Agenda Tolland Inland Wetlands Commission Council Chambers, 6th level, 21 Tolland Green, Tolland, CT 06084 Thursday, April 20, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Seating of Alternate(s)
- 3. Public Participation Issues of concern not on the Agenda (2 minute limit)
- 4. Additions/Changes to Agenda
- 5. New Business
 - 5.1 Notification of Timber Harvest 123 Cook Road Applicant: Brad Cordtsen.
 - 5.2 Notification of Timber Harvest 663 Crystal Lake Road Applicant: Brad Cordtsen.

5.3 IWC 23-1 - Jurisdictional Review- One Lot Resubdivision: 94 Goose Lane.

- 6. Old Business
 - 6.1 Show Cause Hearing to consider a Cease & Correct Order issued to the property owner of 12 Goose Lane (MBL 28/C/007) for the deposition of material/filling activities within the wetland and upland review area without a permit. *Continued from February 16, 2023.*
- 7. Wetlands Agent Report
- 8. Other Business
- 9. Correspondence
- 10. Approval of Minutes March 16, 2023 Regular Meeting
- 11. Adjournment

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> Any party needing an accommodation contact the Planning & Development Department at (860) 871-3601 or via email @mdamato@tolland.org The Town of Tolland is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer.

NOTIFICATION OF TIMBER HARVEST						
Town: <u>Tolland</u> Property Location: <u>123</u> COOK Rd, List all parcels:						
Assessor's Info:	Мар	Block	Lot	OR:	Unique ID	
X						
Total acreage of property(s): 60 Total acreage of harvest area: 55						
Landowner(s) of Record: $(c_1/cb_BG/h/ec_$						

Note: Timber harvesting is a *Permitted as of Right Activity* pursuant to the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Act, except for those practices regulated under Section 22a-36 through 22a-45 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

Is there a current forest management/stewardship plan for this property?
Yes XNo

Chis timber harvest has	s been prepared by a State of Connecticut certified:
	(Check one): 🗆 Forester OR XSupervising Forest Products Harvester
orest Practitioner Certif	ficate #: <u>SFPH 000157</u>
Vame: Brad a	Condition Somers Rd. Ellington Ct 06029
Address: 257	Somers Rd. Ellinstan Ct 06029
E-mail:	
Phone #: (Business)	(Cell) 860-559-7768

Property Boundaries:

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<u>Timber Harvest Boundaries:</u>

Bounds are marked: XYes □No

Have been marked or flagged: \Box Yes XNo

Have owners of all lands within 100 feet of the harvest area been notified via first-class mail prior to filing this "*Notification of Timber Harvest*"? \Box Yes No Estimated starting date of timber harvesting operations: <u>6/1/2023</u>

<u>Description of Timber Harvest:</u> Objective: <u>Sef e c ナ バ</u> ピ	cut		
Treatment:	·		
Amount of forest products to be harvested: <u>49</u> 000 Board feet <u>45</u>	_Cords	Cubic feet	Tons
How have the trees to be harvested been designed. They have been marked with paint at eye leve X . They have not been marked		und level. Paint color(s):	

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SOIL, WATER AND INLAND WETLANDS RESOURCES

Actions Being Performed On This Land

(Check all that apply and locate on attached Timber Harvest Area map -- see information below on maps.)

Crossings / Clearing	Erosion and Sedimentation Control Measures:	
く Temporary stream/drainage crossing 「 Temporary wetlands crossing □ Removal of trees in wetlands スRemoval of trees in upland review area	☐Installation of water bars ☐Grading ☐Seeding ☐Other (describe below)	
Log landing area: Xanti-tracking pad Ģcurb cut	Roads Are new roads, other than skid trails, to be constructed for transport of logs or other activities associated with this harvest? Yes ANo	

Describe in further detail as necessary: <u>Pole or Matis Bailye well be Used to CROSS Statean OR</u> Store Bridge

The following maps are attached to this "Notification" (Check all that apply)

Copy of USGS topographic map with property outlined

Copy of Assessor's map with property outlined

X Timber Harvest Area map showing outline of harvest area, main skid road locations, log landing area, truck access roads, inland wetlands, watercourses and any crossings

The undersigned hereby swear that the information contained in this application is true, accurate and complete to the best of my (our) knowledge and belief and that the timber harvest will be conducted in accordance with the specifications outlined in this "Notification of Timber Harvest?" 1 Λ

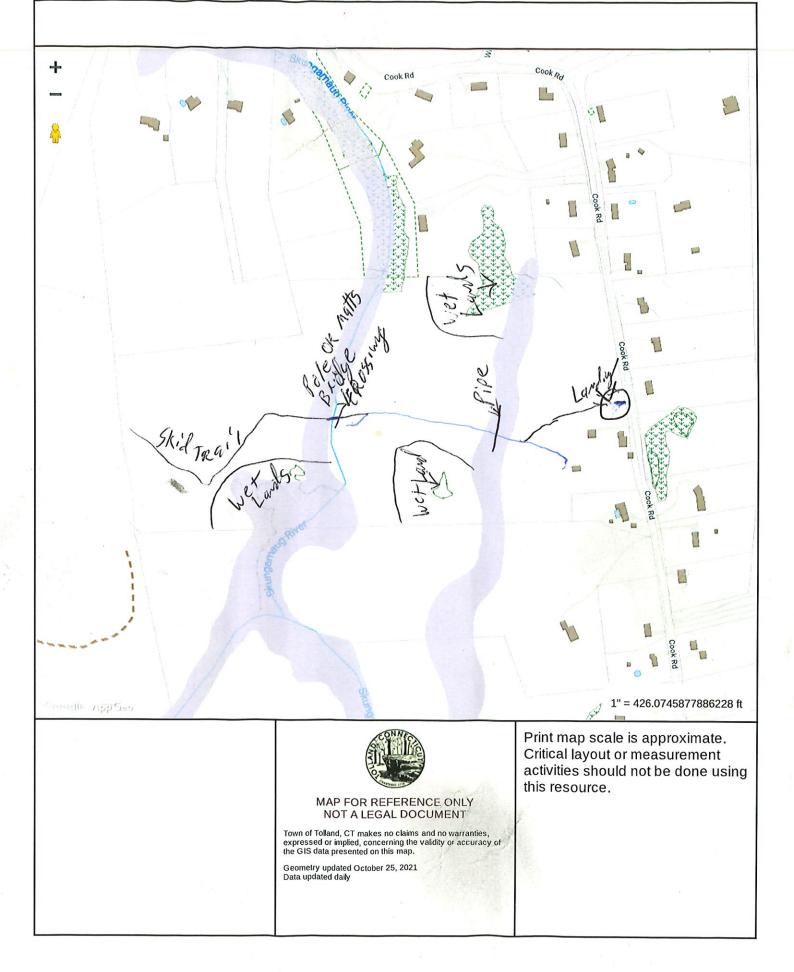
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Print/Type Name: Caleb Baller	
Signature of Landowner(s):	Date:
Print/Type Name:	
Signature of Certified Forest Practitioner: Brand Cordteen	Date: <u>3-18-2023</u>
Print Name: BRack Coroltsev	
Certificate #: <u>SFPH 000157</u> Exp	viration Date: <u>10 / 1 / 20</u> 24

Complete and Submit to:

- The Municipal Inland Wetlands Agency/ies in which the property is located, and

- A courtesy copy of this Notification Form should also be sent to The Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Forestry 79 Elm Street, Hartford, CT, Tel: (860) 424-3630

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Assessor's Info:	Map	Block	Lot	OR:	Unique ID
Total acreage of property(s): <u>(13</u> Total acreage of harvest area: <u>25</u>					
Landowner(s) of Record: Alice Klee Geci Primary Contact: BRad Cordtsen					
Mailing Address:643CRN5falaluEdTown:Town:Town:Elling Address:257SomersRATown:Town:Elling Address:CFZip06029					
Phone $(860 875 - 9/177)$ Phone $(860) 559 - 7768$					
E-mail:				E-mail	: CCARSKY AF YMail:

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Address: 257 Scare E-mail:	RS Rd Ellington It	
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Description of Timber Harvest:			
Objective: <u>Selective</u>		CUT	

X They have not been marked

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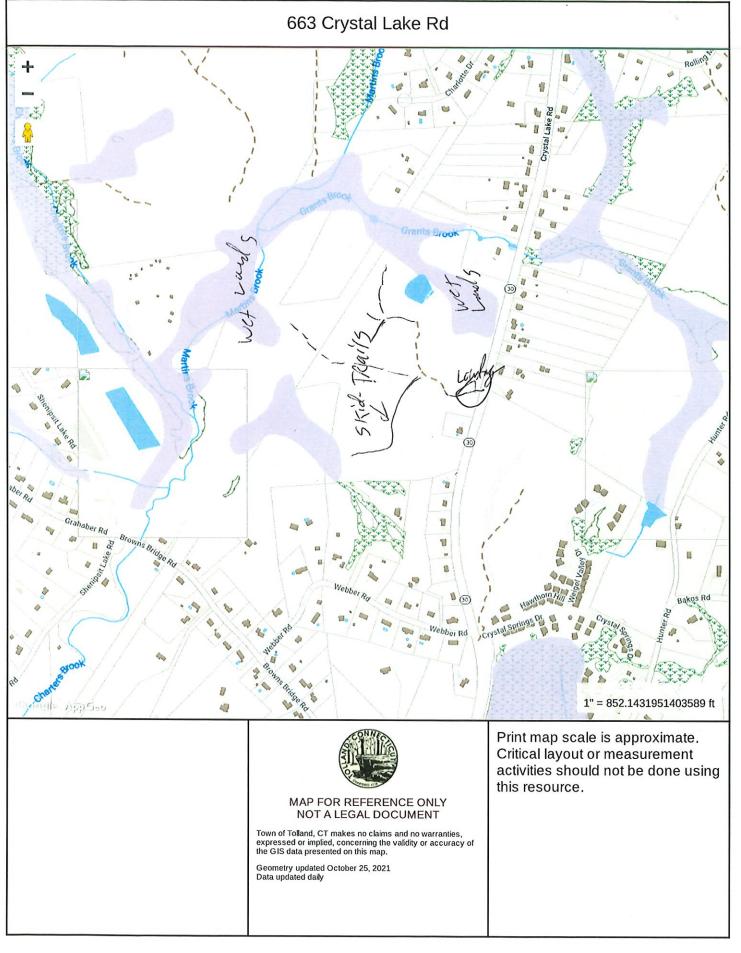
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Town of Tolland Inland Wetlands Commission

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

C	OFFICE USE ONL	Y
Agent Decision	\$	
Commission Approval	\$	
Other	\$	

An incomplete application may be denied.

1. Applicant & Owner Information

94 Goose Lane	
Site Address of Proposed Activity	
Dwre Construction LLC	443 Main Street Manchester, CT 06040
Applicant Name	Mailing Address
860-869-2842	scott@davidwesleyrealestate.com
Phone Number	Email Address
Property Owner(s) Name (if not the applicant)	Mailing Address
Phone	Email Address
Applicant's Interest in the Land (if other than ow	iner)
Is this property part of an approved subdivision?	No Yes If YES , please state the name:
2. Proposed Activity Information * T	hese questions are mandatory
Check all activities occurring within 50 feet	of wetlands or 100-feet of watercourses.
Remove soil Deposit fill	Divert surface water
Construction Grade	Construct a road or driveway
Remove Vegetation Restore Vegeta	ation Place a prefabricated structure
Alter a watercourse Enhance a water	ercourse Create a watercourse
Remedy pollution Dredging or co	nstruct a dam 🖌 Other
* Describe the proposed activity. (use additional No activity within wetlands or upland revie	al paper if necessary) w area. A referral from the IWC to the PZC is
are on the property	
* What is the proposed use? (use additional par	per if necessary)

Create one new residential building lot

3. Wetland and Upland Review Area Information * These questions are mandatory

* What is the total **area** of the wetlands on the parcel? (see directions on page 7) Approximately 5.5 acres

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How often are the wetlands wet?			
All year Springtime only Sometimes I don't know			
A watercourse is defined as: Rivers, streams, brooks, waterways, lakes, ponds, marshes, swamps, bogs, and all other bodies water, natural or artificial, vernal or intermittent, public or private.	of		
An upland review area is defined as: An area extending a minimum of 50-feet from the edge of wetlands and/or 100-feet from any watercourse (refer to regulations when doubling of an upland review area is required).			
* Square feet of disturbance in wetland, watercourse, or upland review area. (list areas separatione	itely)		
An intermittent watercourse is defined as: A permanent channel and bank and the occurrence of two (2) or more of the following characteristics: scour, deposits of organic material, presence of standing water for a duration le	onge		
 than a particular storm event, or hydrophytic vegetation. * Does the wetland have a watercourse through it? No Yes If YES, how often is the watercourse present? 			
All year Springtime only Sometimes I don't know			
Is there a pond, lake, or river on the property? (check all that apply)			
What is the total area of disturbance of an open water body?square fee	et		
What is the linear feet of disturbance of a watercourse?feet			
las the property been delineated by a Certified Soil Scientist? 🗌 No 🖌 Yes			
If YES, what year did the delineation occur? A portion was delineated in January			

What is wetland delineation?

Delineation is an act of locating the boundary or border of a wetland or waterbody. Delineation also includes describing the functions and values the water system provides the geographical location. In the state of Connecticut only a certified Soil Scientist is recognized as being able to perform a wetland or watercourse delineation.

4. Alternatives

* Please explain to the Commission the reason you chose this location for your proposed activity or project. What alternatives have been considered to avoid altering wetlands or watercourses? (use additional paper if necessary)

* This question is mandatory

No disturbance in wetlands or upland review area.

5. Abutters

Providing abutters only applies if the application requires a public hearing. Tolland's Planning & Development Department will supply the applicant with the names and addresses of adjacent property owners. There is a public hearing fee of \$300.

6. Site Plan Maps * Application Requirement

See page 7 below.

7. Additional Information

Supply any other information that would help in the understanding of the proposed activity.

Please see the attached subdivision plan.

8. A Complete Application Consists Of

- 1. This permit application fully filled out.
- 2. Site Plan Maps as described on page 7.
- 3. Signatures & Seals of licensed or certified professionals.
- 4. Filing fee
- 5. One (1) electronic copy of the application.
- 6. Nine (9) hard copies of the application.

Site Plan Maps *Application Requirement

Hand drawn or engineered plans?:

Depending on the proposed scope of work, hand drawn maps & plans may be acceptable **OR** professional survey/engineering drawings may be required. The IWWC or its duly authorized agent may waive any portion of these requirements.

Typical required site plan elements:

- A North Arrow
- A Legend
- In the lower right hand corner showing the following information (Title Block):
 - Name of Project and Address
 - □ Name of Applicant/Owner/Developer
 - Map Scale
 - Name or initials of who prepared the plan (if not the applicant)
 - Date prepared (or revision dates)

MAP 1: General Location Map (1 copy) – Refer to Page 7

- Use Tolland's GIS mapping system currently found on the Town's website, or on the Planning & Development webpage, <u>click here</u>.
- Turn on the themes and choose BOTH: "Wetlands Delineated" and "Wetlands Soils."
- Add Topography For online mapping choose BOTH "Topography" and "Topography 2016".
- Click on the property of interest
- □ Scale the map to 1″ = 200 feet Refer to Page 7
- Print out the document or save electronically as a PDF

MAP 2: Existing Conditions (1 electronic / 9 hardcopies)

- **Scale:** Up to 1'' = 100 feet (if conditions do not fit on a 24"x36" sheet scale can be reduced to 1''=200')
- Use either Tolland's GIS mapping system or an existing A2 Survey from your building file. Ask us.
- Follow steps 1-4 from above For online mapping.
- **D** Topography
- Existing property lines for entire property
- Locate all regulated areas on property: wetlands, watercourses, upland review areas 50' or 100'
- Locate the existing well & septic locations (properties with public utilities mark the general location)
- Locate significant exiting features or structures, buildings, roads, driveways, stonewalls, easements, ledges, stone outcrops, etc.
- □ Total acreage of the property
- Wetland delineation may be required if a delineation occurred prior to 1990. Call us.

Mapping: On-line GIS

MAP 3: Proposed Site Plan (1 electronic / 9 hardcopies)

- □ Scale: Any scale between 20 scale 50 scale is acceptable (e.g. 1"=20 ft., 30 ft., 40 ft., 50 ft.)
- □ All items from Map 2 above
- Limits of disturbance (the boundary line where the proposed activity will occur including layout areas)
- Property setbacks
- Distance (linear feet) of proposed activity from property setbacks
- Area (square footage) of proposed activity within a regulated area (wetland, upland review area) if any
- Proposed buildings, structures, septic systems, roads (including logging roads), etc.
- Distance (linear feet) from proposed activity to closest regulated area
- Label edges and general areas of existing and proposed vegetation (forest, field, lawn, clearings)
- Temporary storage piles (e.g. fill, topsoil, organic soil)
- Erosion and sedimentation measures, and/or other measures planned to protect wetlands,
 watercourses from harmful discharges during or after the proposed activity. * This question is mandatory
- □ Signature and Seal of Surveyor, Landscape Architect or Professional Engineer * This is mandatory
- □ If wetlands have been delineated by a certified Soil Scientist the Signature and Certification Number must be on the plans * This is mandatory

Additional Site Plan Requirements for Projects deemed a "Significant Activity"

- □ A Public Hearing Fee of \$300 may be required
- An Engineer or Expert review fee may be required lack of payment are grounds for denial without prejudice for an incomplete application. Call us.
- Hydraulic modifications to wetlands or watercoureses (if any)
- Soil Scientist report including the observations of existing ecological communities, soil types

Signature and Authorization

I, as the applicant, do hereby certify that I am familiar with all the information provided in the application and I am aware, that an incomplete application form, as well as a lack of payment of all associated permit fees, are grounds for denial without prejudice by either the Commission or their designated agents.

I am aware of the penalties for obtaining a permit through deception or through inaccurate or misleading information.

I, as the owner, do hereby authorize the members and designated agents of the Inland Wetlands Commission and professionals hired by the Commission for the purpose of reviewing this application to inspect the property from this date forward until the permitted activity is completed or the application is denied.

I, as the applicant, do understand that an engineer review fee may be required and a lack of payment are grounds for denial without prejudice by either the Commission or their designated agents.

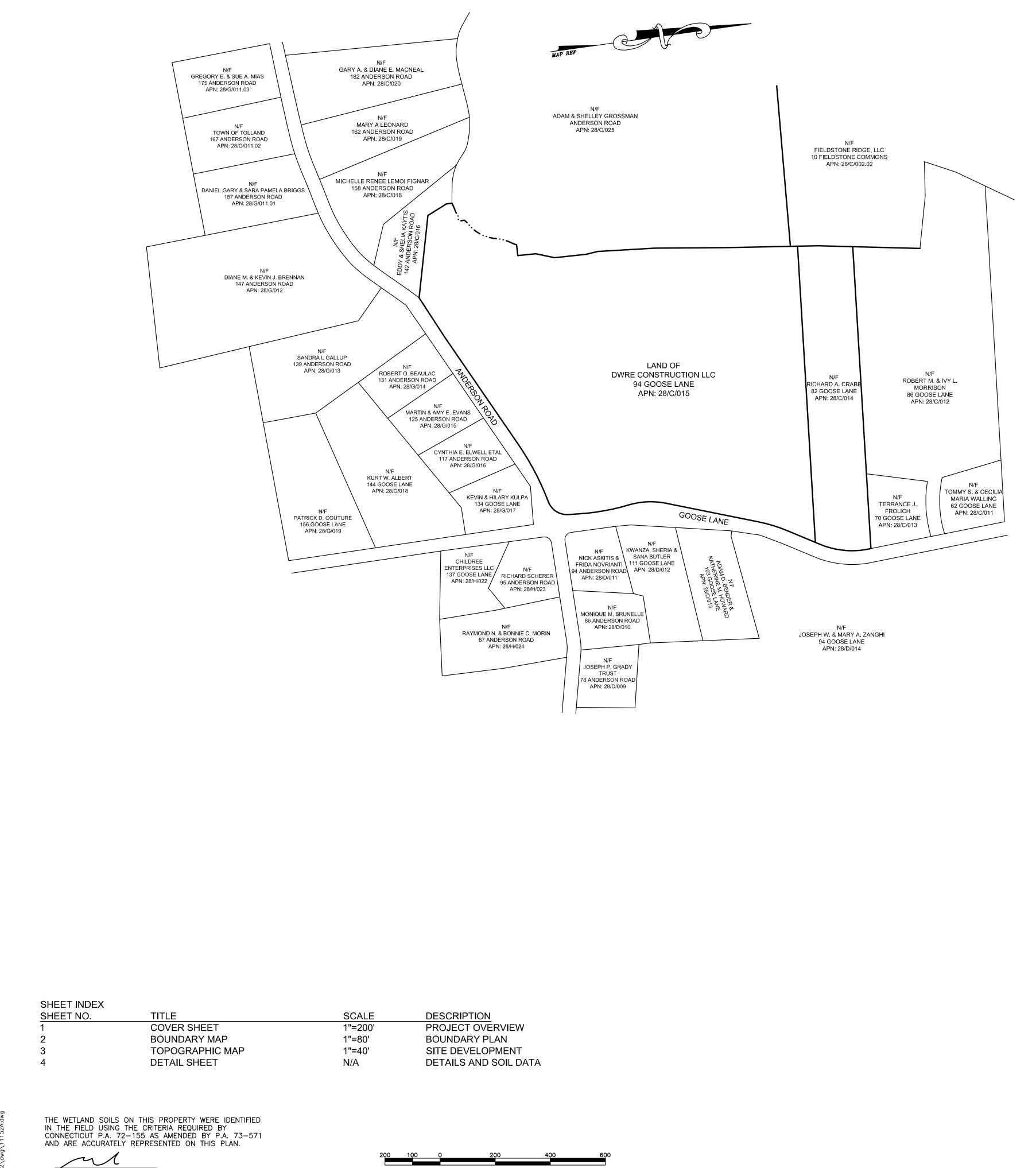
I further understand that the Commission may request further information in connection with this application and that if the proposed activity involves a significant activity, an additional filing fee of \$300 be required for a public hearing.

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Signature of Owner (if different)

Date

For Office	Use
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Amount:	
Paid:	
Agent Issued or Commission Issued:	
Date received by Land Use Department:	
Date received by Commission:	



RICHARD ZULICK C.S.S.

GRAPHIC SCALE 1"=200'

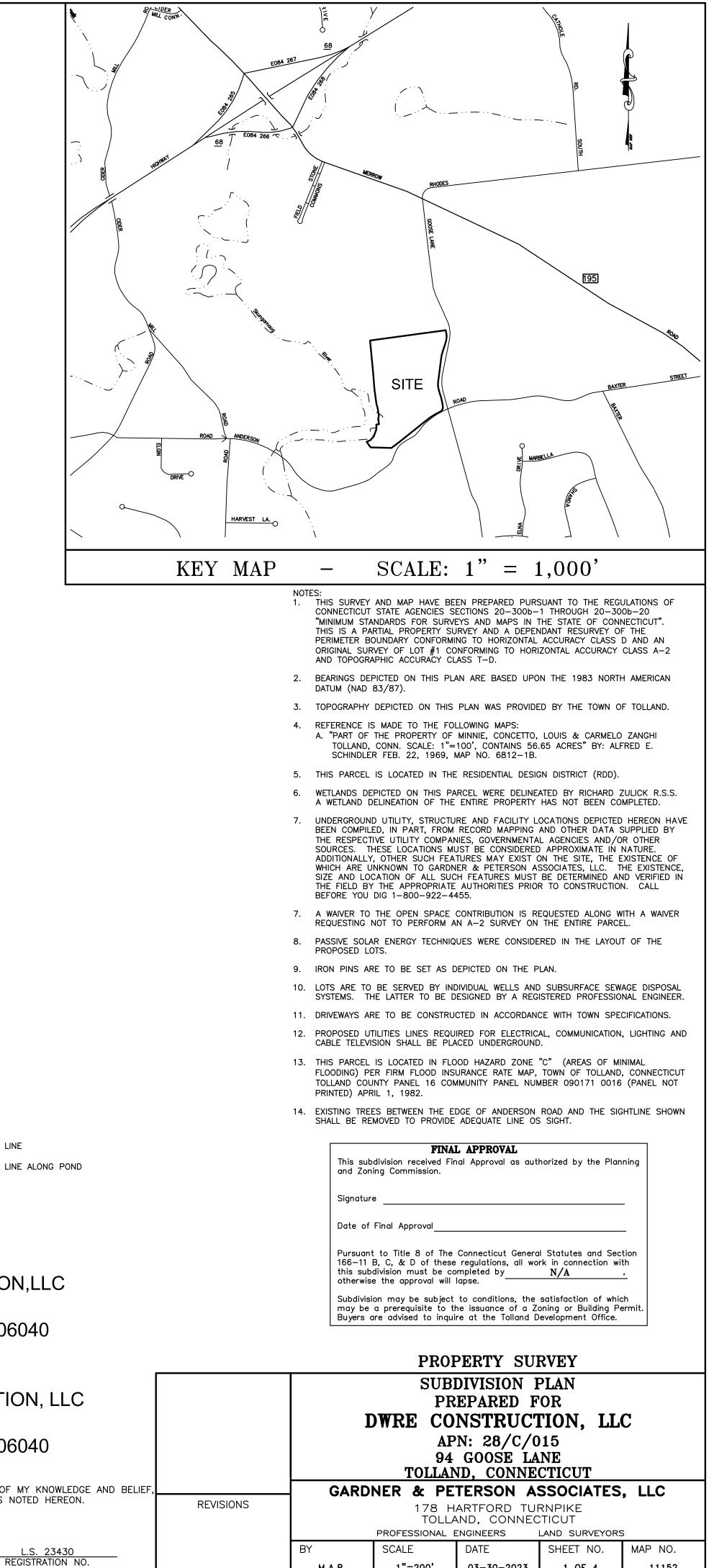
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OWNER DWRE CONSTUCTION, LLC 443 MAIN STREET MANCHESTER, CT 06040

APPLICANT DWRE CONSTRUCTION, LLC 443 MAIN STREET MANCHESTER, CT 06040

I HEREBY DECLARE THAT, TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF THIS MAP IS SUBSTANTIALLY CORRECT AS NOTED HEREON.

. I oter ERIC R. PETERSON



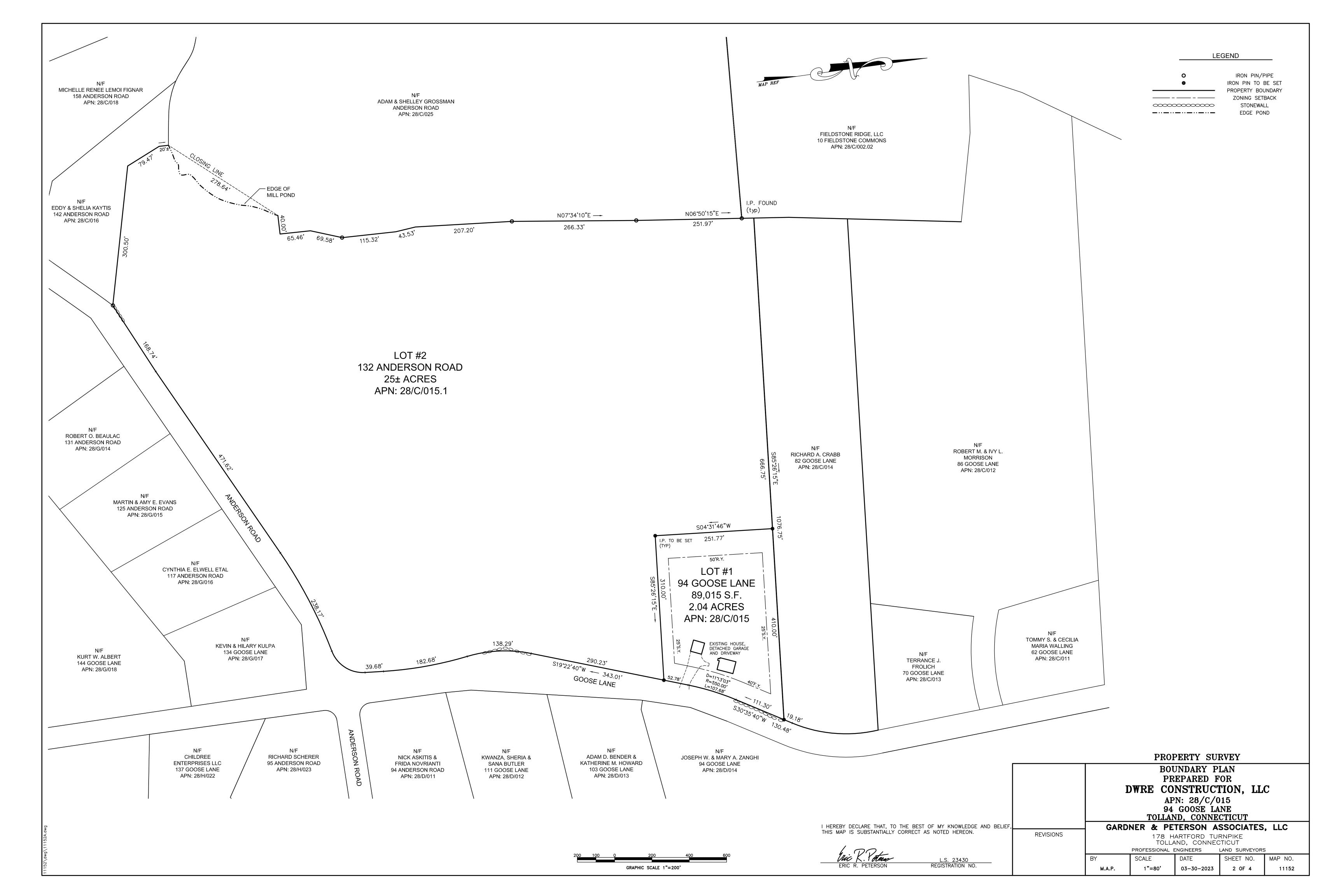
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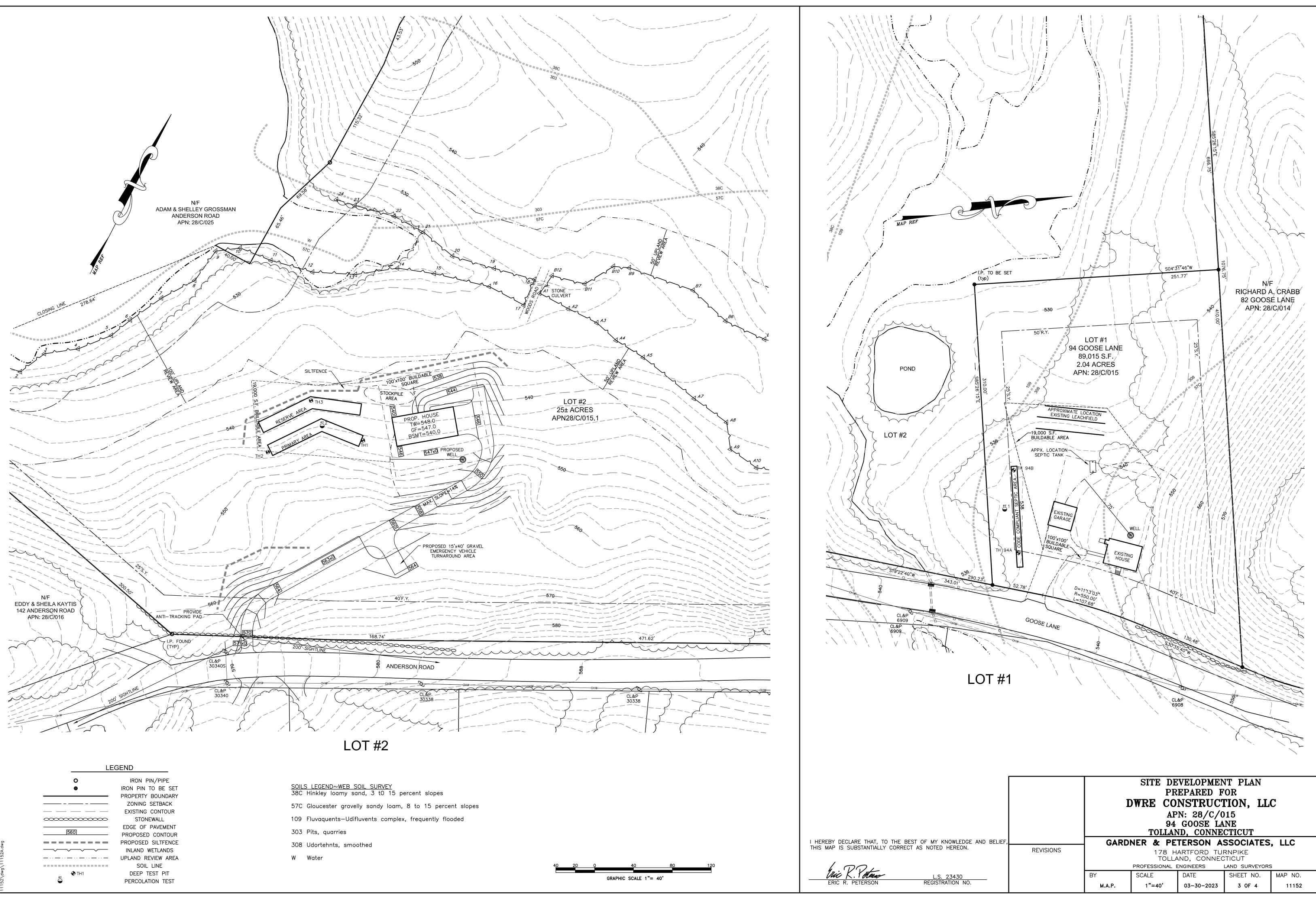
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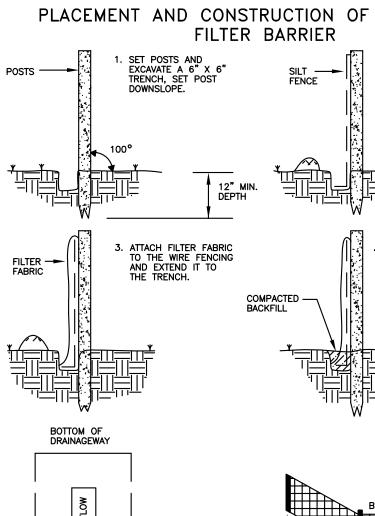
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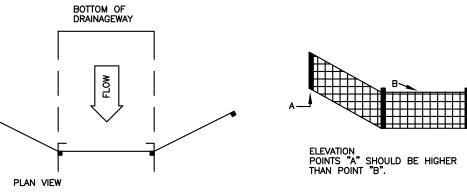
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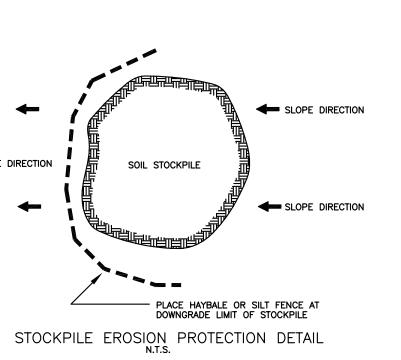
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Tolland Inland Wetlands Commission

January 11, 2023 Cease and Correct Order

12 Goose Lane

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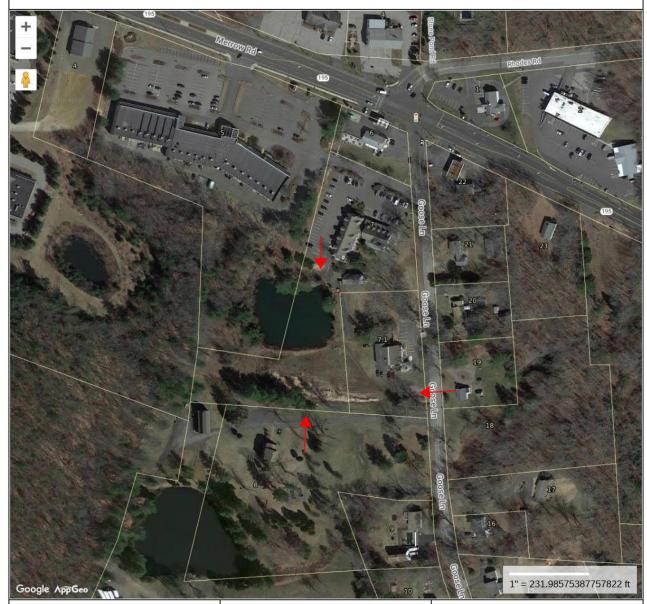


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TOWN of TOLLAND Planning & Development Department 21 Tolland Green, Tolland, Connecticut 06084

Informal Warning

Certified Mail # 7014 2870 0001 5820 6894

February 2, 2022

SIMUL LLC Julius Gorog, Agent 149 Holly Hill Lane Greenwich, CT 06830

RE: Regulated Activities in Proximity to Wetlands

To Whom It May Concern,

It has come to the attention of this office that recently, property owned by you at 12 and 24 Goose Lane in Tolland, CT may have had activities occur which are regulated by the Tolland Inland Wetland & Watercourses Commission. As you are aware from previous communications from this office, any clearing, filling, grading, dumping or other activity in or within one-hundred (100) feet of a wetland or watercourse constitutes a regulated activity per the Tolland Inland Wetland and Watercourses Regulations Section 2.1 and must be obtain approval prior to such activity takes place.

Based on a field inspection, a review of available information and publicly available aerial photography it appears that areas to the East and South of the pond have been recently graded, filled or otherwise altered. The purpose of this communication is to inform you of the regulated areas on your properties and that all of these activities require approval.

While this is not a formal Notice of Violation, any new or continued activity in this area or, if additional field inspections determine that the extent of activity is more significant than original observed, the Town may take additional enforcement actions including but not limited to a Cease & Correct Order or the institution of fines as provided by the CT General Statutes and Tolland Ordinance #58. If you feel there may be a violation on these properties you are encouraged to reach out to our office immediately to develop a plan to bring the properties into compliance.

YOU ARE ADVISED: No activity should occur within 100ft of any regulated area, including the pond without prior approval from the Tolland Inland Wetlands Commission.

YOU ARE FURTHER ADVISED: This Notice has been issued to you under the Authority provided by the Connecticut General Statutes Section 22a-36 through 22a-45 and the Tolland Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Regulations.

Please contact me at your earliest convenience. Your prompt attention to this matter is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Michael D'Amato, AICP, CZEO Wetland Agent <u>mdamato@tolland.org</u> 860-871-3601

Historic Aerial Photos









TOWN of TOLLAND/ 21 Tolland Green, Tolland Connecticut 06084

Department of Planning & Development 860-871-3601

Via Certified Mail #70142870000158206177

SIMUL LLC c/o Julius Gorog (Agent) 148 Holly Hill Road Greenwich, CT 06830

Cease and Correct Order

Subject: 12 Goose Lane – Filling and Grading within Wetland and Upland Review Area

Dear Mr. Gorog,

On December 21, 2022, our office observed an unpermitted filling activity which has been and continues to be conducted on your property at 12 Goose Lane (28/C/007).Fill material, predominantly comprised of wood chips have been dumped and spread within the regulated wetland area. These activities have occurred without a permit and constitute a violation of Tolland Inland Wetland Regulations Section 6.1, which requires a permit to be obtained prior to any regulated activity from occurring. The requirement that such activities were subject to review by the Tolland Inland Wetlands Commission was further indicated to you in a letter dated 02/02/2022 which was delivered to you on 02/07/2022.

This Order has been issued in accordance with CT General Statutes Section 22a-44 and Section 14.4A of the Tolland Inland Wetland and Watercourses Regulations. You are hereby ordered to cease any further dumping, filling, grading or other site disturbing activities on your property. You are further ordered to take corrective actions by removing all non-native fill material located in a wetland or within the upland review area and to provide a Corrective Action Plan detailing all required corrective activities within 30 days of your receipt of this notice. In accordance with Section 14.4, the Inland Wetlands Commission will conduct a Show Cause Hearing on Thursday, January 19th at 7:00pm (see attached agenda) to provide you with the opportunity to be heard and demonstrate why this order should not remain in effect.

YOU ARE ADVISED: Failure to take the actions specified herein may necessitate further action on behalf of the Town of Tolland, including the assessment of fines per Appendix C (Ordinance 58) of the Inland Wetland Regulations.

Should you have any questions about the content of this Order, please contact the Planning & Development office **in writing** by mail or email at <u>mdamato@tollandct.gov</u>

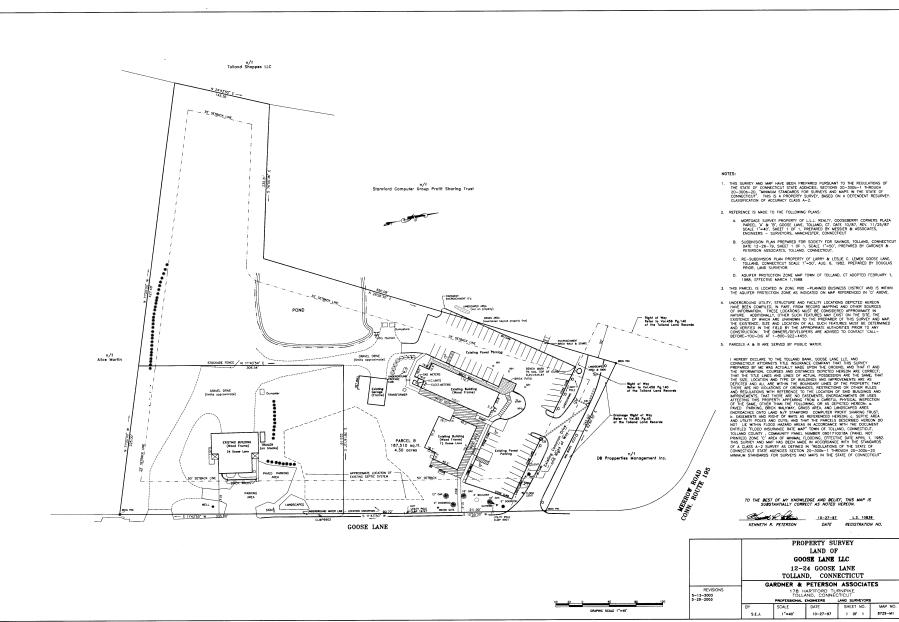
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Michael D'Amato, AICP, CZEO Inland Wetland Agent, Town of Tolland

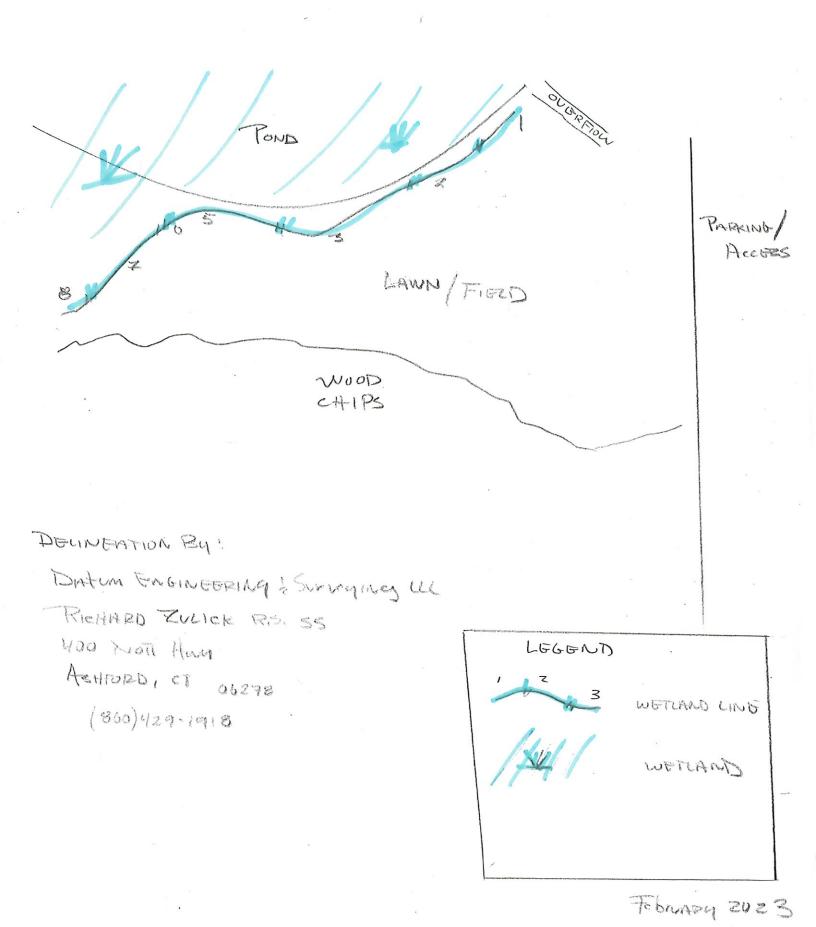
Cc: David Corcoran, AICP, Director of Planning & Development Richard Conti, Attorney, Town of Tolland

Enclosed: Site Photos, 01/19/23 Meeting Agenda, Official Wetland Map (excerpt)





TollAND, CT



Tolland Inland Wetlands Commission

Thursday, January 19, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. Council Chambers, 6th level, 21 Tolland Green, Tolland, CT 06084 Remote - Zoom Thursday, January 19, 2023

Members Present:	Raymond Culver, Chairman (in person) Archie Tanner, Regular (remote) Bob Ross, Regular (in person) Gary Hoehne, Regular (in person)	
Members Absent:	Todd Penney, Vice Chairman	
Others present:	Michael D'Amato, interim Wetlands Agent George Hill, attorney for 12 Goose Lane Julius Gorog, property owner 12 Goose Lane Kevin Martin, abutter to 12 Goose Lane	(in person)

1. Call to Order

Meeting recording started. Meeting called to order at 7:04 pm.

2. Seating of Alternate(s) – none

- 3. Additions/Changes/Deletions to Agenda none
- 4. Public Participation issues of concern not on the agenda (2-minute limit) none
- 5. New Business

5.1 IWC 18-1, 131 Tolland Stage Road Extension- Applicant: Couzens Centre II, LLC.

D'Amato said the statutes have changed for certain land use approvals and upon request of the permit holder, the Commission must extend the permit unless there are extenuating circumstances or a significant change to the scope of work. D'Amato said the permit holder is requesting a 5-year extension on a permit that was previously issued in 2018. D'Amato said the permit holder is only requesting an extension without any modifications.

Ross/Hoehne: Motion: extend Inlands Wetlands Commission 18-1, 131 Tolland Stage Road permit an additional 5 years.

Unanimously approved

Culver - Y, Ross - Y, Tanner - Y, Hoehne - Y

5.2 Show Cause Hearing to consider a Cease & Correct Order issued to the property owner of 12 Goose Lane (MBL 28/C/007) for the deposition of material/filling activities within the wetland and upland review area without a permit.

D'Amato reviewed the information provided to the Commissioners in the meeting packet. D'Amato reviewed all of the photos including the dates the photos were taken, the vantage points from which the photos were taken and the areas of concern. D'Amato said abutters have contacted the Town Staff asking questions and registering complaints and voicing concerns. D'Amato said he sent an informal warning letter in February 2022 which

outlined the Town's concerns following a field inspection. The letter also explains what types of activities would require a permit and that there are regulated areas on the property.

D'Amato referred to the next document which is the formal Cease and Correct Order which was sent on January 11, 2023. D'Amato said the letter outlines that a Show Cause Hearing would need to held within 10 days of issuance, which coincides with the Inlands Wetlands Commission meeting of today's date. D'Amato added that the Cease and Correct order includes information outlining the only work that can be done on the site while this order is in effect. This includes: "cease any further dumping, filling and grading or other site disturbing activities on your property.....taking corrective actions by removing all non-native material located in a wetland or upland review area and to provide a corrective action plan detailing all required corrective activities within 30 days of your receipt of this notice".

D'Amato explained to the Commissioners that this time, the Commission has the option to uphold, overturn or modify the Cease and Correct order.

Hill introduced himself as a representative for J. Gorog. Hill said, in his opinion, there is no wetlands on the property, just the pond and watercourse. D'Amato said based on the review of the site there were wetlands on the property may have been filled. Hill said Gorog had an opportunity to get a large amount of woodchips and Gorog has placed them on his property with the intention to develop his property for agriculture. Hill said Gorog has stayed 100 feet from the pond and more than 50 feet from the wetlands. Hill said there was no intent to avoid Inlands Wetlands Commission regulations.

Culver said there is a 100-foot buffer which should have been maintained from the pond edge. Culver added that he is concerned that there are wetlands on the property and requires formal delineation to make a determination. Gorog said the pond is not natural, it was created by the previous property owner in 1986. Culver said the wetlands has been established over the past 40 years. Hill said Gorog is willing to work with the Town to make corrections.

D'Amato said there is also a stream on the property and there has been unpermitted activity in this area as well. D'Amato also indicated that if a property owner wants to complete work "as-of-right" the Inlands Wetlands Commission would need to be consulted and a determination regarding "as-of-right" would need to be made by the Commission and the Commission would need to approve the activity.

D'Amato said a permit allows activity but does not compel anyone to do anything and that a Cease and Correct Order compels action. D'Amato said this property and this type of activity had been discussed 2017-2018. It was explained at that time, what types of activities require a permit to protect wetlands and watercourses.

Culver said if a permit was applied for, the Commission would have required a formal wetlands delineation by a soil scientist. Ross said based on previous discussions in 2017/2018 the necessity of permit should have been known. Hall said he was acting on guidance previously provided. Hall said taking action based on the maps provided on the website should be allowed. D'Amato referenced the disclaimer on the maps website, which includes:

"The data available here is updated in the normal course of business and may not always represent the most current information. In addition, some of the data contained herein may have been compiled from third-party sources and the accuracy of that information cannot be confirmed.

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D'Amato reviewed the regulations which apply to this situation and property which includes a pond, wetlands and a watercourse on the property. Hall said he and Gorog believe that the woodchips are 100 feet from any regulated area. Hoehne asked if there any woodchips near the delineated wetlands at 200 Merrow Road.

Culver asked D'Amato if he believed the woodchips are 100 feet from the wetlands. D'Amato said the action is unpermitted fill and that there is no information to determine what the native materials are.

Culver asked how much fill has been brought into the property. Gorog said he is not sure. Culver said this Commission's concern is protection of the wetlands and that if a property owner wants to bring fill on to a property that contains regulated areas, the Commission would want the property owner to obtain a permit. He said it is difficult to determine the limits of the wetlands due to the amount of fill that has been deposited.

Hill said Gorog is not trying to avoid following the rules. Culver said this Commission protects wetlands and watercourses and that the Commission needs to know where the limits of the wetlands area. D'Amato said a soil scientist would need to delineate the wetlands. Culver reviewed the cease and Correct order. Hall asked if Gorog had requested a permit, would the Commissioners have required a soil scientist to complete a delineation. All Commissioners agreed that a wetlands delineation would be required as part of the permitting process.

D'Amato reviewed the relevant minutes from previous enforcement concerns. Culver said based on the reviewed minutes, the current activities would require a permit. Tanner said there was material placed in a regulated area. He believes the cease and correct order should remain in place.

D'Amato said there could be negotiation to facilitate corrective action. He said the Commission could keep the cease and correct order open until the next meeting if the Commission does not have enough information, for example to receive the wetlands delineation. Culver asked if he would be also need a permit to complete the cease and correct action items. D'Amato said no, that the Cease and Correct order would cover the required correction.

Commissioners discussed a condition that Gorog has 30 days to get the site delineated by a certified soil scientist and then another 30 days to develop a corrective action plan. D'Amato said if the action remains open there could still be negotiation. Ross suggested that the Order should remain in effect, that the property should be delineated and wetlands identified by a certified soil scientist and a plan should be developed within 30 days. Ross added that the amount of fill on the property is significant. Hoehne agreed activity should cease and wetlands should be delineated prior to the next Inlands Wetlands Commission meeting.

Culver asked the process to keep the order open. D'Amato said the Commissioners would have to make a motion to keep this proceeding open. Commissioners agreed that prior to the next meeting, the wetlands need to be delineated by a certified soil scientist down to native soils and that the property owner should have a preliminary plan for remediation and correction prepared and ready to be discussed at the February 16, 2023 meeting.

Ross/Hoehne: Motion to continue until February 16, 2023 Inlands Wetlands Commission meeting with the expectation that the wetlands need to be delineated by a certified soil scientist down to native soils and that the property owner should have a preliminary plan for remediation and correction prepared and ready to be discussed at the February 16, 2023 meeting.

Unanimously approved.

Culver - Y, Ross - Y, Tanner - Y, Hoehne - Y

6. Old Business

D'Amato said he is working on standing items and expects to have materials to discuss at the February 16, 2023 meeting

7. Wetlands Agent Report - none

8. Other Business – none

9. Correspondence

9.1 Connecticut Bar Association Education and Training.

D'Amato said the training will be in March and will be virtual. Information is in the electronic packet. D'Amato said if anyone is interested, please let him know and Town staff could enroll interested members.

9.2 Solitude Lake Management Permit Application to DEEP

D'Amato said he received correspondence from the State regarding a state issued permit for the use of pesticides in State waters. D'Amato said this notification is required whenever a pesticide is going to be used in a State pond/watercourse. DEEP said Solitude Lake Management will be applying pesticide to Whitehouse Pond in Tolland.

10. Approval of Minutes - December 15, 2022 Regular Meeting

Ross/Hoehne: Motion to approve the minutes from December 15, 2022 minutes as presented.

Culver - Y, Ross - Y, Tanner - Y, Hoehne - Y

Unanimously approved.

11. Adjourn

Ross/Hoehne: motion to adjourn.

Culver - Y, Ross - Y, Tanner - Y, Hoehne - Y

Unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm

Respectfully submitted,

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June Kausch Clerk, Inland Wetlands Commission

Tolland Inland Wetlands Commission

Thursday, February 16, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. Council Chambers, 6th level, 21 Tolland Green, Tolland, CT 06084 Remote - Zoom Thursday, January 19, 2023

Members Present:	Raymond Culver, Chairman (in person) Todd Penney, Vice Chair (in person) Archie Tanner, Regular (remote) Bob Ross, Regular (in person)
Members Absent:	Gary Hoehne, Regular
Others present:	Michael D'Amato, interim Wetlands Agent (in person) Rich Caraballo, representative for Village of Crystal Springs George Hill, attorney for 12 Goose Lane Julius Gorog, property owner 12 Goose Lane Kevin Martin, abutter to 12 Goose Lane

1. Call to Order

Meeting recording started. Meeting called to order at 7:02 pm.

2. Seating of Alternate(s) – none

3. Additions/Changes/Deletions to Agenda -

Penney/Ross: motion to reorder the agenda. Move Item 8.1 – Informal Discussion – Wetlands Application for pond dredging at the Village of Crystal Springs.

Culver - Y, Penney - Y, Tanner - Y, Ross - Y

Unanimously approved.

4. Public Participation – issues of concern not on the agenda (2-minute limit) – none

5. Other Business

5.1 Informal Discussion – Wetlands Application for Pond Dredging

Caraballo said he is a property owner at the Village of Crystal Springs and is representing the development for this discussion. He said the property owners at the Village of Crystal Springs would like permission to dredge the pond in order to maintain the pond. Commissioners discussed that the pond has been dredged before. D'Amato reviewed the history of the pond and agreed that the pond has been dredged as part of a maintenance plan for the pond. Caraballo said there is no intention to deepen or change the size of the pond and currently, there are plants growing up through the water. Caraballo said a contractor would be hired to do the work and identified an area where the dredged materials would be piled to dry out. Tanner said he believes a drag line was used the last time.

Penney said the Commission would want a written plan/map that would include details for:

- how the work is going to be done
- sequencing/staging of the work

- when the work was going to be done
- duration of disturbance
- how would down gradient be protected
- what erosion and sedimental controls would be used
- Specific location for where the removed materials would be placed

He said the Commission would request special attention to preventing any sediment from being discharged downstream and not changing the characteristics of the wetlands/ watercourse. Penney said the wetlands is manmade and additional depth might help decrease the growth. Caraballo said the growth is all through the stones and the level of the wetlands has increased. Commissioners agreed it would be beneficial if the chosen contractor could be present at the next discussion meeting.

6. New Business

6.1 Show Cause Hearing to consider a Cease & Correct Order issued to the property owner of 12 Goose Lane (MBL 28/C/007) for the deposition of material/filling activities within the wetland and upland review area without a permit.

Penney said he watched the video and read the minutes from the prior meeting and is prepared to participate in this discussion. Culver reviewed there were 3 items as part of the prior discussion.

- 1. All activity on the site should have been stopped which includes any further dumping, filling or grading of material on the property
- 2. Retain a soil scientist and have the soil scientist delineate the wetlands
- 3. Provide the Commission with a proposed preliminary plan for remediation of the disturbed wetlands

Hill said no additional wood chips have been placed on the property and no additional site work has been done. Hill said Rick Zulick has been retained as the soil scientist for the property. D'Amato said he met with Gorog and Zulick at the property. D'Amato said it was determined that there were wetlands surrounding the pond and there is an area around the property line that was also wetlands.

Penney suggested waiting for Zulick.

Penney/Ross: motion to pause until soil scientist arrives

Culver - Y, Penney - Y, Tanner - Y, Ross - Y

Unanimously approved.

Zulick arrived 7:27pm (a few minutes following the vote). Commissioners agreed to return to the original schedule.

Zulick reviewed the map and characteristics of the property. Zulick said he did not think originally think the swale is a wetlands, however, following his on-site assessment, he found that it is a wetlands. Zulick said his onsite assessment included auguring the base of swale and he did achieve the soil colors which indicates the area is a wetlands. Zulick said the swale wetlands starts right before the chips and runs until the chips end. Zulick said there has been a lot of filling and the pond is manmade. Penney said it seems a neighboring driveway in a wetlands area as well. Zulick said there is wetlands corridor under the woodchips. Penney asked what the proposed remediation plan is.

Hall asked Zulick where the wood chips need to be moved to. Zulick said he would like to Commission to assist with this discussion. Zulick said the wood chips are clearly in the regulated area and that Gorog has said he does not intend to build anything in that area. Gorog said he wants to plant apple trees and gardens; he said it would be used for agriculture. Gorog also said he wants to build 8x10 bee hives; less than 100 sqft. Zulick said Gorog wants to develop

the top soil using the woodchips. Culver asked about the location of the woodchips. D'Amato identified the locations of the woodchips with the assistance of the map and provided photos. Penney said the map includes GIS property lines and may not be completely accurate.

Penney said he thinks approximately 5 feet of woodchips are excessive for the purpose for making topsoil and that all of this was done without permission, discussion or a proper permit. Penney said the Cease and Correct order said the woodchips should be 100 feet from all regulated areas. Penney asked about the characteristics of the pile. Penney has requested better mapping. Penney said the Gartner and Peterson plan should be labelled with the locations of the woodchips. Penney said the Commission would require a reasoning of the impact and the opportunity to make a determination regarding agricultural use prior to any activity on the property. Penney said he would like to see some research that has been completed regarding whether a base of woodchips would promote the growth and success of apple trees. Penney said he does not think that 5 feet of woodchips would create a good base for growing apple trees. Penney said there has been a demonstration of cooperation, which is excellent but significant concerns remain.

Penney said a plan for the property should be provided and he does not believe the Commission has enough information to change the order at this time or make any determination about the activities which have occurred on this property.

Culver asked for information regarding the areas delineated by Zulick. Zulick said he has informal sketches. Culver said the wetlands should be labeled on the Gartner and Peterson plan in scale. Culver said information regarding the depth of the woodchips in various locations should be included on the plan. Penney also expressed concern about the stability of the piles and requested additional information regarding the use of woodchips to develop topsoil. Penney also asked if apple trees growth and development are conducive to being planted in wetlands soils. Penney said there has to be sensibility to trying to develop the property for agricultural use. Penney said the Commission would like to see information regarding the viability of apple trees being successful planted in wetlands soils. There would need to be a basis in order to the determine agricultural use.

Penney said the Commission would need a better map with limits of wetlands on it. Gorog asked about how much wood chips can be placed on the site. Penney said from the Inlands Wetlands Commission point of view, anything placed in a wetlands that fills the wetlands is a regulated area and a regulated activity and would require a permit. Penney said there are sediment concerns that might impact a wetlands. He said the activities done so far are of significant concern.

Penney said property owners are fully responsible for what happens on their property and are required to perform due diligence prior to modifying their property. Penney said there are disclaimers on the map. Penney said he believes Gorog knows where the wet areas are on the property and should have known that the work was done in a regulated area. Penney said the Commission needs more information to make an educated decision regarding remediation

Culver agreed that the Commission would require a map with wetlands locations and delineations as well as the locations of the woodchips. Culver added the Commission needs additional information regarding the depth of the woodchips. Penney suggested that if Gorog was going to pursue a determination for agricultural use, he will need to provide additional information regarding this plan and supporting information that his plan is reasonable and likely to be successful.

D'Amato said there are two items being discussed in tandem. First is the plan for remediation of the property and restoration of the disturbed wetlands. The second is separate and a discussion regarding a determination regarding activities that would be considered agricultural as of right. D'Amato said the Commission needs to address the cease and correct first to determine what needs to be dome to address the order for correction. The agricultural issues would be determined after.

Penney said the Commission could rule that all of the woodchips need to be removed from the wetlands. Commissioners agreed they need an up-to-date map with delineation of the wetlands as well as the location of the wood chip piles. Penney said there are separate zoning rules/regulations to address the fact that a significant amount of materials were brought on the property. Penney said, based on estimates, the amount would have required a special permit under zoning.

Hall reviewed the Commissioners requests to include:

- 1. Map of limits of wetlands
- 2. Level of contours in regarding to wood chips
- 3. A proposed remediation plan
- 4. Information for discussion of why the woodchips were brought on to the property.

Hall said placement of the wood chips are being staged and he agrees with the Commission that they were placed in the plans wrong place.

Penney has concern that there may be irreparable harm to the wetlands. Penney said the Commission should entertain a discussion about whether the activities are viable for agricultural use. Penney said they might be there for ground cover but believes what has been done thus far is excessive. Penney said if the woodchips were placed for staging, the Commission would request Gorog/Zulick provide an alternative. Penney said this activity would not have come before the Commission if the wood chips were used properly to keep down the weeds.

Hall said there needs to be an order that they can comply with. Penney said the Commission requires additional information prior to making any final decisions. D'Amato said he was hoping there could be discussion about where the 2 parties are in regards to next steps. Penney said that a special meeting could be considered as soon as the information needed has been obtained and the map has been completed but could postponed.

7. Old Business

D'Amato said there is another possible enforcement issue Town Staff is working on and will present to the Commission as soon as all of the information is available.

8. Wetlands Agent Report – none

9. Correspondence

9.1 CAWS Annual Meeting

D'Amato said he has received notice regarding the CAWS annual meeting which is scheduled for March, 9, 2023. D'Amato invited Commissions to attend and asked to be contacted if anyone would like to attend and Town Staff will assist with arrangements.

9.2 Coventry Planning and Zoning Commission Notice

D'Amato said he received notification of Coventry issuing a permit close to the border with Tolland for a pool house

10. Other Commission Business

Martin requested the opportunity to speak to the Cease and Correct Order. Penney said property line disputes are a civil matter and not within the jurisdiction of the Inlands Wetlands Commission. Martin said the property line has been surveyed and there are pins in place. D'Amato said the Commission may not consider any information that is outside the bounds of the agenda or jurisdiction of the Commission. D'Amato reminded Martin that if any wetlands on his property have been filled, theoretically, he would be in violation. In addition, D'Amato said any work that happens within 50 feet of the swale which has been identified as wetlands is regulated and would require a permit. D'Amato added that any information received during this action regarding delineation and property boundaries will be uploaded on the Town's GIS and can be used in perpetuity.

11. Approval of Minutes - January 19, 2023 Regular Meeting

Penney/Ross: Motion to approve the minutes from January 19, 2023 minutes as presented.

Culver – Y, Ross – Y, Tanner – Y, Penney - Y

Unanimously approved.

12. Adjourn

Brian Foley, Town Manager, expressed appreciation to the Commission for the work they do to benefit the Town. Commissions appreciated the feedback and gratitude. Penney mentioned that the Commission has two open alternate seats and is interested in the Town Council filling those positions.

Penney/Ross: motion to adjourn.

Culver - Y, Ross - Y, Tanner - Y, Penney - Y

Unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm

Respectfully submitted,

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June Kausch Clerk, Inland Wetlands Commission

Tolland Inland Wetlands Commission

Thursday, March 16, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

Remote - Zoom Thursday, January 19, 2023

Members Present:	Raymond Culver, Chairman Archie Tanner, Regular Bob Ross, Regular Gary Hoehne, Regular
Members Absent:	Todd Penney, Vice Chair
Others present:	Michael D'Amato, interim Wetlands Agent (in person) David Corcoran, Town Planner Lori Dargis, representative of the Parciak Conservation Area

1. Call to Order

Meeting recording started. Meeting called to order at 7:01 pm.

2. Seating of Alternate(s) – none

- 3. Additions/Changes/Deletions to Agenda none
- 4. Public Participation issues of concern not on the agenda (2-minute limit) none

5. New Business

5.1 As of Right Determination – 207 Bald Hill Road. (Parciak Conservation Area) Timber Harvest.

Dargis said she works with Nate Gosselin, of Connwood Foresters (a forestry consulting firm). She said Connwood was hired to supervise a timber harvest at the Parciak Conservation Area. She said the property is an irregular shelter harvest and that the cultural features will be protected during the harvest. She said unhealthy trees will be removed. She said as the stand is, the trees are of stagnated growth and the harvest will allow smaller trees to grow and promote biodiversity. Dargis reviewed the map including the proposed landing area and an intermittent watercourse on the property which may of concern for Inlands Wetlands Commission. She said the proposed plan includes best practice elements to protect the stream. She added that the plan includes a conservation seed mix which will be applied in stages as each area of the harvest is completed to decrease the risk of erosion.

Dargis said the stream crossing will have a timber bridge and timber corduroy leading up to the timber bridge to reduce erosion and decrease the soil on the wheels of the vehicles as they enter the bridge.

Dargis said specific loggers were invited to bid on the harvest and the bid period will be open starting tomorrow, March 17, 2023 and close on March 31, 2023 The timing of the harvest will be weather dependent and site conditions.

Culver asked D'Amato what his involvement would be in terms of oversite. D'Amato said the Commission has been asked to determine As of Right. D'Amato said if the forester does not adhere to the contract, there is state forester, Nick Zito, who would get involved. Culver asked if the Commission could request to review proposed erosion controls. D'Amato said if the Commission determines that this activity is As of Right, then the Commission does not have jurisdiction. D'Amato said the forester would be working with the Town and would be required to use best management practices as described by CT DEEP.

Ross/Tanner - Motion to accept the As of Right determination for the proposed timber harvest.

Culver – Y, Ross – Y, Tanner – Y, Hoehne – Y

Unanimously approved.

Dargis said Connwood will be supervising during the harvest and as policy will be taking photos and generating required reports. She said Connwood would be willing to share the reports and photos with the Commission. Culver requested that is there are any issues, please contact D'Amato as soon as the issues arise.

6. Old Business

6.1 Show Cause Hearing to consider a Cease & Correct Order issued to the property owner of 12 Goose Lane (MBL 28/C/007) for the deposition of material/filling activities within the wetland and upland review area without a permit. *No discussion. Continued to April 20, 2023*

D'Amato said the property owner and soil scientist are still working on the remediation plan and requested an extension. D'Amato said he told the property owner a plan needs to be completed by the April meeting.

D'Amato said Gorog called and said there was an "accidental" delivery of additional woodchips and they were not placed in the area of concern.

Ross/Tanner: Motion to continue discussion to the April 20, 2023 meeting.

7. Wetlands Agent Report

D'Amato said he recently reviewed the Bolton Lakes Watershed Conservation Alliance discussion in regards to the proposed protection for the white cedar swamp area. Culver said he thought because of the waterbody and slopes in the area of proposed protection the current regulations allow the additional protection. D'Amato asked if the Commission would like a map created with the protected area and proposed protection limits. Culver said it would be helpful. Ross said the current regulations state protection would be 100 feet because a waterbody and because it was a sensitive area the regulations extend protection to 200 feet in this area. Ross and Culver said the regulations may benefit from the addition of a further definition of a "sensitive area". D'Amato said the new protection could be added as a map amendment or as an appendix to the regulations. He said he would prepare a map to show the limits of the regulations.

8. Correspondence

9. Other Commission Business

10. Approval of Minutes - February 16, 2023 Regular Meeting

Tanner/Ross: Motion to approve the February 16, 2023 minutes as presented.

Culver – Y, Ross – Y, Tanner – Y, Hoehne - Y

Unanimously approved.

11. Adjourn

Tanner/Ross: motion to adjourn.

Culver – Y, Ross – Y, Tanner – Y, Hoehne - Y

Unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned at 7:23 pm

Respectfully submitted,

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June Kausch Clerk, Inland Wetlands Commission