

### TOWN OF WEATHERSFIELD

LAND USE ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE

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# Zoning Board of Adjustment Agenda Martin Memorial Hall – 5259 Route 5, Ascutney, Vermont 05030 Thursday, 12 September 2019 - 7 PM

- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Agenda Review 12 September 2019
- 3. Public Hearings:
  - (i) Continuation of 11 July 2019 appeal of Zoning Administrator decision regarding whether "junkyard" exists at 157 Moore Drive (Parcel ID 040229.7), Conservation (C-10) zoning district.
  - (ii) Setback and buffer variance application by Peter Ducas for placement of camper at Parcel ID 050256.7, Rural Residential Reserve (RRR-35) & Conservation (C-10) zoning districts.
- 4. Approval of Meeting Minutes 11 July 2019
- 5. Adjourn



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- 2. <u>8 November 2018</u> E-mail from Vincent Chiorgno and attached Complaint Report Form.

## <u>II. VARIANCE MATERIAL – DUCAS – 00 Goulden Ridge Road (Parcel 050256.7) – Conservation (C-10) District & Rural Residential Reserve</u> (RRR-35) District

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A. 11 July 2019 Draft Meeting Minutes

## Town of Weathersfield, Vermont

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## Zoning Board of Adjustment Notice of Public Hearing Date: Thursday, July 11 at 7:00 PM

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1. Appeal of Zoning Administrator decision regarding whether "junkyard" exists at 157 Moore Drive (Parcel ID 040229.7), Conservation (C-10) zoning district.

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Information concerning this matter is available at the Town of Weathersfield office from 7:30 AM to 5:30 PM Monday through Thursday or by calling 802.674.2626.

# Arguien 1

#### **Sven Fedorow**

From:

Barry J. Polidor, PC <polidorlaw@gmail.com>

Sent:

Wednesday, July 17, 2019 11:34 AM

To:

Sven Fedorow

Subject:

The salvage yard issue

**Attachments:** 

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IMG-2127.jpeg; IMG-2132.jpeg

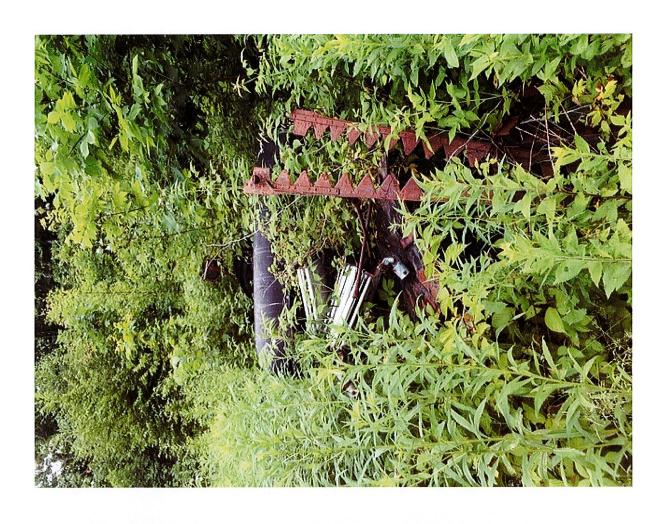
Attached are photos taken by the Lewises on July 12th showing the two tractors and other debris near the so-called Sugar House.

Barry J. Polidor, PC PO Box 279 | 64 Chester Rd Springfield VT 05156 (802) 885-4530 polidorlaw@gmail.com

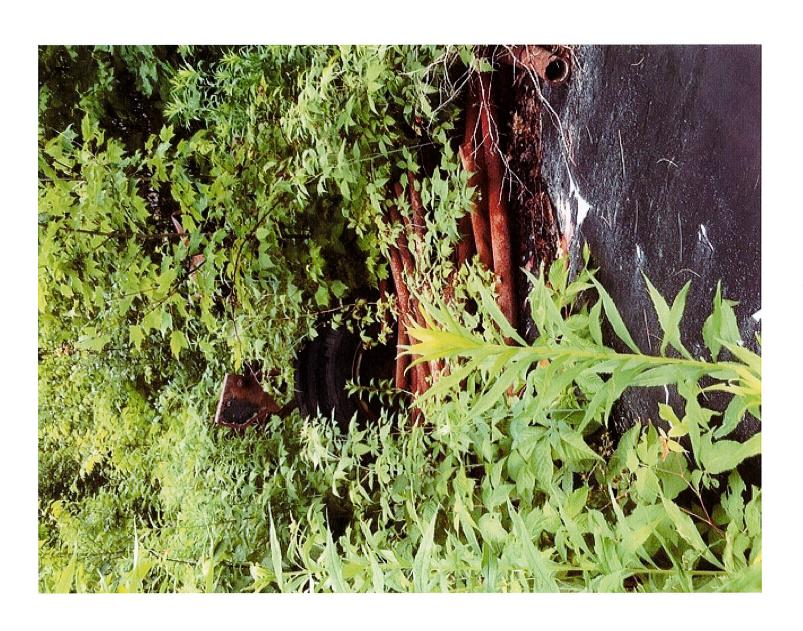
PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF EMAIL ADDRESS: Due to many problems with our vermontel.net emails ending up in spam and junk folders, we have changed our email address to polidorlaw@gmail.com. Please change in your contacts folder when you get a chance. We spoke with VTel to see if we could remedy the situation and they said there was nothing they could do on their end so an email address change was necessary for us.

WARNING: FRAUD ALERT: If you receive an e-mail from this office requesting that you wire or otherwise transfer funds, you must confirm the request and any corresponding instructions via telephone before you initiate any transfer. Hackers are targeting e-mails of attorneys and other businesses in attempts to initiate fraudulent wire requests. ALSO, CONFIRM THE TELEPHONE NUMBER WITH PREVIOUS EMAILS YOU HAVE RECEIVED FROM THIS OFFICE.

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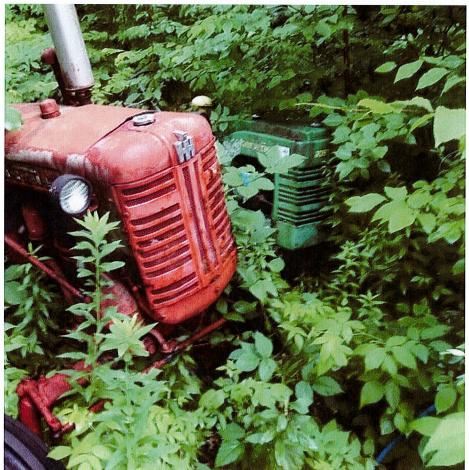












# Arguien 2

#### **Sven Fedorow**

Subject:

FW: Barbour

**Attachments:** 

Barbour Complaint Details.pdf

From: Chiorgno, Vincent < Vincent. Chiorgno@vermont.gov>

Sent: Wednesday, July 17, 2019 9:58 AM

To: Sven Fedorow <Landuse@weathersfield.org>

Subject: Barbour

Sven,

See the last entry on page 3 of the attachment. The state determined 3 of the vehicles to be junk and 3 to fall under, Title 24 §2241 (15) (D) an area used or maintained for the parking or storage of operational commercial motor vehicles, as that term is defined in 23 V.S.A. § 4103(4), that are temporarily out of service and unregistered but are expected to be used in the future by the vehicle operator or owner. (Added 1969, No. 98, § 1; amended 1971, No. 36, § 1, eff. April 1, 1971; 1973, No. 164 (Adj. Sess.), § 2, eff. July 1, 1974; 1983, No. 185 (Adj. Sess.), § 1; 2003, No. 101 (Adj. Sess.), § 2; 2009, No. 56, § 4; 2009, No. 93 (Adj. Sess.), § 2; 2013, No. 161 (Adj. Sess.), § 72.)

#### Vincent Chiorgno

Environmental Analyst IV Salvage Yard Program Waste Management & Prevention Division State of Vermont DEC

1 National Life Drive, Davis 1 Montpelier, VT 05620-3704

Phone: 802-522-0245

http://dec.vermont.gov/waste-management/salvage-yards





#### Vermont Agency of Natural Resources

Department of Environmental Conservation **Environmental Compliance Division** 1 National Life Drive, Davis 2 Montpelier, VT 05620-3803

#### Complaint Report Form

This report is considered confidential/sensitive in nature and should be treated as such. The contents may be subject to an exemption under the VT Access to Public Record and Documents Law.

Complaint Number:

17EC01274

Related Complaint Number:

Town:

Weathersfield

County:

Windsor

Date of Incident:

12/22/2017

Time of Incident:

Description:

Allegation of unpermitted salvage yard.

Comments:

New owner

**Directions to Site:** 

Moore Drive, Weathersfield.

SUBJECT PROPERTY

**Grand List Year:** 

2016

Town:

Weathersfield

Owner 1: ARGUIEN LILLIAN

Owner 2:

Mailing Address: 2032 WEATHERSFIELD CTR RD SPRINGFIELD VT 05156

**Property Location:** 

**Property Description:** 

Span #:

70522411201

LAND

Parcel ID #:

Title:

040229-7

Total Acres:

10.20

Category: Miscellaneous

Residential Code: T

ALLEGED VIOLATOR

Name: Daniel Barbour

Approx. Age:

DOB:

Company Name:

**Physical Address:** Mailing Address:

VT

Email Address:

Home Phone:

Cell Phone:

Work Phone:

**AGENT** 

No Complaint Agent Information

COMPLAINANT

Name:

Barry Polidor

Company:

Title:

Attorney

Physical Address:

64 Chester Road Springfield VT 05156

Mailing Address:

PO Box 279 Springfield VT

**Email Address:** 

bpolidor@vermontel.net

Phone: 802-828-1254

Email: ANR.Enforcement@vermont.gov Web: http://dec.vermont.gov/enforcement 1

VERMONT

Home Phone:

Cell Phone:

Work Phone:

802-8854531

WITNESSES

Name: Nancy Lewis

Company:

Title:

**Physical Address:** 

VT

Mailing Address:

VT

**Email Address:** 

Home Phone:

Cell Phone:

Work Phone:

Name: David Lewis

Company:

Title:

**Physical Address:** Mailing Address:

VT VT

Email Address:

Home Phone:

Cell Phone:

Work Phone:

Name: Ashley ritterhaus

Company:

Title:

**Physical Address:** 

VT Mailing Address: VT

**Email Address:** 

Home Phone:

Cell Phone:

Work Phone:

INCIDENT TRACKING

Complaint Received Date:

12/27/2017

Complaint Input By:

Marc Roy

**Initial Contact Date:** 

1/1/0001

Initial Contact Person:

Marc Roy

12/28/2017

CIR:

Citizen Complaint

Is Data Sensitive?:

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District:

WBID #:

VT10-16

#### **PROGRAM CODES**

Program Code: WMPD 02b Salvage Yard - Unpermitted

Investigator:

Vince Chiorgno

Status Code:

2 - Violation(s) Found - Voluntary Correction after contact

Date Assigned to Investigator:

NOAV Issued?:

12/27/2017

Date Recieved by Investigator:

Date Opened by Investigator:

Date Closed:

10/10/2018

Permit #:

Condition#:

PIN #:

**NOAV Issued Date:** 

Citation Issued?:

Citation Issued Date:

**Program Incident Report:** 

On site 1/11/2018. No dwelling on property and no dwelling within site of the junk vehicles. Owner unavailable. A total of 11 vehicles. An old ambulance, bulldozer, wrecker, skidder, 2 pick-ups, boat, camper, small excavator, trailer box and a utility trailer. The complainants right-of-way passes by the vehicles.

Found Mr. Barbour at his residence 5 miles from the property in question. He states he has had no problems with the neighbors

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until one of them decided to sell their property. He also said he will do what he needs to do so he is not in violation. He will forward me an inventory and status report on the vehicles within a week. VC

Spoke to Mr. Barbour today as he contacted me during the winter wanting to be sure he moves toward compliance. We again discussed the status of his vehicles. The plan is to set up a site visit within 30 -60 days. I explained to him that his work vehicles that he uses at different job sites must start and run and not have weeds and trees growing around them but do not have to be registered. He again stated his son will be removing 3-4 of the vehicles. VC

On site with Mr. Barbour. 3 junk vehicles remain. In addition there are 3 pieces of equipment a bulldozer, a skidder and a small dump truck that Mr. Barbour uses for work for logging and excavating purposes. Close complaint no longer in violation of Salvage Yard Rule. VC

01	D	D
Closure	Review	BV.

Closure Review Date:

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL ENFORCEMENT OFFICER INVESTIGATION REPORT**

No Investigation Report Information

#### **FOIA**

No FOIA Information



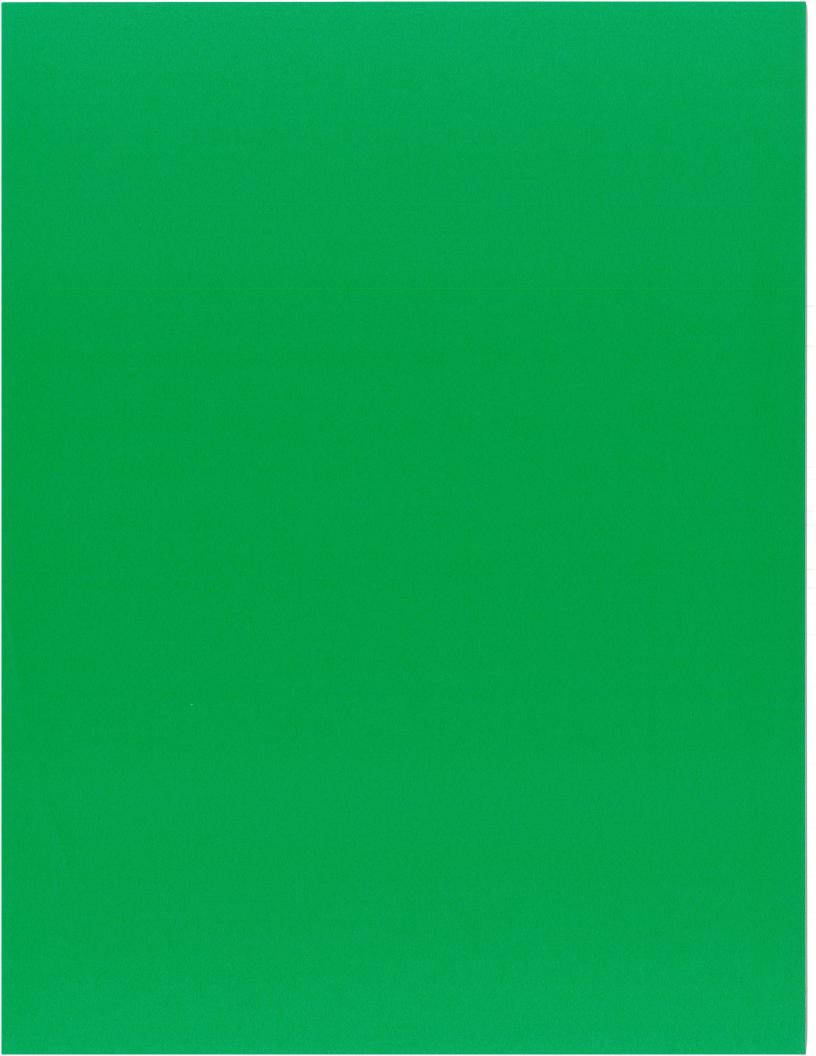
#### LOCATION

<u>Latitude:</u> 43.4158780 Longitude: -72.483030 (131) (131) Auto Service Bob's Leather Oraft and Repair (131) Gulf Rd (131) The Gulf Gulf Rd Google Map data @2019

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## Zoning Board of Adjustment Notice of Public Hearing

Date: Thursday, September 12 at 7:00 PM

The Weathersfield Zoning Board of Adjustment will hold a public hearing on Thursday, September 12 at 7:00 PM in the Town Office/Martin Memorial Hall for the purpose of considering the following variance application:

1. Setback and buffer variance application by Peter Ducas for placement of camper at Parcel ID 050256.7, Rural Residential Reserve (RRR-35) & Conservation (C-10) zoning districts.

At 6:30 PM a site visit at Goulden Ridge Road / Parcel ID 050256.7 will precede the 7:00 PM Public Hearing.

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### **Town of Weathersfield**

### **Zoning Permit Application**

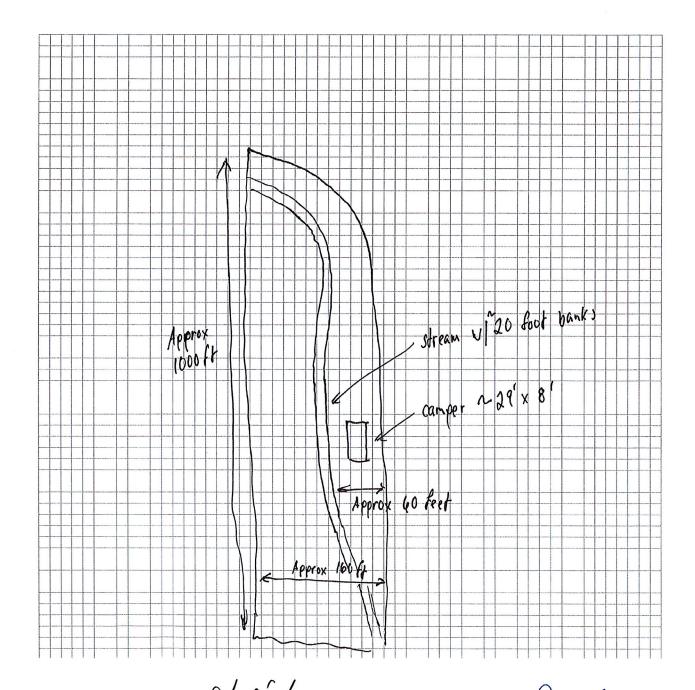
Town of Weathersfield, ATTN: Land Use Administrator, P.O. Box 550, Ascutney, VT 05030 (802) 674-2626 | landuse@weathersfield.org

Property Informa	ation	Permit Type (check all that apply)	
Address	00 Goulden Ridge Road	New Principal Building or Unit (e.g. "single-family dwelling")	
Town, State, Zip		New Accessory Structure (e.g. "shed")	
Parcel ID	050256.7	Alteration to Existing Structure (e.g. "new room addition")	
Lot Size (acres)  3.9		Change of Use (e.g. "personal service" to "restaurant")	
Road Frontage (ft)	1000	Demolition / Removal (e.g. demolition & removal of pool)	
	Use (enter below, e.g. "single-family dwelling")	Sign (one-sided square footage): sq. ft.	
(if no existing Principal U		X Variance	
Undeveloped lot		_	
Applicant		Project Information	
Name(s)	Peter Ducas	Proposed Principal Use Definition (if new or changing, enter below)	
Name(s)		Camper	
Mailing Address	269 High Ridge Road	Approximate Value of Development \$	
Town, State, Zip	Bridgeport, CT 06606	Total New Finished Floor Area sq. ft	
Telephone #		Total New Unfinished Floor Area sq. ft	
Mobile #	202-257-6087	Maximum Height ft	
E-mail Address		Number of Stories	
Landowner (if dit	iferent)	Filing Information (Staff Use Only)	
Name(s)		zoning Permit # 19,07,25, <del>Z</del>	
Name(s)		Fee Collected 215	
Mailing Address		Zoning Area RRR · 35 / C - 10	
		Permit Issue Date	
Telephone #		Appeal by Date	
Mobile #		Type of Review Required (check all that apply)	
E-mail Address		Administrative	
Decision (Staff U	se Only)	Zoning Board of Adjustment	
APPROVE	[1] [1] [1] [1] [1] [1] [1] [1] [1] [1]	Conservation Commission	
<b>Permit Expiratio</b>	n Date Pending hearing 9/12/2019	Flood Hazard / Agricultural Soils	
Description of Pr	oject (please provide a complete description along with	dimensions)	
	or placement of camper on property on Goulden I 20 foot high banks. No existing road access acros	Ridge Road. Total lot width approximately 160 ft. bisected by stream s stream. Highway access permit pending.	

	ubject to the Residential / Commercial Build		Yes XNo
Compliance/Occupancy	a Vermont Residential/Commercial Energy Standards (RBES y. Contact Energy Code Assistance Center at (855) 887-0673	or свы) Certificate in the Land Records prior to to determine if you need to follow these standa	o receiving your Certificate of ords.
	ct involve any demolition and/or renovation		Yes X No
If yes, you must contac	t the Lead and Asbestos Regulatory Program at (800) 439-85	550 prior to demo/renovation.	
	ct involve the installation or removal of a <b>ne</b>		Yes No
If yes, you must provide obtained from the Wed	e a copy of HUD Form 309. Installation must comply with the athersfield Town Clerk.	e HUD Permanent Foundations Guide for Manu	Ifactured Housing. A bill of sale must be
	ct involve work within a <b>Town or State right</b>	•	Yes No
If yes, you must obtain	Highway Access permit approval from the Town of Weather.	sfield and/or Vermont Agency of Transportatio	n at (802) 279-1152
Will your project	involve connecting to municipal water?		Yes No
If yes, you must contact	t the Town Manager at (802) 674-2626		
Does your projec	t involve construction of / change of use to	or from being a public building?	Yes X No
enter EXCEPT for owner	t the Vermont Department of Public Safety, Division of Fire Si r-occupied, single-family dwellings, registered home day care field currently recommends the installation of a Knox Box. Fo	es, and working farms, but INCLUDING single fo	amily homes becoming rentals.
Does your projec	t involve a <b>new home / business, change in</b>	# of bedrooms / change in use?	Yes X No
If yes, contact the local	Water/Wastewater Permit Specialist at (802) 279-4747, or t	he State Water/Wastewater Division, Springfie	
Permit Fee Calcu	lator (Cash or Check only, payable to Town o	of Weathersfield)	
Principal Use Accessory Use Conditional Use Permit Renewal Variance Late Fee Recording Fee	\$100 + 0.05 x sq. ft. \$30 + 0.05 x sq. ft. \$200 + 0.05 x sq. ft. Expired permit renewal: \$30 \$200  SUBTOTAL  Double all fees for after-the-fact permit Applies to all applications	= \$ = \$ + \$ + \$ 200 \$ 200 2x \$ + \$ 10 \$215	Staff Use Only Fee Collected?  Initials
	plicant Acknowledgements		
permit to develop the  Applications will necessary to de  Vermont law all All submissions All representati of any material Private agreem affect this proje State and Feder responsibility to No development If this application period in which Reasonable acc	he landowner(s) and applicant(s) described in this application and accept the followard project described in this application and accept the followard project described in this application and accept the followard project described in this application and compliance with this bylaw are complete and submitted allows the Land Use Administrator 30 days to act on this application are public record available for inspection and copy; sons made in this application and the materials accompanying it a fact on this application (which would warrant refusing the permit ents (such as covenants, deed restrictions and easements) may a ject. By signing, I acknowledge that it is my responsibility to disclost real regulations may apply, be more or less restrictive than Weather to obtain all required State and Federal permits; and or work may commence until receipt of all applicable permits a continuation of the paranappeal may be filed has expired; and sees to the subject property is to be granted to the Land Use Adrit and for the purpose of determining what, if any consequence to	owing: under any applicable laws until fees are paid in ful; in; re true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. It or approval) shall be grounds for revoking the per pply, be more or less restrictive than Weathersfield is and comply with these agreements; ersfield's bylaws, and may affect this project. By sig und approvals; public right-of-way most nearly adjacent to the subj	I and all items  Omission or misstatement mit or approval; d's bylaws and may gning, I acknowledge that it is my ject property until the
Landowner Signatu	ye X Pta Durae	Applicant Signature	

#### Site Plan Drawing

Draw an aerial view of the property described in this application showing the actual shape, property lines, and dimensions of land. Include the shape, size and location of all existing and proposed structures (principal and accessory) on the property with measurements to the front, size and rear property boundary lines (setbacks) and distances between each structure. Identify the existing and intended uses and areas of the use of and and all buildings, and the location of septic/sewer and water utilities. Include any proposed signs in the drawing.

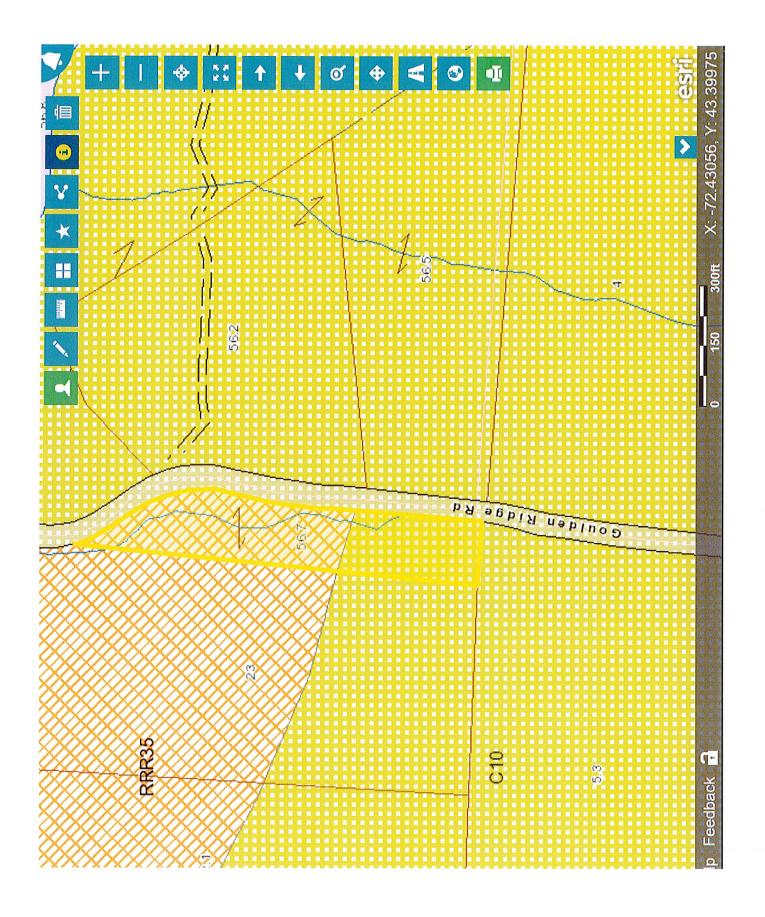


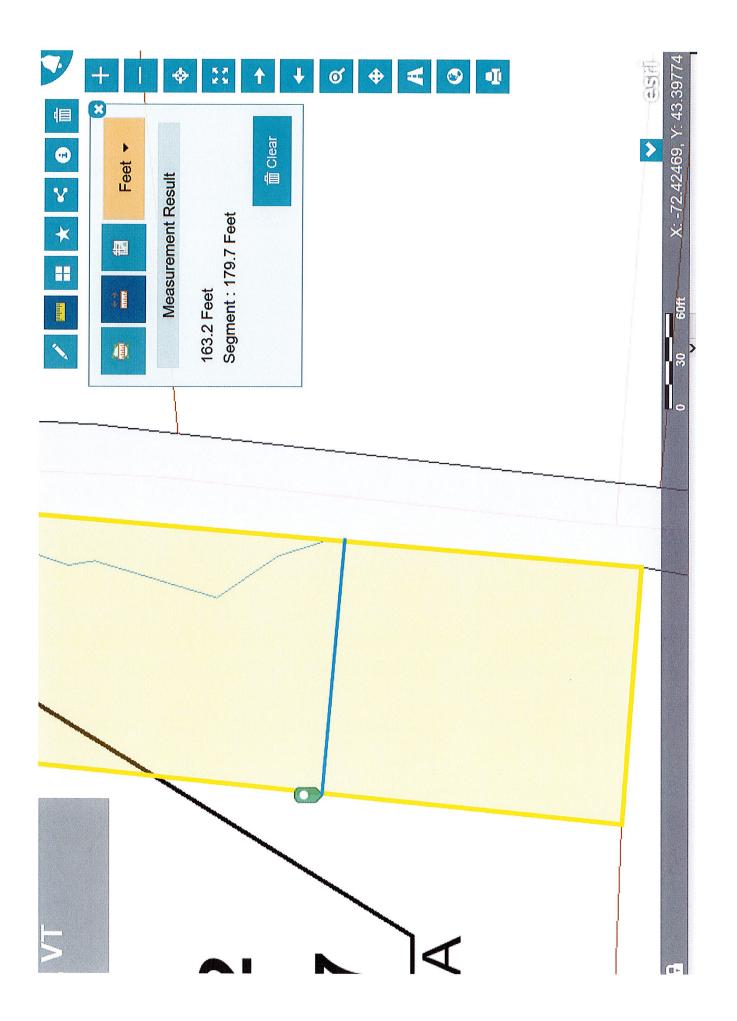
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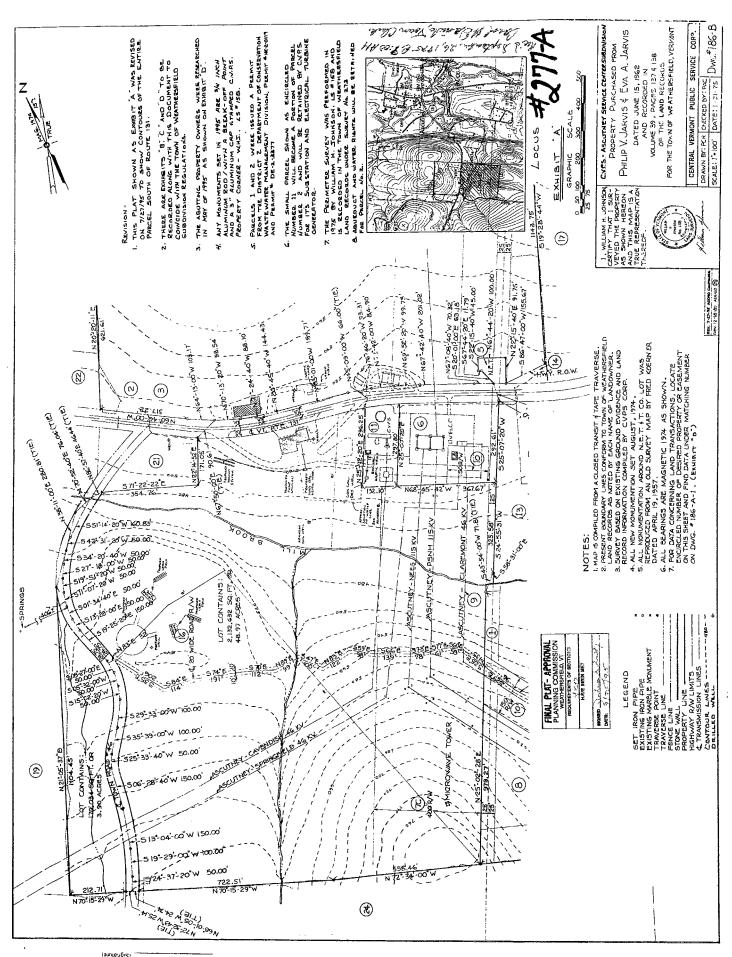
NOTE: Signature required for valid permit

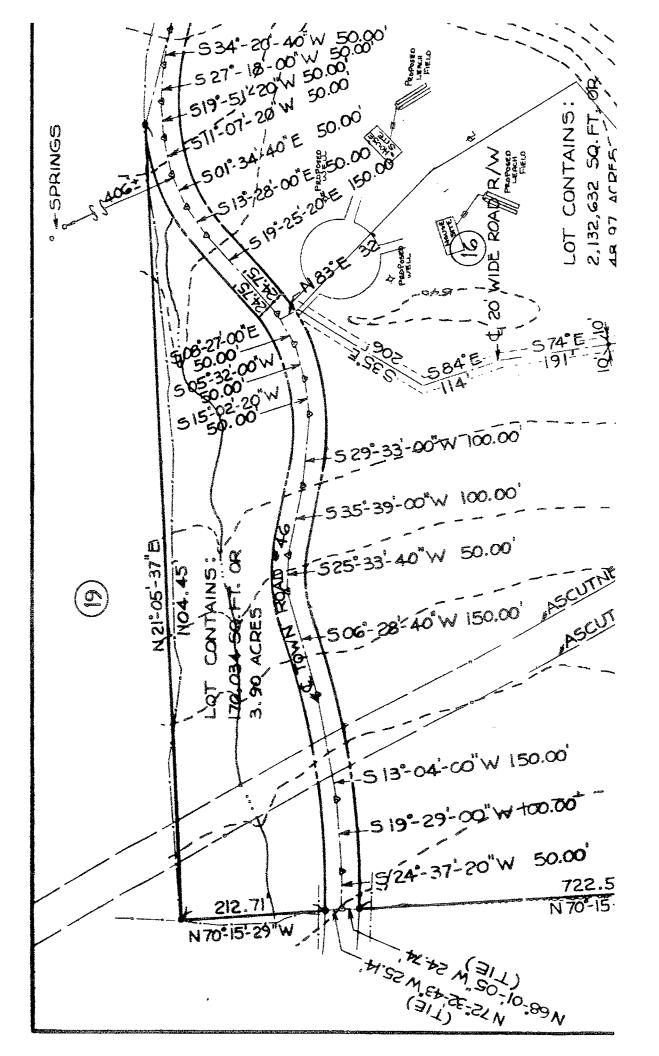
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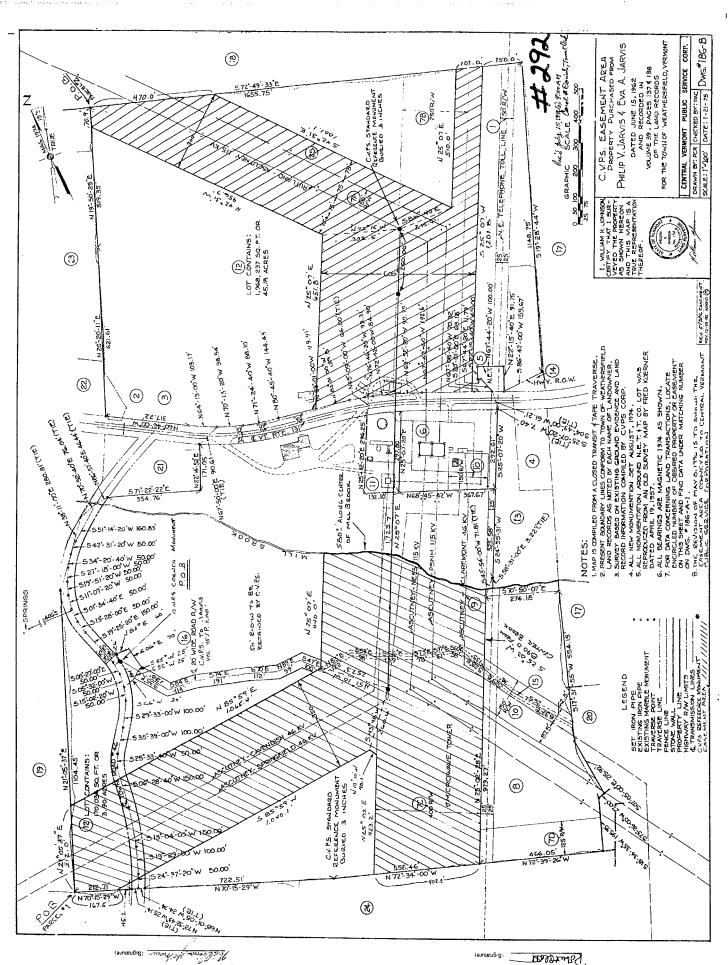
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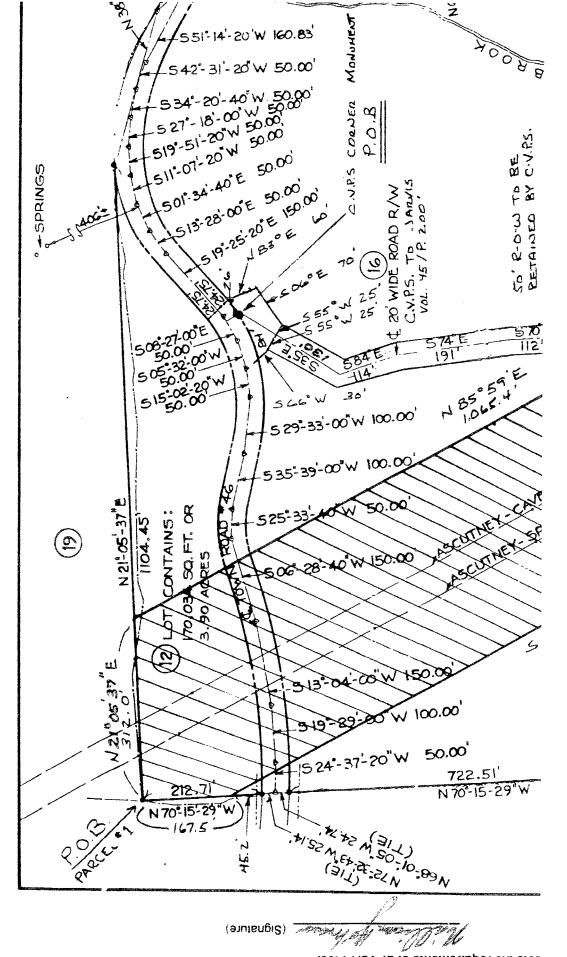












## Building envelope calculation for Parcel 05-02-56.7 (Goulden Ridge Rd.) Prepared by Land Use Administrator

Max parcel width (from survey):	212.71'
LESS	
Side setback in C-10/RRR-35:	50.00′
LESS	
Front setback in C-10/RRR-35:	40.00'
Remaining building envelope SUBTOTAL:	122.71′
LESS	
Stream width + buffer to top of bank:	25.00' (Approximate)
Remaining building envelope SUBTOTAL:  (Assuming stream roughly bisects parcel at camper location)	97.71′
LESS	
"No structure requiring a zoning permit shall be placed within 50 feet of the buffer strip": Bylaw § 6.10.1: Streambank Conservation	100.00'

TOTAL BUILDING ENVELOPE AVAILABLE: -2.29'

<u>NOTES:</u> Camper location is at portion of property which appears to be less wide than maximum parcel width used for the calculations above. Southern portion of property where parcel is widest is burdened by easement in favor of CVPS per surveys included in this packet.

#### Camper bylaw language re: "periods of four weeks":

"We are mindful, however, that zoning ordinances are in derogation of common law property rights and that "in construing land use regulations any uncertainty must be decided in favor of the property owner." In re Vitale, 151 Vt. 580, 584, 563 A.2d 613, 616 (1989); see also Secretary v. Handy Family Enters., 163 Vt. 476, 481-82, 660 A.2d 309, 312 (1995) ("[O]ur zoning decisions . . . have emphasized that ambiguity must be resolved for the property owner."); Glabach v. Sardelli, 132 Vt. 490, 494, 321 A.2d 1, 4 (1974)"

Source: In re Weeks (97-039); 167 Vt. 551; 712 A.2d 907

# Appendix

#### 7.6 Travel Trailers/Camping Vehicles

Travel trailers, campers, pick-up campers and motor homes shall be parked only in approved travel trailer camping areas or sales lots; except that a property owner may park his own, or a guest's travel trailer on his/her property (beyond the required setbacks for the district in which it is located), and these may be used as temporary living quarters by non-paying guests for periods of up to four weeks.

In no event, shall travel trailers be considered as permanent residences.

#### **6.10.1 Streambank Conservation** (Amended November 22, 2011)

#### Purpose

The purpose of this bylaw is to prevent:

- erosion of the soil adjacent to streams;
- sedimentation of streams;
- destruction of stream bank habitat.

#### **Application**

This bylaw shall be applied to any stream wherever the stream channel width is greater than 4 feet at the regular high water mark. These streams shall be referred to as Aprotected streams@. (See definition of stream, Section 8)

#### Method

- A naturally vegetated buffer strip shall be maintained on the banks of protected streams.
- The width of the buffer strip shall be measured from the regular high water mark (see definition of regular high water mark, Section 8) of the protected stream to the top of the stream bank or 25 feet, whichever is less.
- The buffer strip width shall be measured as the tape lies.
- No new development or manipulation of the buffer vegetation, other than approved management practices or approved stream crossings, shall occur within the buffer strip.
- Stream crossings shall be approved by the State of Vermont River Management Program where required by the State of Vermont.
- No structure shall be placed within 10 feet of the buffer strip.
- No structure shall be placed or erected within 10' of the buffer.
- No structure that requires a zoning permit shall be placed within 50 feet of the buffer strip.
- No structure requiring a building permit shall be erected within 50' of the buffer.

#### **Approved Management Practices**

The following activities are allowed to occur within a protected stream bank buffer:

- Removal of invasive species
- Cutting hazard trees and/or limbs (stump shall remain)
- Removal of debris

#### 9.4 Variances

#### 9.4.1 Variance Criteria

The Board of Adjustment shall hear and decide requests for variances as required by the Act [§4469(a)] and appeal procedures under Section 9. In granting a variance, the Board may impose conditions it deems necessary and appropriate under the circumstances to implement the purposes of these regulations and the municipal plan currently in effect. The Board may grant a variance and render a decision in favor of the appellant **only if all of the following facts are found**, and the findings are specified in its written decision:

- 1) There are unique physical circumstances or conditions, including irregularity, narrowness, or shallowness of lot size or shape, or exceptional topographical or other physical conditions peculiar to the particular property, and that unnecessary hardship is due to these conditions and not the circumstances or conditions generally created by the provisions of these regulations in the neighborhood or district in which the property is located;
- 2) Because of these physical circumstances or conditions, there is no possibility that the property can be developed in strict conformity with the provisions of these regulations and that the authorization of a variance is necessary to enable the reasonable use of the property;
- 3) The unnecessary hardship has not been created by the appellant;
- 4) The variance, if authorized, will not alter the essential character of the neighborhood or district in which the property is located, substantially or permanently impair the appropriate use or development of adjacent property, reduce access to renewable energy resources, or be detrimental to the public welfare; and
- 5) The variance, if authorized, will represent the minimum that will afford relief and will represent the least deviation possible from these regulations and from the plan.

#### 4.3.2(d) Rural Residential Reserve (RRR 3-5)

**Purpose**: Rural areas that give Weathersfield its valued rural atmosphere; a mix of open and wooded lands, agriculture, and residences, accessible and remote. Residential growth in the Rural Residential Reserve District will increase demand for utilities and services moderately to severely dependent upon the intensity and remoteness of the growth location.

<u>Uses that do not require a Zoning Permit</u>: The following uses are permitted without a Zoning Permit, provided that these uses are in compliance with these Bylaws:

- > Agriculture/Forestry (see Sect. 6.10.8)
- ➤ Baby-sitting service (see Sect. 7.13)
- > Minor structures (see definitions)
- > Temporary signs

<u>Permitted Uses</u>: The following uses are permitted following the issuance of a Zoning Permit by the Administrative Officer:

#### Permitted Principal Uses:

- ➤ Cemetery
- ➤ Group home
- ➤ Single family dwelling
- ➤ Two family dwelling (altered from pre-existing single family dwelling, if no enlargement of structure; no new construction)

#### **Permitted Accessory Uses:**

- > Accessory dwelling unit (see Sect. 6.9.1)
- > Accessory use or structure
- > Adult day care service (see Sect. 7.13)
- > Athletic courts
- ▶ Bed and Breakfast (up to 3 bedrooms for transient boarders/tourists)
- ➤ Family child care home (see Sect. 7.13)
- > Home occupations
- ➤ Ponds (see Sect. 6.10.4)
- Seasonal roadside stand (see Sect. 7.11)
- ➤ Signs, permanent
- > Swimming pool (in ground or aboveground)

<u>Conditional Uses</u>: The following uses are permitted upon the granting of Conditional Use Approval by the Board of Adjustment:

#### **Conditional Principal Uses:**

- ➤ Adult day care facility 1,3 (see Sect. 7.13)
- ➤ Campground, resort, children's camp 1,3
- > Church (see Semi-Public)
- ➤ Contractor's storage 1.3 (of materials, machinery heavy equipment)
- > Family child care facility 1,3 (see Sect. 7.13)
- ➤ Indoor or outdoor recreation facility 1,2,3 (see definitions)
- ➤ Inn/small hotel 1,3 (see definitions)
- ➤ Medical facility 1,2,3 (see definitions)
- ➤ Extraction of earth resources 1,2,3
- Mobile home park (see Sect. 7.5)
- ➤ Public water, sewage treatment plant 1,2,3

#### 4.3.2(d) Rural Residential Reserve (cont.)

- ➤ School 1,2,3 (see definitions)
- ➤ Semi-public <sup>1,2,3</sup> (Primarily nonprofit: church, museum, library, private club, YMCA, YWCA, mortuary, etc.)
- ➤ Single family PRD 1,2,3
- ➤ Other uses (as determined after public hearing, by the Board of Adjustment, to be of a similar type and character as those listed above and meeting the purposes of this District)

#### **Conditional Accessory Uses:**

- ➤ Dock
- > Home industry
- ➤ Wireless Communication Facilities 2,3

#### **Uses Not Permitted:** The following uses are not permitted within this District:

- ➤ Gasoline/service station
- ➤ Highway Commercial
- ➤ Industrial
- > Junkyard, landfill, recycling facility (privately owned)
- > Multi-family dwelling or PRD
- ➤ Two family dwelling (new construction)
- ➤ Non-highway Commercial
- ➤ Small enterprise
- ➤ Self-Storage Facility (effective July 9, 2012)

#### Area, Land, & Structural Requirements:

- 1. Only one principal use is allowed per parcel of land.
- 2. Each principal use requires at least the minimum lot area and minimum required frontage specified for the district in which it is located.
- 3. Establishment of multiple principal uses on a single parcel of land requires a PUD permit.

Soil or terrain conditions may require larger lot sizes to satisfy Town or State public health regulations; the burden of proof of soil suitability and terrain is on the applicant.

#### Lot Area Minimum: 3 acres Lot Frontage and Setbacks:

Frontage 200 feet Front Setback 40 feet Rear Setback 50 feet Side Setback 50 feet

#### **Building Heights:**

Maximum building height: 35 feet (Amended 6/11/2012)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Site Plan Review required

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>General/Special Provisions apply

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Certificate of Occupancy required

#### 4.3.2(e) Conservation (C-10)

<u>Purpose</u>: Areas in which sparse development is wise for one or more of the following reasons: remote from roads or utility services; location of scarce mineral resources, prime agricultural or forested land, significant or irreplaceable natural, historic, recreational or scenic resources; slope elevations exceeding 25%; land over 1,500 feet in elevation; severe soil limitations; risk of flooding; or flood ways need.

<u>Uses that do not require a Zoning Permit</u>: The following uses are permitted without a Zoning Permit, provided that these uses are in compliance with these Bylaws:

- ➤ Agriculture/Forestry (see Sect. 6.10.8)
- ➤ Baby-sitting service (see Sect. 7.13)
- > Minor structures (see definitions)
- ➤ Temporary signs

<u>Permitted Uses</u>: The following uses are permitted following the issuance of a Zoning Permit by the Adm. Officer:

#### Permitted Principal Uses:

- ➤ Group home
- > Single family dwelling (must not defeat purpose of the District)
- Two family dwelling (altered from pre-existing single family dwelling, if no enlargement of structure; no new construction)

#### **Permitted Accessory Uses:**

- > Accessory dwelling unit (see Sect. 6.9.1)
- > Accessory use or structure
- > Adult day care service (see Sect. 7.13)
- > Athletic structures
- > Bed and Breakfast (up to 3 bedrooms for transient boarders/tourists)
- > Family child care home (see Sect. 7.13)
- > Home occupations
- ➤ Ponds (see Sect. 6.10.4)
- > Seasonal roadside stand (see Sect. 7.11)
- > Signs, permanent
- > Swimming pool (in ground or aboveground)

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#### **Conditional Principal Uses:**

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- > Campground, resort, children's camp<sup>1,3</sup>
- ➤ Cemetery
- > Church (See Semi-public)
- ➤ Contractor's storage 1,3 (materials, machinery, heavy equipment)
- Family child care facility 1,3 (see Sect. 7.13)
- > Inn/small hotel 1,3 (see definitions; must not defeat purpose of the District)
- ➤ Medical facility 1,2,3 (see definitions)
- > Extraction of earth resources 1,2,3 (Site Plan Review)
- ➤ Outdoor recreation facility 1,2,3 (see definitions, must not defeat the purpose of the District)

#### 4.3.2(e) Conservation (cont.)

- > Public water, sewage treatment plant 1,2,3
- ➤ School 1,2,3
- ➤ Semi-public 1,2,3
- > Other uses (as determined after public hearing, by the Board of Adjustment, to be of a similar type and character as those listed above and meeting the purposes of this District)

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#### Lot Area Minimum:

Basic District Requirement: 10 acres (the owner(s) of record prior to January 4, 1994, of a lot containing at least 6 acres and less than 20 acres and which lot, under the prior bylaws was in RRR 3-5 District, shall be permitted to subdivide said lot into 2 lots, provided both lots meet the town subdivision and zoning requirements)

Two family dwelling (altered from pre-existing single family dwelling): 2 acres (more may be required to provide a proper sewage disposal system)

**Lot frontage and setbacks:** Applies for all uses unless increased by the Board of Adjustment as a condition to help a conditional use avoid defeating the purpose of the District.

Frontage 200 feet Front Setback 40 feet Rear Setback 50 feet Side Setback 50 feet

#### **Building Height:**

Maximum building height: 35 fee (Amended 6/11/2012

- 1 Site Plan Review required
- <sup>2</sup>General/Special Provisions apply
- <sup>3</sup>Certificate of Occupancy required

#### Zoning Board of Adjustment

July 11, 2019

#### **Draft Meeting Minutes**

#### 1. Introductions

Board members present at the meeting were Willis Wood, Todd Hindinger, and James Cahill. Sven Fedorow, land use administrator, was also in attendance.

Nancy Lewis, David Lewis, Ashley Rittershaws, Barry Polidor, Anne Marie Hestnes-Harris, and H. Vern Harris were in the audience.

Prior to the meeting, there was a site visit at 6:30 PM at 4215 Route 106. All of the above listed Board members attended. Also, Nancy Lewis, David Lewis, Ashley Rittershaws, and Barry Polidor were at the site visit.

#### 2. Call to order

Willis Wood called the meeting to order at 7:12 PM.

3. Appeal of Zoning Administrator decision regarding whether "junkyard" exists at 157 Moore Drive (Parcel ID 040229.7), Conservation (C-10) zoning district

Willis Wood opened the hearing at 7:14 PM by reading the Warning. Willis Wood knows Danny Barbour, but has not seen him for a few years. He feels that he can be fair for this hearing. Nancy Lewis, David Lewis, and Ashley Rittershaws affirmed. Nancy Lewis, David Lewis, and Ashley Rittershaws have interested party status.

Sven Fedorow stated that the Town manager has been up to 157 Moore Drive twice. Vincent Chiorgno, the State junkyard specialist, has been to this location too. Sven Fedorow and Vincent Chiorgno both made a determination that 157 Moore Drive did not reach the junkyard status according to the Town's Bylaws.

Exhibit #1 was the packet which included a letter from Barry Polidor to Vincent Chiorgno dated June 26, 2018, a letter from Land Use Administrator to Nancy Lewis dated November 8, 2018, a letter from Barry Polidor appealing Land Use Administrator decision dated November 19, 2018, a letter from Barry Polidor to Vincent Chiorgno dated November 20, 2018, an email from Vincent Chiorgno to Land Use Administrator dated May 23, 2019, a letter from Daniel Barbour to the Town of Weathersfield dated July 3, 2019, and the file history (letters/emailed from April 10, 2013 to January 24, 2018).

Sven Fedorow stated that our Bylaws are ambiguous. The definition of junk in our Bylaws is similar to the State's. The State did not want to pursue this as a junkyard. James Cahill stated that in the documentation Vincent Chiorgno mentioned three unregistered vehicles. He wanted to know if there was any other criteria mentioned. Sven Fedorow stated that there was not. The State Salvage yard Rules is a 27 pages document that is fairly lengthy. The Town's Bylaws are based on the State's Statues. The Town should match the State's interpretation. He stated that he defers to a higher authority who is Vincent Chiorgno, the State's specialist.

Barry Polidor disagreed that he Town's Bylaws are based on the State's. He referenced 7.15, definition of junkyard. The State has a Statue that talks about "junk" and describes it. He proceeded to read it. The State letters/emails stated that they were done with this. They only looked at the vehicles at this site. There are more than three vehicles there that are dismantled. There is a drum up there and safety and welfare concerns. The State Statue (22.46) cannot be in derogations of the Town's Bylaws. The local ordinance prevails if it is the stronger one. The pictures that he presented were taken in the fall of 2017. The difference between then and now is that a camper and boat are gone. The wood pile and the blue truck are new. When the State first visited it, Vincent Chiorgno stated that he would work with Daniel Barbour to bring him into compliance. Barry Polidor wanted to know how Daniel Barbour is currently in compliance. On May 30, 2018, the State wrote to Barry Polidor and Daniel Barbour that it will do what is needed to come into compliance with the State.

Sven Fedorow stated that he is not sure where the boat and camper where when the State visited this location. He went up there later in the summer. The Town can be stricter than the State. There is nothing in the Bylaws where it has to be stricter than the State. There is the State regulations and the Bylaws have some definitions. It could be said that it affects the neighborhood if the Board finds that it meets the junkyard criteria.

Nancy Lewis stated that the previous zoning administrator said it would if things were bought or sold. There have been some things removed and some added. Sven Fedorow stated that sales does not determine if it is a junkyard. If there were regular sales, then it would be different. Sven Fedorow stated that the Town's attorney would look to see how the State would handle it and their definition of "junk".

Barry Polidor stated that in his first letter (November 2011) to Hal Wilkins, the previous zoning administrator, he included photos. In Hal Wilkin's letter (December 2011) back to him, he stated that is was clearly a junkyard and the Town's attorney, Chris Callahan, was in agreement. Sven Fedorow stated that he does not know what happened in 2017. These items are not in the file, or been recorded. The Board needs to make the decision now. Willis Wood read the letter dated July 3, 2019 from Daniel Barbour.

Exhibit #2 will be eleven photos presented by Barry Polidor taken in June 2018. Exhibit #3 will be twenty-three photos taken by Nancy Lewis in 2016 & November 2017. Exhibit #4 will be eight photos taken by Nancy Lewis in 2015.

Ashley Rittershaws stated based on the number of vehicles and other things there, she feels that it is a junkyard. David Lewis stated that it is a mess up there and the Town should want to keep it appealing. He feels it is a junkyard too. The Town might need to change ordinances or Bylaws. It has been an eyesore for ten years. Their neighbor built his house and then Daniel Barbour put his junk up there after. The neighbor had to sell his house for a lower price.

Anne Marie Hestnes-Harris stated that she has lived in other towns where they had ordinances as to how many unregistered vehicles could be at a location. Barry Polidor stated that the State says four or more. At one visit, there were only three. From 2017 to June 2018, the vehicles are still all there, but the camper and boat are gone. There is an addition of a truck. We are asking to issue a notice of violation so Daniel Barbour has to apply for a permit. Sven Fedorow stated that based on our local zoning, a State permit would be needed. Todd Hindinger stated that it is not an allowed use there, so no permit may be issued. Barry Polidor stated that it could be a contractor storage. Sven Fedorow stated that it would have to be looked at to be a contractor storage. Our Bylaws stated that if it is a junkyard, it needs a State permit. The State cleared it. There could be a permit for a salvage yard from the State because the State does not look at the Town's Bylaws. He was told by Vincent Chiorgno that he had been up there with Daniel Barbour and some of the vehicles did start. Nancy Lewis stated that Vincent Chiorgno informed her that Daniel Barbour could get three vehicles to start. He also told her that Daniel Barbour could take vehicles off to get in compliance and then put them back on.

Sven Fedorow stated that the State should have counted all the vehicles there and could issue an enforcement action if there were more than four unregistered vehicles there. David Lewis stated that there are also two tractors behind the sugar house. H. Vern Harris has seen them there. Barry Polidor stated that the State seemed not to have addressed other issues there, such as the 55 gallon drum, refrigerator, only concentrated on the vehicles. Sven Fedorow stated that there has to be a threshold to go beyond "junk". One rusty vehicle does not qualify for junk. The State stated that the construction equipment started.

Exhibit #5 was the Title 24: Municipal and County Government definitions from V.S.A. Exhibit #6 was the Title 23 Motor Vehicles, Chapter 021: Title to Motor Vehicles.

The Board listed the items that they saw upon their site visit. They saw a skidder (down low), two crawlers (one by the skidder and one in the woods), large 18 wheeler box trailer, a sugarhouse, a one ton blue dump truck, vintage ambulance, vintage tow truck, dozer (up high), abundance of metal materials in various piles, various piles of wood, various piles of dimensional lumber, smashed pick up with bicycle in front, old box truck (Springfield Terminal Railroad), dozer (down low), back of 18 wheeler cab (down low near skidder), refrigerator, 55 gallon drum (partially full), forklift grader, and some useful equipment. Willis Wood stated that in order to be an automobile graveyard it needs to have four or more junk vehicles. Todd Hindinger asked David Lewis to show him the boundary posts on the

survey. Todd Hindinger could not find them when they were at the site visit. David Lewis showed them to Todd Hindinger on the map. Todd Hindinger wanted to know who had the right of way. David Lewis stated that they all do. He stated that he has owned the property since 1986. In the past, his family did some camping on the property. The Board made a suggestion that David Lewis might want to have someone mark out his property's corner posts. Barry Polidor will get in contact with someone to do that for them. Nancy Lewis asked if the hearing is closed could she still present current pictures. The Board told her that she could not. Once the hearing is closed, the Board cannot accept anymore testimony or evidence.

Jim Cahill asked Barry Polidor if there were anything specific with health hazards. Barry Polidor stated on the drum, rotting metal, engines could be leaking fuel, and the swamp in the back area.

Todd Hindinger asked Barry Polidor if the argument is to look at the Town's and State's rules. Barry Polidor stated that the Board should only look at the Town's rules. It is not whether or not the State was correct. The State should not be concerned with this decision. The State did not say it was a salvage yard, but the Board could. Then there would be a violation. If you get a State salvage yard, does not mean that you can get the Town's.

Ashley Rittershaws stated that a Board member asked about property lines. If the items were on David Lewis's property, then he could get them off. Todd Hindinger stated that it would be called abandoned property and it would be easier. He pointed out to David Lewis that the extension of his comes down through the meadow and it is 100 feet wide there till the right of way. David Lewis stated that he has nothing to go on, but his memory. The two posts were at the end of his property. They have seen them in the past. Sven Fedorow stated that the condition on this particular property has changed. Some things are not there and some things have been there for a long time. David Lewis stated that everything is in Daniel Barbour's words. Todd Hindinger stated that the hearing is an appeal of the Zoning Board Administrator's decision. The evidence is the exhibits, testimony, and Bylaws.

Todd Hindinger made a motion to continue this hearing on August 8, 2019 at 7:00 PM at Martin Memorial Hall. James Cahill seconded it. All were unanimous to continue this hearing.

#### 4. Approval of Minutes – 27 June 2019

Willis Wood made a motion to approve the minutes of June 27, 2019 as corrected. James Cahill seconded it. All were in favor of approving the minutes.

#### 5. Adjournment

James Cahill made a motion to adjourn at 8:58 PM. Todd Hindinger seconded it. All were unanimous to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted, Diana Stillson