

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

AGENDA

Monday, July 17, 2023

4:30 PM

Room 22, Recreation Center

Commission Members

Alexander Von Plinsky, IV, Chair Councilor Andrew Madison, Vice Chair Art Walker Councilor Robert Williams, Ex-Officio Eloise Clark Steven Bill Kenneth Bergman Deborah LeBlanc, Alternate Thomas P. Haynes, Alternate John Therriault, Alternate Brian Reilly, Alternate Lee Stanish, Alternate

<u>SITE VISIT</u>: There will be a site visit of the property located at 0 Old Walpole Road (TMP #211-010-000) prior to the meeting at 3:30 pm. Commission members should meet at the Recreation Center at 3:15 pm to carpool to the site.

- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Approval of Meeting Minutes June 19, 2023
- 3. Planning Board Referral: Surface Water Protection Conditional Use Permit Application, SWP-CUP-03-23 – 2 Lot Subdivision – 0 Old Walpole Rd (TMP #211-010-000)
- 4. Report-outs
 - 1) Greater Goose Pond Forest Stewardship Subcommittee
 - 2) Outreach
 - 3) Invasive Species
 - 4) Land Conservation
- 5. Discussion Items:
 - a) Society for the Protection of NH Forests request for comments on reaccreditation application
 - b) Keene Meadow Solar Station project update
 - c) Potential Land Purchase Update (Rt 9/Washington St. Ext. properties)
 - d) Airport proposed wildlife control fence update
 - e) Conservation Commission speaking events
- 6. Correspondence
- 7. New or Other Business
- 8. Adjourn Next meeting date: Monday, August 21, 2023

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,	Monday, June 19, 2023 4:30 PM Room 22 Recreation Cente							
	Members Present: Alexander Von Plinsky, IV, ChairStaff Present: Mari Brunner, Senior PlannerEloise Clark Councilor Robert Williams Art Walker Thomas Haynes, Alternate (Voting) John Therriault, Alternate (Voting) Deborah LeBlanc, Alternate (Voting) Brian Reilly, Alternate Steven Bill, Alternate (Arrived Late, via Zoom) Lee Stanish, Alternate (Arrived Late)Mari Brunner, Senior PlannerMembers Not Present: Councilor Andrew Madison, Vice ChairStaff Present: Mari Brunner, Senior Planner							
8 9 10 11	 Ken Bergman 1) <u>Call to Order</u> Chair Von Plinsky called the meeting to order at 4:31 PM. 							
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13	2) <u>Approval of Meeting Minutes – May 15, 2023</u>							
14 15 16 17 18	Revision: Line 251 should be changed to reflect that Mr. Haynes understood the City's preferred method, but he did not "confirm" that he would wait for the application. Change "would have to" to "may have to."							
19 20 21	A motion by Mr. Therriault to approve the May 15, 2023 minutes as amended was duly seconded by Mr. Walker and the motion carried unanimously.	l						
22 23	3) <u>Report-Outs</u> A) Greater Goose Pond Forest Stewardship Subcommittee							
24 25 26	Mr. Haynes reported that the Subcommittee met on Friday, June 9, at Goose Pond for a working meeting. The group did some trail maintenance and noticed that some of the new signs were							

27 ripped off or hanging from trees. Mr. Haynes recreated the signs and replaced them. He said that 28 the new signage around Goose Pond was essentially complete until further trail work occurs; he 29 said it felt good to have that project does. Mr. Haynes wild there are all here it and the said that are in the said that are in the said to be an all here.

- said it felt good to have that project done. Mr. Haynes said there would be another workday on
- Friday, July 14, meeting again at 8:30 AM; anyone interested in helping should give Mr. Haynes their email to add to his list and receive details about where to meet and activities. He hoped that
- work on the loop trail would begin the week of this meeting, but Lew Shelley had not confirmed
- yet. Once Mr. Haynes hears from Mr. Shelley, Mr. Haynes would email everyone with the
- 34 schedule so they could volunteer if interested.
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36 Ms. Clark asked what work Mr. Shelley would be doing. Mr. Haynes said the work would be

- fairly extensive and would not be in just one part of Goose Pond, but in 7–8 different locations.
- He said that when walking the loop trail, one would notice a new boardwalk just past the dam.Future work would include creating another boardwalk just up from the current one in another
- 40 wet area. There would also be 300–400 feet of trail relocation on the north side of the pond,
- 41 including a new bridge. At a spot just past the north trailhead entrance—when arriving at the
- 42 pond—a "burrito wrap" would be installed in a wet area, which includes digging a small trench
- 43 and filling it with fabric and gravel so that the water stays away from the treaded part of the trail.
- 44 Mr. Haynes added that on the very east end of the park—farthest from the parking areas—there
- would be another trail reroute to mitigate sediment entering the pond. Otherwise, Mr. Shelleywould be working on general trail maintenance.
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B) Outreach

- 49 Mr. Haynes said the Outreach workgroup had not met in the last month. The group had not 50 decided on a summer walk for Goose Pond Through the Seasons and he welcomed ideas. He said 51 Steven Lamonde led a bird walk at Goose Pond on May 28 from 8:00-10:00 AM. Ms. Clark 52 attended the bird walk and noted that there were fewer participants than last year. Ms. Clark said 53 Mr. Lamonde did an excellent job and it was fun to hear him talk about different bird calls; he is 54 very knowledgeable. She added that it was nice to see a young person so interested in birds. Ms. 55 Clark mentioned that she never saw the event advertised in print media. She understood that 56 57 sometimes those sources are choosy about what they include, but she believed that advertising in the Sentinel and Monadnock Shopper News would boost attendance. 58
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Ms. LeBlanc attended a different bird course with Mr. Lamonde the day before his walk at 60 61 Goose Pond. She said Mr. Lamonde mentioned the walk at Goose Pond and Ms. LeBlanc wanted 62 to go, but Mr. Lamonde did not have details on where to meet. Ms. LeBlanc said she looked for 63 information, but could not find the meeting place, so she could not attend. Mr. Haynes said that in theory, participants could sign up via the Parks and Recreation Department. Ms. LeBlanc said 64 65 she looked for it via Parks and Recreation, but was alerted that the sign-up was closed, and thus she could not access the event details. Ms. Brunner said these events are open to the public, so 66 67 she suggested adding the events to the official calendar on the City of Keene's website. Mr. 68 Haynes said he had assumed that when he sent the press releases to Andy Bohannon (Director of Parks, Recreation, and Facilities), that Mr. Bohannon's Staff would send the information to all of 69

- the relevant outlets. Ms. Brunner said that the City calendar is managed by the IT and City
- Clerk's Departments, who are a little choosier and only include City events open to the public,
- but Ms. Brunner thought these events could qualify. Mr. Haynes said this was good information
- and he would try to share the details with more people for future events.
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75 Mr. Reilly thought the key was trying to limit the events to 20–25 participants, and he was not sure how to walk the fine line between engaging more participation, while avoiding groups of 50 76 people, for example. Mr. Haynes said the previous press releases encouraged people to call Parks 77 and Recreation to register, with the understanding that there could be participants that do not 78 register. He thought Ms. LeBlanc could not access the details because the sign-up had closed, 79 and it was not on the City calendar. Ms. Clark said only 5-6 people attended the May 28 bird 80 walk. Ms. LeBlanc said she was disappointed because Mr. Lamonde is lovely. Mr. Haynes said 81 82 that spreading this information was always a challenge. Chair Von Plinksy thought that print 83 media would be a good way forward to reach a different audience.

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C) Invasive Species

Councilor Williams said he liked the idea about print media, noting that he wanted to spread the 87 word about invasive species activities, which had not been getting as much participation as he 88 89 liked; the more the better. The next event was occurring right after this meeting (6:30–8:00 PM) at the Ellis-Harrison Park, where Japanese knotweed was blocking access to the creek. He 90 wanted to create a path so that kids/families could access the creek. Councilor Williams noted 91 that in the past, the volunteers used trash bags to collect the knotweed, but said the bagging takes 92 more time than actually pulling the knotweed. So, he wanted to try a new method this time using 93 tarps, which he had some success with at a previous event (he was still waiting to get those tarps 94

- back). The tarps would be wrapped around the plants on site in the sun for a while until a Citycrew takes them away.
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98 Mr. Therriault noted that there was a lot of knotweed on White Brook at the Keene Country Club. He said that a frost event earlier this year killed all of the knotweed to the ground, and it 99 had reached knee-high again. He was surprised the frost did that and it made him wonder if there 100 was research on freezing techniques (e.g., liquid nitrogen or carbon dioxide) that could kill the 101 knotweed without the normal extensive manual labor required. The Chair recalled seeing 102 knotweed along RT-5 in VT and thought the frost impacted that area too. Ms. Clark clarified that 103 it was not a frost event that harmed the knotweed, it was actually a hard freeze. Mr. Therriault 104 said he would do some research on whether methods exist for extreme cold to mitigate Japanese 105 106 knotweed. Councilor Williams recalled that hard freeze causing a lot of knotweed to drupe and 107 turn brown before it started regrowing. Still, anything that removes energy from the roots helps 108 with mitigation.

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- 110 Chair Von Plinsky mentioned that he talked with the Keene City Republican Committee at their
- request, and most of the conversation focused on invasive species. The Chair thought that
- 112 Councilor Williams could anticipate being contacted by some of those Republican Committee

members with questions or with interest in volunteering. Councilor Williams said the invasives 113 effort was getting more volunteers. The Councilor invited his fellow Commissioners to the 2nd 114 115 Annual Keene East Side Block Party on Saturday, June 24, from 1:00 PM to approximately 4:00 PM. The Block Party would be on North Lincoln Street, where it is typically closed for the 116 117 annual salamander crossing. Councilor Williams said his intent was to have these parties in 118 different neighborhoods each year, but this year was in his neighborhood, where there was a lot 119 of knotweed to address during the event. 120 121 D) Land Conservation 122 The workgroup had not met recently but Chair Von Plinsky hoped to schedule a meeting soon. 123 124 125 **4**) **Discussion Items Budget Discussion & Membership Renewal Requests** 126 **A**) Society for the Protection of NH Forests 127 i) ii) NH Association of Conservation Commissions 128 129 Chair Von Plinsky reminded the Commission that its budget would turnover at the end of the 130 City's fiscal year on June 30. On the date of this meeting, the Commission had \$1,350 remaining 131 in its budget, which would return to the City's General Fund if not allocated by the end of the 132 fiscal year. The Chair recalled that the Commission's budget began the fiscal year with \$2,000 133 and the Commission had already voted to approve payments for trail building (\$300), Bee City 134 USA annual dues (\$200), and a one-time payment to Jeff Littleton for a Goose Pond Through the 135 Seasons walk (\$150; there was an effective date in May 2023 because the payment was lost in 136 the cracks for some time). From the \$1,350 remaining, there were pending payments that the 137 Commission already voted to approve for the Ashuelot River Local Advisory Committee's 138 (ARLAC) E. coli testing (\$150) and for Steven Lamonde's bird walk (\$150). That left the 139 Commission with \$1,050. The Chair said the NH Association of Conservation Commissions 140 (NHACC) had requested their annual dues (\$900; the dues are \$950/year, but the Commission 141 overpaid \$50 last year). If the Commission paid the NHACC dues, that would leave \$150 in the 142 Commission's budget, which the Chair thought they could donate to the Society for the 143 Protection of NH Forests, which had requested funds. 144 145 A motion by Ms. Clark for the Conservation Commission to pay \$900 of dues to the NH 146 Association of Conservation Commissions was duly seconded by Mr. Therriault. The motion 147 carried unanimously. 148 149 150 Councilor Williams noted that he had recently spent \$37.98 on tarps for invasive species 151 removal, and he hoped to be reimbursed. He gave the receipt to Ms. Brunner. Mr. Haynes asked

152 if Councilor Williams would also need to purchase seeds/shrubs to replace the invasive species

removed. Councilor Williams welcomed that contribution and thought he could acquire a general

154 wildflower seed mix. Ms. Clark noted that shrubs could get expensive, and it would be helpful to

have a replacement plan first. Councilor Williams said he could do more research on the

156	appropriate seeds to buy and request that expense from the next fiscal year's budget beginning
157	on July 1. Chair Von Plinsky agreed that would be a good use of the Commission's budget.

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Mr. Haynes asked how much the Society for the Protection of NH Forests requested. Ms. 159 160 Brunner said the Society did not specify and she had not researched how much the Commission 161 contributed in the past. Mr. Haynes thought it was good to contribute to the Society because they hold easements for so much land around Goose Pond. Since the Commission had already 162 allocated \$150 to ARLAC, Ms. Clark thought donating the remaining funds to the Society for the 163 Protection of NH Forests would be welcomed by the Society for their land conservation and 164 easement monitoring initiatives this year; she was unsure how much the Commission had 165 contributed to that monitoring since the easement(s) began in 2009. Discussion ensued about 166 letting any minimal funds remaining (e.g., \$12) roll back into the City's General Fund. Chair 167 168 Von Plinsky wanted to ensure the Commission was being a good steward of the taxpayers' money and he thought the Society for the Protection of NH Forests was a worthy recipient of any 169 remaining funds. 170 171 A motion by Mr. Haynes was duly seconded by Mr. Therriault for the Conservation Commission 172 to donate \$112 to the Society for the Protection of NH Forests and to reimburse Councilor 173 Robert Williams for \$38 to cover the cost of tarps for the invasive species program. The motion 174 175 carried unanimously. 176 Ms. Brunner clarified that as long as an expense was incurred before June 30, it would still come 177 out of this fiscal year's budget. 178 179 **Recent U.S. Supreme Court Decision – Sackett v. Environmental Protection** 180 B) 181 Agency 182 Chair Von Plinsky said Mr. Bill brought it to his and Ms. Brunner's attention, questioning how 183 this would impact the City's wetland protections in the short-term and long-term. The Chair said 184 that this Supreme Court decision substantially weakened federal wetlands protections. Ms. 185 Brunner said she spoke with the City Attorney, Tom Mullins, about this and he had little input. 186 Ms. Brunner said this was a topic at the NH Planners spring meeting and she said people were 187 scrambling. She thought everyone would learn more later on about how this would impact NH. 188 She said that local municipalities are allowed to have more stringent regulations, so she did not 189 think this decision would impact those local regulations. This decision could, however, impact 190 what the State of NH does if there is a federal "pass through" program. She said it was estimated 191 that this decision reduced the reach of the Clean Water Act by 51%. Before this decision, the 192

- 193 Clean Water Act applied to "adjacent" surface waters, but with this ruling the Supreme Court has 194 interpreted "adjacent" to mean "adjoining." Thus, under this decision, the actual surface of the
- water must be continuous with a navigable water body; so, if a wetland does not have a
- 196 continuous surface with a navigable water body it would no longer be covered by the Clean
- 197 Water Act. Ms. Clark said goodbye to vernal pools. Chair Von Plinsky said there was not much
- 198 for the Commission to discuss because there was no way to appeal the Supreme Court's decision.

Still, he said it was something for the Commissioners to keep an eye on as private citizens by
reaching out to lawmakers. The Chair said that there was the potential for a lot of opportunistic
legislation that could weaken NH's wetland protections.

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C) Keene Meadow Solar Station Project Update

205 Chair Von Plinsky recalled that the Commission sought clarification on whether it could hold a public site visit outside the normal City process as explained by Ms. Brunner at the last meeting. 206 Ms. Brunner said she spoke with the City Attorney, Tom Mullins, who said the Commission 207 should absolutely not hold any kind of site visit outside of this typical application process. 208 However, Ms. Brunner explained that Community Development Department Staff met with 209 representatives from Glenvale Solar, who she said were appreciative of the idea. Ms. Brunner 210 211 shared some of Mr. Haynes' concerns about community members not understanding what was proposed and how close to Goose Pond the installation would be. Ms. Brunner said that the 212 Glenvale Solar representatives were nervous about a public walk before all the details were 213 finalized. Glenvale Solar intended to discuss these things internally and get back in touch with 214 the Community Development Department. Still, Ms. Brunner said Glenvale representatives 215 supported the idea of a community walk that Conservations Commissioners could attend as 216 individual members of the community. Mr. Havnes appreciated the update. Chair Von Plinsky 217 said this would stay on the agenda for the foreseeable future so the Commission could stay 218 apprised of developments. 219

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D) Potential Land Purchase Update – (Rt 9/Washington St. Ext. properties)

Chair Von Plinsky said the City Council approved the City Manager negotiating the purchase of
these properties for no more than what the City Council approved during the last purchase
attempt. Now, it was in the hands of the City Manager, Elizabeth Dragon, and Hull Forest
Products to negotiate. The City Manager had reached out with an initial offer, but Ms. Brunner
said she was still waiting for a response. Mr. Reilly asked if the properties were out for bid or if
the owners approached the City. Chair Von Plinsky said Hull Forest Products reached out to the
City when they were done with the land.

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E) Airport Proposed Wildlife Control Fence Update

Chair Von Plinsky said there were no new developments, and the project was working through
stage one of the planning process, which is supposed to conclude by the end of 2023. The
Commission would await an update.

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F) Conservation Commission Speaking Events

239 No comments as Councilor Madison was not present.

241 G) Educational Resources for Invasive Species Removal

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Ms. Brunner recalled that this had been on the agenda a few times. The topic arose originally
when discussing creating resources about invasive species, but the Commission had since
decided to share resources that exist already.

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5) <u>Correspondence: Society for the Protection of NH Forests – 2023 Annual Bulletin</u>

This correspondence was in the agenda packet and the Commission approved a donation earlierin the meeting under agenda item 4.A.

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6) <u>New or Other Business</u>

254 Mr. Therriault said he was called by maintenance employees to the Keene Library, where there is a honeybee hive in the southwest corner of the Masonic building. He took photos of the hive 255 with an infrared camera from inside and outside the building to locate the colony. To Mr. 256 Therriault's knowledge, the Library Staff were talking to other City Staff to determine if they 257 want to spend the money to remove the hive. He said the hive was within the masonry and would 258 not be possible to access from the inside. Mr. Therriault said it looked like wood molding under 259 the roofline could be removed to access the colony, but that would require a lift or bucket truck 260 for a few days to remove it completely. 261

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Ms. Clark hoped everyone would take time to look at the garden by the Veteran's Memorial,where the poppies were in full bloom.

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Ms. Brunner referred to a brochure in the agenda packet from the Society for the Protection of
NH Forests: the Conservation Easement Stewardship Annual Bulletin. She said the Society was
asking for comments on their re-accreditation application by November 18. They were first
accredited in July 2013 by the National Land Trust Accreditation Commission. Chair Von
Plinsky thought it would be good for the Commission to send some supporting comments. This
would remain on the agenda to discuss again next month.

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7) <u>Adjournment – Next Meeting Date: Monday July 17, 2023</u>

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There being no further business, Chair Von Plinsky adjourned the meeting at 5:12 PM.

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- 277 Respectfully submitted by,
- 278 Katryna Kibler, Minute Taker
- 279 June 20, 2023
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- 281 Reviewed and edited by,
- 282 Mari Brunner, Senior Planner

Surface Water Protection Conditional Use Permit for Proposed Old Walpole Rd. Subdivision

(TMP# 211-010-000)

NARRATIVE

The Applicant proposes to subdivide an existing, undeveloped 211.4-acre parcel at 0 Old Walpole Road (TMP#: 211-010-000) into a 5.10-acre lot and a 206.3-acre lot. Due to the presence of wetlands and an intermittent stream along or near the existing parcel's frontage on Old Walpole Road, it is not possible to access a buildable area of the lot without impacting wetlands or the associated 75' Surface Water Buffer. A legally non-conforming woods road/driveway, which crosses surface waters, is present on the existing parcel off Old Walpole Road and is used to access agricultural fields. To minimize surface water impacts, the Applicant proposes to access the 5.10-acre lot using a portion of this existing driveway. However, a new driveway will be constructed off this existing driveway to access the interior of the proposed lot. A small portion (2,029 sq. ft.) of the 75' Surface Water Buffer will be impacted by the new section of driveway. In accordance with Section 11.6.1.A.2 of the Land Development Code, a Surface Water Protection Conditional Use Permit (CUP) is required to create a new lot that would require the disturbance or crossing of lands within the Surface Water Protection Overlay District.

The proposed driveway will be approximately 350 linear feet from its origin at Old Walpole Road and will adhere to the City's driveway and street access standards. The maximum grade of the proposed driveway will be 15% and the width will be 10 ft. At the end of the driveway there will be a branch style turnaround. A 12" culvert and level spreader will be installed near the driveway's steepest grade to direct and capture stormwater runoff. The Applicant has submitted a draft access agreement for the portion of driveway that will be shared between the two lots.

Although no development is proposed as part of this subdivision application, the Applicant intends to construct a single-family dwelling on the proposed 5.10-acre lot in the future. No development is proposed on the remaining 206.3-acre lot at this time.

The Applicant has submitted a subdivision application together with this CUP application. This subdivision application provides a narrative describing how the proposed subdivision and driveway meet the City's Subdivision, Site Development, and Driveway/Street Access regulations.

The proposed subdivision complies with the following Surface Water Protection CUP Permit standards in Section 11.6.2 of the City of Keene Land Development Code. Exemptions are requested from the following plan sets / reports as no new development is proposed: landscaping plan, lighting plan, elevations, drainage report, traffic analysis, historic evaluation, screening analysis, and architectural and visual appearance analysis.

11.6.2.A. "The proposed use and/or activity cannot be located in a manner to avoid encroachment into the Surface Water Protection Overlay District."

As noted earlier in this document, surface waters (wetlands and an intermittent stream) and their associated 75' Surface Water Buffer are located along the majority of the existing 211.4-acre parcel's 529.40 feet of road frontage on Old Walpole Road. There are also wetlands and steep slopes on the parcel that limit where a building and driveway could be located on the site. As such, it is not possible to access a building site on the proposed lot without encroaching into the Surface Water Protection Overlay District.

The existing parcel has been used for agricultural purposes for many decades and access to the lot has been from a grandfathered woods road/driveway off Old Walpole Road, which crosses the Surface Water Protection Overlay District.

11.6.2.B. "Encroachment into the buffer area has been minimized to the maximum extent possible, including reasonable modification of the scale or design of the proposed use."

To access the proposed 5.10-acre lot, the Applicant proposes a driveway layout that utilizes a portion of an existing road/driveway and has minimal impact to the 75' Surface Water Buffer. The proposed driveway will impact 2,029 sq. ft. of the outer periphery of the Surface Water Buffer area. No impacts are proposed to surface waters/wetlands.

11.6.2.C. "The nature, design, siting, and scale of the proposed use and the characteristics of the site, including but not limited to topography, soils, vegetation, and habitat, are such that when taken as a whole, will avoid the potential for adverse impacts to the surface water resource."

The proposed 5.10-acre lot will have ample land area to develop a single-family dwelling without impacts to the surface water resources on the site. The Subdivision Plan demonstrates that it is possible to locate a septic system and house on the proposed lot without impacting the Surface Water Protection Overlay District, steep slopes, or other sensitive site features. The Plan shows a well placed in the 75' Surface Water Buffer, which is a permitted use in the Surface Water Protection Overlay District (See Section 11.5.D of the Land Development Code).

The proposed driveway will not exceed a 15% slope. At its steepest section, stormwater runoff will be directed away from the Surface Water Buffer into a level spreader from a 12" culvert. The culvert and level spreader will not be located in the Surface Water Protection Overlay District.

11.6.2.D. "The surface water buffer area shall be left in a natural state to the maximum extent possible. The Planning Board may establish conditions of approval regarding the preservation of the buffer, including the extent to which trees, saplings and ground cover shall be preserved.

1. Dead, diseased, unsafe, fallen or invasive trees, saplings, shrubs, or ground cover may be removed from the surface water buffer area.

2. Tree stumps and their root systems shall be left intact in the ground, unless removal is specifically approved in conjunction with a surface water protection conditional use permit granted by the Planning Board. The stumps and root balls of exotic, invasive species may be removed by hand digging and/or hand cutting.

3. Preservation of dead and living trees that provide dens and nesting places for wildlife is encouraged. Planting of native species of trees, shrubs, or ground cover that are beneficial to wildlife is encouraged.

4. Where there has been disturbance or alteration of the surface water buffer during construction, revegetation with native species may be required by the Planning Board."

The proposed impacts to the 75' Surface Water Buffer will be limited to the 2,029 sq. ft., for a portion of the proposed gravel driveway, which will be 10-feet wide. Some trees may need to be removed for the construction of the driveway and their stumps will be hauled offsite.

11.6.2.E. "The Planning Board may consider the following to determine whether allowing the proposed encroachment will result in an adverse impact on the surface water resource."

1. The size, character, and quality of the surface water and the surface water buffer being encroached upon.

There are two areas of wetlands on the proposed 5.10-acre parcel. One area is in the interior of the parcel and is approximately 11,600 sq. ft. It is a pit and mound landform on a terrace lying between steep upslope and downslope grades. It has been subject to human disturbance from clearing and farming in the past and there is some debris in the wetland.

The other wetland area is along the road frontage of the parcel and is part of a larger wetland complex. The area of wetland on the subject parcel is approximately 9,500 sq. ft. It is at the toe of slope of a hill to the north. It has been subject to human disturbance from clearing and farming in the past and there is some debris in the wetland.

2. The location and connectivity of the surface water in relation to other surface waters in the surrounding watershed.

The wetland area on the interior of the parcel is isolated.

The wetland area along the road frontage is part of a large complex connected by a series of culverts under roads and driveways to the Black Brook watershed.

3. The nature of the ecological and hydrological functions served by the surface water.

The wetland on the interior of the parcel serves to slow sheet flow from up slope and detain water before flowing down slope.

The wetland along the road frontage serves to slow sheet flow from up slope and detain water before out flowing to the next wetland area through a culvert. The wetland has a low gradient, traps sediment, and slows flood water.

4. The nature of the topography, slopes, soils, and vegetation in the surface water buffer.

The wetland on the interior of the parcel is situated on a slight terrace between two slopes. It is primarily vegetated by a tree stratum of Larch, Red Maple and Hemlock and an herb stratum of various wetland ferns. The Surface Water Buffer is located on the slopes up and down hill of the wetland. The vegetation is similar, with fewer ferns and more upland tree species.

The wetland along the road frontage is situated on a relatively level area between an upper slope and Wyman Road. It is primarily vegetated by a tree stratum of Red Maple and Hemlock, similar shrub stratum and an herb stratum of various wetland ferns. The Surface Water Buffer is located on slopes uphill and the road downhill. The vegetation is similar, with fewer ferns and more upland tree species in the buffer area.

5. The role of the surface water buffer in mitigating soil erosion, sediment and nutrient transport, groundwater recharge, flood storage, and flow dispersion.

The Surface Water Buffer appears to feed the wetland, which is on the interior of the parcel, on the uphill side and eventually disperse water on the downhill side.

The Surface Water Buffer appears to feed the wetland along the road frontage on the uphill side and eventually disperse water on the downhill side through the culvert.

6. The extent to which the surface water buffer serves as wildlife habitat or travel corridor.

The wetlands and Surface Water Buffers do not appear to be wildlife corridors or habitat.

7. The rate, timing and volume of stormwater runoff and its potential to influence water quality associated with the affected surface water or any associated downstream surface waters.

As noted earlier, stormwater runoff from the steepest section of driveway will be directed away from the Surface Water Buffer into a level spreader from a 12" culvert. The culvert and level spreader will not be located in the Surface Water Protection Overlay District.

8. The sensitivity of the surface water and the surface water buffer to disruption from changes in the grade or plant and animal habitat in the buffer zone.

As the wetland on the interior of the parcel is small, shallow, and isolated, grading or filling the wetland would eliminate the wetland area; however, no fill or grading of wetlands is proposed. Disturbance to the Surface Water Buffer areas will have little to no impact.

The wetland along the road frontage is small and shallow but is tied to other wetland areas. Grading or filling the wetland would eliminate the wetland area and cause flow to occur in other areas or over the road. However, no fill or grading of wetlands is proposed. Disturbance to the Surface Water Buffer areas will have little to no impact.



City of Keene, NH Surface Water Protection Conditional Use Permit (CUP) Application

If you have questions about how to complete this form, please call: (603) 352-5440 or email: communitydevelopment@keenenh.gov

SECTION 1: PROJECT INFORMATION

Old Walpole Road 2-Lot Subdivision

PROJECT ADDRESS(ES): 0 Old Walpole Road (TMP: 211-010-000)

SECTION 2: CONTACT INFORMATION							
PROPERTY OWNER	APPLICANT						
NAME/COMPANY: Keene Executive Homes, LLC	NAME/COMPANY: Keene Executive Homes, LLC						
MAILING ADDRESS: 7 Corporate Dr., Keene, NH 03431	MAILING ADDRESS: 7 Corporate Dr., Keene, NH 03431						
PHONE: See Agent Info.	PHONE: See Agent Info.						
EMAIL: See Agent Info.	EMAIL: See Agent Info						
SIGNATURE:	SIGNATURE						
PRINTED NAME: Bryan Granger, Duly Authorized	PRINTED NAME: Bryan Granger, Duly Authorized						
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Test Pits for NH State Subdivision Application

prepared for Cardinal Surveying & Land Planning

Land of C & S Wholesale Grocers, Inc

Tax Map 211-010-001 Wyman Road, Keene, NH

November 10, 2022

Russell J. Huntley Huntley Survey & Design, PLLC NHLLS No.877 CWS No.156 Designer No.1274

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Excavation provided by Pat Rawson Construction

659 West Road, Temple, New Hampshire 03084 * (603) 924-1669 Office * (603) 381-3227 Cell * Email: Russ@huntleysurvey.com D:\HSD\Projects\H22-097 Cardinal Wetlands\Test Pit Log.docx **C&S Wholesale Grocers, Inc**

Soil map unit:61B Tunbridge -Lyman Rock outcrop complex, 0 to 8% slopesDrainage Class:Well drained, Group IVPit observed by:Russell Huntley, Huntley Survey & Design, PLLCPits Excavated by:Ryan Hoag, Pat Rawson ConstructionDate Observed:November 10, 2022

RH-1

1"-0" Forest Duff
0"-7" 10YR 3/3; fine sandy loam; friable; granular; many roots
7"-16" 10YR 4/4; fine sandy loam; friable; subangular blocky; 5% stones; many roots
16"-24" 2.5Y 4/3; fine sandy loam; friable; subangular blocky; roots to 20"
24"-42" 2.5Y 4/3; fine sandy loam; firm; subangular blocky 10YR 3/4 few medium distinct redox concentrations at 24"
42"-50"+ 2.5Y 5/3; loamy sand & gravel; firm; subangular blocky; no roots
50" Pit Bottom; no ledge, no free water observed

ESHWT: 24" (redox, no roots) Percolation Rate: 10Min/Inch



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WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Northcentral and Northeast Region

Project/Site: C&S Lot 211-010	City/County: Keene		Sampling Date: November 4, 2022			
Applicant/Owner: C& S wholsalers		State:	NH Sampling Point: DP1			
Investigator(s): R. Huntley - HSD	Section, Township, Rang	ge:				
Landform (hillside, terrace, etc.): Hillside	Local relief (concave, conv	/ex, none): Concave	Slope (%): 0			
Subregion (LRR or MLRA): LRR K Lat:	Long	g:	Datum:			
Soil Map Unit Name: 61B Tunbridge Lyman Rock outcrop Comp	ex	NWI class	ification: none			
Are climatic / hydrologic conditions on the site typical for this time		lo (If no, explair				
		mal Circumstances" p				
Are Vegetation, Soil, or Hydrologysignil		ed, explain any answer				
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Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? Yes X No	is the Sampled Are					
Hydric Soil Present? Yes X No	within a Wetland?		No			
Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes X No	If yes, optional Wetl	and Site ID:				
Remarks: (Explain alternative procedures here or in a separate	report.)					
HYDROLOGY						
Wetland Hydrology Indicators:		Secondary Indi	cators (minimum of two required)			
Primary Indicators (minimum of one is required; check all that a	oply)	Surface Sc	oil Cracks (B6)			
	ained Leaves (B9)	x Drainage F	'attems (B10)			
High Water Table (A2) Aquatic F	ina (B13)Moss Trim Lines (B16)					
Saturation (A3) Marl Dep	osits (B15)	Dry-Seaso	n Water Table (C2)			
Water Marks (B1) Hydrogen	Sulfide Odor (C1)		urrows (C8)			
Sediment Deposits (B2) Oxidized	Rhizospheres on Living Roots		Visible on Aerial Imagery (C9)			
	of Reduced Iron (C4)		Stressed Plants (D1)			
	on Reduction in Tilled Soils (Ce		ic Position (D2)			
	k Surface (C7)		quitard (D3)			
	plain in Remarks)		raphic Relief (D4)			
x_Sparsely Vegetated Concave Surface (B8)		X FAC-Neutr	al lest (D5)			
Field Observations:						
Surface Water Present? Yes No x Depth (i						
Water Table Present? Yes No x Depth (i Saturation Present? Yes No x Depth (i		nd Hydrology Presen	t? Yes X No			
Saturation Present? Yes <u>No x</u> Depth (i (includes capillary fringe)	(crics).	id Hydrology i rocon				
Describe Recorded Data (stream gauge, monitoring well, aerial)	photos, previous inspections),	if available:				
Remarks:						
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VEGETATION – Use scientific names of plants.

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Sampling Point: DP1

Absolute	Dominant	Indicator						
% Cover	Species?	Status	Dominance Test worksheet:					
33	Yes	FACW	Number of Dominant Species					
33	Yes	FAC	That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: 5 (A)					
27	Yes	FACU	Total Number of Dominant					
3	No	FACU	Species Across All Strata: 6 (B)					
4	No	FAC	Percent of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: 83.3% (A/B)					
	·		Prevalence Index worksheet:					
	-Total Cover		Total % Cover of: Multiply by:					
			$\frac{1}{\text{OBL species}} 0 \qquad \frac{1}{\text{x1} = 0}$					
			FACW species $60 \times 2 = 120$					
			FAC species 47 x 3 = 141					
			FACU species 32 x 4 = 128					
			UPL species $0 \times 5 = 0$					
			Column Totals: 139 (A) 389 (B)					
	·		Prevalence Index = $B/A = 2.80$					
	·		Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators:					
	-T-t-l C		1 - Rapid Test for Hydrophytic Vegetation					
			X 2 - Dominance Test is >50%					
40	Vee	FAC	X 3 - Prevalence Index is $\leq 3.0^{1}$					
		-	4 - Morphological Adaptations ¹ (Provide supportin					
			data in Remarks or on a separate sheet)					
			Problematic Hydrophytic Vegetation ¹ (Explain)					
			¹ Indicators of hydric soil and wetland hydrology must be present, unless disturbed or problematic.					
			Definitions of Vegetation Strata:					
			Tree – Woody plants 3 in. (7.6 cm) or more in diameter at breast height (DBH), regardless of height.					
			Sapling/shrub – Woody plants less than 3 in. DBH and greater than or equal to 3.28 ft (1 m) tall.					
39	=Total Cover		Herb – All herbaceous (non-woody) plants, regardless of size, and woody plants less than 3.28 ft tall.					
			Woody vines – All woody vines greater than 3.28 ft in					
			height.					
			Hydrophytic Vegetation					
			Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? Yes X No					
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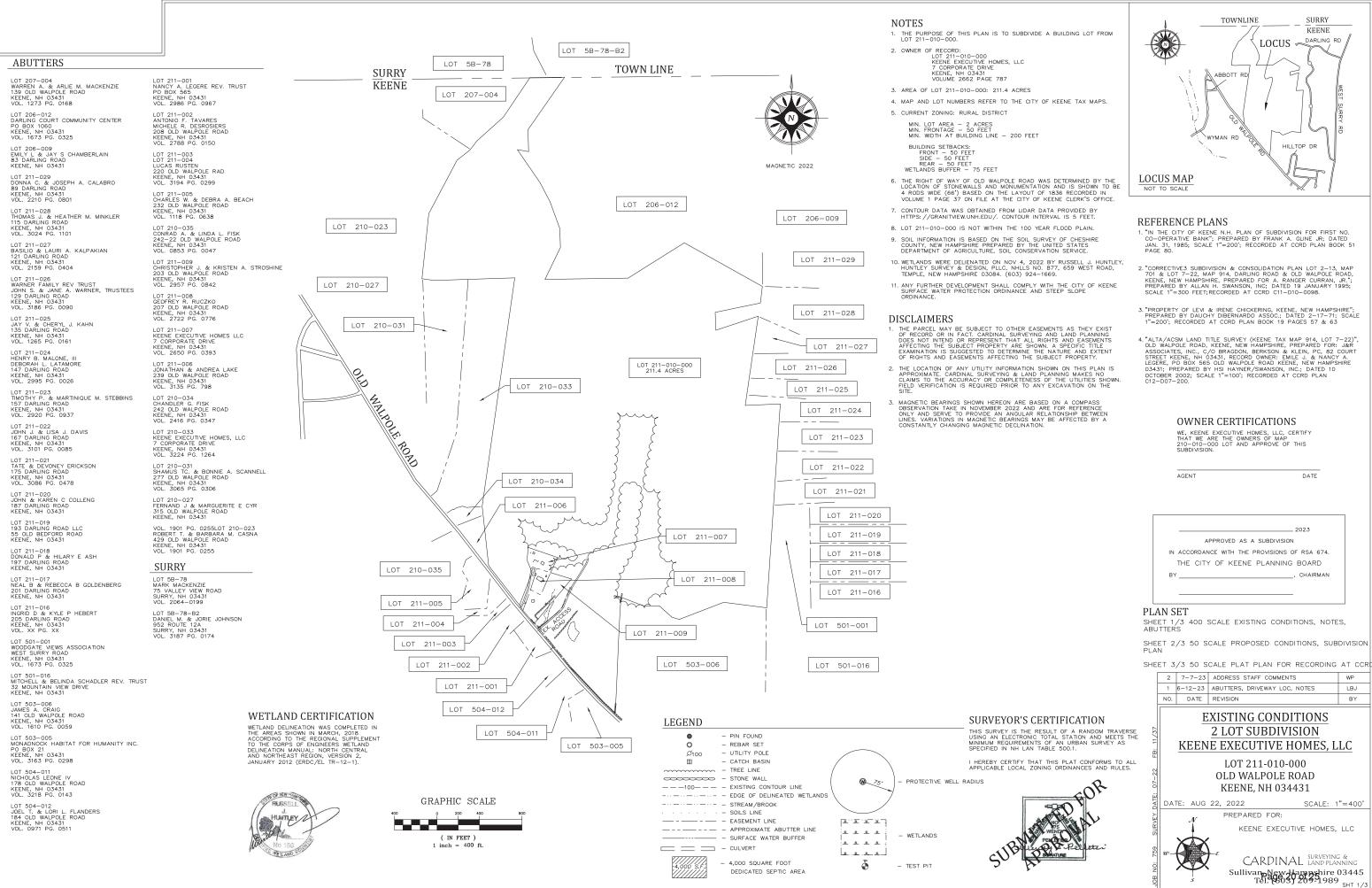
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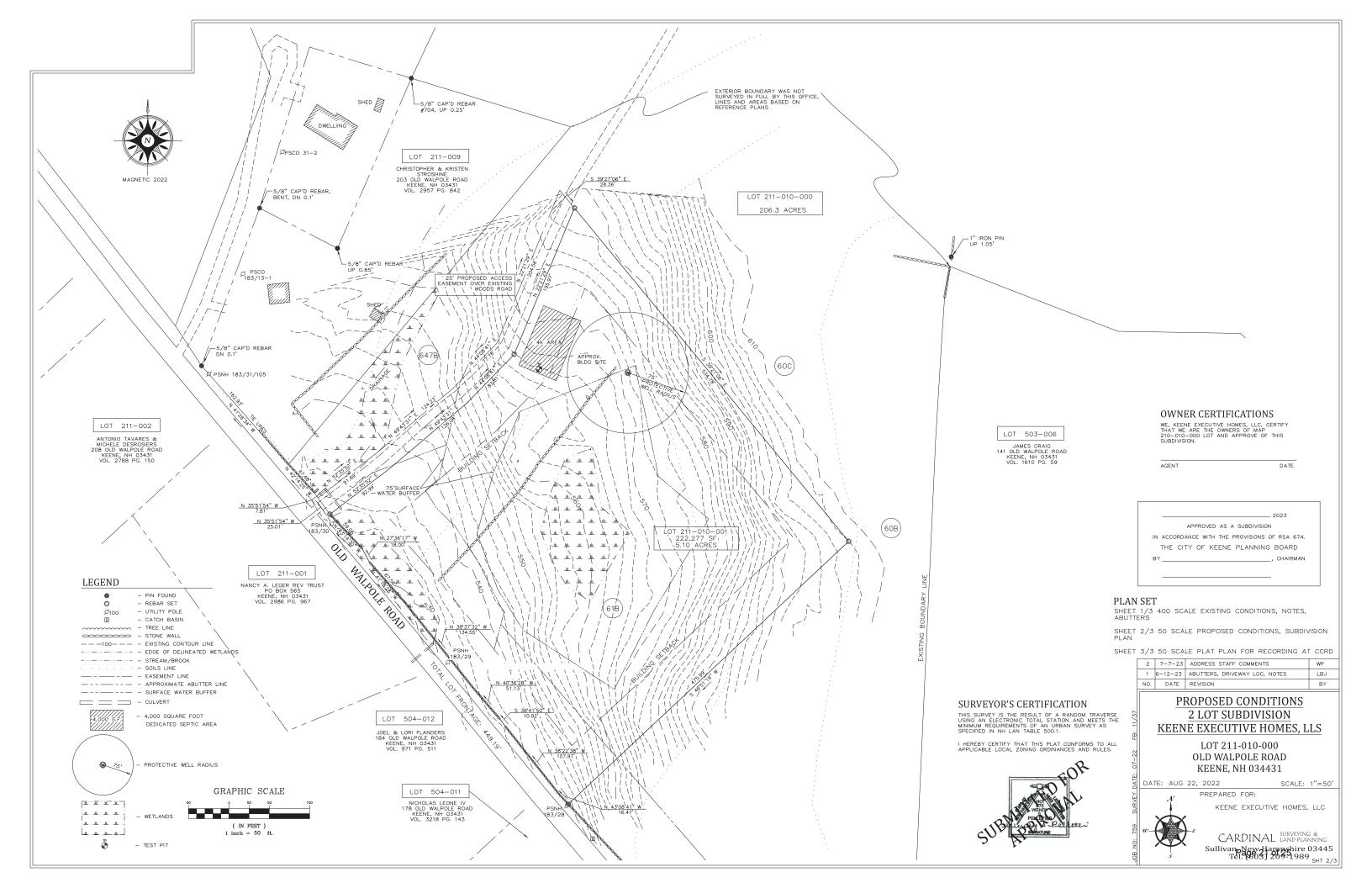
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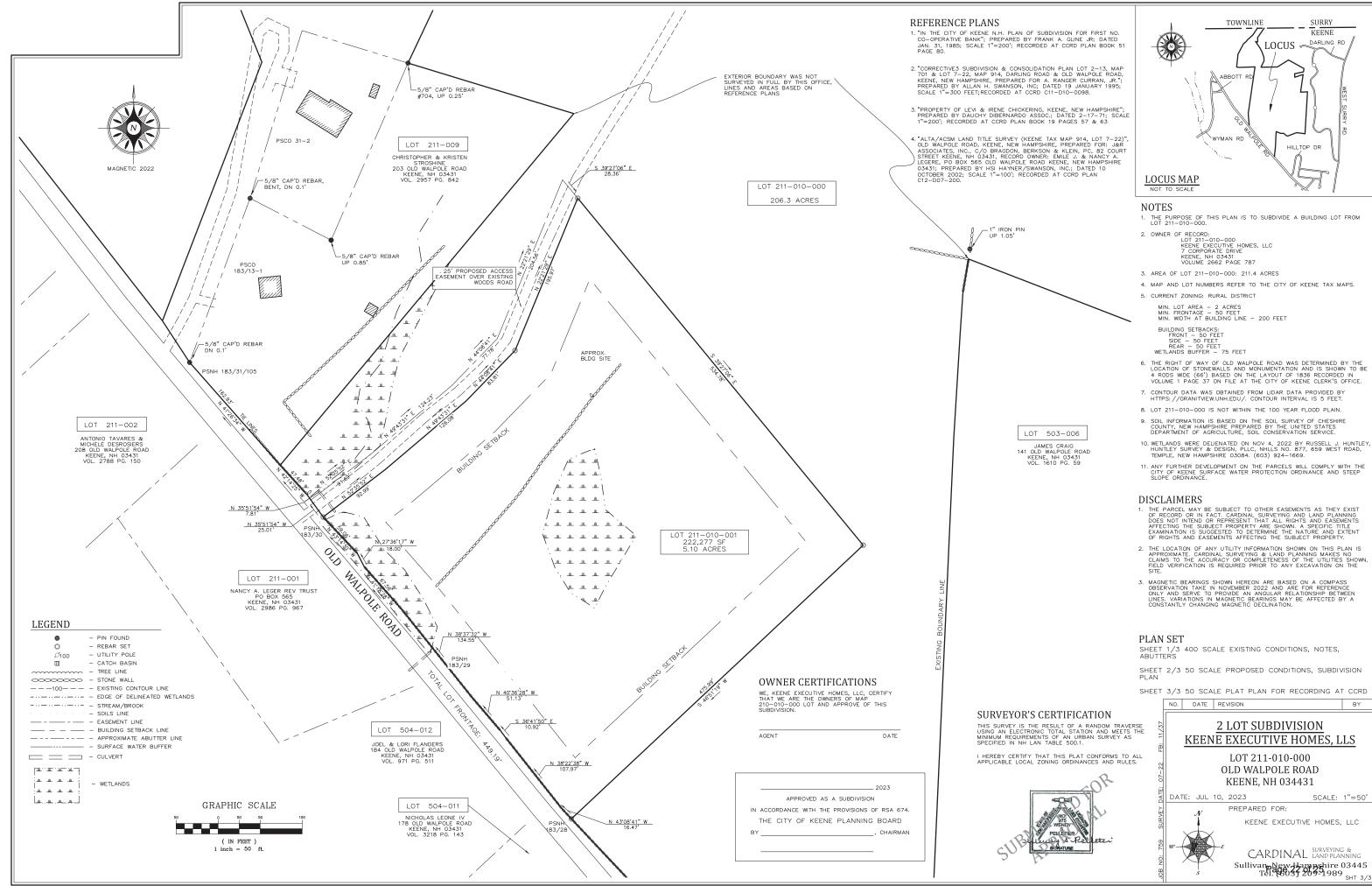
Profile Description: (Describe to the depth needed to document the indicator or confirm the absence of indicators.)										
Depth	Matrix			Feature						
(inches)	Color (moist)	%	Color (moist)	%	Type	Loc ²	Texture		Rema	rks
0-10	10YR 2/1	100					Loamy/Clayey			
10-20	2.5Y 5/2	100	10YR 2/1	2	С	PL	Loamy/Clayey	Promin	nent redox o	concentrations
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¹ Tupe: Ca		letion R		S=Cover	ed or Coa	ted Sand	Grains. ² Lo	cation: PL=	Pore Lining	, M=Matrix.
	bil Indicators:	Journey 1 de					Indicators for	or Problema	atic Hydric	Soils ³ :
	sol (A1)		Polyvalue Below	Surface	(S8) (LR	RR,	2 cm Mu	ıck (A10) (Ll	RR K, L, M	LRA 149B)
	Epipedon (A2)		MLRA 149B)			Coast Prairie Redox (A16) (LRR K, L, R)				
	Histic (A3)		Thin Dark Surface (S9) (LRR R, MLRA 149B)5 cm Mucky Peat or Peat (S3) (LRR K, L, I							(LRR K, L, R)
Hydro	ogen Sulfide (A4)		High Chroma Sands (S11) (LRR K, L) Polyvalue Below Surface (S8) (LRR K, L							
Strati	fied Layers (A5)		Loamy Mucky Mineral (F1) (LRR K, L) Thin Dark Surface (S9) (LRR K, L)							
X Deple	eted Below Dark Surface	æ (A11)	Loamy Gleyed Matrix (F2) Iron-Manganese Masses (F12) (LRR K, L, I X. Depleted Matrix (F3) Piedmont Floodplain Soils (F19) (MLRA 149							
Thick	Dark Surface (A12)		X Depleted Matrix (
· ·	y Mucky Mineral (S1)		Redox Dark Surf				Contraction in the local data and the local data an			IA, 145, 149B)
	y Gleyed Matrix (S4)		Depleted Dark Si	-7)			Red Parent Material (F21) Very Shallow Dark Surface (TF12)			
· · ·	y Redox (S5)		Redox Depressions (F8) Marl (F10) (LRR K, L)				Other (Explain in Remarks)			
· · ·	ed Matrix (S6)		Man (P tu) (LKK					manoj		
	Surface (S7)									
³ Indicators	s of hydrophytic vegeta	tion and v	vetland hydrology mus	st be ore	sent. unle	ess distur	bed or problematic			
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Туре:	,,									
Depth (i	inches);						Hydric Soil Pr	esent?	Yes X	No
Remarks:	form is revised from N	orthcentra	I and Northeast Regio	nal Sup	plement \	/ersion 2.	0 to reflect the NR	CS Field Ind	dicators of H	-lydric Soils
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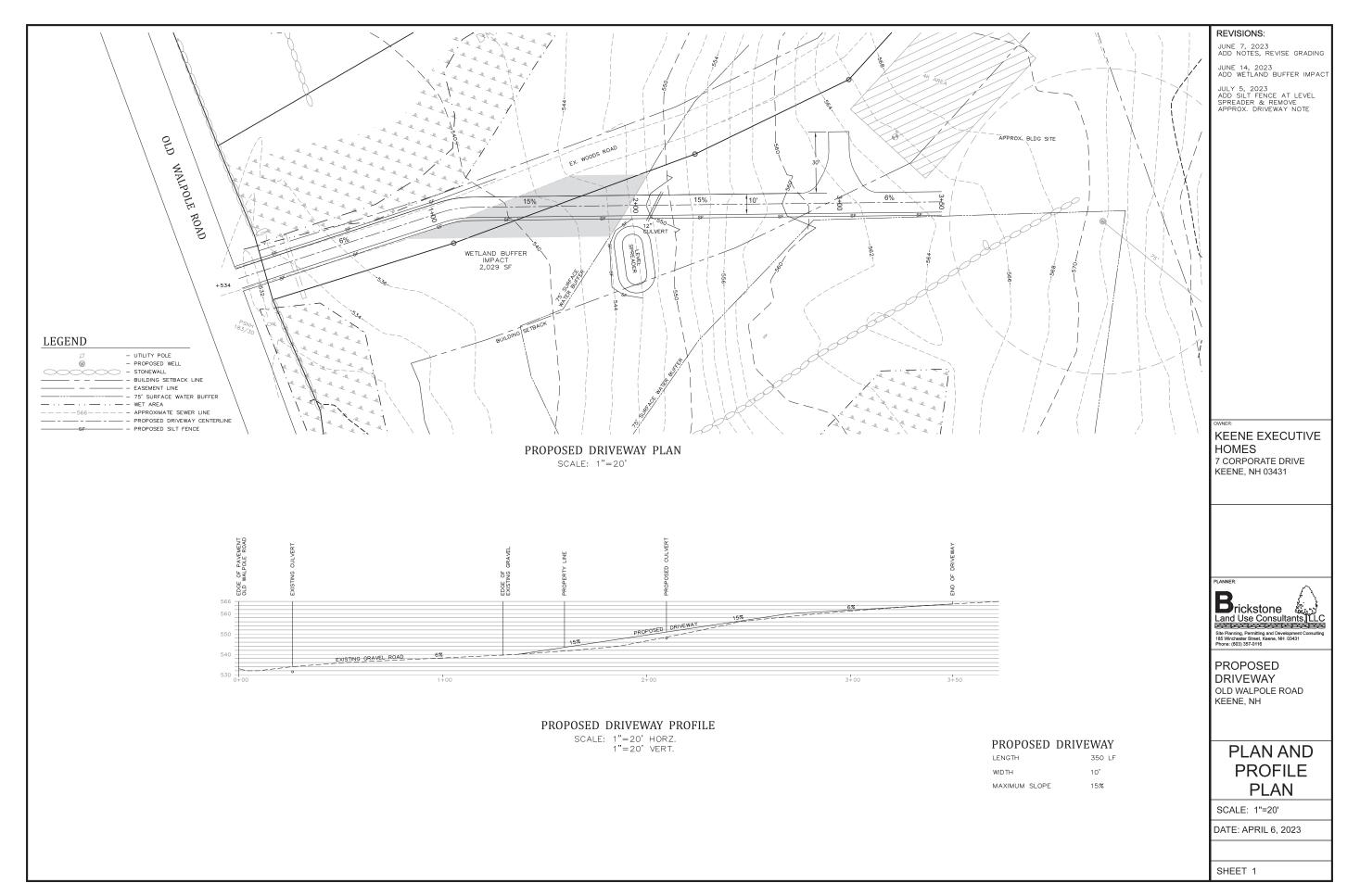
Tree	Data								_	
White Pine		Pine	Larc	า	Hemlo	ck	Red Ma	aple	Gum	
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			12	37.70	6	18.85	3	9.42		
			10	31.42	6	18.85	7	21.99		
			8	25.13	6	18.85	8	25.13		
			7	21.99	4	12.57	11	34.56		
			8	25.13	8	25.13	4	12.57		
			7	21.99	4	12.57	4	12.57		
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							8	25.13		
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		3%		33%		27%		33%		4%
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				50%	289					
				20%	116					

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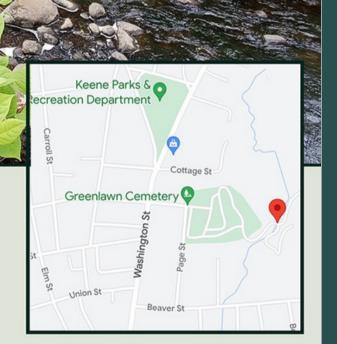
Invasive Species Removal Workday





July 17 / 6:30 - 8pm / Woodland Cemetery

Join the effort to remove Japanese Knotweed from vulnerable stream-side habitat!



Age 14+ welcome - no experience necessary. Work / gardening gloves recommended.

Questions?

Councilor Bobby Williams rwilliams@keenenh.gov / (603) 338-7733 Washington Lempster Marlow Gilsum Sullivan Surry Keene Swanzey Winchester Hinsdale

June 26, 2023

Keene Conservation Commission 3 Washington Street Keene, NH 03431

Dear Conservation Commissioners:

Thank for your generous \$150.00 contribution in support of the Ashuelot River Local Advisory Committee's annual water quality monitoring program.

It is your support, along with the help of dedicated volunteers, which enables us to complete a regular assessment of the Ashuelot River including E. coli. The additional \$25.00 will assist us in purchasing much needed equipment.

Thank you for your ongoing support!

Sincerely,

Barbara Skuly

Barbara Skuly, Chairman / Ashuelot River LAC