

City of Keene Planning Board

AGENDA

Monday, January 24, 2022 6:30 PM City Hall, 2nd Floor Council Chambers

Note: The public may join the meeting online or at City Hall in the 2nd Floor Council Chambers. To access the meeting online, visit www.zoom.us/join or call (646) 558-8656 and enter the Meeting ID: 857 8338 6440.*

- I. Call to Order Roll Call
- II. Election of Planning Board Chair, Vice Chair, and Steering Committee
- III. Minutes of Previous Meeting December 20, 2021
- IV. Public Hearings

SPR-423, Modification #4 – Site Plan – Corning Specialty Materials, 69 & 0 Island St – Applicant Leighton A. White Inc., on behalf of owner Island Mill Realty Group, proposes to install electrical equipment and modify the parking on the properties located at 69 Island St (TMP# 583-010-000-000) and 0 Island St (TMP# 582-048-000-000). These combined parcels are 9.2-ac in size and are located in the Commerce District.

<u>S-09-21 – Boundary Line Adjustment –90-92 & 0 Off Victoria St</u> – Applicant Fieldstone Land Consultants PLLC, on behalf of owners James & Beverly Ells, proposes a boundary line adjustment between the properties located at 90-92 Victoria St (TMP# 589-022-000-000-000) and 0 Off Victoria St (TMP# 589-023-000-000-000). This adjustment would result in a transfer of 0.85-ac from the 1.58-ac parcel at 90-92 Victoria St to the 0.57-ac parcel at 0 Victoria St. Both properties are located in the Business Growth & Re-Use District.

CLSS-CUP-01-21 – Congregate Living & Social Service Conditional Use Permit – Monadnock Area Peer Support Agency, 32-34 Washington St #Rear – Applicant and owner Monadnock Area Peer Support Agency proposes to operate a Large Group Home as a second principal use on the property located at 32-34 Washington St #Rear (TMP 568-058-000-000). The site is 0.28-ac in size and is located in the Downtown Core District.

V. Staff Updates

• Overview of Administrative & Minor Project approvals issued in 2021.

VI. New Business

VII. Upcoming Dates of Interest – February 2022

- Joint Committee of the Planning Board and PLD February 14, 6:30 PM
- Planning Board Steering Committee February 15, 11:00 AM
- Planning Board Site Visit February 23, 8:00 AM To Be Confirmed
- Planning Board Meeting February 28, 6:30 PM

^{*}A Zoom link and call in information is being provided as a public service; however, the public body will be meeting in person with a quorum present at the location, date and time contained in this notice. If for some reason the Zoom link or call in does not work, the public meeting will continue in person.

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	Andrew Weglinski Harold Farrington, Alternate Emily Lavigne-Bernier				
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12	I) Roll Call				
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22	III) Continued Public Hearing				
23	SPR-897, Modification 1 & SW				
24	<u>Protection Conditional Use Permit – I</u>				
25	Consultants, on behalf of owner America				
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These combined properties are 7.51 acres in size and are located in the Commerce Limited District.

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A. Public Hearing

- John Noonan of Fieldstone Land Consultants addressed Board on behalf of the applicant. Mr.
- Noonan stated that revised plans were submitted on December 6. He indicated the biggest
- 37 change was the landscaping along the Winchester Street façade, as well as the architectural plan.
- 38 Concerns were raised in regards to the surface water setback both by the Planning Board and the
- 39 Conservation Commission. The pavement that lies within the Surface Water setback has been
- 40 cutback from the display area. The drive aisle that comes around the southwest corner was
- 41 reduced from 24 feet to 22 feet and this change was determined based on the size of the Keene
- 42 Ladder Truck.

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- Mr. Noonan noted that the landscaping was added based on comments from the Conservation
- Commission; what is being proposed are pollinator-friendly plantings, Silky Dogwood shrubs
- and Weeping Willows. On December 6 more plantings were added along Winchester Street –
- 47 there are now 31 shrubs along Winchester Street frontage and one ornamental tree, as well as
- 48 plantings right next to the building.

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- With reference to the architectural plans these plans have also changed and revised plans have
- been submitted to the City. One of the comments was in regards to the orange faux doors along
- 52 Krif Road and Winchester Street. Mr. Noonan noted there are no longer any faux doors on either
- of these sides and that the only ones remaining would be operational doors, though the applicant
- does want those doors to be in orange for branding.

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This concluded the applicant's comments.

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- Councilor Remy stated he is the one who raised the issue with the door and is happy with the
- 59 change that has been made, however he questioned the 20 x 14 marquee and asked where it will
- be installed. Mr. Noonan stated that item is indicated on their original site plan.
- He explained the marquee is 20" x 40' and the stairs are at the same elevation but are a smaller
- staircase. He added that there are only two parking spaces in front of this door.
- 63 Councilor Remy asked for a visual on the marquee. Mr. Noonan stated they did not have a
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Staff comments were next.

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- Ms. Brunner stated she was only going to address items where changes were made since the last
- 69 public hearing. She began with Snow Storage and Removal, and indicated that staff had
- originally raised concerns about snow storage, which was shown along the flood compensatory area the applicant has addressed that and there is a note added to the plan that states as follows:
- 72 "If snow storage is excessive, it shall be hauled off site. Snow cannot be stored in the wetland
- 53 buffer, or floodplain compensatory storage area." With this note, staff feels this standard has been met.

<u>Landscaping</u> – The applicant has submitted a revised plan with additional landscaping added to the site along the street frontage. Ms. Brunner stated she did look at some of the other display areas along Winchester Street as well as one that was approved recently by the Planning Board, with what is being proposed at this time, this standard appears to be met.

<u>Traffic and Access Management</u> – Ms. Brunner stated the new piece of information staff has received is the truck-turning template for the easternmost location of Krif Road, which the applicant proposes to widen. The Applicant has submitted a request for an exception from Section 22.5.4.9 of the Land Development Code to permit a driveway that is 45 ft at the property line and 66 ft at the curb line. Ms. Brunner stated one of the requirements to receive an exception is to show that the increased width that is needed with a geometric analysis. With submittal of the truck turning template, the applicant has met this requirement

<u>Surface Waters & Wetlands</u>: The Applicant has revised the proposed site plan in order to reduce the amount of pavement within the 30-ft. surface water protection buffer, including reducing the width of the circulation lane from 24 ft. to 22 ft. and removing the paved display area from the buffer entirely. Ms. Brunner noted this item was reviewed by the Conservation Commission. At its November meeting the Conservation Commission indicated that it would not intervene unless the circulation lane was required by the Fire Department. The Fire Department has indicated a circulation lane is not required per fire code

In response to staff comments, the Applicant noted that the circulation lane is necessary because it will "provide access for emergency vehicles, for the UHaul business operations, for UHaul customers to access the rear parking spaces, and the self-storage units." Ms. Brunner suggested the Board clarify this with the applicant to make sure this standard has been met.

<u>Architecture & Visual Appearance</u> – Ms. Brunner stated the applicant has addressed the main changes and she did not have anything more to add. The biggest change was the removal of the faux orange doors.

This concluded staff comments

The Vice-Chair asked for public comment next.

Melinda Savard of 109 Island Street asked how these changes affect her property, particularly as it pertain to the Surface Water Protection Buffer. She received notification in the mail that states 166,000 sq. feet will be temporarily impacted and wasn't sure how this would impact her water supply. Ms. Brunner stated this item will be addressed later during another application that will be coming before the Board.

The Mayor felt the applicant has been very responsive to the Board's comments and extended his appreciation.

B. Board Discussion and Action

- 120 A motion was made by Mayor Hansel that the Planning Board approve SPR-897, Modification
- #1 for the development of the site for use as a UHaul truck rental business and self-storage

- facility; Approve SWP-CUP-2021-04 to permit a pavement encroachment into the Surface Water
- 123 Protection Buffer; and Grant an exemption from section 22.5.4.9 of the City's Street Access
- Standards to allow a commercial street access that is 45 ft at the property line and 66 ft at the
- curb line. All as presented in the plan set identified as "UHaul of South Keene, Tax Map 115,
- Lots 19 & 20, 472 Winchester Street & 0 Krif Road, Keene NH 03431" prepared by Fieldstone
- Land Consultants at a scale of 1 inch = 40 feet, dated November 8, 2021 and last revised on
- December 6, 2021; and on the building elevations identified as "Moving & Storage of South
- Keene, 472 Winchester St. Keene, NH 03431" prepared by Advertising and Marketing
- Associates at a scale of 1 inch = 20 feet and dated December 3, 2021, with the following
- conditions prior to signature by Planning Board Chair:

- 1. Submittal of a security for sedimentation and erosion control, landscaping, and as-built plans in an amount and form acceptable to the Community Development Director.
- 2. Owner's signature appears on the plan.

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- 137 The motion was seconded by Councilor Remy.
- The Councilor stated he is nervous about not seeing a rendering on the marquee area and asked
- whether it would be reasonable to add a third condition requesting staff approval on this item.
- Mr. Lamb stated he would advise the Board to be careful about giving staff more authority than
- they would have in this situation especially when it comes to an appearance related standard.
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- 143 Mayor Hansel suggested reopening the public hearing so the applicant could describe the
- marquee area.
- Mr. Noonan stated the applicant has no problem submitting an architectural plan if that is what
- the Board desires.

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166 3. Submittal of an architectural drawing showing the marquee for the side of the building facing Krif Road to be consistent with other architectural features and colors shown on the current plan.

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176 177 Chair Russell Slack thanked the applicant for coming forward with these changes as was requested by the Board.

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(2) SWP-CUP-05-21 – Surface Water Protection Conditional Use Permit – Eversource A152 & T198 Structure Replacement Project, Various Locations – Applicant GZA

GeoEnvironmental, on behalf of owner Public Service Company of New Hampshire (dba

178 Eversource Energy), proposes to replace twenty structures along the A152 Transmission Line 179

and eight structures along the T198 Transmission Line. These lines run from Island Street to the

180 Swanzey town border. This project will temporarily impact 166,919 sf of the Surface Water

181 Protection Buffer for temporary access and work pad placement.

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Board Determination of Completeness

Senior Planner Mari Brunner recommended the Board accept the application as complete.

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A motion was made by Mayor George Hansel to recommend the Board accept this Application as complete. The motion was seconded by Councilor Michael Remy and was unanimously approved.

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Public Hearing В.

- 191 Lindsey White at GZA GeoEnvironmental addressed the Board and began by introducing Jeremy
- 192 Fennell and Connor Jennings from Eversource. Ms. White stated she was before the Board
- 193 regarding a conditional use permit application for select utility pole replacement within the
- 194 surface water protection district. She indicated the project is located along the T198 and A152
- 195 transmission lines which run parallel to each other, extending from the Island Street substation
- 196 heading south to the Keene and Swanzey town lines. Eversource is proposing to replace seven
- 197 poles on the T198 transmission line and 20 poles on the A152 transmission line.

198 Work will begin in February 2022. These poles are being replaced based on routine inspection to 199 maintain safety and reliability of the transmission lines.

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Ms. White noted the work will have a temporary impact within the surface water protection district for access and staging of equipment. She noted that where access and work pads are located within wetlands, matting will be used to reduce impact to wetlands.

- 205 Ms. White stated the applicant met with the Conservation Commission on November 15 and 206 since that time minor changes have been made to the plan which have been conveyed to Ms.
- 207 Brunner and a revised plan set was submitted. She explained the changes:
- 208 Page 1 - On T198, Structure 148 was originally supposed to have been replaced but now it is
- 209 going to be removed entirely, so the work pad has been reduced in size.
- Bordering structures 147 and 149 will be moved closer for span requirements. 210

Ms. White stated this does not change the work area or the impact – there will be a slight adjustment to the numbers but nothing significant. She added the applicant is working with the City on encumbrance and excavation permits and a wetlands permit through DES.

This concluded the applicant's comments.

- Mayor Hansel clarified the area shown on the plan would not be used in its entirety; it is just the area depicted on the plan. Ms. White agreed they will only use the area they need to.
- The Mayor asked for timeline for this work. Jeremy Fennell stated the mats will be removed as soon as possible but the construction would last a couple of months. He added they have a rental cost for the matting so they have a vested interest for removing them.

Vice-Chair Orgaz stated that with prior Eversource project he has asked whether this work would cross any rail trails or any of the heavy pedestrian areas and what safety precautions will be in place. Ms. White stated work will happen in the area bordering the rail trail when wire is pulled across the line there will be a pedestrian control plan which will be part of the encumbrance permit through the City.

Ms. Adams asked about the relocation of 147 and 149. Ms. White stated both of these poles will be moved. Ms. Adams asked whether this would cause a loss in parking spaces. Mr. Fennell stated a couple of spots will be used during construction, but this would be temporary.

Staff comments were next.

Ms. Brunner referred to the revised plan which have been reviewed by staff and noted the changes are relatively minor.

She stated with this change the area that would be impacted within the surface water protection buffer was reduced by 2,105 feet and the area of impact now is 164,114 feet. She went on to say the request is to replace 20 structures along the A152 Transmission Line and 8 structures along the T198 Transmission Line, as well as replace static wire with optical ground wire along the T198 Transmission Line to shield conduct wires from lighting. Due to the location of the structures being replaced within the right of way, there is some impact to wetlands and hence the reason for the conditional use permit.

Ms. Brunner noted to a correction in the staff report. The staff report states there are no departmental comments but Engineering states that there is an 18 inch sewer interceptor in the vicinity of the A152 structures 4 and 5 and are asking the applicant to use caution.

Code Enforcement will be requiring a floodplain letter at the completion of the work stating that any area within the flood plain has been restored to their original state. Ms. Brunner noted these comments have been shared with the applicant.

She went on to say that the applicant went before the Conservation Commission which has asked for a pollinator-friendly seed mix to restore the disturbed areas and this has been added as a condition of approval.

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- 258 With respect to the Surface Water Ordinance criteria Ms. Brunner noted the impacts according
- to the applicant would be temporary and those areas will be restored at the end of the work. They
- are implementing Best Management Practices and are using measure to prevent sedimentation
- and erosion control during construction. This concluded staff comments.

The Vice-Chair Orgaz asked for public comment

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Melinda Savard stated her concerns were addressed by listening to the presentation.

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With no other comment, the Vice-Chair closed the public hearing.

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- 269 A. Board Discussion and Action
- A motion was made by Mayor George Hansel that the Planning Board approve Conditional Use
- 271 Permit SWP-CUP-05-21 as shown on the plan set identified as "T198 & A152 Transmission
- 272 Lines Structure Replacement and OPGW Project, Keene, New Hampshire" prepared by GZA
- 273 GeoEnvironmental Inc. at varying scales and dated November 8, 2021, with the following
- 274 conditions:
- 275 A. Applicant submits to the Community Development Department documentation of all
- 276 necessary permits and approvals from local, state and federal agencies, including but not limited
- 277 to:
- i. An approved Wetlands Permit from the NH Department of Environmental Services;
- 279 ii. Temporary driveway permits for each access point from a public right-of-way from the City
- 280 Public Works Department;
- 281 iii. Excavation permits for any ground disturbance within the public right-of-way; and,
- iv. Encumbrance permits for any vehicles, equipment or materials to be staged or stored within
- 283 the public right-of-way.
- 284 B. Applicant shall remediate all disturbed areas with vegetation that includes pollinator-friendly
- plant species. A list of plant species used for remediation shall be submitted to the Community
- 286 Development Department in advance of planting."
- The motion was seconded by Councilor Michael Remy and was unanimously approved by roll
- 288 call vote.

- SPR-13-14, Modification 1 & SWP-CUP-06-21 Site Plan Review & Surface Water
- 291 **Protection Conditional Use Permit** Eversource North Keene Substation Modifications, 115
- 292 Park Ave Applicant and owner Public Service Company of New Hampshire (dba Eversource
- Energy) proposes to construct a 3,080 sf electrical enclosure and install electrical equipment on
- the North Keene Substation property located at 115 Park Ave (TMP# 233-002-000). A waiver is
- 295 requested from Sec. 20.6.2.C of the Land Development Code regarding screening requirements
- 296 for ground-mounted mechanical equipment. A Conditional Use Permit is requested to construct a
- 297 gravel driveway in the Surface Water Protection buffer. The site is 15.28 ac and is located in the
- 298 Conservation District.

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A. Board Determination of Completeness

Senior Planner Mari Brunner stated the Applicant requests an exemption from providing a Traffic Report. Staff recommend that the Board grant the requested exemption and accept the application as Complete.

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A motion was made by Mayor George Hansel to recommend the Board accept this Application as complete. The motion was seconded by Councilor Michael Remy and was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

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B. Public Hearing

- 310 Connor Jennings and Jeremy Belanger addressed the Board representing Eversource Energy. Mr.
- 311 Jennings introduced Aubrey Williams, Kurt Nelson, and David Still, each joining the session
- 312 remotely. He indicated they were before the Board to address upgrades to the Northeast
- 313 Substation—to upgrade the control house at this location and install a condenser. There were
- various reliability needs identified with the electrical needs in New Hampshire. The upgrades
- 315 would reduce outages in certain situations and improve system reliability and better support
- residences and businesses in Keene. He indicated they would be working with the existing
- 317 substation fence adjacent to Route 9 and Route 12, Park Avenue and the Wheelock Park area.
- 318 Construction will start during the second quarter of 2022, and work will take about one year and
- is anticipated to be completed during the 2nd quarter of 2023. Mr. Jennings then turned the
- 320 presentation over to Mr. Belanger.
- 321 Mr. Belanger stated this property is located at 115 Park Avenue in the conservation zoning
- district, home to the Northeast Keene Substation. This site is approximately 15.3 acres in size.
- 323 Mr. Jennings stated they met with the Zoning Board on November 15 and received two
- variances; the first is for the enclosure height to exceed the allowable 35 feet the proposal is to
- 325 go up to 40 feet. The second is for the impervious cover to be up to 23% where 20% is allowable
- in the conservation district. He added the applicant also met with the Conservation Commission
- and there is a request regarding a particular seed mix to be placed in areas where there will be
- 328 disturbance. The applicant has agreed to change the seed mix to be New England Conservation
- 329 Wildlife Mix.
- 330 Mr. Jennings then addressed Site components. The construction is going to be located within the
- existing substation fencing. It consists of 3,080 square feet electrical enclosure and upgrades.
- 332 Drainage and Stormwater Management There is an infiltration basin north of the substation and
- this will be reconstructed.
- 334 Sedimentation and Erosion Control A temporary stabilized construction entrance is being
- proposed to prevent tracking onto public roadways. Silt fencing is also being proposed within 50
- feet of the wetlands. For permanent control riprap in areas of concentrated flows, loam and seed
- is being proposed. Throughout the period of construction there will be environmental
- 338 monitoring.
- 339 Snow Storage Areas are shown on the site plan and the current practice of snow removal will
- 340 continue.

- 341 <u>Landscaping</u> Existing vegetative border runs along the east and west and a portion of the
- southern border. Along the north there is a row of trees and the utility corridor and has an area of
- no wooded vegetation. The existing trees consist of Evergreens in excess of 70 feet in height. No
- additional landscaping is being proposed. There is a waiver being requested to exclude additional
- 345 screening of the ground mounted electrical equipment.
- 346 Lighting No lighting is being proposed as part of this application except for emergency
- lighting, which will be used for emergency maintenance activity.
- 348 <u>Traffic and Access</u> What is being proposed is the construction of a gravel driveway which runs
- from the northern entrance gate to Route 12. The area within the property will being built
- according permanent construction standards. The applicant originally wanted to request a
- permanent driveway permit from NHDOT along Route 12 so that large oversize vehicles could
- be kept out of Wheelock Park during construction. This however, is a controlled access right of
- way and DOT looked at this request as the applicant wanting to place a driveway over a right of
- way and was not anxious to approve same. Hence, if the applicant agreed to construct a
- permanent driveway on the property, DOT would grant temporary access in the future when
- electrical needs grow and additional construction needs to be done.
- 357 Surface Water and Wetlands Tenant Swamp exists to the west of the site, there is the 75 foot
- surface water buffer and the applicant is requesting a 16,050 square foot impact which would be
- within the previously disturbed utility corridor. There will be no tree clearing. There will be no
- wetland impact to Tenant Swamp itself. A third party consultant performed a Threatened and
- 361 Endangered Wildlife Assessment and the summary determined "development of the parcel is not
- 362 expected to threaten the existence of threatened or endangered species in the vicinity, primarily
- 363 due to the limited need to disturb new habitats around the substation site and gravel access
- 364 drive." The Assessment has gone up to Fish and Game for comment. Mr. Jennings noted there
- might be two species of turtle that could be present on site and this has been included in the site
- 366 plan.
- Noise Mr. Jennings stated a third party sound study was conducted and it was determined there
- were no impact to direct abutters.
- 369 <u>Architecture and Visual Appearance</u> This would be a 7 foot long 40 foot high metal building
- for which the color is yet to be determined. The color is likely going to be in neutral shade. This
- 371 concluded the applicant's comments.
- Councilor Remy noted there are suggestions for sound mitigation and asked the applicant
- whether they were planning on incorporating those suggestions into the design. Mr. Jennings
- answered in the affirmative and added one of the recommendations was using low noise chillers
- instead of standard chillers on the north side. The Councilor asked about screening from
- Wheelock Park. Mr. Jennings stated the existing elevations; the park sits about 12 feet above the
- applicant's site and the proposed site is about 75 feet in height and with the plantings proposed
- with the original site plan application, it is not likely the applicant's site will be visible from
- Wheelock Park.
- 380 Staff comments were next. Ms. Brunner stated there were no departmental comments as part of
- 381 this application.

- 382 <u>Drainage and Stormwater Management</u> The Applicant submitted a Drainage Report dated
- November 12, 2021. Staff is requesting the Applicant submit an Alteration of Terrain Permit be
- included as a condition of approval. Staff recommend that documentation of the Alteration of
- 385 Terrain Permit be included as a condition of approval. Applicant proposes to reconstruct an
- existing infiltration and construct a new infiltration basin with a sediment forebay to the east of
- 387 the proposed driveway.
- 388 <u>Sediment & Erosion Control</u> Applicant is proposing various control measures such as
- installation of silt-sock downslope, a stabilized construction entrance to prevent tracking of
- 390 sediment onto public roads, and sediment traps. Permanent erosion control measures include
- installation of riprap in areas of concentrated flow. As mention, the applicant will be stabilizing
- any disturbed areas with a native wild flower mix. Staff is recommending that submittal security
- for erosion control measures be included as a condition of approval.
- 394 <u>Snow Storage & Removal</u> This standard appears to be met. Applicant has indicated on the plan
- that any excess snow shall be transported off site.
- 396 <u>Landscaping</u> No changes are being proposed. During the initial site plan application the
- 397 Planning Board did request a one-to-one planting on trees that were removed. In addition, the
- 398 applicant has planted trees along the perimeter to fill in the gaps which provides for a good
- 399 vegetative gap.
- 400 <u>Screening</u> The Applicant has requested because the ground mounted equipment will be visible
- from Route 12, that waiver is included as an attachment to the staff report. In making a
- determination whether to grant the requested waiver, the Board should find that the waiver
- 403 criteria listed in Section 25.12.14 of the LDC are met. Ms. Brunner noted this criteria is listed in
- 404 the staff report.
- 405 Lighting Is only emergency lighting which will only turn on in the case of an emergency.
- Sewer and Water This site does not have access to sewer or water, and no new access is
- 407 proposed.

- 408 <u>Traffic & Access Management</u> Ms. Brunner stated no changes are proposed to the permanent
- access points to this site; however, the Applicant does propose to reconstruct a gravel driveway
- with access from NH Route 12. The portion of the driveway located on the 115 Park Avenue
- portion will be a permanent feature of the site and portion of the driveway and Route 12 would
- be temporary. She indicated Sub-section 2.E of this standard states "A State driveway permit is
- 413 required for any new driveway on a state road outside of the Urban Compact." Staff
- 414 recommends that documentation of a driveway permit from NHDOT for the temporary driveway
- access on NH Route 12 be included as a condition of approval.
- 416 Filling & Excavation This project does not involve the placement of fill within the floodplain or
- any excavation within the wetland areas. This standard does not apply.
- 419 <u>Surface Waters & Wetlands</u> The Applicant requests a Surface Water Protection Conditional
- 420 Use Permit to construct within the 75-foot Surface Water Protection buffer. The area of proposed
- impact within the buffer is 16,050 sf. Ms. Brunner noted a review of the Surface Water
- 422 Protection Conditional Use Permit criteria is included in the staff report. The Applicant has

submitted a Threatened and Endangered Wildlife Assessment (starts on page 100 of the Board packet).

426 <u>Hazardous or Toxic Materials</u> -There are no known hazardous or toxic materials present on the site.

<u>Noise</u> -The Applicant submitted an Environmental Sound Evaluation and the conclusion is that with the mitigation measures being provided there will be no adverse impact on surrounding properties.

Architecture & Visual Appearance - The Applicant submitted elevations to show the dimensions and proposed design of the electrical enclosure. The proposed structure is 54 ft wide by 57 ft long with a maximum height of 40 ft. The final color has not yet been determined, but the Applicant has indicated it will be a muted color.

438 This concluded staff comments.

Councilor Remy asked whether staff is comfortable with the screening provided from Wheelock Park. Ms. Brunner there are two access points at Wheelock Park from where this structure could be visible; behind the baseball field and from Appel Way Trail. She noted there is not much that can be done from these locations. The other location would be from Route 12 but the rate of speed cars are travelling it is not likely going to be an issue.

Vice-Chair Orgaz asked whether there is a common color that is used for structures of this type.
 Mr. Jennings stated they are currently working on three similar structures, one of them has a final color determined and it is sandstone in color.

Ms. Adams asked the Applicant's transition from a temporary driveway to a permanent drive onto the highway, whether there are any temporary measures being planned to keep people from turning into this driveway. Mr. Jennings referred to a 30 foot swing gate being proposed which would have a lockbox for emergency access.

The Vice-Chair asked for public comment, with no public comment the Vice-Chair closed the public hearing.

Mayor Hansel thanked the Applicant for bringing this project forward and stated he likes projects that come before the Board that improve the utility system and are away from being seen by the public.

- C. <u>Board Discussion and Action</u>
- A motion was made by Mayor George Hansel that the Planning Board approve SPR-13-14,
 Modification #1 for the construction of a 3,080 sf structure and installation of electrical
 equipment, grant a waiver from Section 20.6.C of the Planning Board Development Standards,
 and approve SWP-CUP-06-21 to permit the construction of a gravel driveway in the Surface
 Water Protection buffer, as presented on the plan set identified as "Eversource North Keene
 Substation, 115 Park Avenue, Keene, New Hampshire" prepared by TF Moran, Inc. at a scale of

1 inch = 40 feet and dated November 12, 2021 with the following conditions prior to signature by Planning Board Chair:

- 1. Applicant submits documentation of all necessary permits and approvals from local, state, and federal agencies, including but not limited to:
 - a. New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services Alteration of Terrain Permit.
 - b. New Hampshire Department of Transportation Temporary Driveway Permit.
 - c. U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Construction General Permit.
 - d. Federal Aviation Administration Notice of Construction Approval."
- 2. Submittal of a security in a form and amount acceptable to the City Engineer for sediment and erosion control measures and as-built plans.
- 3. Owner's signature appears on plan."

The motion was seconded by Councilor Michael Remy and was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

SPR-942, Modification 2 – Site Plan – Hobby Lobby, 447 West Street – Applicant Hobby Lobby, on behalf of owner Realties Inc, proposes to modify the building façade and renovate the former JC Penney tenant space in the West Street Shopping Center located at 447 West Street (TMP# 565-018-000). The site is 13.2-ac and is located in the Commerce District.

A. <u>Board Determination of Completeness</u>

Senior Planner Mari Brunner stated the Applicant has requested an exemption from providing a Grading Plan, Landscaping Plan, Lighting Plan, and Drainage, Traffic, and Soils Reports. Staff recommend that the Board grant the requested exemptions and accept the application as complete.

A motion was made by Mayor George Hansel to recommend the Board accept this Application as complete. The motion was seconded by Councilor Michael Remy and was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

B. Public Hearing

Jim Durham, Project Manager for Hobby Lobby, addressed the Board and stated he was before the Board to answer any questions they might have and indicated his understanding is that the permit is in its last stages. He noted to the site plan revision submitted to the City. He explained the new EIFS in the middle is what they will be constructing and everything else will remain as is.

Councilor Remy noted that either side of the sign, according to the site plan, is shown as grey while the buildings in the vicinity have this section shown in red and asked whether the Applicant would be open to leaving it in red. Mr. Durham agreed to leave it in red.

Vice-Chair Orgaz asked whether the green will remain. Mr. Durham answered in the affirmative.

- 512 Staff comments were next. Ms. Brunner stated this would be a retail-to-retail use and will not be
- a change of use under the Zoning Code. Most of the changes being proposed related to
- architectural features, however, the Applicant is proposing to install a trash compactor at the rear

of the building. Staff is requesting screening for the compactor be submitted as a condition of approval. Applicant is aware of it and has agreed to submit same.

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The rear of the building is in the floodplain and the Applicant might have to submit a Flood Plain Permit, which is indicated in the staff report. She indicated no changes are proposed to drainage, grading, landscaping, lighting, parking, or existing access and traffic patterns.

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<u>Architecture & Visual Appearance</u> - This standard states "*Modifications and additions to existing structures shall be harmonious with the character of the existing structure*." The Applicant proposes to modify the existing storefront façade. Ms. Brunner went over the changes:

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What currently exists is an arched shaped green steel and wood entry façade, and the Applicant is proposing to replace this with a new entry façade with Hobby Lobby's prototypical color scheme and EIFS covering. They are proposing to paint the two adjacent tower structures on either side of the entry façade to match their color scheme. The Applicant is also replacing the existing storefront doors with new storefront doors, as well as expansion of the storefront glazing, widening of two existing pilasters on either side of the store entrance and install a new pilaster centered underneath the entry façade. This concluded staff comments.

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Councilor Remy asked what the prior tenant used for trash disposal. Ms. Brunner stated there was a previous compactor but it was located in a different location (north of the area that sticks out) – hence it was screened from view by the building itself.

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Mayor Hansel agreed with keeping it red to be consistent with the other buildings in the area but noted Hannaford had grey. Councilor Remy agreed but stated he was not comparing this site with other locations in the plaza – just to the ones next to this site.

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Vice-Chair Orgaz asked for public comment next.

- Councilor Bobby Williams addressed the Board and stated as follows:
- 545 Hobby Lobby's reputation proceeds it as an organization that has an extended history of
- 546 noncompliance with laws at local, state, national, and even international levels. They have a
- 547 record of labor violations going back decades, having amassed a litany of complaints for
- 548 discrimination. Vice-Chair Orgaz interjected the Councilor and stated he wanted to remind
- everyone the role of the Planning Board. He explained the Board is here to determine if this
- 550 Application meets City Standards, things like traffic, landscaping, architecture etc. He stated any
- comments made by the public should be focused on that.
- The Councilor went on with his presentation: Given that Hobby Lobby Stores Inc. has a
- longstanding pattern of violating laws and regulations that it somehow feels not obligated to
- 554 follow, it is of particular importance that the City of Keene insist that Hobby Lobby put all their
- plans to paper as part of the permitting process, and avoid taking any shortcuts in approving the
- 556 Site Plan for property alterations at 447 West Street.
- 557 *In this case, Hobby Lobby is requesting exemptions from having to provide a Grading Plan,*
- 558 Landscaping Plan, Lighting Plan, and Drainage, Traffic, and Soils Reports, I urge that these
- exemptions be denied based on the company's overall credibility. This is necessary to ensure

- 560 that the City and by extension the public has full documentation of all representations made by
- *the company prior to the beginning of construction.*
- With respect to the importance of Drainage and Soils reports and Grading and Landscaping
- Plans, I am concerned that many aspects of this project including new signage, changes to the
- 564 façade, a new screening fence, and a trash compactor could alter the drainage characteristics of
- 565 the area. This could contribute to faster or more polluted runoff into the environmentally
- 566 sensitive wetland areas of Ashuelot River Park that are adjacent to the property.
- I am particularly concerned about the drainage in the area surrounding the building's new trash
- 568 compactor, which is a potential point source of both water pollution and litter. Moreover,
- without a full set of planning documents, it can be difficult to assess whether Hobby Lobby is
- 570 taking sufficient steps to minimize the risk to the environment associated with locating a trash
- 571 compactor in a flood zone.
- 572 Likewise, I have concerns about the lack of a Lighting Plan. If Hobby Lobby is to illuminate their
- 573 façade which they wish to change to a much brighter color that could have an effect on
- 574 migrating birds, dark skies in Ashuelot River Park, and neighborhood character.
- 575 Additionally, given this company's reputation as a scofflaw, the City has a responsibility to get a
- 576 firm lighting plan on paper now, as part of the permitting process, so that if additional skyward-
- 577 pointing floodlights suddenly appear on the Hobby Lobby premises, they can be appropriately
- 578 regulated as to avoid an adverse impact on the nearby bat population.
- 579 Similarly, I do not think Hobby Lobby Stores should be exempt from providing a Traffic Report,
- because the Traffic Report will be important to the work of the city planning department as
- development proceeds on converting West Street into a "complete streets" format.
- Further, in connection with city and state efforts to reduce traffic in the area by making West
- 583 Street more amenable to bicycles and pedestrians, I would like to know what Hobby Lobby is
- 584 planning to do to provide safe access and sufficient parking for bicycles, including cargo bikes
- 585 and e-bikes, on the site.
- In closing, the Councilor stated he was hoping the Board would withhold further deliberation
- until such time as all aspects of the Site Plan have been submitted.
- 588 Emily Mason of Surry, NH stated in looking at the City's Master Plan the first points states to
- 589 protect, promote and improve the public health, safety general welfare of the city. Second point
- refers to compatible use of land and asked where with this application we are talking about
- competitors and compatible use. She noted Joann Fabrics is right next door and stated she wasn't
- sure why the Board is focusing on façade and traffic and skipping how this use balances Keene's
- economy and why the Board would not look at site compatibility.
- Mayor Hansel responded by saying the Board's review with this application is very narrow and
- operates as a quasi-judicial board and looks at the application based on the adopted criteria.
- Zoning decisions with use does not play into the Board's decision. Ms. Mason stated she was at
- Joann Fabrics and they were under the impression there wouldn't competing uses in the same
- 598 plaza. The Mayor stated this would be up to the landlord and what standards they want to
- impose; the City has no control over that.
- Jodie Newell of Keene, NH made the following statement:

Hobby Lobby has submitted an incomplete application. The argument here seems to be that because it is proposing minor reconstruction, rather than new construction, & the reconstruction doesn't change the existing impact of this business location, filing these reports are unnecessary.

I would argue that since we have now taken on the challenge of transitioning to renewable energy, & the existing business location was constructed at a time when we did not explicitly have this goal, we must re-examine the building's impact on our new goal.

In this regard, my question is, where does the city exercise its resolve in achieving our Renewable Energy Plan's goal? If we continue to approve permits based outdated energy standards, how are we ever going to make real progress toward our renewable energy goal?

Furthermore, I am very concerned about social impact, especially when much of the profit of this out of state business will not remain in Keene. We also cannot ignore the negative impact this will have on local businesses.

In the renewable energy plan, there is a focus put on mitigating the negative impact on those in our community who do not have the means to make changes necessary to their property to help us toward our goal.

Yet here we have an opportunity where the business absolutely has the means & uses a vastly greater amount of energy than many of our local businesses who are actually partnering with the city to accomplish these goals, & not only are we not hearing any proposals for energy reduction, we're not even asking.

Now, to be clear, I can understand, according to this logic, exempting or better yet assisting, a new local business, whose humble profit remains largely in the community & whose energy use is proportionately minuscule, with energy reducing renovations. I cannot see, however, how extending that to a hugely profitable, hugely impactful business, the bulk of whose profit immediately leaves our community, is in line with the goal we set & this guiding principle of reducing the strain on those with less ability in our plan.

In short, if we are going to take seriously the goals we set out, we are going to have to take these things into account. Nothing in this incomplete application indicates that anything but the facade, etc will change. But we as a community along with the council have committed to change, specifically in energy use. It's situations like this that provide ripe opportunities to live up to that commitment.

So I ask that you deny this permit until it is at least complete & in my opinion until we are assured that this company will be a renewable energy transition partner with the city of Keene.

Ms. Brunner responded by saying Ms. Newell stated this permit has already been approved and reiterated the Board has voted on completeness of this Application but not on the Application as a whole which will happen after Board deliberations.

With no further public comment, Vice-Chair Orgaz closed the public hearing.

648 C. Board Discussion and Action

- 649 Councilor Remy stated he liked the red for that façade and it would be easier to leave it in red.
- As far as the compactor, moving it further to the south away from the wetlands would be better.
- Mayor Hansel stated architectural standard is the most subjective standard and it has always been
- his practice to look at what exists in the area and require same from a new use. He felt what has
- been presented is consistent with what exists but if the Board wants to go in a different direction,
- then that would be up to the Board.

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Ms. Adams stated she has no objection to what the Applicant is proposing.

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- Ms. Mastrogiovanni felt the U-Haul requested a company color as is being requested by this
- Applicant. Councilor Remy stated his argument is what exists next to this use.

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- Ms. Adams questioned if the Applicant would consider changing their lighting in the future
- whether they would have to come back before this Board. Ms. Brunner stated they might not
- have to come before the Planning Board if items such as traffic, lighting, impact on the wetlands
- etc they would have to come to the Community Development Department and it will be
- reviewed by staff to see if these changes can be approved by the Minor Project Review
- 666 Committee or whether it has to go before the Planning Board.

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- Chair Russell Slack stated she had no objection to what has been presented tonight. Vice-Chair
- Orgaz stated he had no objection either.

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- A motion was made by Mayor George Hansel that the Planning Board approve SPR-942,
- Modification #2 as shown on the site plan identified as "Hobby Lobby, 381 West St. Keene,
- NH" prepared by SGA Design Group. P.C. at a scale of 1 inch = 30 feet and dated October 28,
- 674 2021, and on the elevations identified as "Hobby Lobby, 381 West St. Keene, NH" prepared by
- 675 SGA Design Group. P.C. at a scale of 3/32 inch = 1 foot and dated October 28, 2021, with the
- 676 following conditions prior to signature by the Planning Board Chair:
- 1. Submittal of screening details for the trash compactor. Such screening shall comply with
- 678 Section 20.6.2.A of the Land Development Code.
- 679 2. Owner's signature appears on plan.
- The motion was seconded by Councilor Michael Remy and was unanimously approved by roll
- call vote.

682 V. Adoption of 2022 Meeting Schedule

- A motion was made by Mayor George Hansel that the Planning Board approve the 2022 meeting
- schedule. The motion was seconded by Councilor Michael Remy.
- 685 Councilor Remy stated the first meeting conflicts with the Delegation meeting he and Mayor
- Hansel would be attending. Vice-Chair Orgaz asked for Chair Russell Slack's comment. The
- Chair stated she would like to vote on it as presented and review it when she returns to look at a
- 688 quorum.

- The motion made by the Mayor was unanimously approved by roll call vote.
- 690 VI. Staff Report
- Capital Improvement Program (CIP) presentation January 22, 8:00-11:30 AM
- Ms. Brunner referred to the Capital Improvement Program presentation will be held on Saturday,
- January 22, 8:00-11:30 AM at the Michael Blastos room. She encouraged Board attendance. Mr.
- Lamb stated Board members will be receiving individual invitations in advance of the meeting.
- 695 Mr. Lamb referred to upcoming staff changes. Mr. John Rogers will be taking over as Interim
- 696 Community Development Director. Ms. Brunner has been promoted to position of Senior
- 697 Planner. Mr. Lamb stated this would be his last meeting before the Planning Board. Mr. John
- Rogers introduced himself who is currently the Building and Health Official for the City. He
- stated as a department they are actively accepting applications for Planner and Community
- 700 Development Director.
- 701 Ms. Adams thanked Mr. Lamb for his service to the City. Vice-Chair Orgaz thanked Mr. Lamb
- as well.
- 703 VII. New Business
- 704 None
- 705 VIII. <u>Upcoming Dates of Interest December 2021</u>
- Joint Committee of the Planning Board and PLD January 10, 6:30 PM
- Planning Board Steering Committee January 11, 11:00 AM
- Planning Board Site Visit January 19, 8:00 AM To Be Confirmed
- Planning Board Meeting January 24, 6:30 PM
- 710 There being no further business, Vice-Chair Orgaz adjourned the meeting at 8:37 PM.
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- Respectfully submitted by,
- 713 Krishni Pahl, Minute Taker
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- Reviewed and edited by,
- 716 Christopher Cusack, Contract Planner

SPR-423, MODIFICATION #4 — SITE PLAN REVIEW – CORNING SPECIALTY MATERIALS, 69 & 0 ISLAND STREET

Request:

Applicant Leighton A. White Inc., on behalf of owner Island Mill Realty Group, proposes to install electrical equipment and modify the parking on the properties located at 69 Island St (TMP# 583-010-000-000) and 0 Island St (TMP# 582-048-000-000-000). These combined parcels are 9.2-ac in size and are located in the Commerce District.

Background:

The 69 Island Street property is the site of Island Mill Commercial Condominiums, which includes a variety of different businesses. Historically, this property was the site of a manufacturing facility that was active up until 1983. The main mill building (~30,000 sf) was built in 1904, with three major additions (~90,000 sf) added on in the 1960s. The building was converted to a condominium in 1983, and received site plan approval from the Planning Board for the creation of on-site parking,



Figure 1. Image of the Island Mill Commercial Condominiums building located at 69 Island Street.

landscaping, and other site improvements (SPR-423). The site, which includes two parcels of land (TMP#s 583-010-000-000-000 & 582-048-000-000), is bordered by the Cheshire Rail Trail to the north, Island Street to the east, the Ashuelot River to the west, and residential properties to the south. Access to the site is from Island Street via four curb cuts.

The Applicant proposes to install a generator and other electrical equipment on the site for use by Corning Specialty Materials, which occupies Suite T within the building. In addition, 11 parking spaces are proposed to be moved from the area near the proposed generator to various locations throughout the parking lot. This request was referred to the Planning Board for review by the Community Development Director per Section 25.12.3.C of the Land Development Code.

Completeness:

The Applicant requests exemptions from providing a grading plan, lighting plan, landscaping plan, architectural elevations, and technical reports. Staff recommend that the Board grant the requested exemptions and accept the application as "complete."

Departmental Comments:

- Code Enforcement: Please be aware that a Building Permit will be required for this project.
- Zoning: The Applicant needs to provide a valid lease for the parking spaces located within the City right-of-way.

Application Analysis: No changes are proposed to snow storage, landscaping, lighting, sewer and water, or architectural and visual appearance. The following is a review of the Planning Board development standards relevant to this application.

- 20.2 <u>Drainage and Stormwater Management</u>: The Applicant proposes to install two concrete pads and three new parking spaces in an existing landscaped area adjacent to the southwest corner of the building, for a total of 1,236 sf of new impervious surface. In order to offset this increase, the Applicant proposes to remove sections of pavement along the drive aisle around the southwest corner of the building, resulting in an overall decrease in impervious area by 3 sf. No other changes to onsite drainage are proposed. The Applicant has requested an exemption from submitting a Drainage Report as there is no overall increase in impervious area. This standard appears to be met.
- 20.3 <u>Sediment & Erosion Control</u>: Silt fencing is proposed along the edge of all work areas, and a silt sack will be installed around the existing catch basin within the project area. This standard appears to be met.
- 20.6 Screening: This standard states that "Ground-mounted equipment visible from a public right-of-way or adjacent property shall be fully screened." The proposed new generator and other electrical upgrades are proposed to be located to the rear of the building near the southwest corner. This area of the site is not visible from Island Street and is screened from view from the adjacent residential properties by existing trees and other vegetation. Therefore, the Applicant does not propose to screen the equipment from view.
- 20.9 Traffic & Access Management: No changes to onsite traffic circulation, traffic generation, or access to the site are proposed. The Applicant proposes to narrow the drive aisle that goes around the southwest corner of the building and remove 11 parking spaces from this area of the site. Eleven new parking spaces are proposed in various locations within the existing parking lot to maintain the same number of parking spaces on the site, as shown on the Overall Site Plan. The three new parking spaces located adjacent to the building will have wheel stops as required by Section 9.4.3.D of the Land Development Code.

During staff review of this site plan application, staff became aware of a 1990 lease between the previous owner of this property and the City of Keene to permit a parking encroachment into the Cheshire Rail Trail right-of-way. It appears as though this lease is not active. Staff recommend that the property owner provide documentation of a current and valid lease for the parking lot encroachment on City land as a condition of approval.

- 20.10 <u>Filling & Excavation</u>: The Applicant states in the project narrative that there will be no filling or excavation as part of this project. This standard does not apply.
- 20.11 <u>Surface Waters & Wetlands</u>: There are no wetlands present on the property. The Ashuelot River abuts the property to the west; however, no work is proposed within the 30-foot surface water protection buffer. This standard does not apply.
- 20.12 <u>Hazardous or Toxic Materials</u>: To the Applicant's knowledge, there are no hazardous or toxic materials present on this site. This standard does not apply.
- 20.13 <u>Noise</u>: The proposed electrical equipment is located more than 300 feet from adjacent buildings, and the Applicant notes that the equipment is not expected to generate excessive noise.

Recommended Motion:

If the Board is inclined to approve this request, the following language is recommended for a motion:

Approve Spr-423, Modification #4 for the installation of electrical equipment and parking lot modifications, as presented on the plan identified as "Overall Site Plan, Tax Map Lots 583-010-000 & 582-048-000 (69 Island Street) Keene, New Hampshire" prepared by Fieldstone Land Consultants at a scale of 1 inch = 40 feet on December 14, 2021 and last revised on January 7, 2022 with the following conditions prior to signature by Planning Board Chair:

- 1. Submittal of documentation of a valid lease for the parking lot encroachment on City land.
- 2. Owner's signature appears on the plan.

CITY OF KEENE | PLANNING BOARD SITE PLAN REVIEW / MODIFICATION APPLICATION



This form must be filled out in its entirety. If a box is not checked, staff will assume that the information is not provided and the application is, therefore, not complete, incomplete applications will not be accepted for review.

Project Name Electrical Improvements- Sit Tax Map Parcel number(s) 583 - 010 - 000 - 000 - 000 582 - 048 - 000 - 000 - 000	e Plan	Date Received/Date of Submission: Date of pre-application meeting: Date Application is Complete: Community Development Dept File #:			
Project Address: 69 Island Street, Keene, NH 03431	Ожпег	PRINTED Name: Island Mill Realty Group Signature: Address: P.O. Box 1060, Keene, NH 03431			
Acreage/S.F.of Parcel: 8.14± Ac / 350,000 SF		Telephone Email: frasfatione grant con 019-520			
1.06± Ac / 46,000 SF	n t	PRINTED Name: Leighton A. White, Inc.			
Zoning District: COM - Commerce District	l p p l i c a	Address: 138 Elm Street, Milford, NH 03055			
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Modifications: Is this a modification to a previously-approved site plan: No Yes: SPR#:Date: For those sections of the application that are not affected by the proposed modification to the previously approved site plan, you are encouraged to request exemptions in lieu of submitting required documents. B Descriptive Narrative Including					
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A complete application must include the following					

Surveying Engineering Land Planning Septic Designs

206 Elm Street, Milford, NH 03055 - Phone: 603-672-5456 - Fax: 603-413-5456

Site Plan Review Application Narrative

Electrical Improvements – Site Plan Tax Map Parcels 583-010-000 & 582-048-00 69 Island Street Keene, New Hampshire

December 16, 2021

Project Narrative:

Fieldstone Land Consultants, on behalf of Leighton A. White, Inc. is submitting this application for Planning Board approval. The proposal consists of electrical improvements to the property in order to provide an uninterrupted power supply for the Corning's Facility. The building on site is currently used for a variety of businesses.

There are currently two lots owned by Island Mill Realty Group, lots 583-010-000 and 582-048-000. Lot 583-010 is 350,000 SF (8.14 acres) with 475.94 ft. of frontage on Island Street. Lot 582-048 is 46,000 SF (1.06 acres) with no frontage on a public road. Access to the site is through four curb cuts on Island Street. These access points allow for traffic to circulate the parking lots and large trucks to make deliveries.

The applicant is looking to construct electrical improvements on the site in the southwest portions of the property. This includes a 29'x42' concrete pad for a generator, power supply, transformer, and underground utilities. All improvements will take place within the existing development footprint of the site.

Due to the project being entirely contained within the existing development there is minimal impacts to the property and the surroundings. There will also be no disposal of boulders, stumps, or debris as the area the improvements are proposed are already clear and will not require excavation.

Development Standards Narrative:

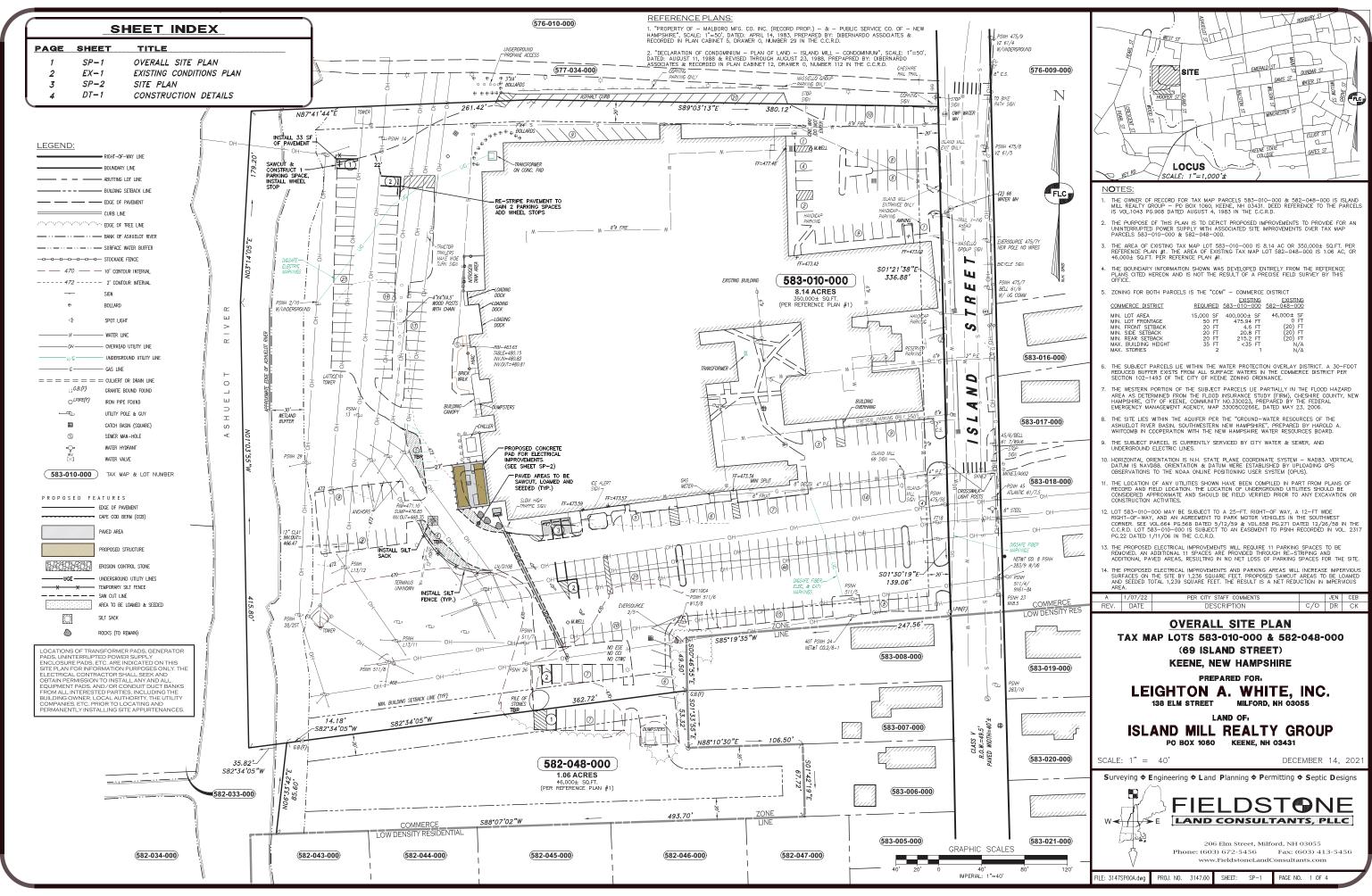
- 1. Drainage The electrical improvements will create an additional 1,236 square feet of impervious area which will be offset by the removal of 1,239 square feet of pavement as depicted on the plan. The result is a net reduction in impervious area and therefore no change in stormwater runoff.
- 2. Sedimentation/Erosion Control The proposed improvements take place within the developed area of the site and will not require major grading. To address erosion and sedimentation control a silt sack is proposed in the existing catch basin along with silt fence.
- 3. Hillside Protection There is no hillside protection required for this project.

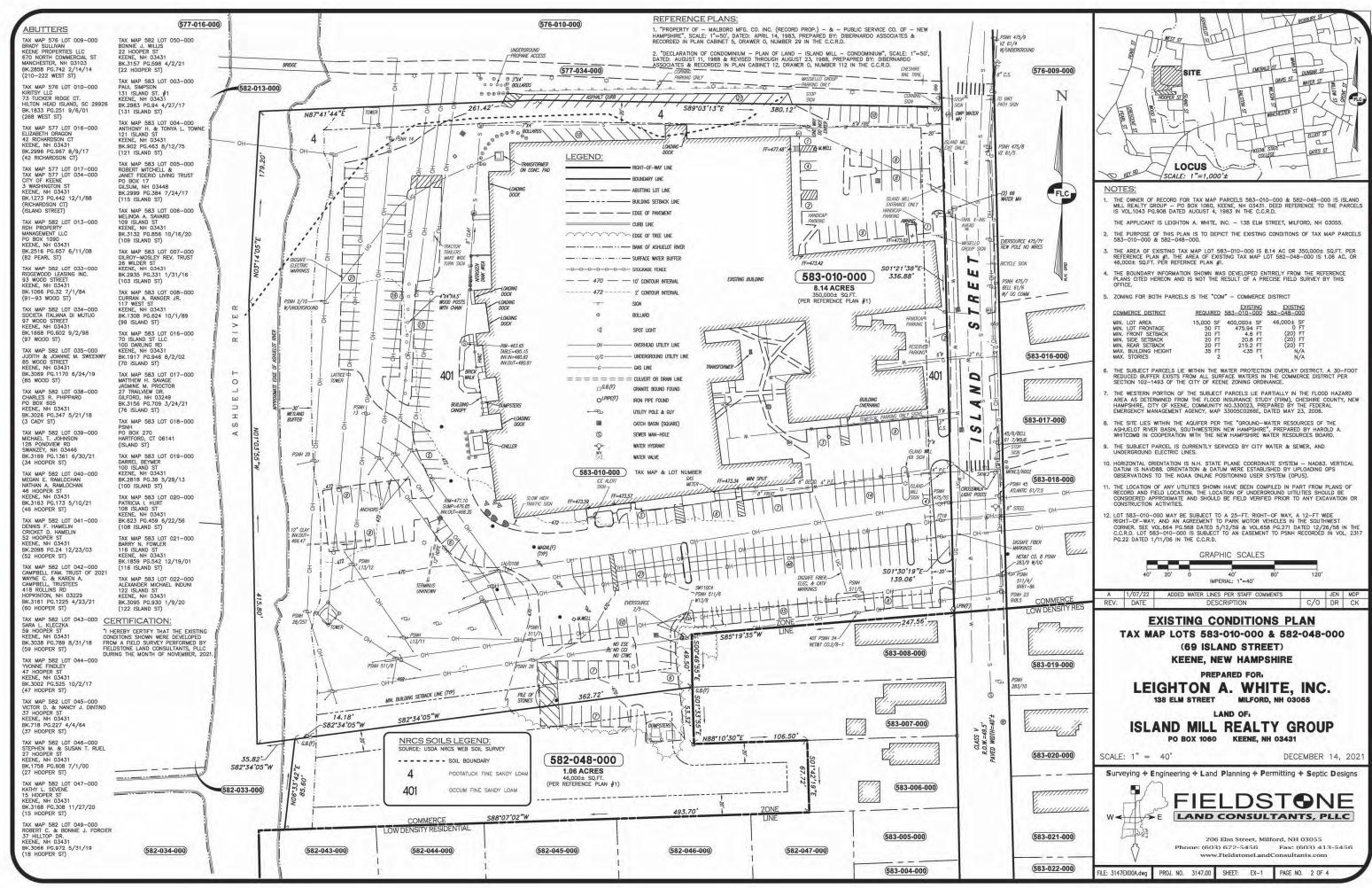


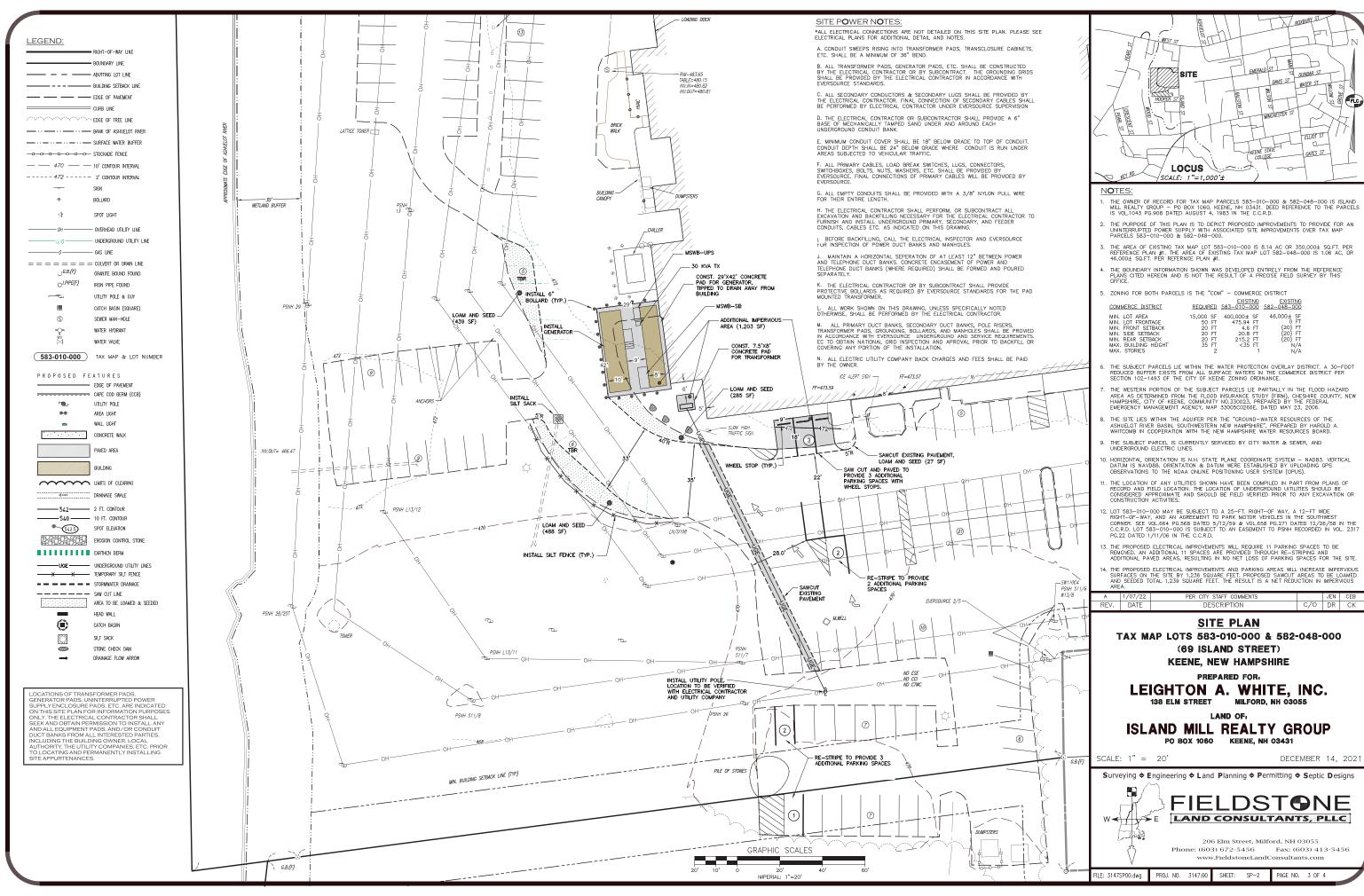
Electrical Improvements - Site Plan

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- **4. Snow Storage and Removal** Snow storage will be handled in the same way as it currently is. The proposed electrical improvements will not affect snow storage.
- 5. Flooding This property is located within the 100 year floodplain as it is adjacent to the Ashuelot River. However, the proposed improvements lie within the limits of existing development on site and will have no impacts on flooding.
- 6. Landscaping There is no proposed landscaping required for the proposed improvements.
- **7. Noise** The proposed improvements are located away from neighboring properties and will not generate excessive noise.
- 8. Screening The proposed improvements are located within the existing footprint of developed area to the rear of the existing building and will be screened from adjacent properties and the right of way.
- **9. Air Quality** The proposed improvements are located away from neighboring properties and will have minimal impacts to air quality.
- **10. Lighting** The proposed improvements do not require any additional lights or changes to the existing lighting on site.
- **11. Sewer and Water** The site is currently serviced by municipal sewer and water. The proposed improvements will not alter the existing services and no new sewer or water services are proposed.
- **12.** Traffic The proposed improvements will not have any impact on traffic to and from the site.
- 13. Driveways The entrance to the site will remain unchanged. The aisle around the south west corner of the building will meet the city of Keene's land development code with a minimum of 22' aisles for perpendicular parking and wider aisles for truck traffic. The 11 parking spaces to be removed will be replaced by re-striping and the construction of new spaces as depicted on the plans.
- **14.** Hazardous and Toxic Materials There is no proposed hazardous or toxic materials associated with this project.
- **15. Filling/Excavation** There will be no filling or excavation of material on site. The proposed concrete pads will be poured at existing grade.
- **16. Wetlands** The proposed improvements will be entirely contained within the existing developed area and will have no impact on any adjacent wetlands. We have requested an exemption from depicting delineated wetlands on site.
- 17. Surface Waters The Ashuelot River abuts the property along the western property line. The proposed improvements however will be entirely contained within the existing developed area and will have no impact on adjacent surface waters.
- **18. Stump Dumps** There will be no stump dumps on the property. There are no trees to be cut for the proposed improvements.
- **19. Architectural and Visual Appearance** The visual appearance of the existing buildings will not change, as viewed from the public streets. The generator and other electrical improvements will be located behind the existing building.

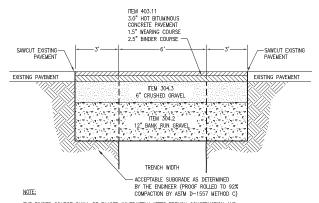






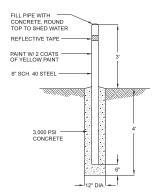
- ALL CONSTRUCTION SHALL CONFORM TO THE APPLICABLE REQUIREMENTS AND SPECIFICATIONS OF THE CITY OF KEENE.
- 2. THE CONTRACTOR SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR VERIFYING THE LOCATION, SIZE, AND ELEVATION OF ALL EXISTING UTILITIES SHOWN OR NOT SHOWN ON THESE PLANS AND SHALL VERIFY THAT ALL THE INFORMATION SHOWN HEREON IS CONSISTENT, COMPILETE, ACUPRATE, AND CAN BE CONSISTINCTION, POLICE PORNOT ON AND/OR DURING CONSISTINCTION, FIELDSTONE LAND CONSULTANTS, PLLC, AS THE DESIGN ENGINEER, SHALL BE NOTIFIED IN WRITING OF ANY DISCREPANCIES, ERRORS, OMISSIONS, OR PUSTING UTILITIES FOUND INTERFERRING WITH THE PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION SO THAT REMEDIAL ACTION MAY BE TAKEN BEFORE PROCEEDING WITH THE WORK.
- 3. THE CONTRACTOR SHALL CONTACT "DIGSAFE" 72 HOURS PRIOR TO THE START OF CONSTRUCTION (1-800-255-4977 IN
- 4. COMPLIANCE WITH ALL APPLICABLE REGULATIONS AND SPECIAL CONDITIONS OF TOWN/CITY AGENCIES, SUCH AS THE PLANNING BOARD, ZONING BOARD, CONSERVATION COMMISSION, AND OTHERS, IS MANDATORY AND IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE OWNER.
- ANY ALTERATION OF THIS DESIGN OR CHANGE DURING CONSTRUCTION MAY REQUIRE APPROVAL OF VARIOUS TOWN/CITY BOARDS OR AGENCIES AND SHALL BE DISCUSSED WITH THE OWNER AND FIELDSTONE LAND CONSULTANTS, PLLC PRIOR TO CONSTRUCTION.
- 6. THE CONTRACTOR IS RESPONSIBLE FOR CONTACTING THE APPROPRIATE CITY DEPARTMENTS PRIOR TO CONSTRUCTION TO ARRANGE FOR NECESSARY INSPECTIONS.
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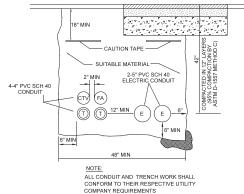




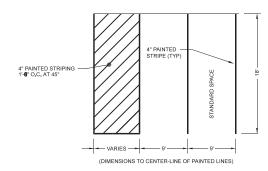
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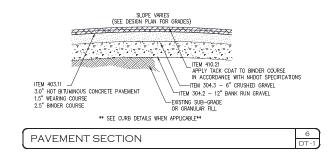
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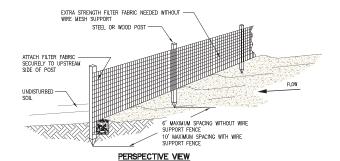


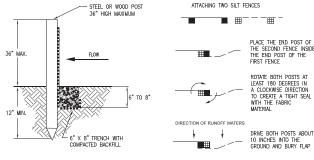












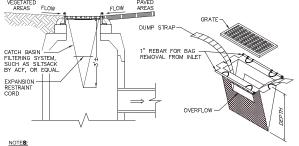
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SILT FENCE



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- 3. THE SACK SHOULD BE INSPECTED AFTER EVERY STORM, OR ONCE EVERY TWO WEEKS, WHICH EVER OCCURS FIRST.
- 4. THE RESTRAINT CORD SHOULD BE VISIBLE AT ALL TIMES. IF THE CORD IS COVERED WITH SEMMENT, THE SACK SHOULD BE BUFFIED. EMPTY THE SACK AWAY FROM THE CATCH BASIN TO PREVENT SEDMENT FROM RE-ENTERING THE CATCH BASIN. EMPTY THE SACK PER THE MANDEGICHES RECOLUMENTATION.
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SILT SACK SEDIMENT FILTER



DECEMBER 14 2021



DESCRIPTION

CONSTRUCTION DETAILS TAX MAP LOTS 583-010-000 & 582-048-000

(69 ISLAND STREET)

KEENE, NEW HAMPSHIRE

PREPARED FOR

LEIGHTON A. WHITE, INC.

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S-09-21 – BOUNDARY LINE ADJUSTMENT – 90-92 & 0 OFF VICTORIA STREET

Request:

Applicant Fieldstone Land Consultants, on behalf of owners James & Beverly Ells, proposes a boundary line adjustment between the property at 90-92 Victoria St (TMP# 589-022-000-000-000) and the property at 0 Off Victoria St (TMP# 589-023-000-000-000). This adjustment would result in a transfer of 0.851-acres from the 1.584-acre parcel at 90-92 Victoria St to the 0.57-acre parcel at 0 Off Victoria St. Both properties are in the Business Growth & Reuse District.

Background:

The two properties that are the focus of this proposal are located between the terminus of Victoria Street and the Cheshire Rail Trail. The parcel at 90-92 Victoria St has an existing service shop as well as an existing single family dwelling, and is 1.584-scres. The two buildings on this property share a common driveway off of Victoria Street. The parcel at 0 Off Victoria St, which is likewise owned by James and Beverly Ellis, is landlocked and undeveloped and is 0.570-acres.

The request is to transfer 0.851-acres from the property at 90-92 Victoria St to the property at 0 Off Victoria St. The proposed boundary line adjustment would provide access/road frontage for 0 Off Victoria St. It would also create separate lots for the residential and commercial buildings on the 90-92 Victoria St parcel by combining the single family dwelling with the parcel at 0 Off Victoria St.

Both properties are located in the Business, Growth & Reuse (BGR) District. The lot at 0 Off Victoria St would become more conforming with the minimum road



Figure 1. Aerial view of the properties located at 90-92 Victoria St, and 0 Off Victoria St. highlighted in yellow.

frontage requirement for this District as a result of this proposal and has received a variance from the Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA) to permit a 19 foot road frontage where 50 feet of frontage is required. The lot at 0 Off Victoria St has also received a variance from the ZBA to permit a single family residence in the BGR district.

Table 1 provides the area of each lot prior to the proposed adjustment and after. The minimum lot size in the BGR District is 8,000 square feet.

Table 1. Area of Land Affected by Proposed Boundary Line Adjustment							
	90-92 Victoria St (TMP# 589-022-000-000-000)	0 Off Victoria St (TMP# 589-023-000-000-000)					
Prior to Adjustment	69,001 sf (1.584 ac)	24,820 sf (0.570 ac)					
After Adjustment	31,922 sf (0.733 ac)	61,899 sf (1.421 ac)					

Completeness:

The Applicant has requested exemptions from providing a separate grading plan, landscaping plan, lighting plan, and technical reports. After reviewing this request, Staff have determined that exempting the Applicant from submitting this information would have no bearing on the merits of the application, and recommend that the Board accept the application as "complete."

<u>Departmental Comments:</u> There were no departmental comments on this application.

<u>Application Analysis:</u> As no new development is proposed, the analysis provided below is focused on the Planning Board's standards most relevant to this application.

- Traffic & Access Management: No changes are proposed to the existing access to either property as part of this proposal. If approved, the lot line adjustment would provide the parcel at 0 Off Victoria St with frontage on Victoria St, and the driveway would be shared in common by both parcels. No additional traffic is expected since the uses are to remain unchanged. An easement between the two properties would be necessary to allow traffic to travel to/from the residential property across the commercial site. Staff recommend that submittal of an access easement for the 0 Off Victoria Street property be included as a condition of approval.
- <u>Surface Water Protection</u>: Wetlands have been delineated on both parcels as a result of a field investigation by Christopher A. Guida, C.W.S., in accordance with the "Corps. Of Engineers Wetland Delineation Manual, Technical Report Y-87-1, dated January 1987." However, no development is proposed at this time and no change to the existing surface runoff is proposed.

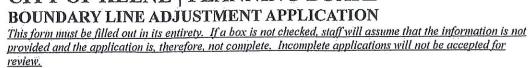
Recommended Motion:

If the Board is inclined to approve this request, the following motion is recommended:

Approve S-09-21, as shown on the plan entitled "Lot Line Adjustment Prepared for James L. Ellis and Beverly A. Ellis, 90-92 Victoria St, City of Keene, County of Cheshire, State of New Hampshire" prepared by Fieldstone Land Consultants, PLLC at a scale of 1 inch = 30 feet on December 14, 2021, with the following condition prior to signature by Planning Board Chair:

- 1. Submittal of documentation for an access easement for the 0 Off Victoria Street property granting the right to pass and repass on the 90-92 Victoria Street property.
- 2. Owners' signatures appear on the plan.

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Project Name James & Beverly Ells - Lot Line Adjustment Tax Map Parcel number(s) 589 - 022			Date Received/Date of Submission: Community Development Dept File #:				
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Boundary Line Adjustment Application Narratives

James and Beverly Ells - Ells Electric, LLC Tax Map Parcels 589-022 & 589-023 90-92 Victoria Street Keene, New Hampshire

December 13, 2021

Project Narrative:

Fieldstone Land Consultants, on behalf of James and Beverly Ells, is submitting this application for Planning Board approval. The proposal consists of adjusting the lot lines between existing Tax Map Lots 589-022 & 589-023.

The proposed lot line adjustment will be between parcels 589-022 and 589-023. Parcel 589-022 is 1.584 acres with 37.68' of frontage on Victoria Street. It is currently a mixed use lot with a commercial building for an electrical company as well as a single family residential dwelling. Lot 589-023 is 0.570 acres with no frontage on a public road. The lot line adjustment proposes to take area from lot 589-022 as well as the dwelling and half the frontage on Victoria Street, and add it to lot 589-023. This would result in lot 589-022 being a single use, commercial lot and 589-023 being a single family residential lot. Residential uses are required to have 50' of frontage thus requiring a variance. This project went before the City of Keene Zoning Board of Adjustment on September 7, 2021 and received a variance to allow reduced frontage where 50 feet is required per Section 102-771 of the Zoning Ordinance. See Case Number ZBA 21-19.

After the Lot Line Adjustment, revised Lot 589-022 will contain 0.733 acres with 18.84 feet of frontage on Victoria Street and revised lot 589-023 will contain 1.421 acres with 18.84 feet of frontage as well

Presently both lots are and will continue to be serviced by municipal water and sewer. Electrical power and communication is run over-head from the south end of Victoria Street with the line running easterly from that point to the existing house.

There are no plans for development at this time and no improvements proposed.

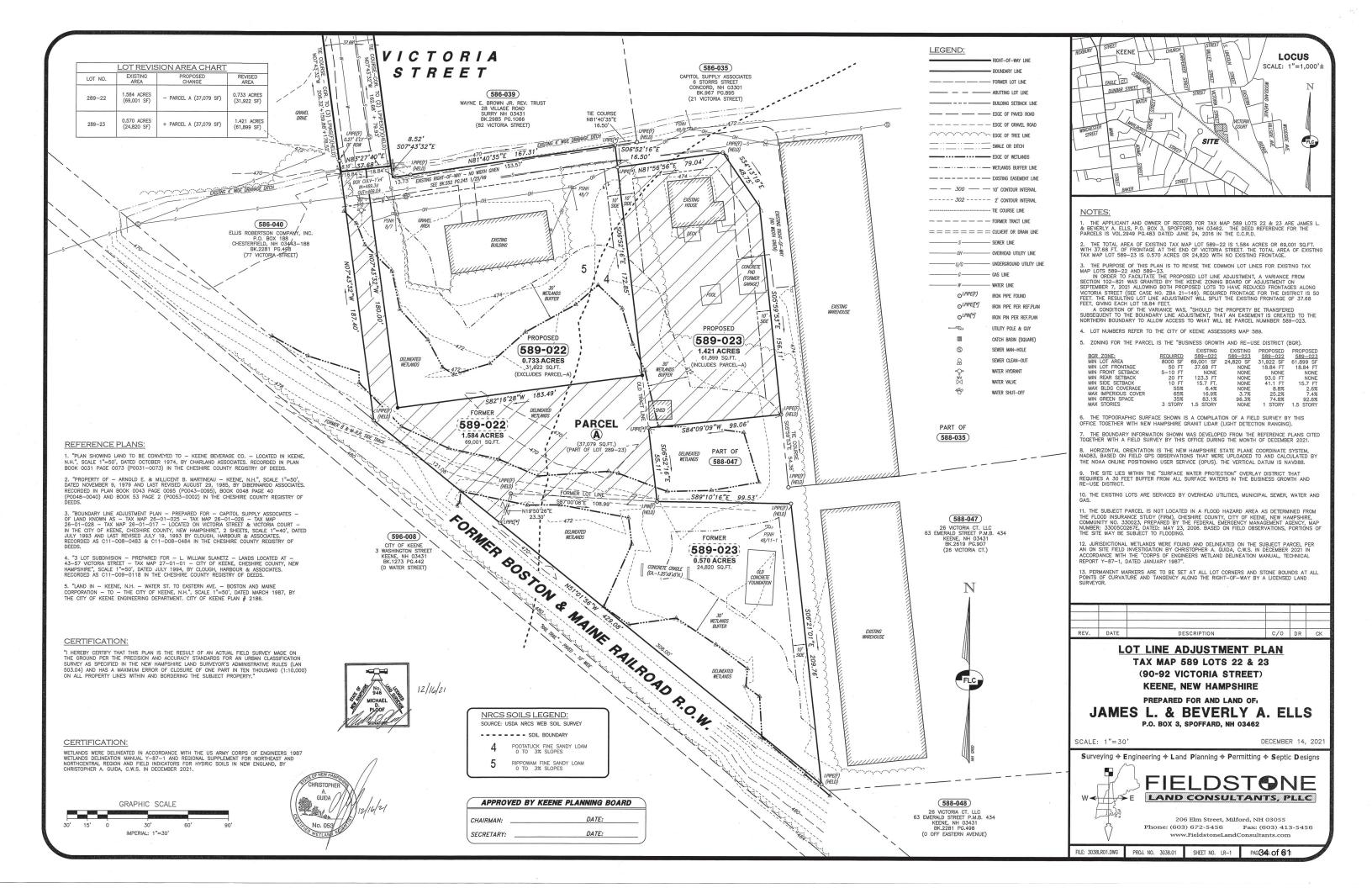
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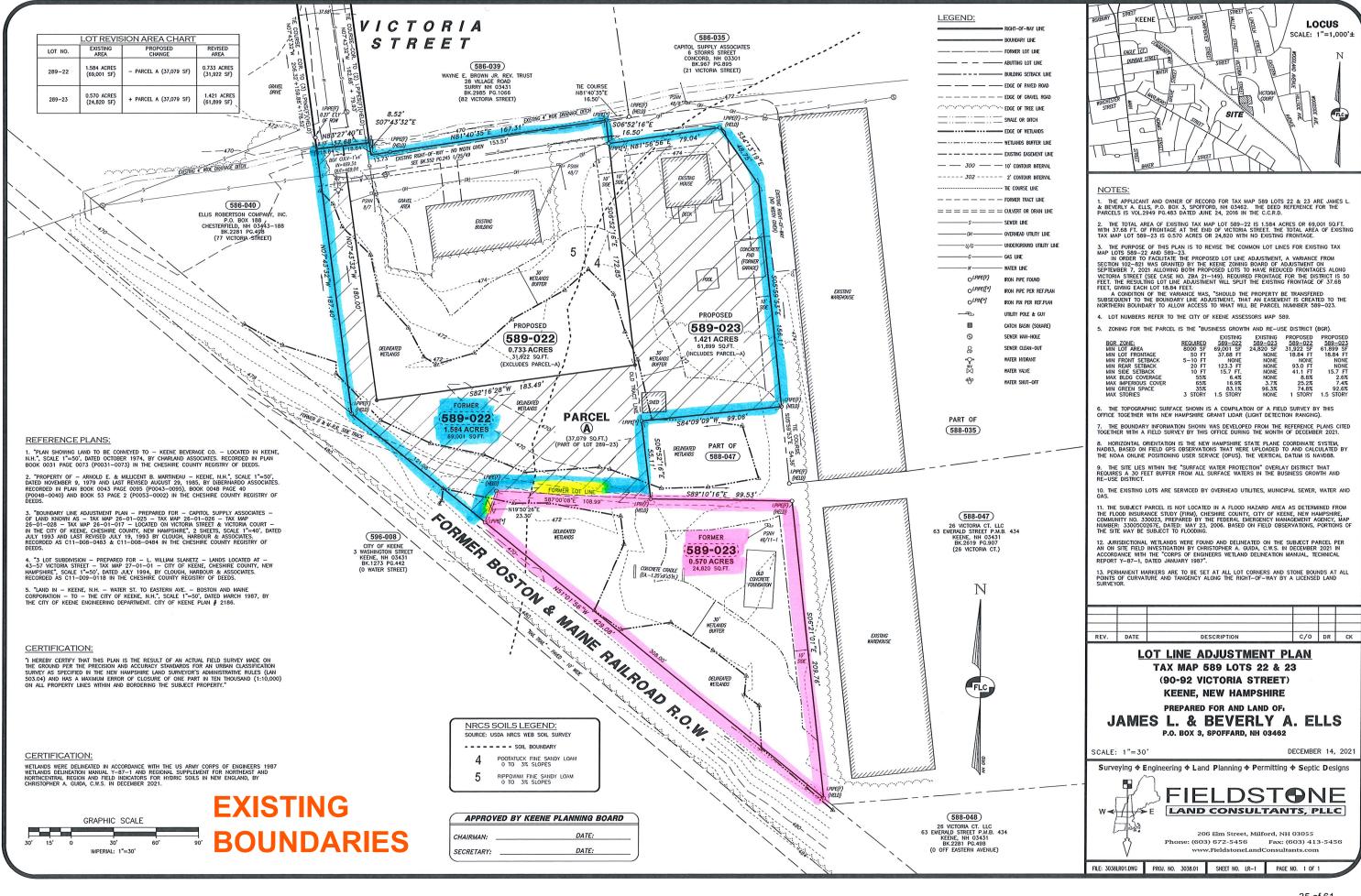
- 1. Drainage No changes are proposed and drainage is to remain existing.
- **2. Sedimentation/Erosion Control** No construction or excavation is proposed thus sedimentation and erosion controls are not necessary.
- 3. Hillside Protection There is no hillside protection required for this project.
- **4. Snow Storage and Removal** Existing snow storage will not be affected by the Lot Line Adjustment. All driveways and snow storage areas are to remain.

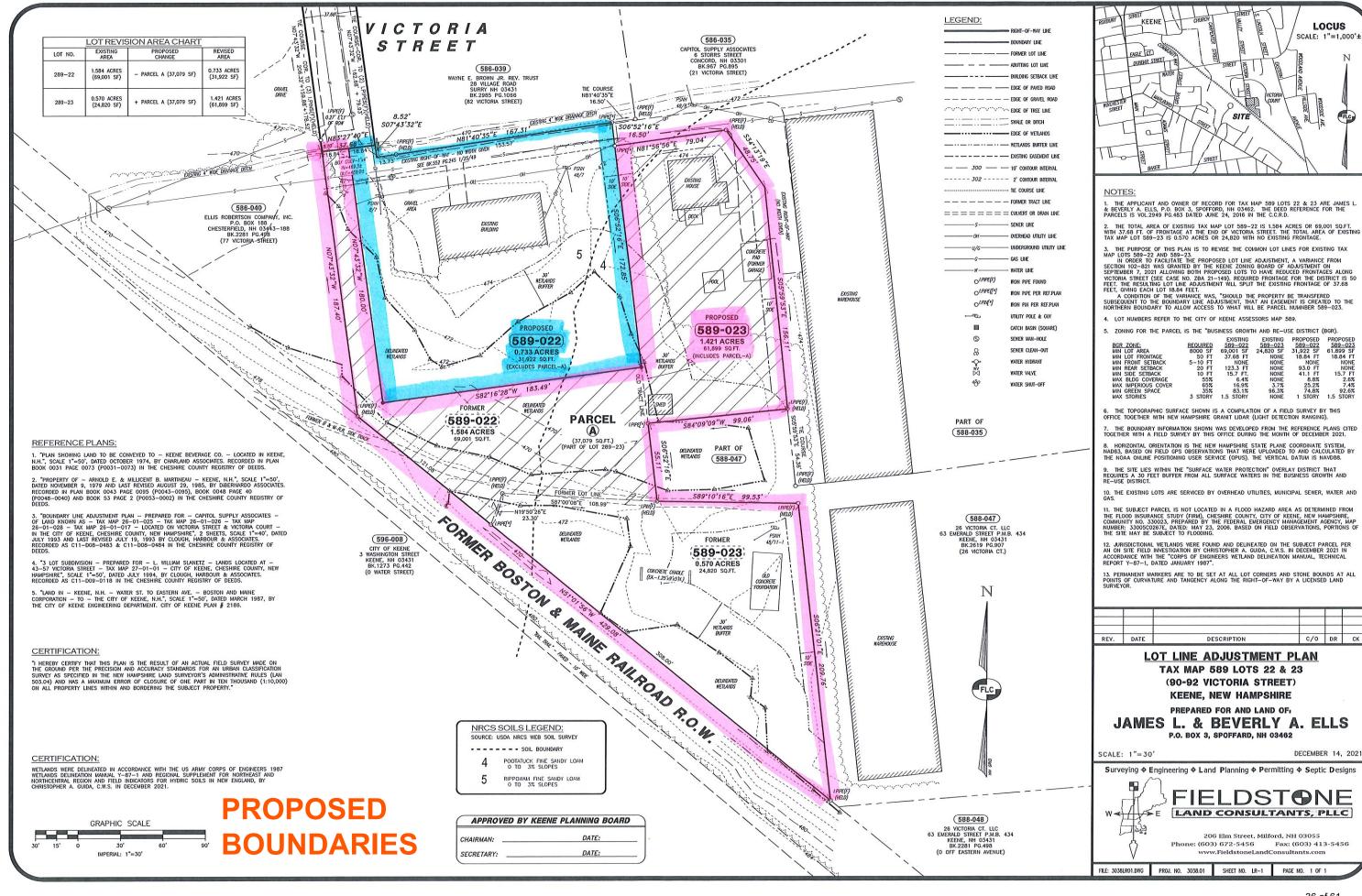


James and Beverly Ells Tax Map Parcel 589-022 & 589-023 90-92 Victoria Street, Keene, New Hampshire

- **5. Flooding** An inspection of the Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) for the area, Map Number 33005C0267E, indicates that the lot is not located within any flood hazard zone.
- **6.** Landscaping Landscaping is not anticipated with this application as no construction or improvements are proposed.
- 7. Noise No additional noise is anticipated with this application as the only change will be the common lot lines as depicted on the proposed Lot Line Adjustment Plan.
- 8. Screening No improvements are anticipated and any existing screening is to remain.
- 9. Air Quality The existing commercial and residential uses will have no impacts on air quality.
- **10. Lighting** No new lighting is proposed. Lighting is to remain unchanged.
- **11. Sewer and Water** The existing lots are presently serviced by municipal sewer and water. No change is anticipated.
- **12. Traffic** The proposed application will have no additional traffic since the uses are to remain unchanged.
- **13. Driveways** No change in driveways are planned.
- **14.** Hazardous and Toxic Materials No hazardous or toxic material currently exists on the site.
- 15. Filling/Excavation No filling or Excavation is planned for this project.
- **16. Wetlands** Jurisdictional wetlands were delineated as a result of a field investigation by Christopher A. Guida, C.W.S, in accordance with the "Corps. Of Engineers Wetland Delineation Manual, Technical Report Y-87-1, dated January 1987".
- **17. Surface Waters** No change to the existing surface runoff is proposed.
- **18. Stump Dumps** This project does not require removal of stumps or placement of stump dumps.
- **19. Architectural and Visual Appearance** No new improvements or structures are proposed for this site. Architectural and visual appearances will remain unchanged.









NOTICE OF DECISION

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

CASE NUMBER: ZBA 21-14

Property Address: 90-92 Victoria St.

Zone: Business Growth & Re-Use District

Owner: James L. and Beverly A. Ells

Petitioner: Ells Electric, LLC

Date of Decision: September 7, 2021

Notification of Decision:

Petitioner, Ells Electric, LLC, owned by James L. and Beverly A. Ells, requested a Variance for property located at 90-92 Victoria St., which is in the Business Growth and Re-Use District. This request is to permit a single-family resident where it is not a permitted use per Section 102-771 of the Zoning Ordinance, was approved 5-0 with one condition that:

Condition: 1. should the property be transferred subsequent to the boundary line adjustment, that

an easement is created to the northern boundary to allow access to what will be parcel

number 589-023-000-000-000

NOTE: Contact the Community Development Department and the Fire Prevention Officer for any applicable permits that may be needed.

Corinne Marcou, Clerk

Any person directly affected has a right to appeal this Decision. The necessary first step, before any appeal may be taken to the courts, is to apply to the Board of Adjustment for a rehearing. The Motion for Rehearing must be filed not later than 30 days after the first date following the referenced Date of Decision. The Motion must fully set forth every ground upon which it is claimed that the decision is unlawful or unreasonable. See New Hampshire RSA Chapter 677, et seq.

cc: Planning Dept. Assessing Dept. City Attorney File Copy



NOTICE OF DECISION

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

CASE NUMBER: ZBA 21-19

Property Address: 90-92 Victoria St.

Zone: Business Growth & Re-Use District

Owner: James L. and Beverly A. Ells

Petitioner: Ells Electric, LLC

Date of Decision: September 7, 2021

Notification of Decision:

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CLSS-CUP-01-21 - CONGREGATE LIVING & SOCIAL SERVICE CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT - Monadnock Peer Support Agency, 32-34 Washington St. #Rear

Request:

Applicant and owner Monadnock Area Peer Support Agency proposes to operate a Large Group Home as a second principal use on the property located at 32-34 Washington St #Rear (TMP 568-058-000-000-000). The site is 0.28-ac in size and is located in the Downtown Core District.

Background:

Monadnock Peer Support Agency (MPS) is a member-based organization that provides mental health services through a variety of programs, including peer support groups, individual and group therapy, individual and group case management, and trainings. MPS also has a short-term residency program that is considered to be accessory to the principal use.

MPS has operated at their current location at 32-34 Washington St. #Rear for less than a year. This property is in the Downtown Core District, located about 200 feet north of Central Square on the west side of Washington Street. Vehicle access to the site is from Vernon Street, with a second

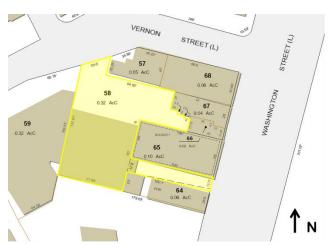


Figure 1. Location map showing the 32-34 Washington St. #Rear property highlighted in yellow.

entrance off Washington Street that is accessible from a pedestrian alley. This secondary entrance on Washington Street also serves as the accessible entrance to the building, with a "limited use limited access" (LULA) elevator.

The existing principal use on the lot is a "Clinic." The Applicant proposes to expand the residential program to add five rooms, for a total of 10 rooms. Under Article 8, Section 8.3.4 (Congregate Living and Social Service Uses), this proposed use is classified as a "Large Group Home" and would be a second principal use on the lot.

Per Article 15, "Congregate Living & Social Service Conditional Use Permit" of the Keene Land Development Code, this project requires a Congregate Living & Social Service Conditional Use Permit from the Planning Board.

Completeness:

The Applicant has requested exemptions from providing grading, landscaping, and lighting plans, building elevations, and technical reports. Staff recommend that the Planning Board grant the requested exemptions and accept the application as "complete."

Departmental Comments:

- Code Enforcement: Please be aware that a building permit will be required.
- Fire: The fire alarms will need to be upgraded in order to add additional beds to the site.

<u>Application Analysis:</u> The following is a review of the criteria for granting a Congregate Living and Social Services conditional use permit.

A. The nature of the proposed application is consistent with the spirit and intent of the Zoning Regulations, this LDC and the City's Comprehensive Master Plan, and complies with all the applicable standards in this LDC for the particular use in Section 8.3.4.

This property is located in the Downtown Core (DT-C) district, which is one of 6 form-based zoning districts in the downtown. The intent of this district is to accommodate the highest intensity of development in the City and promote a mix of uses. The Applicant proposes to create a large group home as the second principal use on the lot, which is allowed within this district.

This site is also within the Downtown Historic District; however, no changes are proposed to the exterior of the building or site and thus no impacts to the historic district are anticipated at this time. The Applicant is aware that any future changes to the building or site may require review under the Historic District Commission regulations.

Section 8.3.4 of the LDC includes the following use standards for Large Group Home:

- a. Only 1 large group home shall be permitted per lot.
- b. No large group home shall be constructed or operate without first having obtained a congregate living and social services conditional use permit from the Planning Board in accordance with Article 15.
- c. Annually, a large group home shall obtain a congregate living and social service licenses from the City Council as set forth in Chapter 46 of the City Code of Ordinances.
- d. If located within a residential zoning district, large group homes shall maintain the appearance of a residential structure and the design and operation of the facility shall not alter the residential character of the structure.

The proposed group home would be the only group home in operation on the site. The Applicant is aware that a congregate living and social services license will need to be obtained and renewed on an annual basis. This requirement has been included as a condition of approval in accordance with Section 15.3.C of the LDC.

B. The proposed use will be established, maintained, and operated so as not to endanger the public health, safety, or welfare.

The Applicant states in the project narrative that all activities associated with the proposed use will occur inside the existing building. There will be a staff person on site at all times, including overnight. In addition, a full-time residential case manager will visit the center daily.

Residents, members, and staff will access the site from either the Washington Street entrance, which is a pedestrian entrance with a LULA elevator for ADA access, or from the Vernon Street entrance. Both entrances have motion-activated security cameras and will be locked from 7:00 pm to 9:00 am each day.

Existing lighting includes a flood light and a porch light on the Vernon Street side of the building, and a flood light and porch light on the Washington Street side of the building. These lights are not on motion sensors. In response to staff comments, the Applicant noted that the porch lights will remain lit throughout the non-daylight hours. The Applicant also noted that the existing lighting is not sufficient; however, they plan to upgrade the lighting at a future

date. The Board should ask the Applicant whether the existing light levels provided on the site are safe / sufficient for the proposed residential use.

The Applicant notes that this site is within easy distance (100 feet) of the Fire Station. Staff from the Fire Department noted in their comments that the fire alarms will need to be upgraded prior to operating the group home. This comment has been shared with the applicant.

C. The proposed use will be established, maintained, and operated so as to be harmonious with the surrounding area and will not impede the development, use, and enjoyment of adjacent property. In addition, any parking lots, outdoor activity area, or waiting areas associated with the use shall be adequately screened from adjacent properties and from public rights-of-way.

This site is located in a densely populated area of the downtown. Adjacent uses include a mix of commercial, multi-family, office, institutional, and social service uses. The proposed group home will be operated entirely within the existing building – no outdoor activity areas or waiting areas are proposed, and no changes are proposed to the existing parking lot. There are 11 parking spaces available onsite. One parking space is currently leased to Keene Housing, and the remaining 10 parking spaces will be utilized by staff, members, residents, and visitors. The Applicant stated that, on an average day, staff uses no more than 6 spaces, which leaves four spaces for residents, members, and visitors. In addition, both metered and non-metered on-street parking as well as metered off-street parking is located within easy walking distance of the site.

D. The proposed use will be of a character that does not produce noise, odors, glare, and/or vibration that adversely affects the surrounding area.

Due to the fact that the proposed use will be located entirely inside the existing building, it is not expected that it will generate noise, odors, glare, or vibration that would adversely affect the surrounding area.

E. The proposed use will not place an excessive burden on public infrastructure, facilities, services, or utilities.

No changes to the existing water and sewer access for the building are proposed, and City engineering staff did not express any concerns about the capacity of the City's sewer and water facilities to accommodate the additional load from the proposed use.

With respect to City services, this site is located in a dense area that is well-served by both fire and police. The addition of five beds is not expected to burden these services.

F. The proposed use will not result in the destruction, loss, or damage of any feature determined to be of significant natural, scenic, or historic importance.

There are no features of natural or scenic importance on this site. This existing building is considered to be historic and is located in the Downtown Historic District; however, no modifications are currently proposed to the exterior of the building.

G. The proposed use will not create a traffic safety hazard or a substantial increase in the level of traffic congestion in the vicinity of the use.

The Applicant submitted a trip generation analysis prepared by Stephen G. Pernaw & Company, Inc. This analysis concludes that the proposed use would generate an additional 10 additional vehicle trips per day (5 arrivals and 5 departures). When compared to the existing traffic volume on Washington Street, the traffic impact is expected to be *de minimis*.

H. The proposed use will be located in proximity to pedestrian facilities (e.g. multiuse trails and sidewalks), public transportation, or offer transportation options to its client population.

This site is located in an area that is easily accessed by multiple modes of transportation, including walking, bicycling, and public transportation. There are sidewalks, bicycle lanes, and public transportation stops immediately adjacent to the site. The Applicant notes in the project narrative that program participants rarely drive to the site, and instead utilize one of the alternative transportation modes listed above. In addition, MPS operates a van that provides rides to members to arrive at 9:00 am and depart at 7:00 pm each weekday. MPS also provides a shopping trip each Wednesday. This van is not used for on-demand rides.

Recommended Motion:

If the Board is inclined to approve this request, the following language is recommended for a motion:

Approve Conditional Use Permit CLSS-CUP-01-21 for a large group home, as shown on the plan set identified as "Interior Fit Up, 32A Washington Street, Keene NH 03431" prepared by Timothy Sampson Architects at varying scales and dated January 5, 2022, with the following conditions:

A. The Applicant shall obtain a Congregate Living and Social Services License, which shall be renewed annually in accordance with Chapter 46 of the City Code of Ordinances.

of Keene, NH

Congregate Living & Social Service Conditional Use Permit (CUP) Application



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Description of Existing and Proposed Uses:

Monadnock Peer Support Agency was founded in 1995 as an alternative that compliments and supplements the traditional mental health system. We are a member-driven organization that provides opportunities for people who experience mental health challenges to support one another. 23-24 Washington St. #REAR is presently our main location, which houses activities areas, a dining area, and meeting spaces that host a full schedule of peer support groups, our central offices, and a residential area with 5 guest rooms, a bath and laundry room, and a 24-hour staff room.

The building is currently classified as principal use Clinic. There is a change of use being proposed from Business to an Institutional Use (I4) – Group Home, Large. The change of use is required due to expanding the existing accessory residential use beyond the threshold allowed by the Building Code. There are presently 5 residential rooms and this interior update will convert 5 other spaces into residential rooms, for a total of 10. The common areas in the 'programming' section of the center will remain unchanged.

MPS will lease the 5 new rooms and 1 of their existing rooms to Monadnock Family Services (MFS). When the new rooms open, all MFS clients who reside at the Washington Wellness will be encouraged to participate in MPS peer groups and other programming, attend individual or group therapy, attend individual or group case management, participate in volunteer work, seek employment, attend appointments with other MFS providers, and attend trainings to improve tenancy skills. There will be a full-time residential case manager to meet with clients in the community for skill groups and work with clients individually on seeking housing, housing applications, benefits coordination, and other needs.

Description of Size and Intensity of Use:

Monadnock Peer Support Agency is housed in a 12,640-sf property at the rear of 32-34 Washington St. Presently, 6240-sf in the basement is storage, 4794-sf is Programming space, and 1446-sf is dedicated to short-term residents of 5 bedrooms and a staff overnight room. On an average day the center houses 5 residents and 1 overnight staff 7 PM- 9 AM and 4 staff, 8-12 members participating in daily programming, and 2-3 visitors each day during the operating hours of 9 AM-7 PM.

The Washington Wellness project will convert 895-sf of the programming space into 5 additional residential rooms. The anticipated typical daily occupancy will be 11 residents and 1 overnight staff from 7 PM- 9AM and 5 staff, 14-18 members participating in daily programming, and 3-4 visitors each day during the operating hours of 9 AM-7 PM.

No outdoor areas are associated with this use.

Description of Proposed Redevelopment:

As the state of NH tasked Monadnock Family Services (MFS) with adding 6 more beds in the community for clients with serious and persistent mental illness, MFS has partnered with MPS to develop the Washington Wellness project as a long-term housing option for those in need.

The proposed project is limited in scope. It will provide new finishes throughout the upper level of the building. There is a proposed ADA compliant bathroom and laundry area that will be used by program participants. Ingress and egress for the building will remain unchanged. No exterior work is being proposed as part of this phase of construction.

This proposal is limited to work on the interior of the upper level of the building. The lower level will remain largely in its existing state. There will be a future application proposing renovations to the unused lower level and an enclosed entry and ADA lift. This expansion is noted on the accompanying drawings and noted as future work.

Description of Physical and Architectural Characteristics:

The building is multi-story and the exterior is comprised of a mix of concrete block and vinyl siding. The building is consistent in size and scale with the neighboring properties.

Description of Site and Safety:

The proposed site is in the Downtown Core district with a front entrance on Washington St. and rear on Vernon St. The building is a 12,640-sf two-story square with a 2400-sf paved parking lot. Both entries are locked from 7:00pm to 9:00am each day. There are operational motion-sensitive cameras on both entrances. The front entrance is accessible by a sidewalk that is partially protected from wind and other elements by multi-story neighboring properties. This sidewalk leads to an ADA lift; neither will be changed. The site's location is within 100 ft of fire first responders and easily monitored by police officers.

Description of Intake Areas:

There is approximately 870 square feet of office space that is to be located directly off the entry vestibule with will be used for administration purposes. MPS and MFS will have separate office areas for administration. There are no outdoor areas planned.

Traffic Impact:

There will be minimal traffic impact on the surrounding area. Program participants rarely drive to or from the site and the MPS van is anticipated to run the same number of trips each week that it does presently. Participants access public transportation at the Community Kitchen and 5 Central Square City Express stops. Location of access points to the building and site will remain unchanged.

Description of Parking Demand / Impact:

Demand for parking will be limited to staff and all required parking demands will be met on-site. There should be no impact of any existing parking adjacent to the site.

Description of Staffing:

There is an anticipated increase of 1.25 staff on-site. MFS will employ a full-time residential case manager that is based elsewhere but will visit the center daily. MPS will employ a part-time support worker to facilitate participants with chores and other daily responsibilities.

MPS presently employs 6 full-time and 7 part-time staff.

Other Known Congregate Living and Social Services Uses within 750-ft:

Within the 750-ft radius, we have identified that The Keene Community Kitchen and Hundred Nights shelter may qualify under the categories above.

Average Length of Stay:

3 bedrooms (Step-Up Step-Down Program) will turn over every 90 days. 1 bedroom (Respite) will turn over once per week. 6 bedrooms (MFS clients) will turn over on average each 6-8 months, depending on availability of other appropriate housing options. As markets remain high, length of stay could tend to be longer, up to 12 months.

Description of Services:

Programming

All clients who reside at the Washington Wellness will be encouraged to participate in programming. Monday through Friday they will be encouraged to attend individual or group therapy, attend individual or group case management, attend MPS peer groups, participate in volunteer work, seek employment, attend appointments with other MFS providers, and attend trainings to improve tenancy skills. Additional trainings (intended to help the client obtain independent living skills) may include budgeting, interpersonal skills, activities of daily living, coping skills, and any other skills individually needed by the client.

There will be a full-time residential case manager to meet with clients in the community for skill groups and work with clients individually on seeking housing, housing applications, benefits coordination, and other needs. They will also assist those ready to 'graduate' from this program on lease signing, finding security deposits and other needs to be successful in a new living situation.

Client Profile

This housing would be open to clients of MFS who meet criteria set by MFS, which will include but are not limited to the following:

- Ability to manage their own medications (and will be provided lock boxes to keep their medications secured)
- Ability to be responsible for their own food.
- Ability to refrain from substance misuse
- Eligible for HUD Public Housing Program
- Willingness to engage in treatment and support groups
- Recipient of individual case management and other encouraged services

These criteria are set to provide the best possible outcomes for stable long-term housing in the community. The potential tenants will be reviewed by staff at MFS and MPS to make sure they meet qualifications and would be a good fit for this shared living situation.

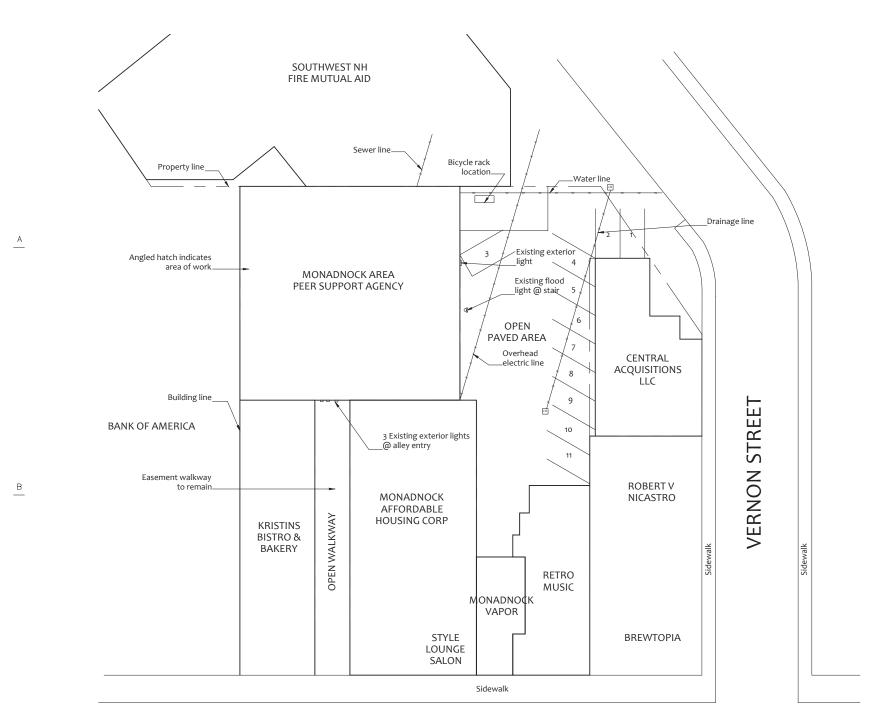
Compliance:

- Drainage & Stormwater Management: There is no exterior work planned. There will be no change to existing drainage or stormwater management.
- Sediment & Erosion Control: Sedimentation control will not be required. There is no site work being proposed as part of this proposal.
- Snow Storage and Removal: There is limited parking area and paved surfaces. Snow storage
 therefor is also limited. Snow will be removed from the site as required to maintain parking
 areas.
- Landscaping: There are no proposed planting or changes to any landscaping.
- Screening: There are no proposed changes to the site or the building as part of this proposal.
- Lighting: There are no proposed exterior lights as part of this proposal.
- Water & Sewer: The building is tied to city water and sewer. The change in use / intensity will be minimal.
- Traffic & Access Management: There is no change to site access and traffic patterns as part of this proposal.
- Filling & Excavation: There is no excavation of filling of the site proposed as part of this proposal.
- Surface Waters & Wetland: There are no wetlands on the site. There is no change to surface water as part of this proposal.
- Hazardous & Toxic Materials: There are no hazardous or toxic materials involved with this proposal.
- Noise: Noise impact from the proposed project will be minimal. All uses of the building are intended to be indoors. The construction itself promises to be quick and inaudible to neighboring properties, as it is taking place in portions of the building that does not have stared walls.
- Architecture & Visual Appearance: The architectural and visual appearance of the building is not being changed as part of this proposal.

Conclusion

MPS and MFS feel confident that this unique living space will have no negative impact on the Downtown Core district and are seeking a Conditional Use permit so that construction may ensue.

Both organizations are committed to adhering to all code and other regulations and working closely with city officials to ensure that construction is completed in timely a manner that does not impact neighbors.



WASHINGTON STREET

Grass Area Sidewalk



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2015 IBC Code Criteria

Renovation to 32A Washington Street

Use and Occupancy IBC 2015 - Life Safet	y Code Classification
302.1 General Use Groups	B - Business
Building Type	3 - B

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Business use - Training and skill development. Overnight rooms use limited to five occupants and is being considered as an accessory use

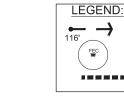
2015 IBC Height & Area Limitations	
Table 503 3 - B Use A3 Allowable height = 2 ST up to 55'	
Allowable floor area = 9,500 SF	
Proposed floor area = 6,350 SF	

Table 1004.1.2 Maximum Floor Area Allowance					
<u>Occupancy</u>	Floor Area Per Occ.				
Business Areas	100 SF Gross				
Education Areas	20 SF Net				
Storage, Mechanical	300 SF. Gross				
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Egress Summary					
Exit Number	Egress Width	Egress Capacity			
1	42"	140 ppl			
2	72"	240 ppl			
3	36"	120 ppl			
4	36"	120 ppl			
5	42"	140 ppl			
TOTAL		760 ppl			

Allowable Occupant Load	760
Design Occupant Load	140
Min. No. of Exits (per floor)	2
No. of Exits Provided	2/3

Building is protected throughout with an automatic sprinkler system.



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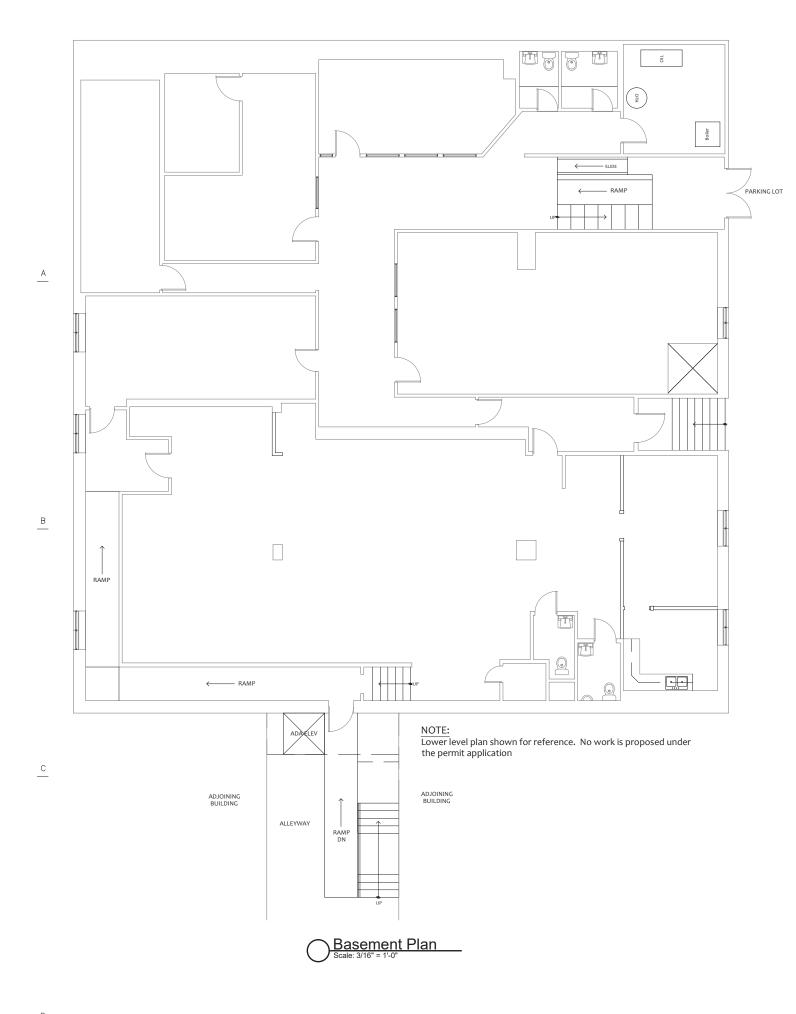
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10.28.21	Permitting / Planning
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1.5.22	Planning Board
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DEMOLITION NOTES:

- 1.The contractor shall coordinate the actual work scope with field conditions and design plan requirements.
 2. Contractor to take all necessary measures to control dust, debris and noise resulting from demolition operations. install temporary barriers as required to contain demolition materials from entering occupied spaces.
 3. Contractor shall provide enclosed chutes to transfer demo materials to dumpster located at grade. Transfer of debris through occupied areas of the building will not be allowed. Approve in advance with owner location of dumpster. Protect grounds and landscape materials from damage. restore any site areas damaged by operations to match previous conditions.
 4. Where work involves load bearing structures, provide temporary bracing or shoring as required to safely transfer required load. Do not proceed with work unless all shoring is in place.
 5. Contractor to remove demolition debris from site and dispose of materials in legal landfills approved for construction debris. Dumping slips shall be retained by the contractor and given to the owner if requested.
 6. The contractor shall be responsible for obtaining all permits required for this work, and arranging for any required inspections.

GENERAL NOTES:

- 1. Contractor shall review existing conditions by field visit prior to submitting bid.

- 2. Dimensions shown are approximate only. All dimensions shall be field verified and coordinated with existing conditions.

 3. Contact architect / engineer for decisions related to variation from information shown.

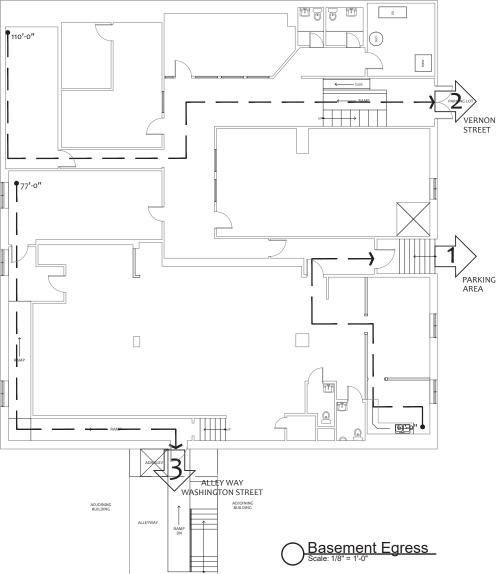
 4. Contractor shall use due care in cutting into and working adjacent to existing conditions which are to remain. Any disturbed existing conditions shall be patched to match previous conditions. shall be patched to match previous condition.

 5. The contractor shall certify that all work is in accord with the 2015 version of the International Building Code, all other local or national codes and
- requirements and good construction practices.

 6. Existing automatic sprinkler system to remain

- 7. All existing automates primate system to remain.
 8. No work to be performed on the existing basement level. Future work will be permitted separately.
 9. Existing windows to remain.
 10. No exterior work is being proposed as part of this project.

- No exterior work is being proposed as part of this project.
 All new plumbing to be tied to existing sewer and water mains at existing building entry.
 All thru roof vents to be in a chase between walls studs.
 All unit to have blocking installed for future grab bars and ADA items.
 Accessible unit to have ADA compliant counter height / counter space.
 Accessible units to have compliant mounting heights for all switches/receptacles.
 All overnight rooms, office and activity rooms to be supplied with fresh air.
 Proposed project will not change percentages of sleeping space to office space. Proposed project expands existing use.
 Fire alarm / sprinkler design to be submitted by contractor / designer.



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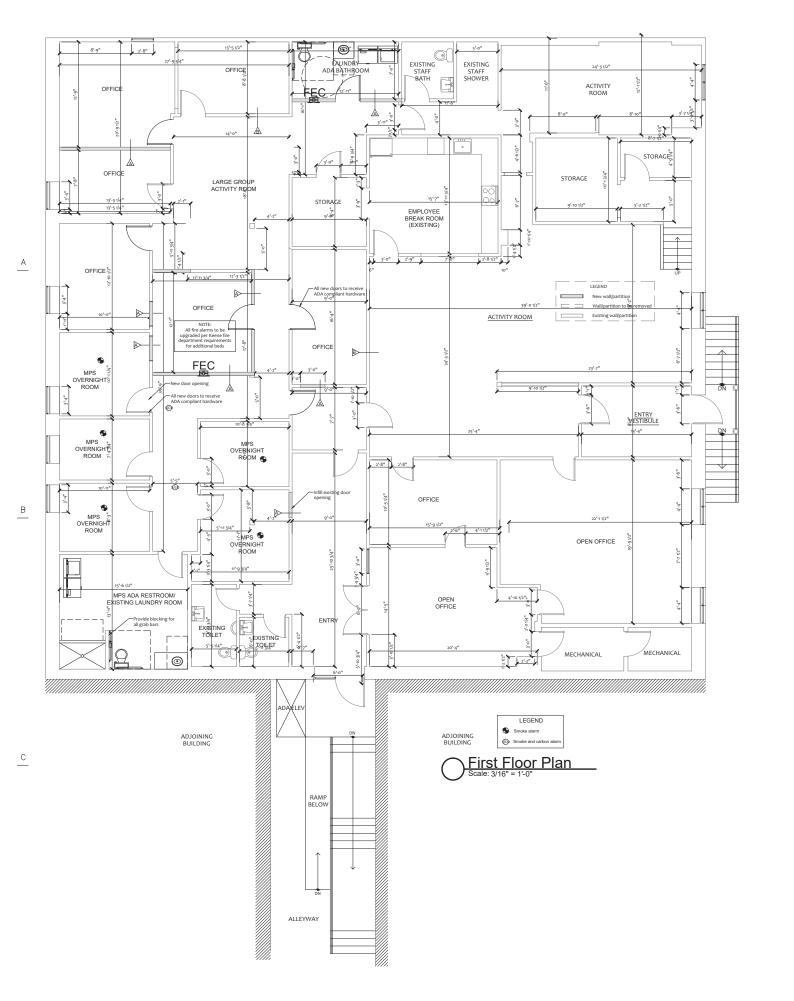
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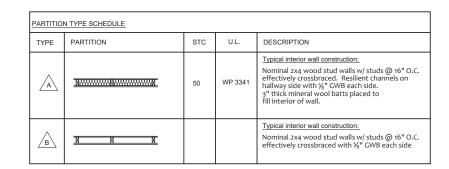
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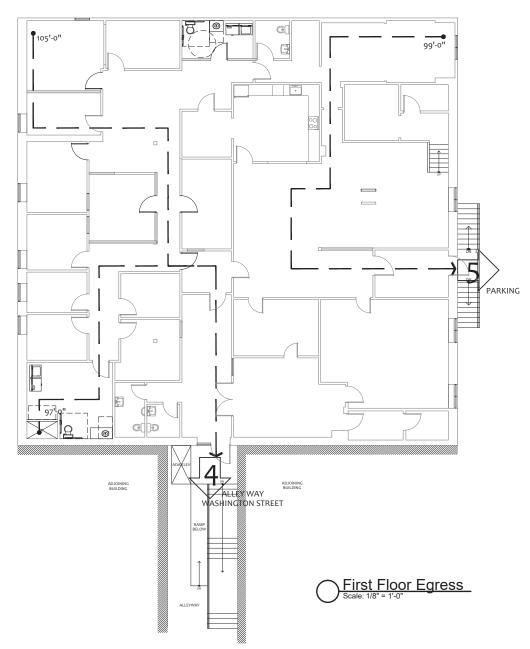
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MEMORANDUM

Ref: 2183A

To: Lisa Stedman

Monadnock Peer Support Agency

From: Stephen G. Pernaw, P.E., PTOE

Subject: Proposed Change of Use – 32-34 #REAR Washington Street

Keene, New Hampshire

Date: January 7, 2022

As requested, our office has conducted a trip generation analysis for the proposed change of use at 32-34 #REAR Washington Street by the Monadnock Peer Support Agency (MPS). The anticipated vehicle-trip estimates contained herein are based on several interviews with Agency staff regarding the change in programs, residents, and staffing. In addition, available traffic count data for Washington Street was researched at the NHDOT. To summarize:

<u>Proposed Development</u> – The Agency currently occupies approximately 12,640 sf of space at 32-34 #REAR Washington Street and is comprised of spaces for: offices, programming, support group meetings, five rooms for residents, and one staff room. The proposed change of use involves reducing the programming space by approximately 895 sf and converting that area into five additional rooms for residents. The overall gross floor area occupied by the Agency will not change.

Table 1 on Page 2 summarizes the results of our interviews and quantifies net changes that will occur as a result of the proposed change of use with respect to: residents (+6), staff (+1 case worker), and daily visitors (+1). This information formed the basis for the trip generation estimates for the existing conditions case in the post-expansion case.

Table 2 on Page 2 summarizes the trip generation estimates for the MPS for a typical weekday based on the information from Table 1. The existing facility is estimated to generate approximately 48 vehicle-trips (24 arrivals, 24 departures) on a typical weekday. With the additional residents, staff and visitors, the overall MPS site is expected to generate approximately 58 vehicle-trips on a typical weekday.

Existing Traffic Volumes – According to a short-term NHDOT traffic count that was conducted on Washington Street (south of Vernon Street) at the subject site, this section of Washington Street carried an estimated Annual Average Daily Traffic (AADT) volume of approximately 7,224 vehicles per day (vpd) in 2020, down from 8,323 vpd in 2019 due in part to the ongoing pandemic. The diagrams on Page 3 summarize the daily and hourly variations in traffic demand on this section of Washington Street. Weekday volumes were highest from 3-4 or 4-5 PM.

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To: <u>Mari Brunner; Megan Fortson</u>

Cc: "Christine Allen"; "Tim Sampson"; "Howard, Jessica"

Subject: CUP Responses MPS

Date: Friday, January 7, 2022 4:18:48 PM
Attachments: 2183A Memorandum 010722.pdf
21-039 CD Planning Board Sheet A0.pdf
Parking Lease Agreement.pdf

21-039 CD Planning Board Sheet A2.pdf 21-039 CD Planning Board Sheet A1.pdf

Good Afternoon!

In response to your request for a traffic generation estimate and responses to staff questions, please see below and attached:

- 1. Please provide an estimate of the traffic generation by the proposed use that is based on the most recent edition of the Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE) Trip Generation Manual. Alternatively, you may provide a traffic generation estimate provided by a NH licensed traffic engineer." I have attached a Memorandum completed by Stephen G. Pernaw, P.E., PTOE, Stephen G. Pernaw & Company, Inc. Mr. Pernaw finds that "the net impact of the proposed change of use at the MPS is de minimis from a transportation engineering, traffic operations, and safety standpoint. To put the anticipated +10 daily trips into perspective, the short-term traffic count conducted on Washington Street revealed that daily traffic levels changed by >1,000 vpd due to random traffic flow from one day to the next."
- 2. Please show all of the existing parking spaces on the site plan, and provide the total number of parking spaces that are provided on site. Plan attached. There are a total of 11 parking spaces outlined in 21-039 CD Planning Board Sheet AO (attached), one of which is leased to Keene Housing under an agreement made by the prior owner of the building. MPS continues to honor the lease. (attached)
- 3. The site plan includes an "outline of future entry." If the construction of this entry is not proposed as part of this application, then please remove this feature from the site plan. Done- see 21-039 CD Planning Board Sheet A2
- 4. Please be aware that a building permit will be required for this project. Understood
- 5. Please be aware that fire alarms will need to be upgraded to add the additional beds.

 Understood
- 6. Will a staff person be present on-site 24/7 to provide supervision for residents? Yes
- 7. The narrative states that "demand for parking will be limited to staff."
 - a. How many parking spaces are there on the site? 11
 - b. Will members, residents, and visitors not be allowed to park on site? If that is the case, where will they be directed to park? They will be allowed to park in the MPS lot, and we do not anticipate any overflow. We have never had 'full lot'.
 - c. If members, residents, and/or visitors will be allowed to park on site, how many parking spaces will be reserved for them vs. staff? There is no differentiation between staff, resident, and visiting member parking. On an

average day, the staff uses not more than 6 spaces

- 8. Per Section 20.9.3.E, bicycle parking must be provided for all development other than single-family and two-family dwellings. Please provide a bicycle rack on the site (if one is not already provided), and show its location on the proposed plan. The existing bike rack is indicated on CD Planning Board Sheet AO (attached)
- 9. The application states that no changes to lighting are proposed.
 - a. How many existing exterior lights are there, and where are they located? Are they on motion sensors? There is one exterior light and one flood light on the Vernon St side of the building. Neither are timed or motion sensing. The porch light remain lit throughout the non-daylight hours. There is an exterior flood light and a porch light on the Washington St side of the building. The porch light remains lit throughout the non-daylight hours.
 - b. Please describe how the current lighting will provide safe light levels for residents and staff during non-daylight hours. We do not believe the current lighting is sufficient and would like to upgrade our exterior lightning, but consider this a stand-alone project. We will do so according to recommendation, should the board have one. We are interested in timed and motion-sensing lights on both entrances if permitted.
- 10. The narrative mentions the "MPS van." Will this van provide rides for residents? It provides rides for members to arrive at the center at 9AM and depart at 7PM each week day. It takes members for a shopping trip each Wednesday. It is used by a designated staff member for errands a couple times per month, but is not used for ondemand rides.

Lisa Steadman
Director of Agency Relations



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Table 1

MPSA Change of Use Summary (Typical Weekday Conditions)

		Persons		
	Post-			
	Existing	Expansion	Change	Notes
Full-Time Staff ¹	4	4	0	No change
Overnight Staff ²	1	1	0	No change
Group Facilitators 3	9	9	0	No change
Floor Staff ⁴	1	1	0	No change
Driver ⁵	1	1	0	No change
Residents (licensed) 6	2	4	2	+2 residents with licenses
Residents (unlicensed) 7	3	7	4	+4 residents without licenses
Members 8	3	3	0	No change
Case Workers 9	1	2	1	+1 new case worker makes 2 additional vists per day
Service Coordinators 10	1	1	0	No change
Visitors 11	3	4	1	+1 additional visitor per day

 $^{^1\,3}$ persons work from 9 AM to 5 PM, 1 person works from 11AM to 7 PM

Table 2

MPSA Daily Trip Generation Summary & Comparison (Typical Weekday Conditions)

	Existing Conditions			Post-Ex	Post-Expansion Conditions			Net Change		
	Enter	Exit	Total	Enter	Exit	Total	Enter	Exit	Total	
Full-Time Staff	4	4	8	4	4	8	0	0	0	
Overnight Staff	1	1	2	1	1	2	0	0	0	
Group Facilitators	4	4	8	4	4	8	0	0	0	
Floor Staff	1	1	2	1	1	2	0	0	0	
Driver	4	4	8	4	4	8	0	0	0	
Residents (licensed)	2	2	4	4	4	8	2	2	4	
Residents (unlicensed)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Members	3	3	6	3	3	6	0	0	0	
Case Workers	1	1	2	3	3	6	2	2	4	
Service Coordinators	1	1	2	1	1	2	0	0	0	
Visitors	3	3	6	4	4	8	1	1	2	
TOTAL VEHICLE-TRIPS	24	24	48	29	29	58	5	5	10	

² 1person works from 7 PM to 7 AM

³ 3-4 persons work daily during various 1.5 - 4.0 hour time slots from late morning to early evening

⁴ 1person works from 9 AM to 5 PM and runs staff errands

 $^{^{\}rm 5}\,{\rm 1person}\,{\rm commutes}$ to work twice per day and transport members at least twice per day

 $^{^{6}}$ 2 residents with licenses typically make 1vehicle-trip daily (round trip); will increase to 4 residents

 $^{^7}$ 3 residents without licenses typically makes 1 walking trip daily (round trip); will increase to 7 residents

 $^{^{\}rm 8}\,3\,\text{support}$ group members visit the site on daily basis during various time slots

⁹ 1person typically visits the site on a typical weekday; will increase to 2 case workers making 3 visits to site, on average

 $^{^{\}rm 10}$ 1 person typically visits the site on a typical weekday

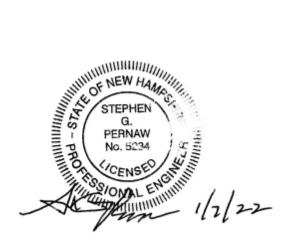
¹¹3 persons typically visit residents at the site on a typical weekday; will increase to 4 persons



Findings & Conclusions:

- 1. According to a short-term NHDOT traffic count conducted in August 2019 at the subject site, this section of Washington Street carried an estimated Annual Average Daily Traffic (AADT) volume of approximately 8,323 vehicles per day in 2019. As an aside, the 2020 AADT estimate (7,224 vpd) clearly shows the effects of the ongoing pandemic.
- 2. The proposed change of use at the MPS involves repurposing approximately 895 sf of floor space, and as a result there will be +6 additional residents, +1 additional caseworker, and approximately +1 visitor per day, on an average weekday basis.
- 3. The trip generation analysis indicates that the MPS site will generate approximately +10 additional vehicle-trips (+5 arrivals, +5 departures) over the course of the typical weekday. The net increase in the daily traffic flow on Washington Street will be less than +10 vehicles, as some will travel to/from points north on Washington Street, while others travel to/from points south.
- 4. Development sites that generate fewer than 500 vehicle-trips per day are generally considered to be "low-volume" traffic generators. Clearly, the MPS does not constitute a major traffic generator; regardless of the proposed change of use.
- 5. When compared to the existing traffic volume on Washington Street (8,323 vpd), the net impact of the proposed change of use at the MPS is de minimis from a transportation engineering, traffic operations, and safety standpoint. To put the anticipated +10 daily trips into perspective, the short-term traffic count conducted on Washington Street revealed that daily traffic levels changed by >1,000 vpd due to random traffic flow from one day to the next.

Attachments



DATE: January 24, 2022

TO: Planning Board

FROM: Mari Brunner, Senior Planner

SUBJECT: Update on Administrative Planning Project Approvals for 2021

The following projects were administratively approved by Planning Staff during 2021:

- SPR-367, Mod. #1 Service Credit Union Mini-Split 403 Winchester St: Applicant KEBMS LLC, on behalf of owner Service Credit Union, proposes to install a Mitsubishi condensing unit along the southern portion of the west building façade of Service Credit Union located at 403 Winchester St (TMP# 111-015-000-000-000) between an existing egress door and existing mechanical equipment.
- SPR-108, Mod. #3 VIP Tires Fence 522 & 526 Main St: Applicant Michael Petrovick, on behalf
 of owner 522 Main Street Keene LLC, proposes to install a split-rail fence along the northern
 boundary of the properties located at 522 Main St (TMP# 112-008-000-000) and 526 Main St
 (TMP# 114-008-000-000-000).
- 3. SPR-09-13, Mod. #1 Hamshaw Rental Center Entry Canopy & Parapet Wall 52 Winchester St: Applicant Cheshire Builders Inc., on behalf of owner Hamshaw Lumber Inc., proposes to construct a new entry canopy measuring 7-ft wide by 75-ft long and create a "faux gable" parapet wall along the west façade of the Hamshaw Rental Center building located at 52 Winchester St (TMP# 115-021-000-000-000).
- 4. <u>SPR-423, Mod. #2 Corning Addition 69 Island St:</u> Applicant Cheshire Builders Inc., on behalf of owner Keene Island Holdings LLC, proposes to construct a 10-ft by 13-ft addition along the western façade of the Island Mill building located at 69 Island St (TMP# 583-010-000-001-06B). The addition will be finished with T-III siding/sheathing painted white to match the finish of the existing building additions.
- 5. SPR-902, Mod. #8 GFA Federal Credit Union 346-354 Winchester St: Applicant JLN Contracting, on behalf of owner Riverside Improvements LLC, proposes a change of use from fast-food restaurant (Burger King) to bank (GFA Federal Credit Union) in one of the tenant spaces in Riverside Plaza located at 346-354 Winchester St (TMP# 111-004-000-000). Minor changes are also proposed to the exterior of the tenant space, including painting, the construction of a new ATM vestibule, and modifications to rooftop equipment.
- 6. <u>SPR-416, Mod. #1 Renovation Project 372 West St:</u> Applicant and owner Sunspace Realty Inc., proposes to separate the former Perry Dental tenant space in the building located at 372 West St (TMP# 577-037-000-000) back into two separate office spaces and make minor exterior building and site modifications, including the installation of a new heat pump along the west building façade and the addition of new landscaping in the parking lot.
- 7. SPR-423, Mod. #3 Corning Mechanical Room Addition 69 Island St: Applicant DEW Construction, on behalf of owner Keene Island Holdings LLC, proposes to remove a portion of the building and construct a 35-ft long by 14-ft wide addition in the Corning tenant space along the

southern portion of the west façade of the Island Mill building located at 69 Island St (TMP# 583-010-000-001-06B). Three new pieces of rooftop mechanical equipment and an air handler will also be installed as part of this proposal.

- 8. SPR-03-17, Mod. #4 Branch & Blade Pavilion Design Changes 17 Bradco St: Applicant Branch & Blade Brewing, on behalf of owner Tremac Development LLC, proposes to modify the original post-and-beam design of the pavilion at Branch & Blade Brewing located at 17 Bradco St (TMP# 116-002-000-000-000) that was approved by the Planning Board as part of SPR-03-17, Mod. #3. The new design will consist of an open steel-frame structure with painted black beams, red metal roofing, and structural wooden paneling on the gable ends and the height of the pavilion will be increasing from 18-ft to 21-ft.
- 9. <u>SPR-690, Mod. #3 Ash Brook Apartments Site Modifications 191-195 Key Rd:</u> Applicant and owner Monadnock Affordable Housing Corporation, proposes minor modifications to the site of the Ash Brook Apartments located at 191-195 Key Road (TMP# 109-007-000-000), including repaving, regrading, the installation of concrete handicap ramps, and the installation of an area drain on the southwestern corner of the site.
- 10. <u>SPR-510, Mod. #2 People's Linen Service Site Modifications 9 Giffin St & 0 George St:</u>
 Applicant and owner People's Linen Service LLC, proposes to remove and relocate approximately 157 cubic yards of fill from the southern portion of the People's Linen Service site at 9 Giffin St (TMP# 532-074-000-000) to the northwestern portion of the adjacent property at 0 George St (TMP# 535-025-000-000-000) located directly to the south.
- 11. <u>SPR-964, Mod. #6 Hampton Inn Site Modifications 120 Key Rd:</u> Applicant and owner Jazzlyn Hospitality II LLC, proposes modifications to the Hampton Inn property located at 120 Key Road (TMP# 164-001-000-000-000), including the relocation of HVAC units along the east building facade, the installation of a PVC stockade-style enclosure around a dumpster and mechanical equipment along the south building façade, and the installation of two accessible ramps along the south building façade.
- 12. <u>SPR-806, Mod. #4 Five Guys Façade Renovation 58 Key Rd:</u> Applicant Five Guys, on behalf of owner Winchester Key LTD Partnership, proposes to make modifications to the Five Guys storefront façade on the property located at 58 Key Rd (TMP# 111-017-000-000-000), including the installation of awnings, the installation of 5 new light fixtures, and the replacement of the existing storefront windows where necessary.
- 13. SPR-967, Mod. #8L Monadnock Food Co-op Landscaping Changes 34 Cypress St: Applicant Rachel Vogt, on behalf of owner MFC Land Company Inc., proposes modifications to the number and types of plants in the landscaping bed near the southwest corner and in front of the eastern-most entrance of the Monadnock Food Co-op building located at 34 Cypress St (TMP#s 574-041-000-00G-000 & 574-041-000-00E-000).
- 14. SPR-06-21 Enterprise Rental 449 Winchester St: Applicant and owner Enterprise Rent-a-Car Company of Boston LLC, proposes a change of use from a vehicle repair garage to a vehicle rental service and associated exterior building modifications, including painting and the installation of new lighting, doors, and windows on the property located at 449 Winchester St (TMP# 115-026-001-000-000).

- 15. <u>SPR-07-21 FORM 603 Fitness Studio 52 Victoria St:</u> Applicant Michael Petrovick, on behalf of owner RS Real Estate LLC, proposes a change of use to a health center/gym and associated exterior building renovations, including the installation of new windows and doors, on the property located at 52 Victoria St (TMP# 586-036-000-000-000).
- 16. <u>SPR-11-18, Mod. #2 Knotty Pine Antiques Site Plan Modifications 96 Dunbar St:</u> Applicant Brickstone Land Use Consultants, on behalf of owner Knotty Pine Antique Market, proposes to expand the use of the interior self-storage to the first floor of the Knotty Pine Antiques & Self-Storage building located at 96 Dunbar St (TMP# 585-007-000-000). Minor site modifications will also be made including the removal of the dumpster, restriping the parking lot, and the installation of HVAC mechanical equipment on the northeast and southwest corners of the building.
- 17. <u>SPR-16-14, Mod. #6 Mint Car Wash Site Modifications 433 & 435 Winchester St:</u> Applicant Brickstone Land Use Consultants, on behalf of owner MOC76 Realty Co. LLC, proposes changes to the Mint Car Wash site located at 433 & 435 Winchester St (TMP#s 115-030-000-000-000 & 115-029-000-000), including the removal of the former restaurant building and parking area, repaving, the relocation of the existing dumpster, and other associated site changes.
- 18. <u>SPR-908, Mod. #4 Montshire Pediatric Dentistry Site Changes 165 Winchester St:</u> Applicant Brickstone Land Use Consultants, on behalf of owner 165 Winchester St LLC, proposes to reconfigure the parking spaces and replace landscaping on the Montshire Pediatric Dentistry site located at 165 Winchester St (TMP# 592-035-000-000-000).
- 19. <u>SPR-12-14, Mod. #1 Starbucks Façade Change 281 West St:</u> Applicant Williams Construction Group, on behalf of owner One Hundred Eleven Realty Association, proposes changes to the exterior of Starbucks located at 281 West St (TMP# 577-048-000-000), including the replacement of the existing roof material with new metal roofing, painting, the installation of brick veneer panels around the base of the exterior facades, and the removal of existing awnings on the east and south facades.
- 20. SPR-03-19, Mod. #2 Keene Mini-Storage Self-Storage Expansion 678 Marlboro Rd: Applicant Michael Petrovick, on behalf of owner Keene Mini Storage LLC, proposes renovations to the Keene Mini-Storage building located at 678 Marlboro Rd (TMP# 240-107-000-000-000), including the renovation of the lower level of the building for use as a climate-controlled self-storage facility, the creation of an at-grade entrance with a 16-ft by 24-ft canopy, and a reduction in the amount of on-site parking for a total of 16 spaces.
- 21. SPR-08-21 Solar Rooftop Installation 323 Washington St: Applicant Bradley Laurie-Devlin Contracting, on behalf of owner Paulette Driscoll, proposes to install a 7.20 DC rooftop solar PV array on three sections of the south-facing roof of the multi-family building located at 323 Washington St (TMP# 535-054-000-000). The panels will be mounted on the same plane as the roof, the panels and racking systems will be black in color, and the accessory equipment will be located on the side of the building near the northwest corner.
- 22. SPR-18-14, Mod. #2 Parking & Grading Changes 145 Gilbo Ave: Applicant and owner Flyboy Realty LLC, proposes to install a new dumpster, relocate two accessible parking spaces on the eastern portion of the site, reduce the total number of parking spaces from 40 to 39, and make minor

changes to the grading on the site of the new mixed-use building at 145 Gilbo Ave (TMP# 576-002-001-000-000).

23. SPR-927, Mod. #12B – Old Navy – 38 Ash Brook Rd #4A & #4B: Applicant KPR Centers LLC, on behalf of owner Keene MZL LLC, proposes to renovate the former GameStop and Pier 1 tenant spaces located at 38 Ash Brook Rd #4 & #4B (TMP#s 109-020-000-003-04A & 109-027-003-04B) into a singular tenant space that will be occupied by Old Navy. In addition to this, minor exterior building changes will be made including the relocation of entryways and the installation of new fabric awning covers.

DATE: January 24, 2022

TO: Planning Board

FROM: Mari Brunner, Senior Planner

SUBJECT: Update on Minor Project Review Committee Approvals for 2021

The following projects were approved by the Minor Project Review Committee during 2021:

- 1. <u>SPR-02-20, Mod. #2 Eversource Storage Enclosure 19 Production Ave:</u> Applicant and owner PSNH (DBA Eversource Energy) proposes to install a 2,600 sf prefabricated fleet vehicle storage enclosure within the existing, enclosed storage yard at 19 Production Ave (TMP# 242-001-000). The enclosure will be located near the southern boundary of the parcel, to the west of the existing building. This site is 5.34-acres and is located in the Industrial District.
- 2. <u>SPR 05-21 Redevelopment 561 Main St:</u> Applicant Logan Gorgulu, on behalf of owner, James T. Rymes, proposes to renovate the existing building and to make improvements to the site, including expansion and repaving of the parking lot area, at 561 Main St (TMP# 114-029-000) for use as a physical therapy office. This site is 0.45-acres in size and is located in the Commerce District.