applicant noted that just because they're asking for a variance doesn't make the use unreasonable, but we have to look at the special conditions as related to the use. The special conditions are the size of the property, which goes against the idea that there isn't a way to work within the restrictions. Mr. Baum said there is significant space to work with on this property.

Ms. Davies moved to deny the motion for a variance from Article 4, Section 4.3 Schedule II to exceed the maximum height requirement based on not meeting variance criteria #1, the public interest, based on altering the essential character of the neighborhood, and #5b, that the proposed use is a reasonable one. Ms. Page seconded. Ms. Olson-Murphy, Ms. Page, Mr. Lemos, Mr. Baum, and Ms. Davies voted aye. The motion passed 5-0 and the variance was denied.

Ms. Olson-Murphy asked the Board to consider the request for a variance from Article 6, Section 6.1.2.D to permit parking and portions of the driveway within the

required 100-foot landscape buffer. Mr. Baum said we were also talking about the dog park and the pickleball courts being in the buffer. Ms. Page said there were a handful of parking spaces on the side abutting the Hooten property as well as on White Oak which would be moved. This is considered an access road. The loop would be considered a service road within the buffer and has several parking spaces. Mr. Lemos said there's parking by the pickleball courts currently. Ms. Davies said that parking is planned to go away.

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Mr. Baum went through the criteria for the buffer variance request. 1) The variance will not be contrary to the public interest and 2) The spirit of the ordinance will be observed; he said this doesn't have the same impact on the neighborhood. There's some impact to the Hooten lot and to the Jolly Rand trail, but it will be fairly limited, visually. The dog park and pickleball courts are already in the buffer, they would just be relocated. There's no threat to the public health, safety, or welfare. The question is whether it alters the essential character of the neighborhood. Ms. Page said Article 6.1.2.D gives us some information behind the purpose: providing adequate division or transition from abutting land uses and having vegetation that's sufficient in size to shield the development from abutting properties. No dwelling, accessory structure, collector or service roads, or parking areas are permitted in the buffer, but access roads are permitted to cross the buffer area. Ms. Olson-Murphy said that's what they're seeking a variance for. Ms. Page said the ordinance is so specific that she worries about the legality of approving a variance. Ms. Davies said this is a special exception use which is much more massive in scale than other uses of the neighborhood, and the 100-foot buffer was specifically included to prevent this type of thing. This isn't in the back corner where it's not going to bother anybody. It's very near to the abutters. She's very opposed to any development in the buffers. The entire parcel is supposed to have this 100-foot buffer. Mr. Baum said because of the wetlands, there will be a natural buffer and additional land preserved. Mr. Lemos said this request bothered him more than the height variance. The actual building is almost encroaching on the buffer, it's about 9 feet away. The road is only 17 feet from the property line. Mr. Baum said the access road is permitted. This is about the service road and the parking. 3) Substantial justice is done; Mr. Baum said the harm to the applicant is the loss of the parking space and the perimeter service road. The benefit to the public is preservation of the buffer. Ms. Olson-Murphy said they may be able to finagle the parking, but they can't put the building there without that road around it. Mr. Lemos said they'd have to change the design. 4) The value of surrounding properties will not be diminished; Mr. Baum said we have the appraiser's opinion. No contrary evidence was presented. He thinks that criteria is met, or at least we don't have enough to rebut the testimony. 5) Literal enforcement of zoning ordinance will result in an unnecessary hardship; Mr. Baum said the special conditions are met given the size and shape of this lot. The parking is limited by the gas easement and the wetlands. Ms. Davies said there's space elsewhere on this very big campus, which is a counter-balance to the gas line and the wetlands. This is a big development in a small part of the site. Given the impact and harm to the neighborhood, this is not a reasonable request. There was a desire to keep visual, noise, and other buffers to the surrounding properties, including from the pickleball court which is surprisingly noisy.

Ms. Page said the gasline does contribute to the special conditions of this property, but the buffer restriction does serve the purpose of the ordinance in a fair and substantial way.

Ms. Page moved to deny the variance requested from Article 6, Section 6.1.2.D to permit parking and portions of the driveway within the required 100-foot landscape buffer, as it fails to meet requirements of #1, the variance will not be contrary to the public interest; #2, the spirit of the ordinance will be observed; and #5, unnecessary hardship. Ms. Davies seconded. Ms. Olson-Murphy, Ms. Page, Mr. Lemos, Mr. Baum, and Ms. Davies voted aye. The motion passed 5-0 and the variance was denied.

II. Other Business

A. Minute Approval: February 20, 2024

Mr. Lemos moved to approve the minutes for February 20, 2024 as presented. Mr. Baum seconded. Ms. Olson-Murphy, Ms. Page, Mr. Lemos, Mr. Baum, and Ms. Davies voted aye, and the motion passed 5-0.

B. Minute Approval: March 19, 2024

Ms. Davies said she doesn't see the statement read at the beginning about the impact of the appeal. Ms. Page said she thinks that's in here. Mr. Baum said it's on line 333.

Ms. Page moved to approve the minutes for March 19, 2024 as presented. Mr. Baum seconded. Ms. Olson-Murphy, Ms. Page, Mr. Lemos, and Mr. Baum voted aye. Ms. Davies abstained as she did not finish reviewing them. The motion passed 4-0-1.

III. Adjournment

 Ms. Davies moved to adjourn. Mr. Lemos seconded. All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Respectfully Submitted, Joanna Bartell Recording Secretary

Town of Exeter APPLICATION FOR A

VARIANCE

Case Number: $28A + 24-5$ Date Filed: $5 21 24$
Application Fee: \$ 100.00 Abutter Fees: \$ 80.00 Legal Notice Fee: \$ 50.00
TOTAL FEES: \$ 230.00
Date Paid 5/21/24 Check # 960

Name of Applicant 1-S. REALTY TRUST (If other than property owner, a letter of authorization will be required from property owner)
Address 100 LINDEN STREET & PATRICIA AVENUE
Telephone Number (663) 793 - 9698 IAN WINTER
Property Owner SAME
Location of Property LOO LINDEN STREET & PATRICIA AVENUE
Applicant Signature Date 05-20-2024
NOTE: This application is not acceptable unless all required statements have been made. Additional information may be supplied on a separate sheet if space is inadequate.
APPLICATION FOR A VARIANCE
A variance is requested from article 4 section 4.3 of the Exeter zoning ordinance to permit: 2 RESIDENTIAL LOTS WITH REDUCED
FRONTAGE.

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

APPLICATIONS SKETCH PLAN REQUIREMENTS/CHECKLIST

1.	Title Block – descriptive name of project, north arrow (approximate), street address, date and scale (not less than 1" = 40').
2.	Location map showing relevant streets and zoning district boundaries.
3.	Names and addresses of applicant, record owner and abutting property owners, including those across the street.
4.	Existing and proposed streets, driveways, parking areas (with delineation of spaces) and sidewalks.
5.	Location of existing and proposed buildings and property lines.
6.	Distances on all sides between buildings and property lines.
7.	Existing and proposed tree lines, landscape buffers, screening and fences.
8.	Location of existing landmarks including streams, brooks, wetlands, rock outcroppings, wooded areas and other significant environmental features.
9.	Generalized floor plans showing dimensions and the square footage of areas for proposed uses.

Plans should be no larger than 11" x 17" in size. They need not be prepared by an architect or land surveyor but they must be legibly drawn with printed labels. PLANS MUST CONTAIN <u>ALL</u> OF THE ABOVE INFORMATION IN ORDER FOR THE APPLICATION TO BE PLACED ON THE AGENDA FOR A ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT HEARING.

FACTS SUPPORTING THIS REQUEST:

1. The variance will not be contrary to the public interest;
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2. The spirit of the ordinance is observed;
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3. Substantial justice is done;
BECAUSE IT WILL ALLOW 2 RESILENTIAL LOTS
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4. The values of surrounding properties are not diminished;
THIS PROPOSAL IS BETTER TO PRESERVE ABUTTING PROPERTY VALUES AS PROPOSED TO MORE LOTS
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5. Literal enforcement of the provisions of the ordinance would result in an unnecessary hardship.

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ABUTTER LABELS AND LISTS:

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ADDITIONAL MATERIALS:

If provided with the application, additional submission materials will be sent to the ZBA members in their monthly packet of information. Please contact the Planning Office if you have any questions regarding additional submission materials.

Millennium Engineering, Inc.

P.O. Box 745 (603) 778-0528

Exeter, NH 03833 FAX (603) 772-0689

May 21, 2024

Town of Exeter Zoning Board of Adjustment 10 Front Street Exeter, NH 03833

Re: Application for Variance for insufficient frontage for Subdivision Map 104 Lot 71, 100 Linden Street Exeter, NH.

Dear Chair:

The request is made to divide this 5.58-acre parcel into 3 lots. Lot 3 is to contain the existing dwelling and will be 1.96 acres size. Lot 1 & 2 will require a variance for reduced frontage. Lot 1 will be 0.81 acres in size and Lot 2 will be 2.81 acres.

Lots 1 and 2 are to share a common driveway and shall otherwise meet all zoning requirements.

Respectfully,

Henry H. Boyd, Ir., LLS Millennium Engineering Inc.



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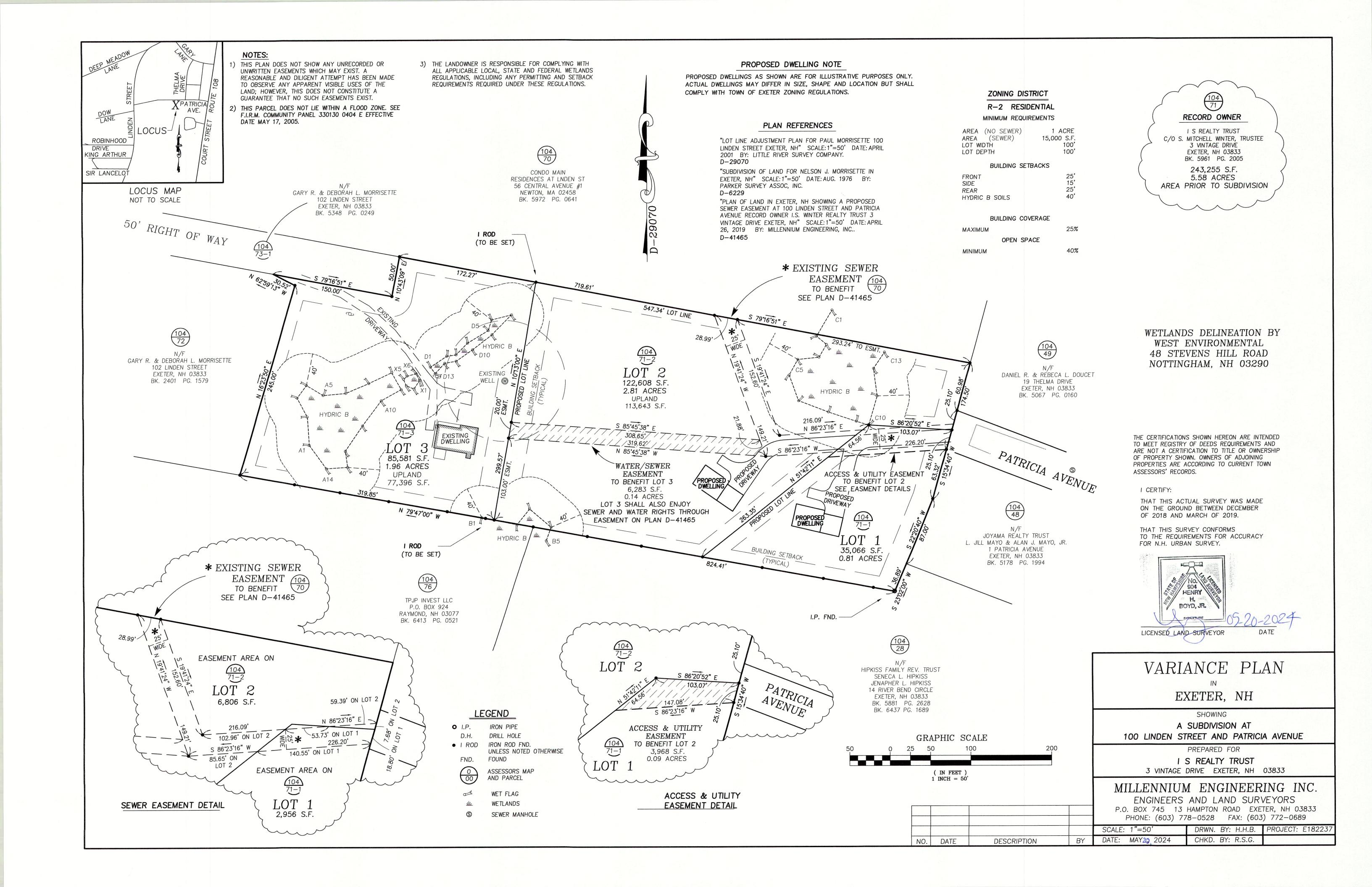
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TOWN OF EXETER ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Application for VARIANCE

JANUARY 2010

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT APPLICATION CHECKLIST

For an application to be considered complete, you must have the following:

- Application Form.
- Complete Abutters List.
- ✓ Three (3) pre-printed 1" x 2 5/8" labels for each abutter, the applicant and all consultants.
- ✓ Letter of Explanation.
- ✓ Vicinity Ownership Map.
- Y Ten (10) copies of Entire Application. (10 plus original)
- N/A o Letter from Owner Authorizing Applicant to file on Owner's behalf.
 - Filing Fees: effective January 1, 2008

\$100.00 Application Fee. \$10.00 Per Abutter

Legal Notice Fee: Actual Cost of Advertisement.

Note: All of the above referenced items must be submitted to the Planning Office on or before deadline dates. See Schedule of Deadlines and Public Hearings for more information.

Town of Exeter APPLICATION FOR A

VARIANCE

Name of Applicant Dennis Biery

Case Number: Date Filed:	
Application Fee: \$ Abutter Fees: \$ Legal Notice Fee: \$	_
TOTAL FEES: \$	_
Date Paid Check #	

Address 133 North Short	re Road, Derry, NH 03038			
Telephone Number	(603) 235-7069			
Property Owner	Owner Biery Family Trust (Trustees - Margaret Ann & Dennis William Biery)			
Location of Property	165A Kingston Road, Exeter, NH 03833			
	Zoning District: R-1 Tax Map 115, Lot 12			
	(Number, street, zone, map and lot number)			
Applicant Signature	w.B.			
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(If other than property owner, a letter of authorization will be required from property owner)

FACTS SUPPORTING THIS REQUEST:

1. The variance will not be contrary to the public interest;

- The proposed subdivision will create two single-family homes, increasing the town's tax base
and providing additional housing options.
- The project will utilize existing infrastructure (access road, utilities) and minimize site
disturbance through careful placement of homes and driveways.
- Wetlands and significant environmental features will be protected during construction.
- The proposed subdivision will restore the use to single-family and does not alter the essential
character of the neighborhood or threaten public health, safety, or welfare.
2. The spirit of the ordinance is observed;
 The intent of the Single-Family (R-1) Zone is to promote residential development. This project converts an underutilized, non-conforming, grandfathered commercial
This project converts an underutilized, non-conforming, grandfathered commercial
property into two residential lots.
-The proposed lot sizes (2.260 and 2.113 acres) are comparable to or exceed other
single-family lots in the surrounding area.
- The project adheres to all other zoning requirements not being requested for a variance,
such as setbacks and building heights.
- It restores the residential use to the lot.
3. Substantial justice is done;
- A strict interpretation of the frontage requirement would prevent development of this property
hindering its potential use and limiting the town's housing options.
 A strict interpretation of the frontage requirement would prevent development of this property hindering its potential use and limiting the town's housing options. Granting the variance allows the Biery Family Trust to develop their land for a permitted use within the zone while still complying with the overall intent of the ordinance.
within the zone while still complying with the overall intent of the ordinance.
- The project will not negatively impact surrounding properties or traffic patterns, and will
enhance the existing property by eliminating a non-conforming, grandfathered use thus
enhance the existing property by eliminating a non-conforming, grandfathered use thus creating a benefit to the abutters and town.
4. The values of surrounding properties are not diminished;
- The addition of two well-maintained single-family homes will likely
 The addition of two well-maintained single-family homes will likely enhance the overall aesthetics of the neighborhood.
- The project design ensures ample space between existing and proposed
structures, minimizing any potential view obstruction or privacy concerns.
- The project adheres to setback requirements, ensuring compatibility with
neighboring properties.
- The project will remove a non-conforming use and will eliminate the commercial use.

- 5. Literal enforcement of the provisions of the ordinance would result in an unnecessary hardship.
- The existing property layout with frontage on a private right-of-way presents a unique challenge that cannot be addressed without a variance.
- While a single-family home could technically be built on the entire lot, this configuration would be inefficient and not maximize the property's value for residential use. Granting the variance allows for a more practical and financially viable development plan that aligns with the overall zoning intent.

- Granting the variance allows for reasonable development of the property while upholding

the spirit of the zoning ordinance.

- This use conforms with the spirit and intent of the ordinance, and it enhances the value of the overall property. The lot will require significant expense to develop, this is a reasonable use. The lot is distinguished from others as it has shared access, limited frontage, and otherwise presents challenges due to the configuration of the lot.

ABUTTER LABELS AND LISTS:

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Dennis Biery

133 North Shore Road Derry, NH 03833 603-235-7069

March 29, 2024

Exeter Planning Department Town of Exeter 10 Front Street Exeter, NH 03833

RE: "Request for Review" Application by the Rockingham County Conservation District (RCCD) – Test Pit Witness - Map 115, Lot 12 at 165A Kingston Road, Exeter NH 03833

To Exeter Planning Board,

Please be advised that Bruce Scamman of Emanuel Engineering, Incorporated and James Verra and Associates, Incorporated is authorized to be MY agent at the Exeter Planning Board for an application for a Subdivision. This will authorize Bruce Scamman to apply for local and state development approvals on my behalf. I also authorize Bruce Scamman to speak on my behalf at Town of Exeter meetings and hearings. Should you have any questions, please advise.

Very truly yours,

Dennis Bierv

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April 30, 2024

Exeter Planning Board Town of Exeter 10 Front Street Exeter, NH 03833

RE: Letter of Explanation - "Biery Family Trust" 165A Kingston Road (Site) Exeter, NH 03833 Tax Map 115, Lot 12

Dear Members of the Exeter Planning Board,

On behalf of the Biery Family Trust located at 165A Kingston Road, Exeter, NH, Tax Map 115, Lot 12, we offer the following narrative overview to help the board familiarize themselves with the project.

The subject parcel is located on a 4.474-acre site, which is within the Single Family (R-1) Zone, currently whose building's use is commercial wholesale. There is an existing 2,050 square-foot garage, 820 square-foot shed, several stockpile/material areas, and a gravel driveway servicing the existing garage. The property has access to a 50-foot-wide right-of-way that gives vehicle and pedestrian access to Kingston Road (Route 111). Wetlands on site were delineated by Joseph W. Noel CWS #086 on April 24, 2024. Soils were delineated by Emanuel Engineering, Inc. online via the USDA-NRCA Web Soil Survey on April 25, 24. Approximately 70% of the property is woodlands. There are no other known significant environmental features.

It is proposed that the existing lot is to be subdivided into two individual single-family residential lots (one 2.260 acre lot and one 2.113 acre lot). Two separate 12 foot-wide driveways are proposed on both sides of the property line delineating the two proposed lots, giving access to each of the two proposed 35'x70' 5-bedroom houses. Separate wells, and separate septic systems are to service each of the lots individually. Associated utilities are also proposed. The existing garage is to remain on site, but the existing chicken coop and material stockpiles are to be removed. After building the proposed driveways and structures, and associated grading, the approximate estimated site disturbance is +/-65,000 square feet.

If you have any other questions concerning this project, please reach out to us.

Sincerely,

JJ MacBride, PE Civil Engineer Book: 6504 Page: 2063

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LCHIP RECORDING SURCHARGE ROA658538

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DEED

THIS INDENTURE, made as of this 13th day of July, 2023, between Margaret Ann Biery, and her husband Dennis William Biery, having an address at 133 North Shore Road, Derry, NH 03038, as the grantors hereunder (collectively hereinafter referred to as the "Grantor"), and Margaret Ann Biery and Dennis William Biery, having an address at 133 North Shore Road, Derry, NH 03038, as Trustee under the Declaration of Trust of even date herewith, known as the Bierv Family Trust, made by Margaret Ann Biery and Dennis William Biery and said Trustee, as the grantee hereunder (hereinafter referred to as the "Grantee").

WITNESSETH, that Grantor, in consideration of Ten Dollars and other valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, does hereby grant, convey and release unto Grantee and the heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns of Grantee forever.

ALL those certain plots, pieces or parcels of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being on 165 A Kingston Road. Exeter, NH, being more particularly described in Exhibit A attached hereto and made a part hereof.

TOGETHER with the appurtenances and all the estate and rights of Grantor in and to said premises.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the premises herein granted unto Grantee and the heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns of Grantee forever.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Grantor has/duly executed this Deed on the date first above written.

Grantor

Dennis William Biery

Grantor

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE, COUNTY OF ROCKINGHAM, ss.

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me on the 13 day of July, 2023, by

Margaret Ann Biery and by Dennis William Biery.

Notary Public My commission expires on

Justice of the Peace - New Hampshire My Commission Expires July 14, 2026 KERI J. MARSHALL

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Exhibit A

A certain parcel of land with the buildings, if any thereon, situated off of New Hampshire Route 111, located in the Town of Exeter, County of Rockingham and State of New Hampshire and shown as Lot 2 on a Plan of Land entitled, "Subdivision of Land for Walter Biery off Route 111 Exeter, NH", dated September 13, 1993, recorded in the Rockingham County Registry of Deeds as Plan D-22649, bounded and described as follows:

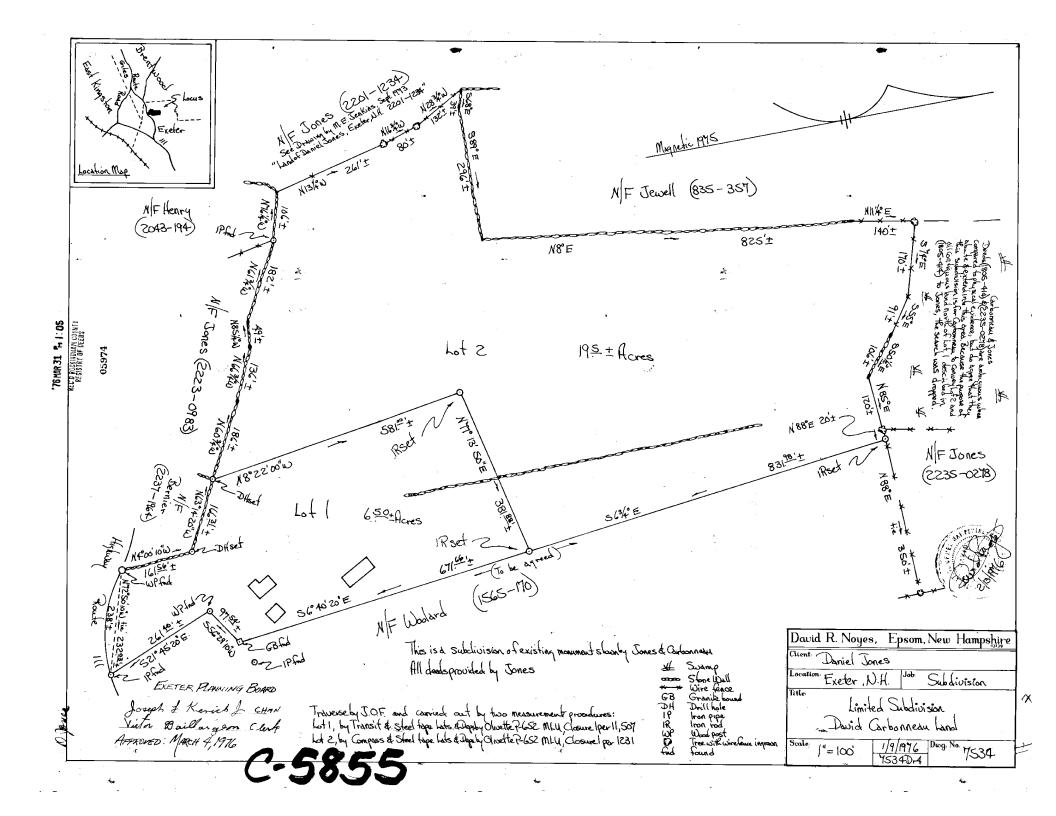
Beginning at a drill hole found at the intersection of two stone walls at a southerly point of the herein described premises and at land now or formerly of Will H. Weete and Cammille Weete and at Lot 1 as shown on said Plan; thence turning and running by Lot 1 in the following courses and distances: North 32° 08' 25" West, 61.51 feet to a T-bar; thence North 05° 13' 28" West, 216.91 feet to a T-bar; thence turning and running still by Lot 1 South 80° 22' 12" East, 150.15 feet to a T-bar; thence North 83° 21' 57" East, 100.00 feet to a T-bar; thence turning at land now or formerly of Guy William Woollard and Dorothy M. Connors North 06° 38' 03" West, 482.74 feet to an iron rod; thence turning and running South 77° 12' 46" West, 382 00 feet to an iron rod at land now or formerly of Daniel W. Jones; thence turning and running by land of said Jones, South 08° 23' 42" East, 580.82 feet to a drill hole in the intersection of two stone walls; thence turning and running at land now or formerly of the aforesaid Weete along a stone wall South 63° 15' 12" East, 166.41 feet to a drill hole at the point of beginning.

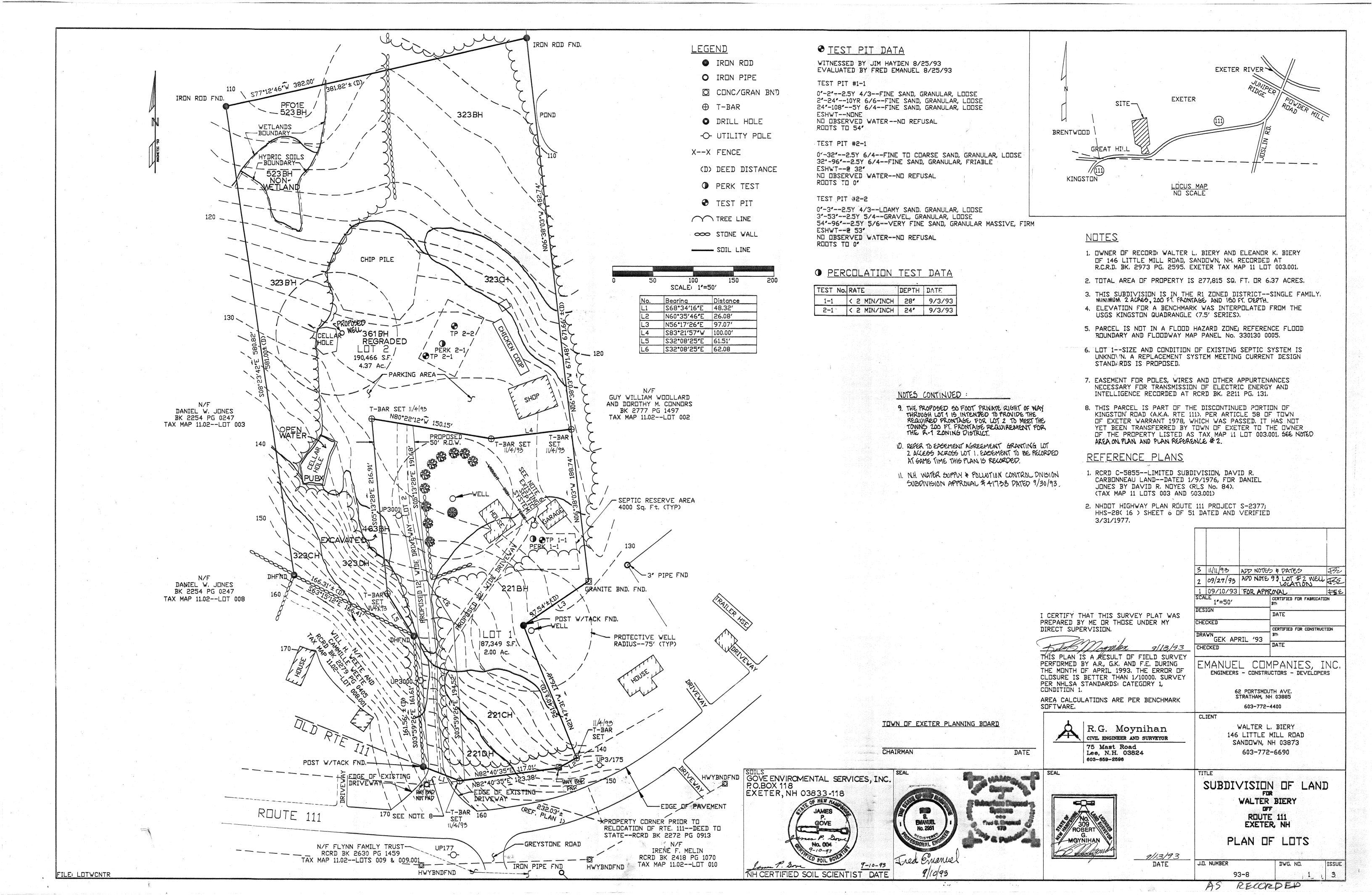
Together with a right of way over Lot 1, which right of way includes a twelve-foot wide driveway constructed within the area shown on said Plan as "Proposed 50' R.O.W." and which right of way may be improved, maintained and used for vehicular and pedestrian travel to and from Route 111 to said Lot 2. This right of way shall be perpertual and shall run with the land. This right of way extends from Route 111 to Lot 2.

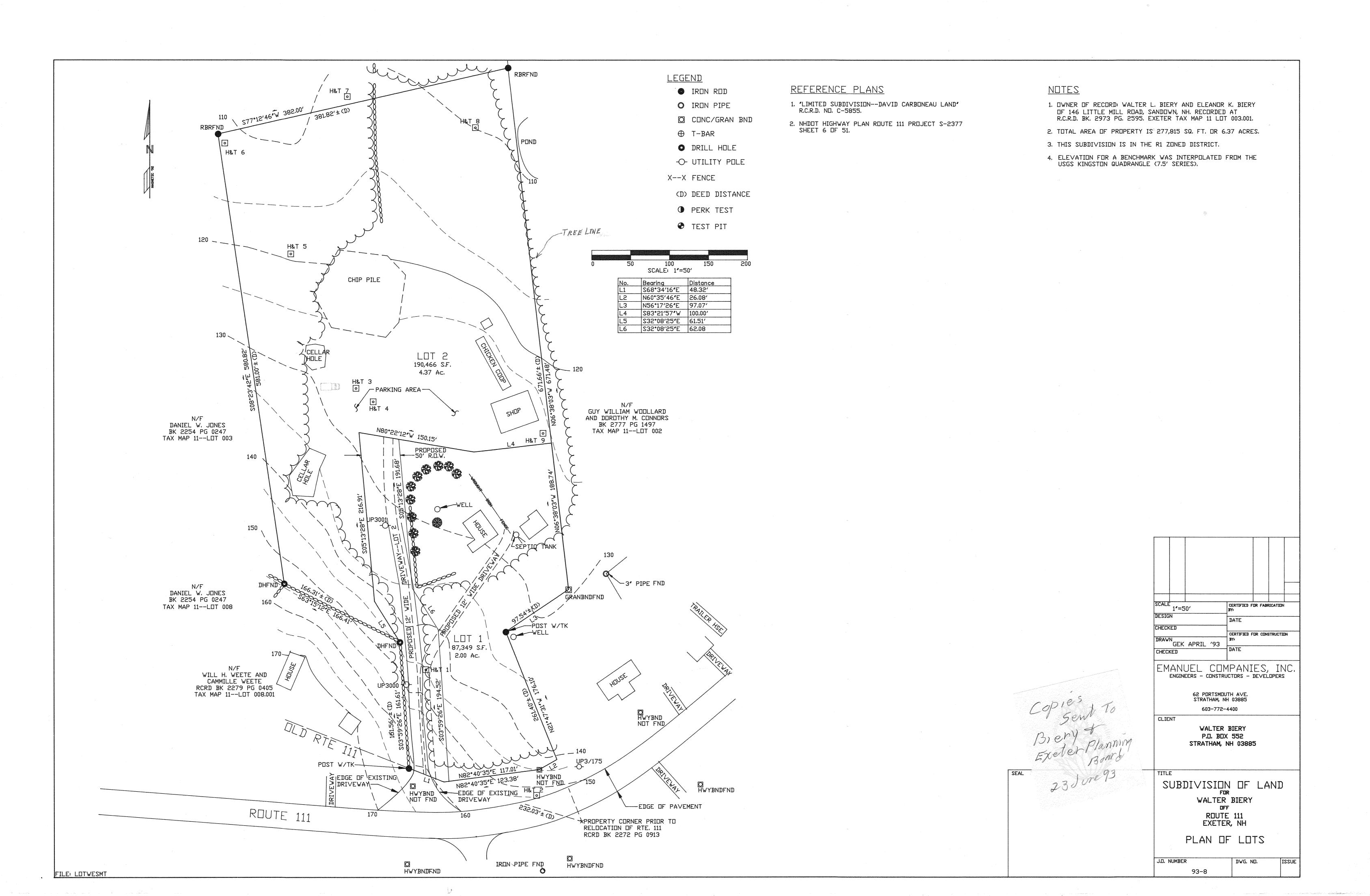
Meaning and intending to convey to the Biery Family Trust, Margaret Ann Biery and Dennis William Biery, Trustees, the same premises conveyed to Dennis W. Biery, by deed of Walter L. Biery and Eleanor K. Biery, dated September 6, 1996 and recorded in the Rockingham County Registry of Deeds at Book 3176, Page 1917.

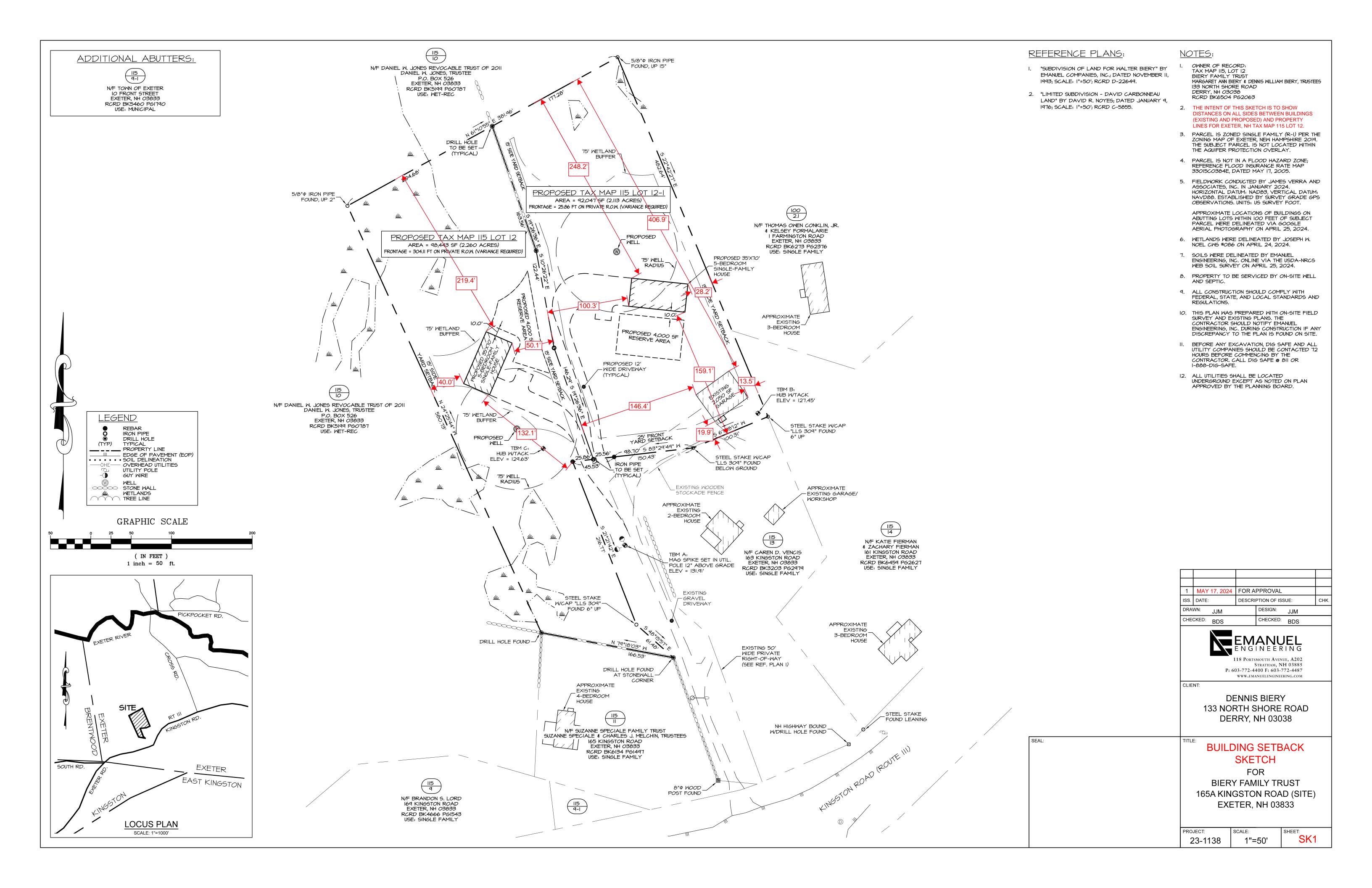
This is a noncontractual transfer and exempt from transfer tax pursuant to RSA 78-B:2 IX.

No title search was requested or performed.









OWNER/APPLICANT

BIERY FAMILY TRUST

MARGARET ANN BIERY & DENNIS WILLIAM BIERY, TRUSTEES 133 NORTH SHORE ROAD

133 NORTH SHORE DERRY, NH 03038

CIVIL ENGINEER

EMANUEL ENGINEERING, INC. 118 PORTSMOUTH AVENUE, SUITE A202 STRATHAM, NH 03885

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SUBDIVISION PLAN FOR THE BIERY FAMILY TRUST

EXETER TAX MAP 115 LOT 12 165A KINGSTON ROAD (SITE) EXETER, NH 03833 APPROVED BY THE TOWN OF EXETER PLANNING BOARD

CHAIRPERSON DATE

PERMITS/APPROVALS:

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TITLE:

PROJECT LOCUS PLAN

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FOR
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165A KINGSTON ROAD (SITE)
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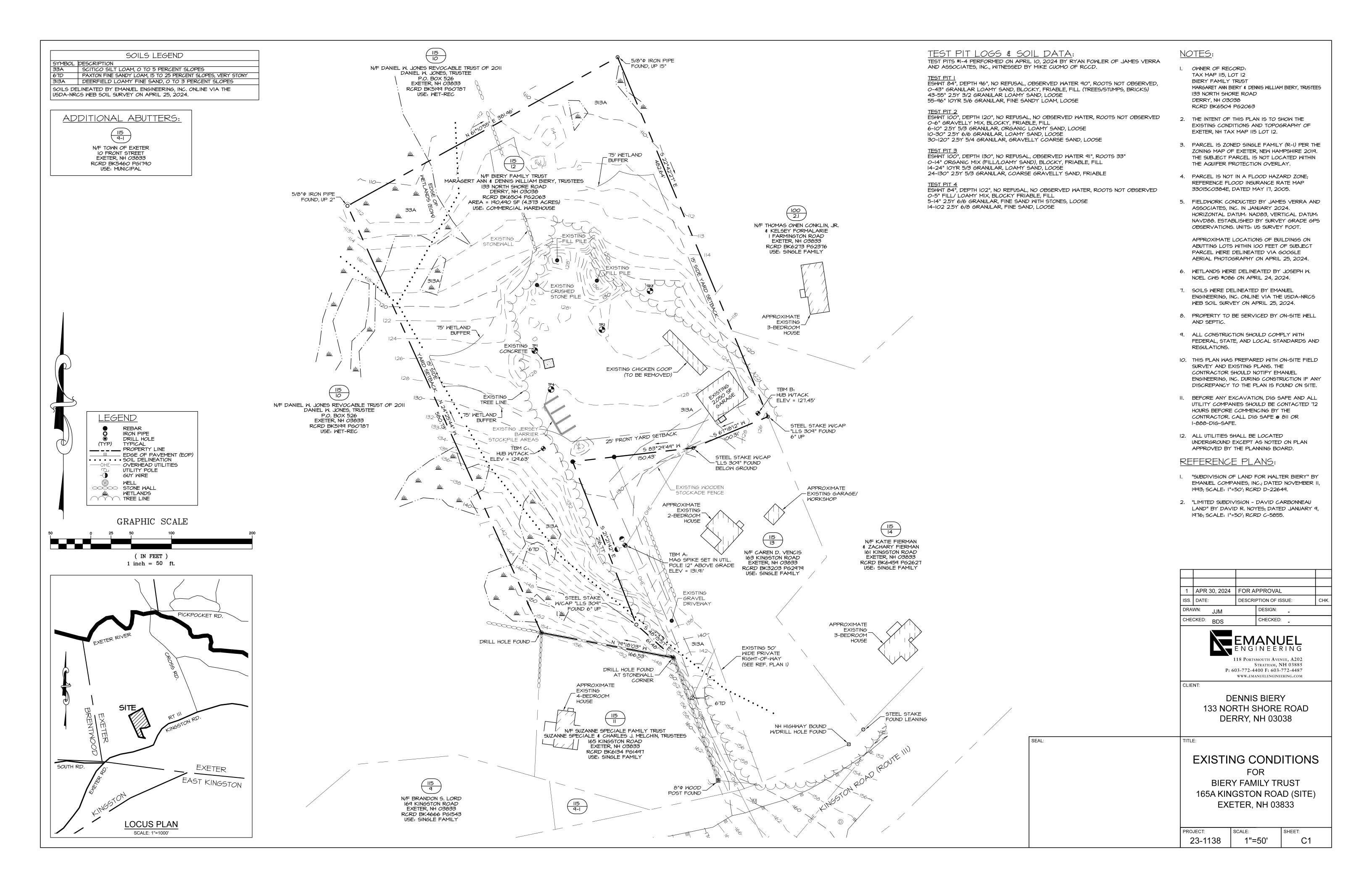
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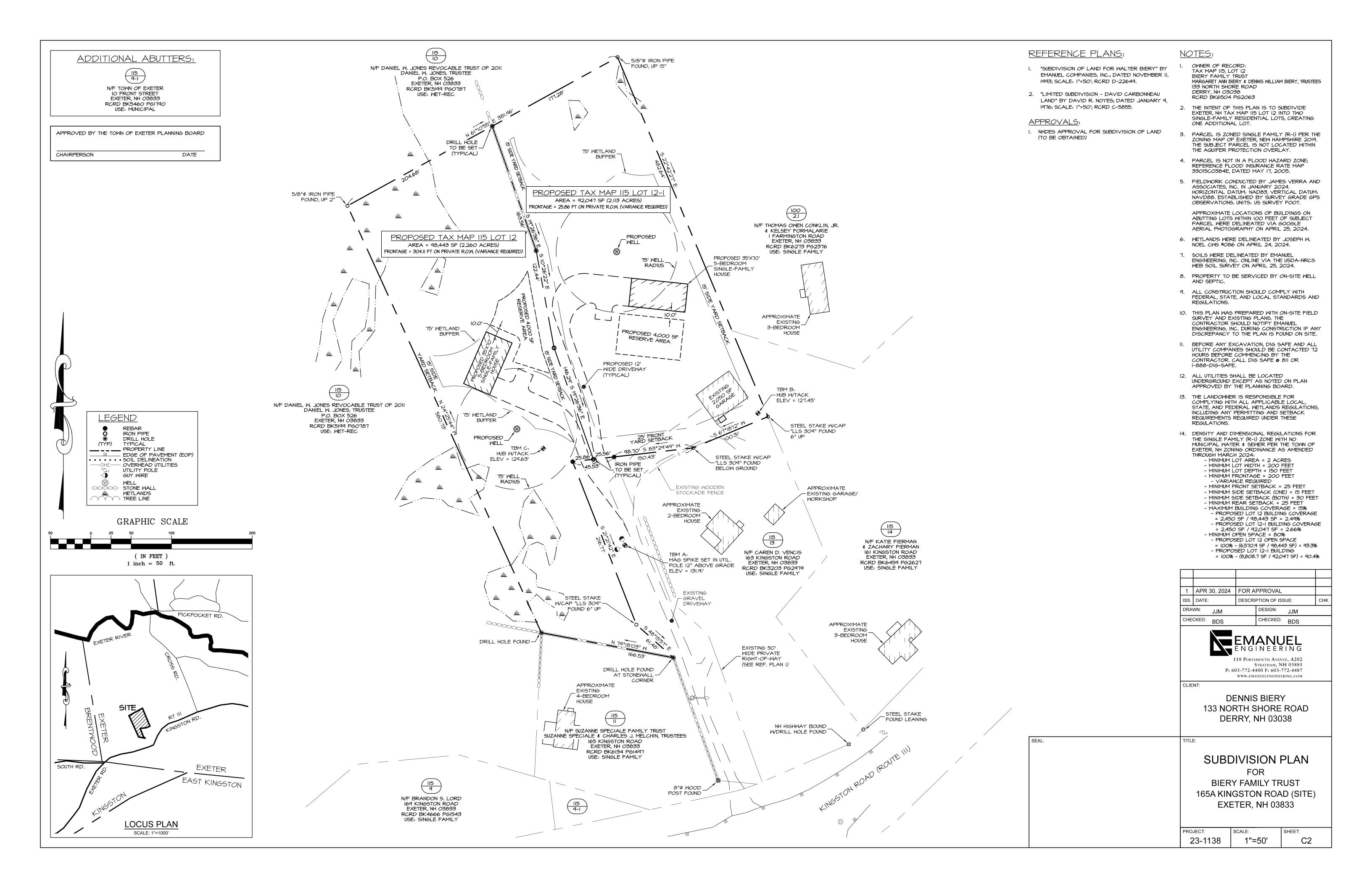
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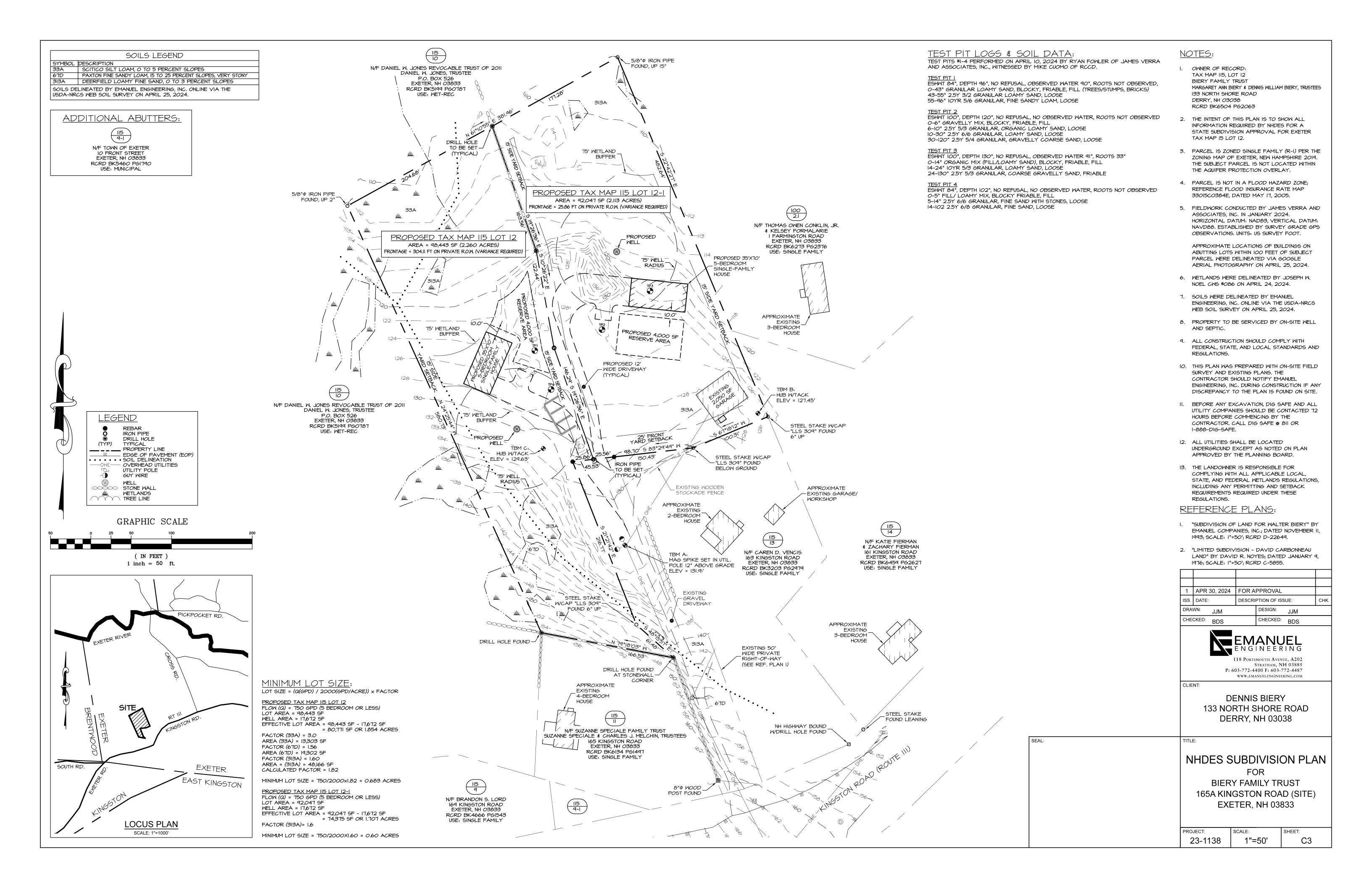
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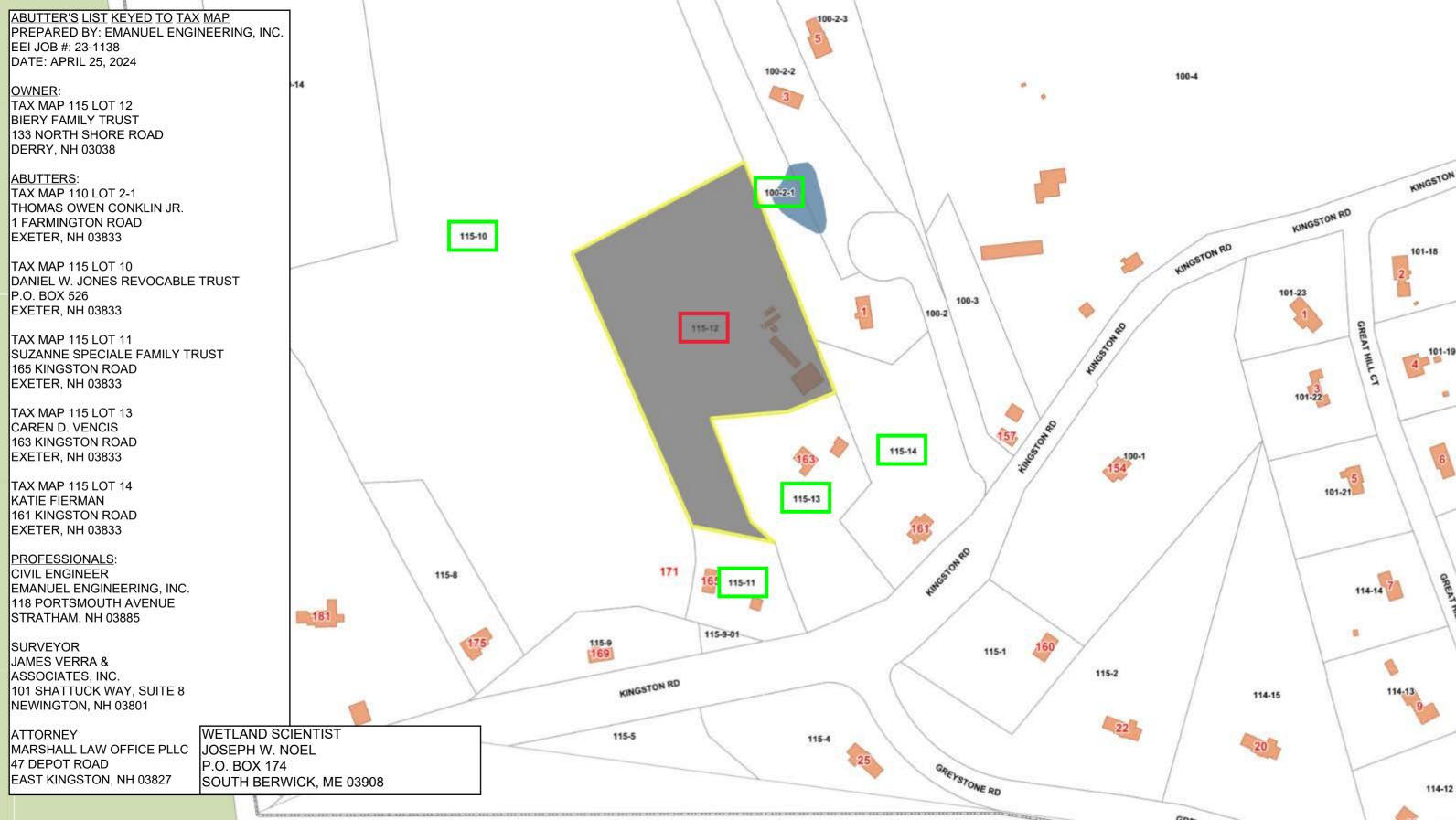
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Planning Board Fee Calculation

By Emanuel Engineering, Inc. Project: Biery, Dennis - Exeter

EEI #: 23-1138 Date: 05/23/24

Type: Non-residential Site Plan Review				
Item	Unit	Cost/Unit	Cost	
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Legal Notice Fee	Flat Fee	\$50	\$50.00	
	\$260.00			



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Application of RiverWoods Company of Exeter for Height and Landscape Buffer

Encroachment Buffer

Dear Chair Olson-Murphy and Members of the ZBA:

Attached please find a Partial Motion for Rehearing. RiverWoods is not appealing the denial of the height variance nor the denial of the landscape encroachment buffer as it pertains to the service road and adjacent parking. RiverWoods is requesting a rehearing of the decision to deny the variance to allow eleven parking spaces to encroach into a portion of the landscape buffer on what was formerly 67 Kingston Road. The request for rehearing makes reference to a submittal made on April 8, 2024 at the request of the ZBA and which shows the entirety of the RiverWoods property. For your convenience, we have attached a copy of that plan along with the motion to rehear.

We ask that this matter be taken up at the next ZBA meeting. If there are any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

DONAHUE, TUCKER & CIANDELLA, PLLC

Sharon Cuddy Somers

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Enclosures

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PARTIAL MOTION TO REHEAR VARIANCE FOR BUFFER ENCROACHMENT ZBA CASE 24-4

<u>Introduction</u> — This constitutes a Motion for Rehearing by the RiverWoods Company, at Exeter, New Hampshire ("RiverWoods") from the Zoning Board of Adjustment's ("ZBA") denial of RiverWoods Applications for Variances on April 19, 2024, pursuant to RSA 677:2 and RSA 677:3. This motion is timely filed pursuant to the requirements of RSA 677:2 and <u>Bosnetto v. Town of Richmond</u>, 163 N.H. 736, 742 (2012).

I. Factual Context

RiverWoods Applications for Variances for height relief and landscape buffering were both heard on March 16, 2024. Following deliberations by the ZBA on March 16, 2024, both variances were denied on April 19, 2024. RiverWoods does not contest the denial of the height variance. With regard to the landscape buffer encroachment variance, this variance was denied because it did not meet the public interest and spirit and intent criteria nor the hardship criteria. RiverWoods does not contest the denial of the landscape buffer variance as it pertains to the service road and parking immediately adjacent to the proposed building. RiverWoods does contest the denial of the landscape buffer variance as it pertains to the construction of eleven parking spaces within the landscape buffer located on what was 67 Kingston Road.

II. Argument

a. Standard for Granting a Motion for Rehearing

The "rehearing process is designed to afford local zoning boards of adjustment an opportunity to correct their own mistakes before appeals filed with the court." Loughlin, New Hampshire Practice, 15 <u>Land Use Planning and Zoning</u> § 21.19. In general, requests for rehearings should be granted "only if the petitioner can demonstrate that the Board committed error or that there is new evidence that was not available at the time of the first hearing." Id. at § 21.18. The ZBA may grant such a rehearing if in its opinion good reason is stated in the motion.

b. Evidence Submitted at March 16, 2024 Meeting

The following evidence was submitted by the applicant to show that the variance criteria were met:

- 1. The variance for the buffer encroachment pertains to eleven proposed parking spaces within the buffer area abutting property owned by Ruth Hooten.
- 2. Evidence presented by Erik Saari of Altus Engineering indicates that operational needs require parking for visitors and staff on what was formerly 67 Kingston Road and the site plan shows that these parking spaces are encroaching in the landscape buffer so as to avoid being placed in wetlands. Mr. Saari further indicated that the siting of the project is based on the need for a central location and on the limited options to achieve this goal

- given wetlands and conservation restrictions on much of the RiverWoods property. See also Petitioner's Exhibit 1 submitted on April 8, 2024.
- 3. Evidence was presented by Robbi Woodburn that on the property which previously was 67 Kingston Road that a 3 foot high berm will be created to gain height and 12-16 foot evergreens will be planted, both of which will block the view of the proposed parking from the abutting property. Further, Robbi Woodburn indicated that additional evergreens will be planted along the edge of Mrs. Hooten's property. See Final Minutes of March 16, 2024, p. 5.
- 4. RiverWoods argued that based on the evidence presented the variance would not be contrary to the public interest and the spirit and intent of the ordinance; under New Hampshire law, both criteria are to be viewed in tandem. Specifically, RiverWoods argued that no buildings were encroaching in the buffer area and that the area to be encroached upon for use as 11 parking spaces will have berms and planting to block the view of the 11 cars parked in the encroached area. Riverwoods also indicated the 11 parking spaces encroaching in the buffer to the Hooten property would be for staff and visitors. (See, Final Minutes of March 16, 2024, p. 6)¹
- 5. RiverWoods argued that the substantial justice component of the variance criteria was met for the 11 parking spaces on what was formerly 67 Kingston Road. RiverWoods noted that denial of the variance for 11 parking spaces at the proposed location would harm the ability to provide parking for visitors and would not result in any corollary gain to the public. Failure to meet the substantial justice criteria was not cited as part of the rationale for denying the variance.
- 6. RiverWoods argued that there is no diminution of property values resulting from the encroachment, citing the opinion report by Brian White to confirm no diminution in property values. (p. 7) and the Board concurred that there was no diminution of property values.
- 7. RiverWoods argued that the hardship criteria was met, and regarding the special condition of the property, presented statistics noting the size of the parcel at 204 acres and that a landscape buffer must exist for the entirety of the property consisting of all merged parcels. RiverWoods argued that there was no fair and substantial relation between the purpose of the ordinance and the application given that the property directly impacted by the encroachment for parking will be shielded from the parking due to a berm and plantings. RiverWoods also indicated that given the total amount of landscape buffer which will remain intact on all RiverWoods properties and taking into account that the use and the location of the health center are allowed as a matter of right, that the request is reasonable. (See, Final Minutes of March 16, 2024, p. 7).

¹ In discussion at the April 19, 2024 ZBA meeting, evidence was presented that White Oak Drive was an access road and therefore not subject to the requirements of the zoning ordinance. The ZBA acknowledged this fact and correctly did not note White Oak Drive as part of the denial of the variance.

C. The ZBA's Conclusion that Granting the Variance Will Be Contrary to the Public Interest was Erroneous; Likewise, the Decision that Granting the Variance Violates the Spirit and Intent of the Ordinance Was Erroneous

1. In denying this variance, the ZBA focused on the encroachment concerning the service road and on whether the encroachments will alter the essential character of the neighborhood. However, to the extent that their analysis pertained to the encroachment for the eleven parking spaces under discussion here, the ZBA conflated their concerns about the proposed size and location of the health center building with the analysis required to determine whether the proposed encroachments themselves will alter the essential character of the neighborhood. The answer to that limited question is no, and the ZBA committed error in not separating out the nature of the concerns about the character of the neighborhood relative to the healthcare building and the character of the neighborhood relative to the limited encroachments in the buffer. Given that the health center building meets dimensional requirements, it will now be within the jurisdiction of the Planning Board to address the concerns raised by the ZBA and members of the public.

D. The ZBA's Conclusion that the Hardship Criteria Was Not Met Was Erroneous

- 1. The ZBA correctly noted that there are special conditions associated with this property by way of the size and shape of the lot and location of the gas easement and wetlands.
- 2. The ZBA committed error in concluding that there was no fair and substantial relationship between the purpose of the ordinance and its application to the facts at hand. The purpose of the ordinance is to provide adequate division or transition from abutting land uses and having vegetation that is sufficient in size to shield the development from abutting properties. The ZBA did not specifically address this criteria in relation to the 11 parking spaces on 67 Kingston Rd., however, the Board failed to acknowledge that the 11 parking spaces in question will be shielded from view of the abutting property by means of a berm and plantings, thus satisfying the underlying purpose of the ordinance. Further, the Board failed to acknowledge that failure to allow the 11 parking spaces in the proposed area will likely require redesign to include such parking in the wetlands.
- 3. The ZBA committed error in concluding that the proposed limited encroachment was unreasonable. In so doing, the ZBA conflated their questions about the size of the proposed health center, no portion of which encroaches into the buffer and which use and location is allowed as a matter of right, with the possible effects of the encroachment itself into a small portion of the buffer area which surrounds the entirety of the RiverWoods property. While RiverWoods did not have an opportunity to comment during the April 19, 2024 meeting due to the fact that the public hearing has closed, it is noteworthy that, following on the March 16, 2024 meeting, that RiverWoods calculated that the total encroached area next to the Hooten property is 3,354 sq feet. This figure should be compared to the total buffer area shown on Petitioner's Exhibit 1 which will remain unaffected. Thus, put in context, the Board committed an error in failing to take into account the modest amount of buffer impacted.

4. The Board also committed an error in failing to understand that the limited encroachment is driven by a lack of alternative sites for the proposed health center, and that these lack of alternatives are the driver behind the variance request. As presented to the Board on Petitioner's Exhibit 1, RiverWoods showed that the vast majority of RiverWoods property is subject to either wetlands or conservation easements. (See green area shown on Petitioner's Exhibit 1). This fact coupled with the need to honor the landscape buffer on the remaining portions of the property meant that there are no available options for siting the project. Despite this fact, the ZBA continued to insist that alternative locations existed which would prevent the need to encroach in the landscape buffer. In failing to recognize the inaccurate nature of this conclusion, the ZBA committed an error.

III. Conclusion

The ZBA's decision was unlawful and unreasonable. The ZBA committed an error by determining that the landscape buffer encroachment variance, specifically as applied to the eleven parking spaces on what was formerly 67 Kingston Road, do not meet the criteria set forth above. There are compelling reasons to grant a partial rehearing to address the denial of a landscape buffer variance to allow the above referenced parking spaces.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

The RiverWoods Company, at Exeter, New Hampshire By its Attorneys,

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