

#### TOWN OF WEST NEWBURY PLANNING BOARD Tuesday February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024 7:00 p.m. AGENDA

For Remote Participation (see below)

- 1. Continued Public Hearing 125 River Road, Eagle Nest Subdivision
- 2. ANR 16 & 22 Church Street Lot line adjustment
- 3. Housing Opportunities Initiative
  - a. Set Hearing Date for MBTA Communities Multi-Family Overlay District (MCMOD)
  - b. Site Comparison Matrix
  - c. Frequently Asked Questions
  - d. Article Request
- 4. Town Planner Report
- 5. Discuss Alternate MVPC Member Appointment
- 6. General Business:
  - Minutes January 2, 2024; January 16, 2024.
  - Correspondence
  - Administrative Details: 2024 Meeting Schedule
  - Placement of Items for Future Planning Board Agendas
  - Items not Reasonably Anticipated by the Chair 48 Hours in Advance of a Meeting

    The Planning Board reserves the right to take Agenda items out of order

#### Addendum to Meeting Notice Regarding Remote Participation

Pursuant to Chapter 2 of the Acts of 2023 that includes extending certain COVID - 19 measures adopted during the state of emergency, this meeting of the West Newbury Planning Board will be conducted via remote participation to the greatest extent possible. Members of the public who wish to view and/or listen to the meeting may do so using Zoom, by calling the telephone number or using the VideoLink listed below:

#### Zoom Meeting Instructions:

Phone: 1+(646) 558-8656

VideoLink: https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84007084439?pwd=qM9u4VzkWfV9ohSJBRk03f1nb52ziM.1

Meeting ID: 840 0708 4439

Passcode: 443936

No in-person attendance of members of the public will be permitted, but every effort will be made to ensure that the public can adequately access the proceedings in real time, via technological means. In the event that we are unable to do so, despite best efforts, we will post on the Town of West Newbury website an audio or video recording, transcript, or other comprehensive record of proceedings as soon as practicable after the meeting.



# TOWN OF WEST NEWBURY OFFICE OF THE PLANNING BOARD 381 MAIN STREET WEST NEWBURY MA 01985

978-363-1100 X125 Fax: 978-363-1119 e-mail: <a href="mailto:townplanner@wnewbury.org">townplanner@wnewbury.org</a>

#### Legal Notice West Newbury Planning Board

Pursuant to M.G.L. Ch. 41, S. 81T, the West Newbury Planning Board will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, January 2, 2020 beginning at 7:00 PM to consider an application for approval of a Definitive Plan to subdivide two existing building lots into four building lots (2 existing and 2 new), including a new roadway. The properties are located at 125 and 171 River Road, Assessors' Map R24, Lots 12 & 10A, and are in the Residence B Zoning District. The Applicant is Michael Fusco of 64 Main Street, West Newbury, MA. The application and plans can be viewed online: <a href="West Newbury Legal Ads/Public Hearing Notices">West Newbury Legal Ads/Public Hearing Notices</a> or please contact the Planning Office at 978-363-1100 x125 or <a href="townplanner@wnewbury.org">townplanner@wnewbury.org</a> to view the plans in person. Interested persons may participate in the meeting by joining from computer, tablet or smartphone using <a href="https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83184601270?pwd=OE14NnN5MGV4NzJmcGlKT1VCR1pXU">https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83184601270?pwd=OE14NnN5MGV4NzJmcGlKT1VCR1pXU</a> T09 OR by calling: 305 224 1968. Meeting ID: 851 3286 9953, Passcode: 462916

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# Waivers Sought:

SECTION OF RULES AND REGULATIONS - WAIVER SOUGHT

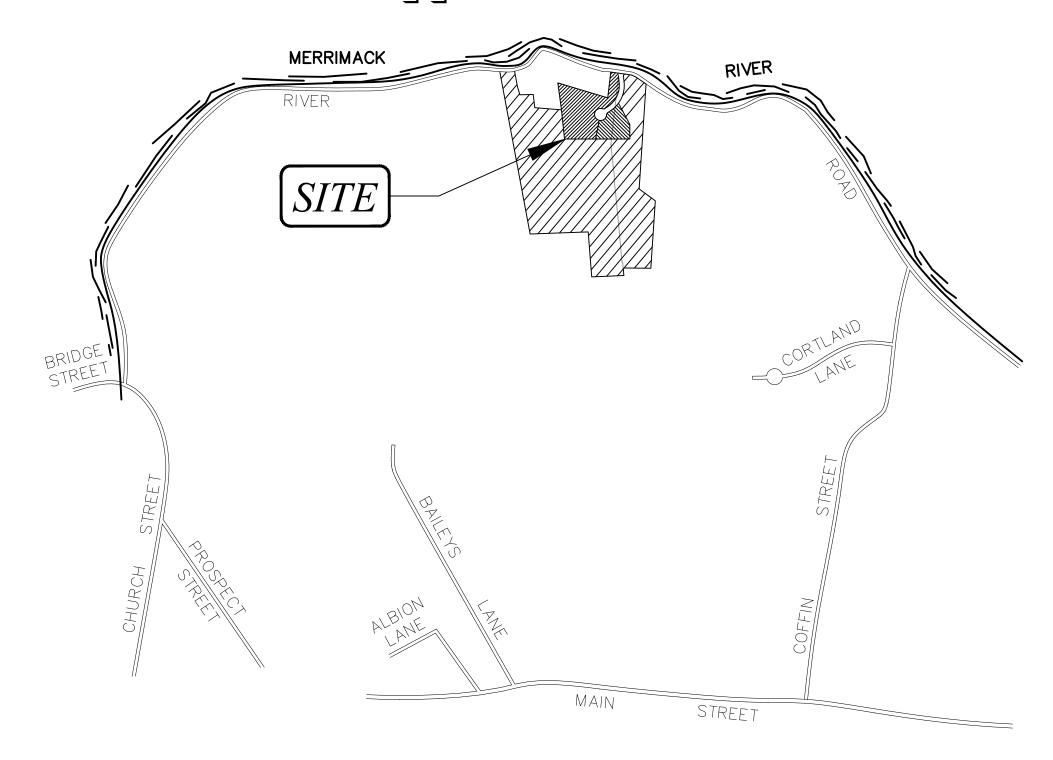
- WAIVER TO ALLOW FOR THE ELEVATIONS TO BE NAVD 1988 DATUM.
- WAIVER FROM REQUIREMENT TO LOCATE ALL TREES OVER TEN (10") INCHES IN DIAMETER, EFFORTS HAVE BEEN MADE TO LIMIT CLEARING TO EXTENT POSSIBLE.
- 3.3.3.4.10 WAIVER TO NOT REQUIRE TEST PIT LOCATIONS. TEST PITS CAN BE CONDUCTED AS A CONDITION OF APPROVAL, PRIOR TO THE ISSUANCE OF A BUILDING PERMIT.
- 3.3.3.4.11 WAIVER TO REQUIRE SIDEWALK, TRAILS, LIGHTING AND CURBING.
- WAIVER FROM THE REQUIREMENT FOR DRAINAGE CALCULATIONS, AS THE PROJECT IS NOT SUBJECT TO THE STATES STORMWATER STANDARDS (SUBDIVISION WITH FOUR OR FEWER LOTS). ROOF AND DRIVEWAY RECHARGE SYSTEMS HAVE BEEN INCORPORATED INTO THE DESIGN. DETAIL AND CAPACITY CALCULATIONS PROVIDED ON DETAIL SHEET.
- 4.2.4.5 WAIVER FROM REQUIREMENT OF 250' SIGHT DISTANCE. 250' IS PROVIDED LOOKING WEST, HOWEVER EXISTING ROAD GEOMETRY DOES NOT PERMIT A 250' SIGHT DISTANCE TO THE RIGHT. SIGHT DISTANCE IS SHOWN ON PLAN & PROFILE SHEET.
- 4.2.4.9 WAIVER FROM THE REQUIREMENT THAT THE FRONTAGE ON THE EXISTING STREET OF PARCEL SHALL BE AT LEAST THE FRONTAGE REQUIRED OF THE ZONING DISTRICT. THE TWO PARCELS WHICH WILL COMPRISE THE PROPOSED SUBDIVISION DO HAVE THE REQUIRED FRONTAGE, HOWEVER PARCEL R24-12 DOES NOT HAVE THE REQUIRED FRONTAGE AT THE LOCATION OF PROPOSED RIGHT OF WAY.
- 4.2.4.11 A WAIVER IS REQUIRED TO ALLOW FOR THE RIGHT OF WAY TO BE LESS THAN \( \frac{1}{2} \) THE FRONTAGE REQUIRED FOR THE ZONING DISTRICT AWAY FROM THE ABUTTING LOT. THE CENTER LINE OF THE RIGHT OF WAY IS LOCATED ±82' FROM THE ABUTTING LOT, HOWEVER THE DRIVEWAY WITHIN THE ROW IS LOCATED 91' FROM THE ABUTTING LOT. THE PROPOSED ROW AND DRIVEWAY LAYOUT HAVE BEEN DRIVEN BY THE LOCATION OF THE DWELLING AND BARN AT #171 RIVER ROAD.
- WAIVER TO NOT REQUIRED CURBING FOR THIS PROPOSED SUBDIVISION.
- WAIVER TO ALLOW FOR THE TRAVELED WAY WIDTH TO BE 18' AND TO NARROW DOWN TO 12' AT THE WETLAND CROSSING AS REQUIRED BY MASSDEP FOR A LIMITED PROJECT.
- WAIVER TO ALLOW FOR DEAD END DRIVEWAY (STREET) TO NOT REQUIRE A CUL-DE-SAC WITH A HAMMER HEAD TURNAROUND PROVIDED INSTEAD.
- WAIVER TO NOT REQUIRE LANDSCAPED ISLAND IN CENTER OF CUL-DE-SAC AS A CUL-DE-SAC IS NOT
- WAIVER TO NOT REQUIRE SIDEWALKS, PEDESTRIAN OR BICYCLE TRAILS.
- WAIVER TO NOT REQUIRE FOOTPATH AND TRAILS WITHIN THE SUBDIVISION.
- WAIVER TO NOT REQUIRE BICYCLE PATH/RECREATION PATH.
- WAIVER FROM THE REQUIREMENTS TO PROVIDE STORMWATER MANAGEMENT REQUIREMENT AND CALCULATIONS. PROPOSED PROJECT PROVIDES STORMWATER MITIGATION BY ROOF RECHARGE CHAMBERS AND DRIVEWAY RUNOFF CRUSHED STONE TRENCHES.
- WAIVER FROM THE REQUIREMENTS TO PROVIDE WATER MAINS, WATER WILL BE SUPPLIED BY PROPOSED

Zoning Summary Chart					
Zoning District:	Residential B				•
Zoning Regulation Requirements	Required	Proposed Lot 1	Proposed Lot 2	Proposed Lot 3	
MINIMUM LOT AREA	40,000 S.F.	204,284 S.F.	52,642 S.F.	563,010 S.F.	
PERCENT CONTIGUOUS AND BUILDABLE	30,000 S.F. (75%)	176,300 S.F.	45,800 S.F.	130,000 S.F.±	
FRONTAGE	200 Feet	605.60 FEET	259.69 FEET	315.84 FEET	,
FRONT YARD SETBACK	40 Feet	>40 Feet	>40 Feet	>40 Feet	
SIDE YARD SETBACK	20 Feet	>20 Feet	>20 Feet	>20 Feet	
REAR YARD SETBACK	20 Feet	>20 Feet	>20 Feet	>20 Feet	
MINIMUM LOT WIDTH	180 Feet	654.5 Feet	271.6 Feet	356.2 Feet	
MAYIMLIM RUII DING HEIGHT	35 Feet	<35 Feet	<35 Feet	<35 Feet	

<u>LEGEND</u> :	
	EXISTING CONTOUR
A-5	EDGE OF WETLANDS
	EXISTING EDGE OF WOODS
W	EXISTING WATER
	EXISTING GAS
D	EXISTING DRAIN
s	EXISTING SEWER
	EXISTING EDGE OF PAVEMENT
<del>(40)</del>	PROPOSED CONTOUR
PW	PROPOSED WATER
	PROPOSED STRAW BALES OR SILT SOXX
	PROPOSED EDGE OF WOODS
	PROPOSED RETAINING WALL
RD	PROPOSED ROOF DRAIN
———UGE/T———	PROPOSED UNDERGROUND ELEC/TEL/COMM

# Definitive Subdivision "Eagle Nest" River Road West Newbury, Massachusetts

Issued for Permitting Not Approved for Construction



LOCUS PLAN

SCALE: 1"=1,200'

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APPROVED BY THE TOWN OF WEST NEWBURY PLANNING BOARD

THE TOWN OF WEST NEWBURY, HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF THIS PLAN BY THE PLANNING BOARD HAS BEEN RECEIVED AND RECORDED AT THIS OFFICE AND NO APPEAL WAS RECEIVED DURING THE TWENTY DAYS NEXT AFTER SUCH RECEIPT AND RECORDING OF

TOWN CLERK

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PLAN CONFORMS TO THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE REGISTERS OF DEEDS OF MASSACHUSETTS.

FOR REGISTRY USE ONLY

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ASSESSORS/OWNERS OF RECORD:

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DEED REFERENCE:

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REVISIONS PER INITIAL PEER REVIEW 12/18/2023 **Revision No. Revision Description Date** 

> COVER SHEET DEFINITIVE SUBDIVISION EAGLE NEST WEST NEWBURY, MASS.

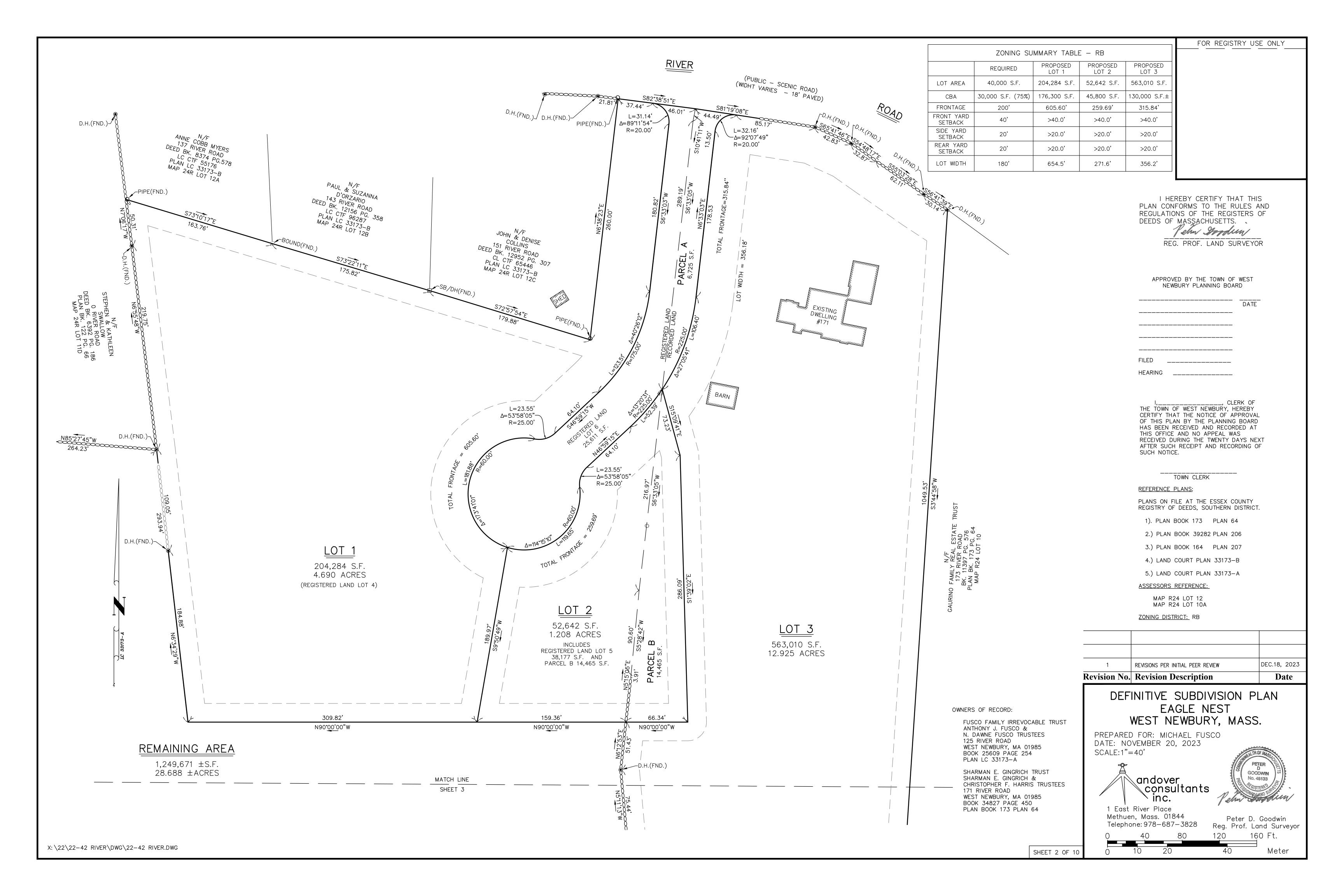
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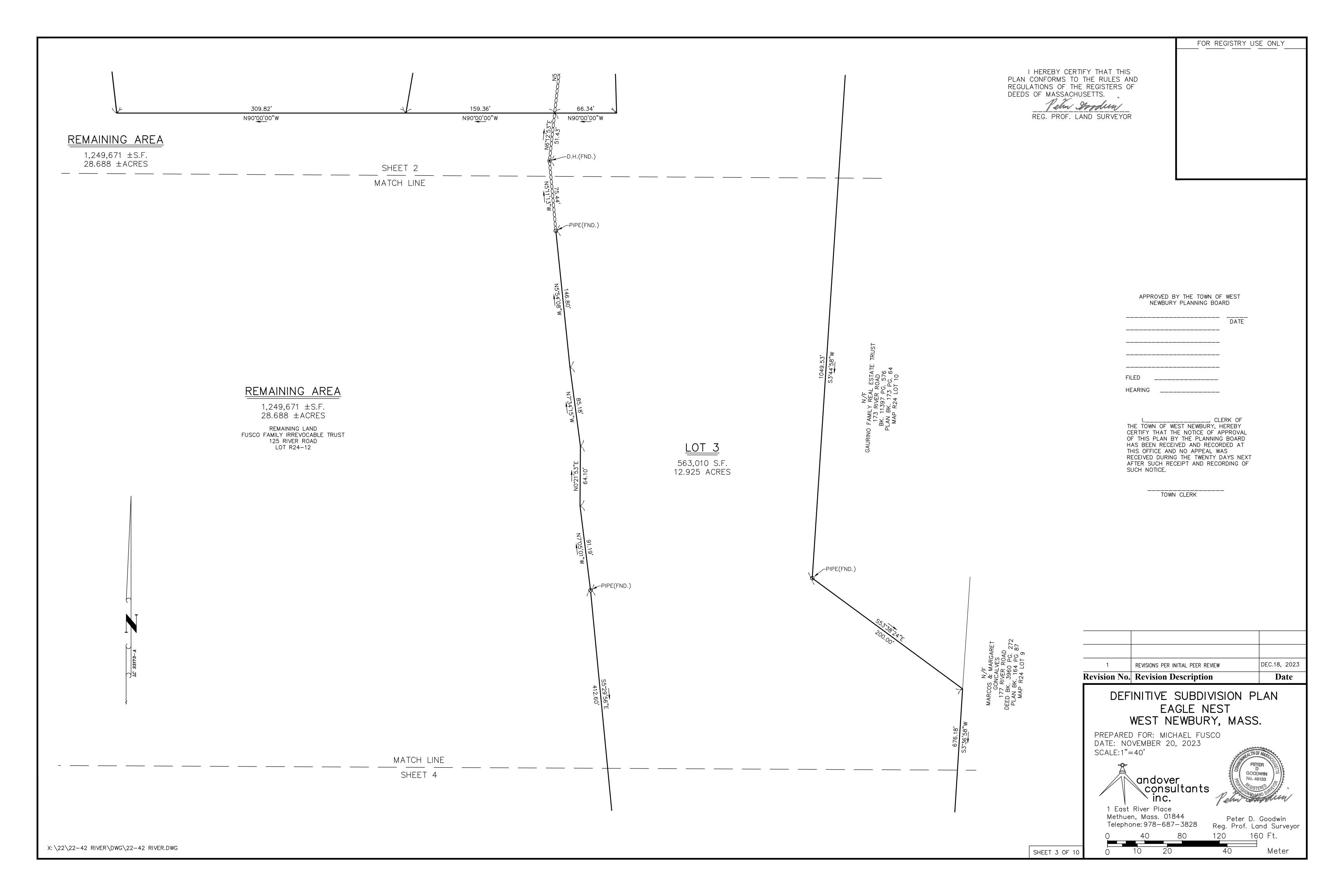


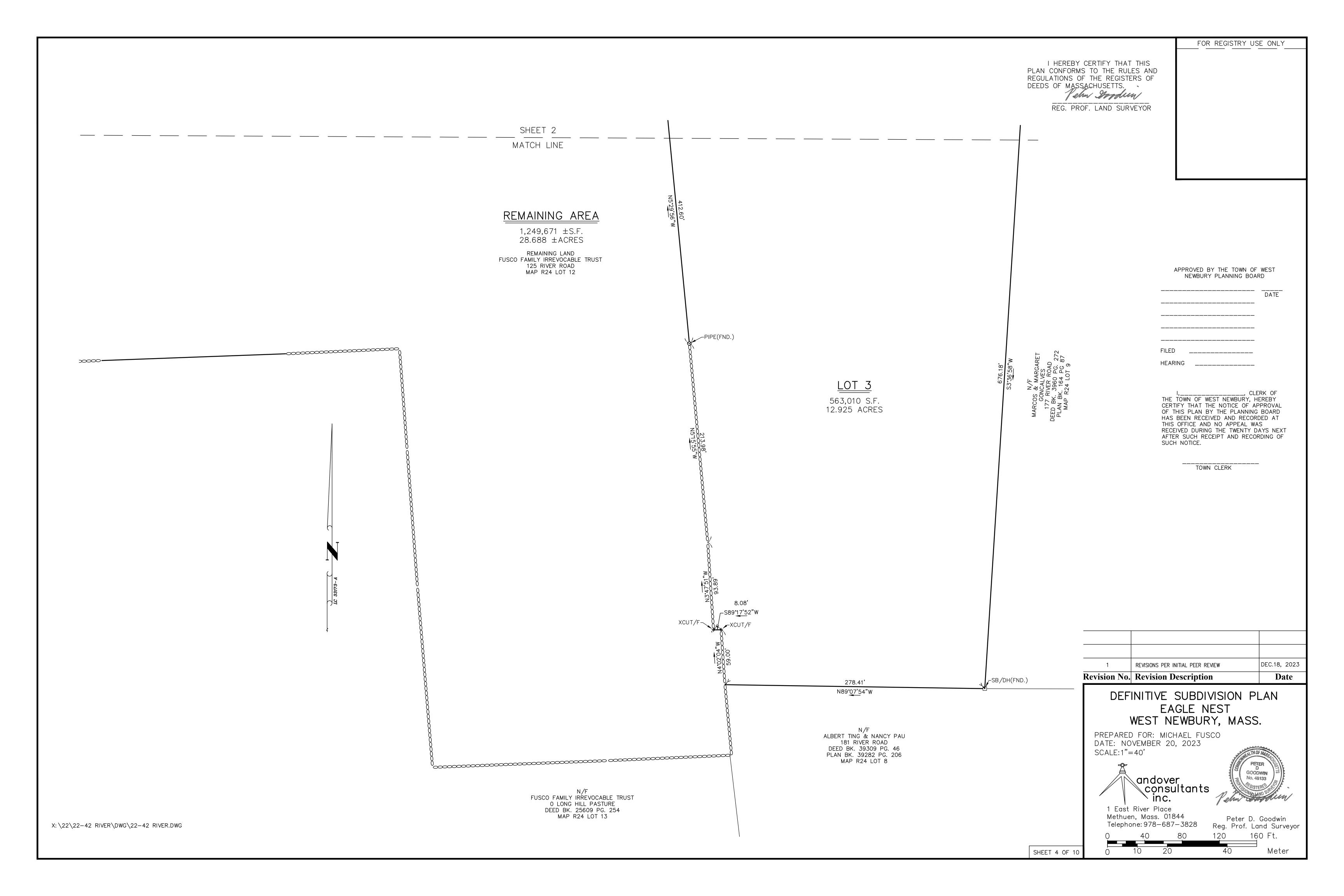
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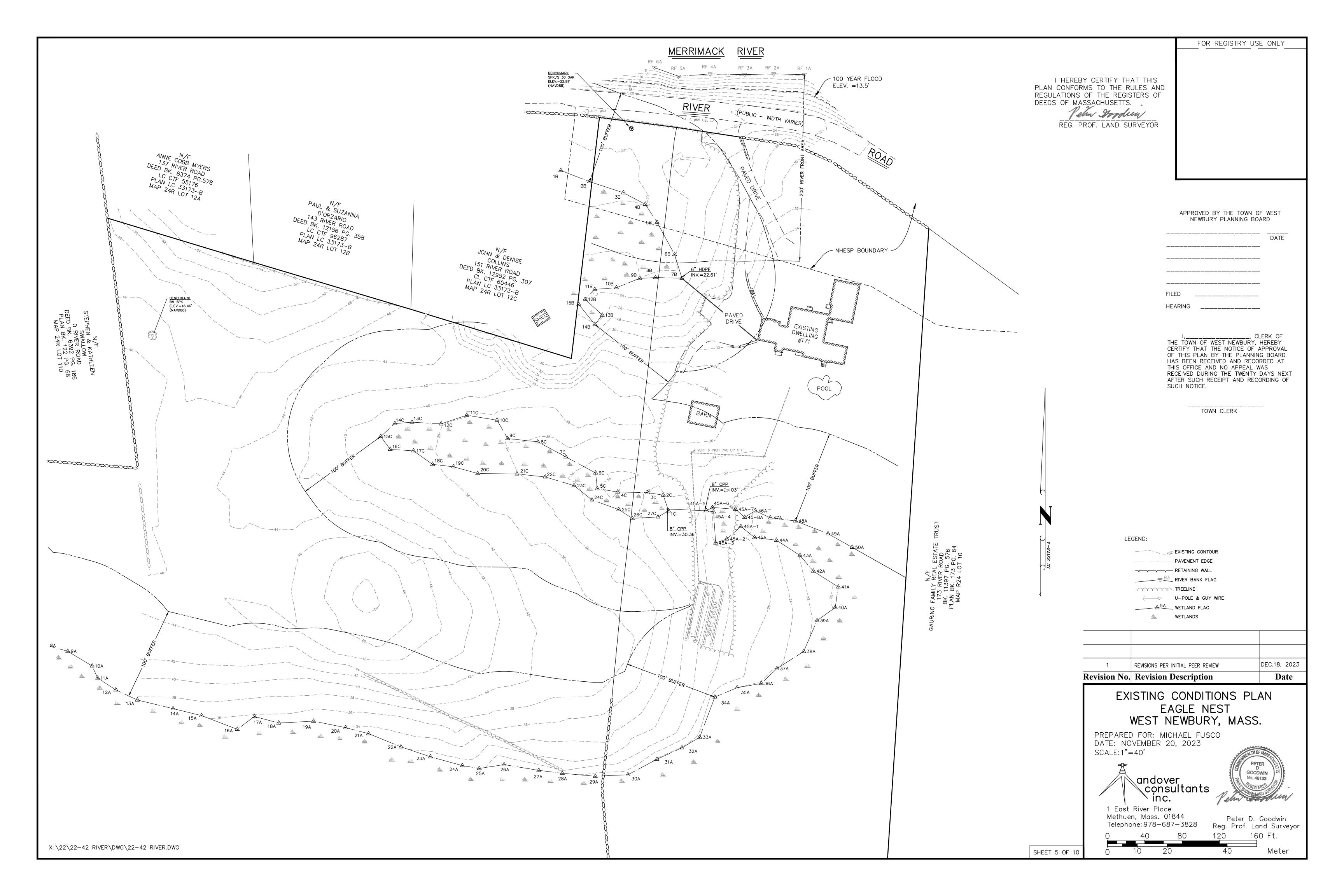
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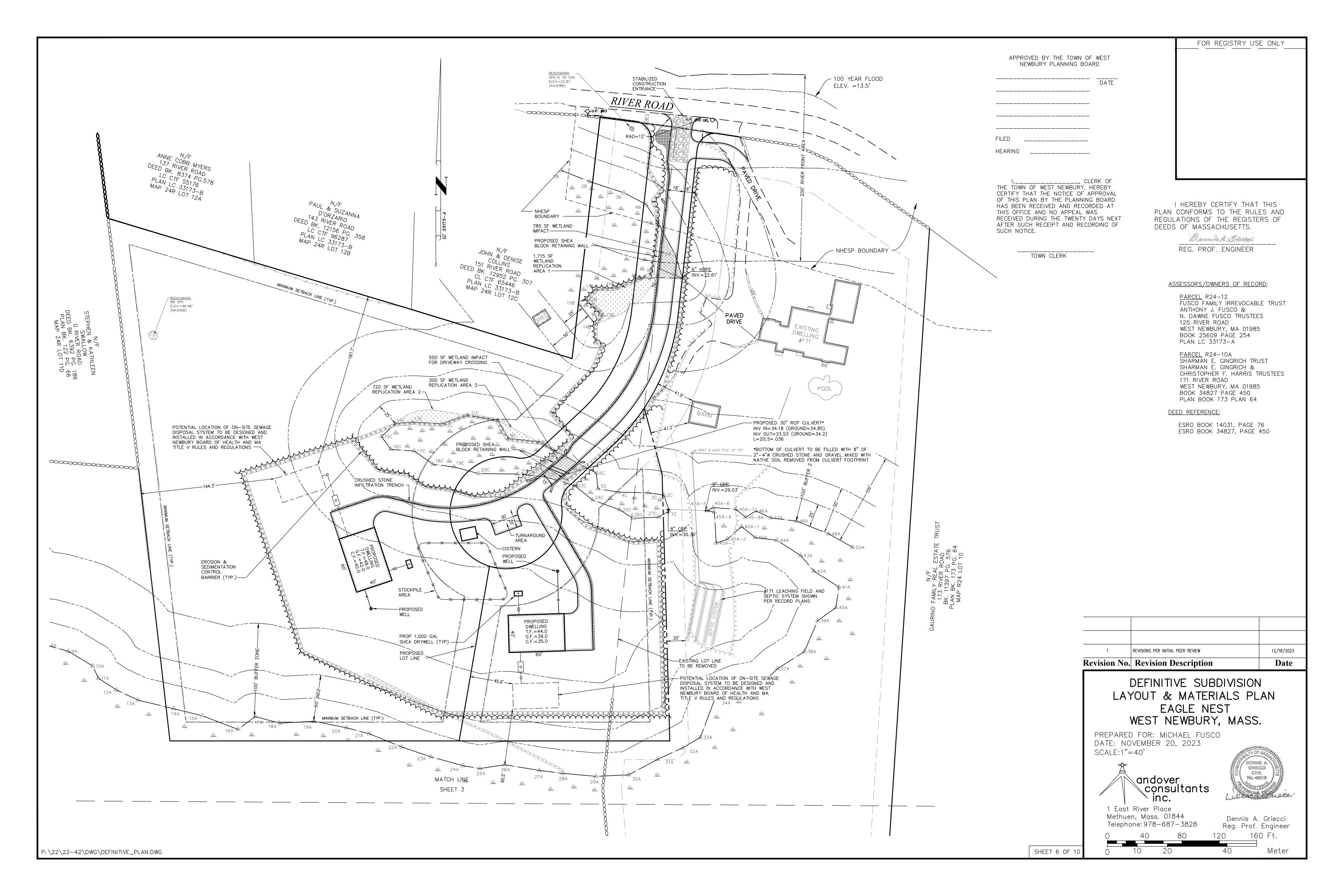
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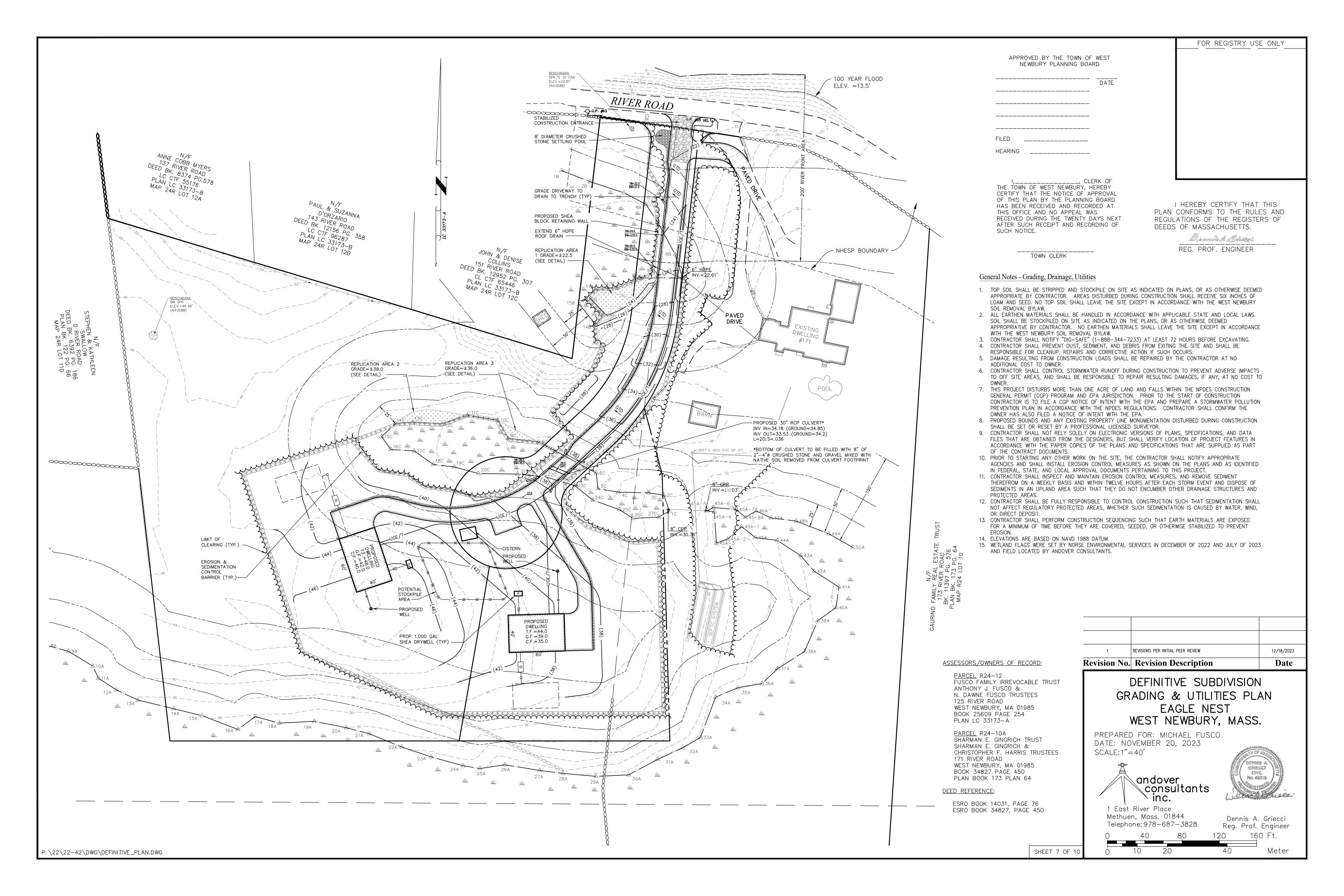


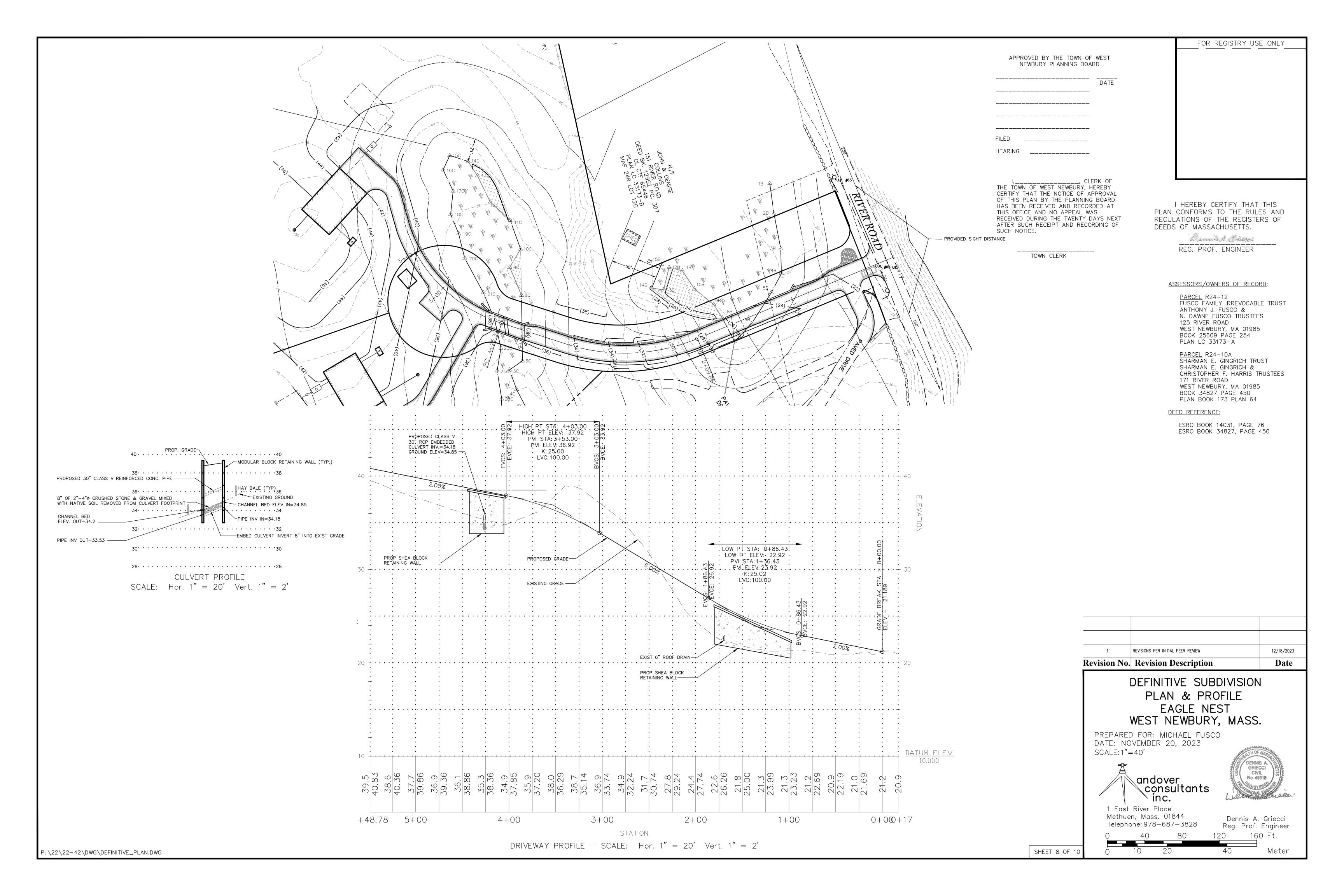


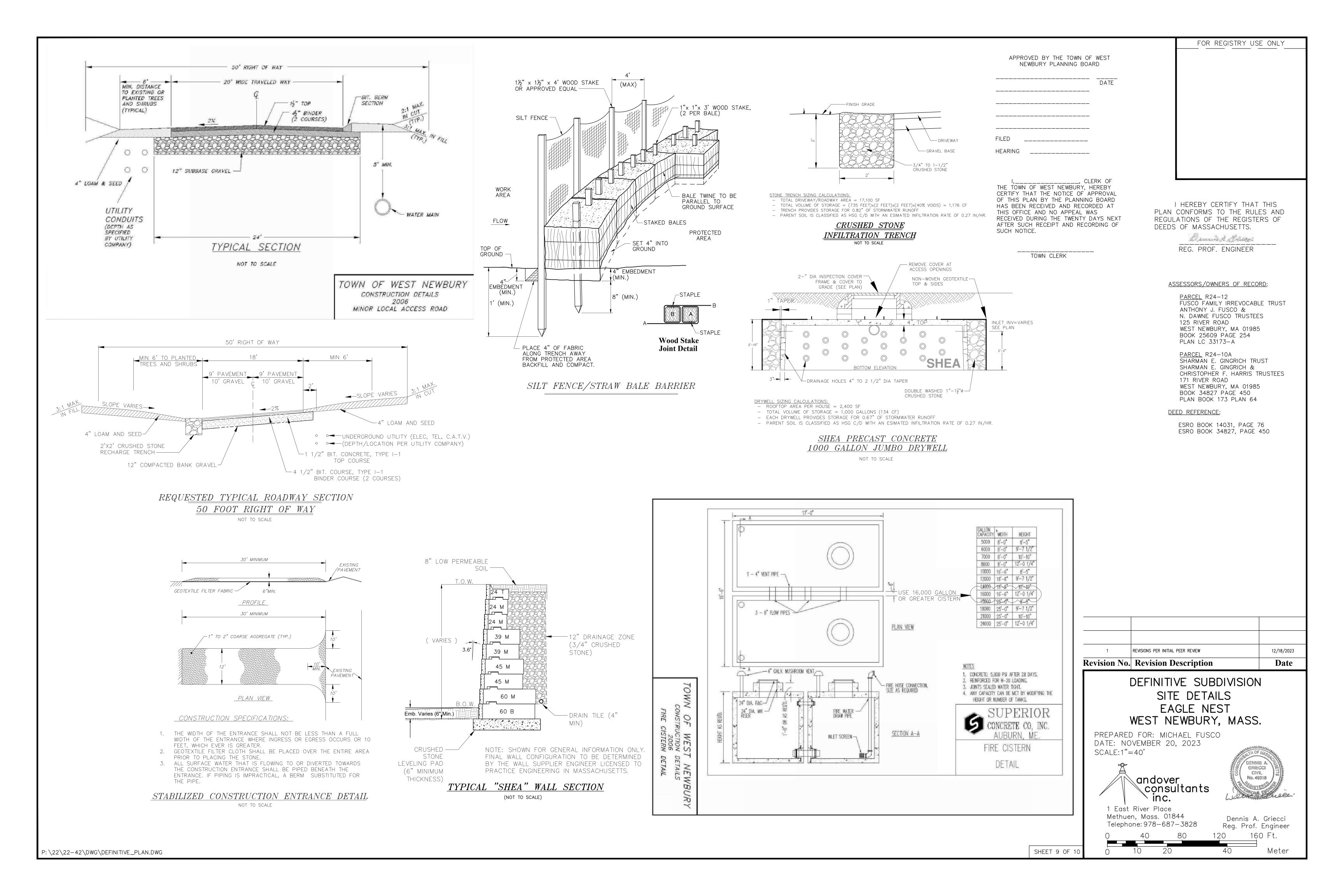


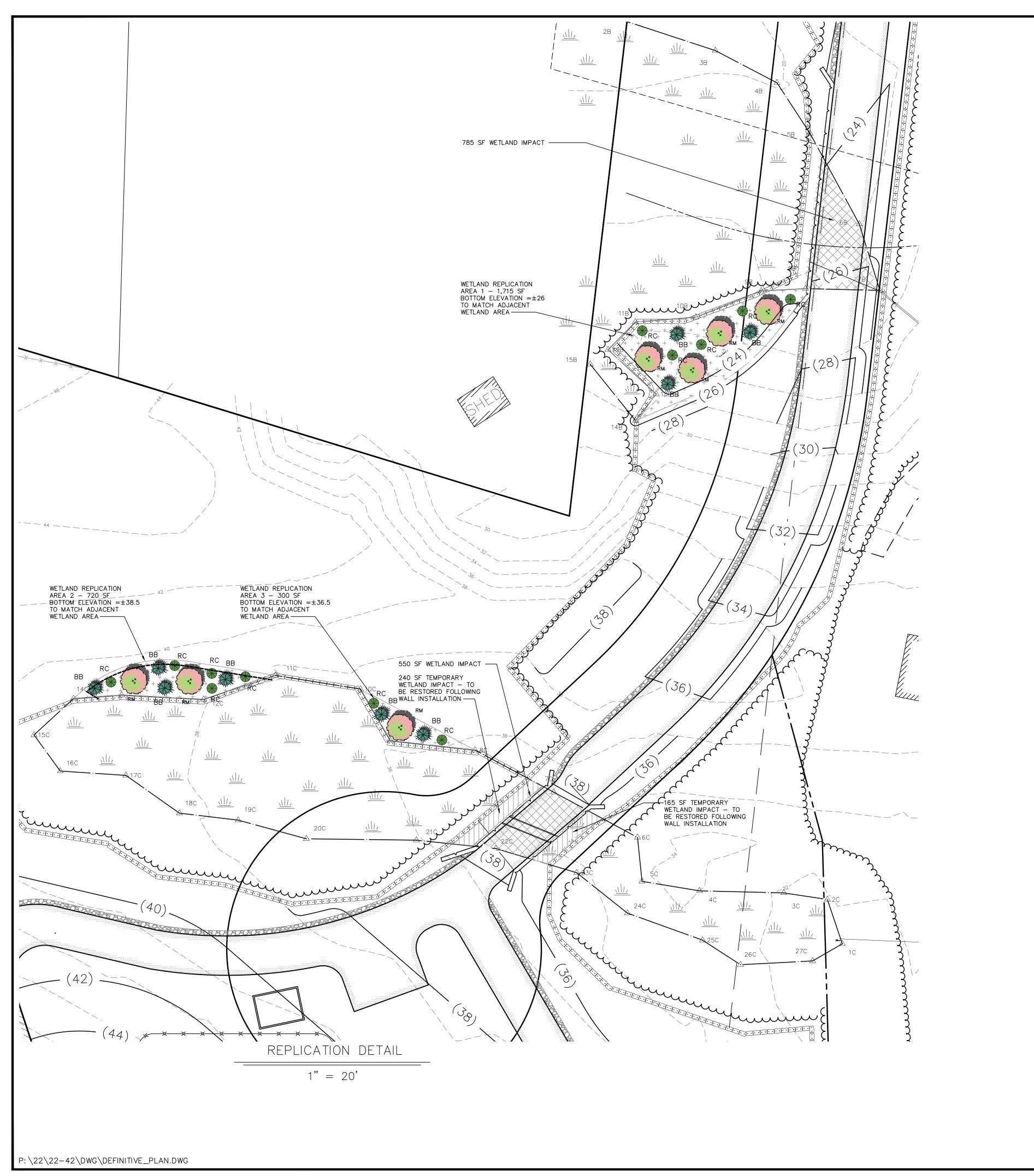












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HEARING \_\_\_\_\_

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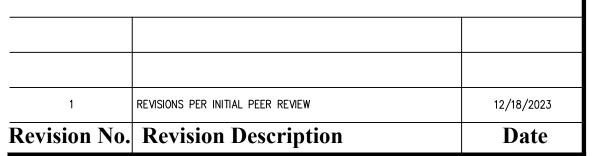
# **Wetland Impacts And Mitigation Summary**

Area Identification	Total Resource Area Impacted	Total Resource Area Replicated
WETLAND SERIES B (REPLICATION AREA 1)	785 SF	1,715 SF
WETLAND SERIES C (REPLICATION AREA 2/3)	550 SF	1,020 SF
TOTALS	1,335 SF	2,735 SF

1. PROVIDING 2:1 REPLICATION FOR IMPACTED WETLANDS.

Plant List						
Key	Qty.	Botanical Name	Common Name			
	Replication Area 1					
RM	4	ACER RUBRUM	RED MAPLE			
RC	5	ARONIA ARBUTIFOLIA	RED CHOKEBERRY			
BB	4	VACCINIUM CORYMBOSUM	HIGHBUSH BLUEBERRY			
	·	Replication Area 2				
RM	2	ACER RUBRUM	RED MAPLE			
RC	5	ARONIA ARBUTIFOLIA RED CHOKEBERRY				
BB	4 VACCINIUM CORYMBOSUM HIGHBUSH BLUEBERRY		HIGHBUSH BLUEBERRY			
		Replication Area 3				
RM	1	1 ACER RUBRUM RED MAPLE				
RC	2	ARONIA ARBUTIFOLIA	RED CHOKEBERRY			
BB	2	VACCINIUM CORYMBOSUM	HIGHBUSH BLUEBERRY			

Plant Legend			
€ RM	RED MAPLE		
<b>₩</b> <sub>RC</sub>	RED CHOKEBERRY		
₩	HIGHBUSH BLUEBERRY		



# DEFINITIVE SUBDIVISION WETLAND REPLICATION DETAIL EAGLE NEST WEST NEWBURY, MASS.

PREPARED FOR: MICHAEL FUSCO DATE: NOVEMBER 20, 2023



Dennis A. Griecci Reg. Prof. Engineer 160 Ft.

GRIECCI CIVIL No. 49318

SHEET 10 OF

# TOWN OF WEST NEWBURY PLANNING BOARD West Newbury, Massachusetts

<u>FORM A</u> APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL NOT REQUIRED PLAN

i 29 ZA
Date of Filing

Submit three (3) copies of the Application with an original and four (4) copies of the plan. (Request the Town Clerk stamp two (2) Application forms and two (2) prints of the plan, The Reserving one set at the Town Clerk's office and filing the remainder sets with the Planning APN 29 PMART Board. See Sect. 3.1.1. for additional application procedures.)

To the Planning Board:

The undersigned, believing that the accompanying plan of property in the Town of West
Newbury, Massachusetts does not constitute a subdivision within the meaning of the
Subdivision Control Law, herewith submits said plan for a determination and endorsement that

the Planning Board approval under the Subdivision Control Law is not required.

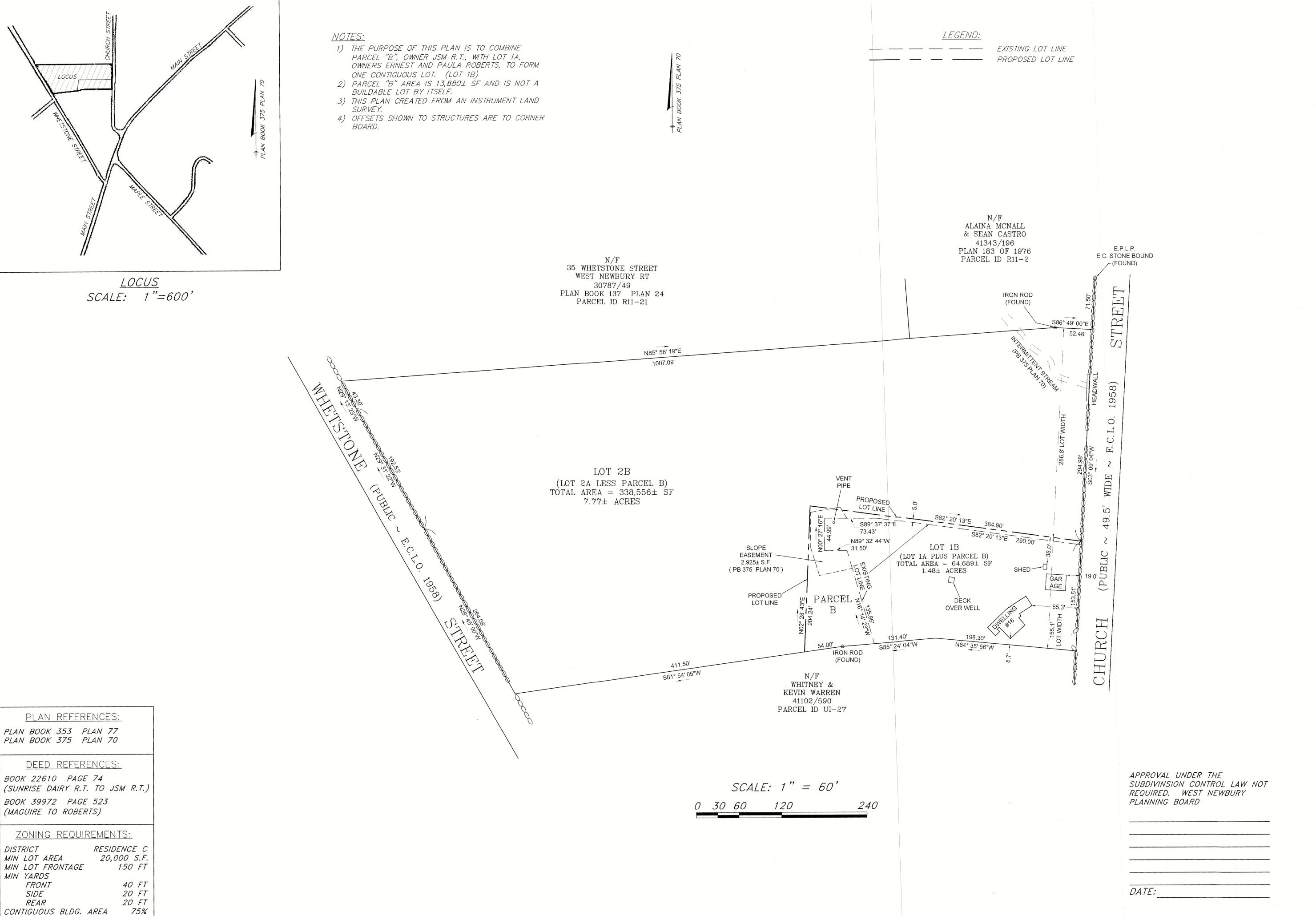
1.	Name of Applicant(s): John S Mc (3rd+6)
	Address: 244 Main St. D. N
	Telephone # 978 808 (14-5
2.	Name of Owner(s) (if other than Applicant(s)):
	Address:
	Telephone #
3.	Location and Description of Property (include Assessor's Map & Lot and Zoning
	District(s)): 2.2 \$ 16 Church St
	22610 74
4.	Deed Reference: Book, Page or Certificate of Title
5.	Name of Surveyor: Rick Bar traw
	Address: ZFruit St Ruffield.
	Telephone: 978 961 170 2
Signat	ure(s) of Applicant(s): Solve Signature

		Owner(s):
(if othe	r than A	applicant(s))
		the grounds (either 1., 2., 3. or 4., not a combination of) on which the plan considered a subdivision.
1.	has all	the frontage required under the Zoning By-law on:
	(1)	a public way; or
	(2)	a way which the Town Clerk certifies is maintained and used as a public way; or
	(3)	a way shown on a plan already approved and endorsed by the Board under the Subdivision Control Law; or
	(4)	a way existing before the date on which subdivision control was adopted in the Town, having, in the opinion of the Board, sufficient width, suitable grades and adequate construction to provide for the needs of vehicular traffic in relation to the proposed use of the land abutting thereon or served thereby, and for the installation of municipal services to serve such land and the buildings erected or to be erected thereon.
2.	has bee	en clearly marked on the plan to be either:
	(1) (2)	joined to and made part of an adjacent existing lot; or "Not a Building Lot"; or
3.	contain	as a building which existed prior to the date on which subdivision control was d in the Town; or
4.	constitu	utes an existing parcel with no new lot division. If the lot is not being subdivided es not contain frontage on a way, as specified above, the lot shall be clearly don the plans that it is "Not a Building Lot".
5.	other_	
Receive	<u>ed</u> : Tov	vn of West Newbury, Town Clerk (date stamp):

Signature of Town Official Receiving this Application

DATE

P.L.S.



	ARTICLE REQUEST FOR	M
ARTICLE: Zoning Amer	ndment - MBTA Communities Multi-Family Overlay Distri	ct (MCMOD)
AMOUNT REQUESTED:	0	
CONTACT PERSON:	Sue Brown, Town Planner	
PHONE NUMBER:	978-363-1100 x 125	
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The Town is obligated housing by right. By a to comply with the Lar action. Communities t fair housing laws. The not provide any mechadeveloped under the I	ke this purchase? What needs will be met? Who will ber under Ch 40A Section 3A to adopt a Multi-Family C dopting the MCMOD, the Town will be in compliant w will be inelligible for some State funding and may hat fail to comply with the Law's requirements also Law requires that MBTA Communities "shall have" anism by which a town or city may opt out of this re MCMOD bylaw would help diversify the Town's hou cluding past Comprehensive Plans and past and cur	overlay District that allows multi-family ce with the law. Communities that fail to be subject to civil enforcement risk liability under federal and state a compliant zoning district and does equirement. Further, new housing stock as is recommended in
What factors affect the tin	ning of this purchase? N/A	
When should this Article b	e sunsetted - how long will the project take?	2024 ATM
What ancillary costs do yo	u anticipate? (Maintenance, Insurance, Training, etc.)	None
useful life of at least five y	nprovement, preservation or creation of tangible Town- rears; 2) cost over \$20,000 and or 3) for which the Town em is on the Capital Improvements Committee Schedule	is authorized to borrow funds? If so,

Please attach additional pages or other supporting documentation.

No

## **ARTICLE #??: MBTA Communities – Multi-Family Overlay District**

#### **Frequently Asked Questions**

#### Why are we considering a Multi-Family Overlay District Bylaw?

Chapter 358 of the Acts of 2020 ("Acts") amended the state zoning act to stimulate economic
development and address the housing crisis by requiring that towns allow multi-family housing near
transit with by-right zoning.

#### What is the law?

- The new law states that all MBTA Communities must have a zoning district where multi-family housing is allowed as-of-right, meaning without the need for a special permit, variance, zoning amendment, waiver, or other discretionary zoning approval.
- Complying with the law is mandatory. If a town does not comply, the town will be ineligible for many
  critical state funding programs, may be subject to civil enforcement action" and, also risk liability under
  federal and state fair housing laws.

#### What is an MBTA Community

MBTA is the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority. A city or town with MBTA service, or adjacent
to a city or town with MBTA service, is considered an MBTA Community. West Newbury is designated as
an MBTA Adjacent Small Community because the abutting towns of Newburyport and Haverhill have
MBTA Commuter Rail Service.

#### Why did the state pass this law?

Local zoning restrictions on multi-family housing are contributing to the state's housing crisis. Changing
zoning to remove these barriers can stimulate the development of more diverse types of housing,
providing places to live for young people, older people looking to downsize, and others who cannot
afford, or do not want, a single-family house.

### What is a multi-family housing?

- Multi-family housing is defined as:
  - o a building with three or more residential units; or
  - o two or more buildings on the same lot with more than one residential unit in each building.

#### What does the law mean for West Newbury?

- The Town is required to adopt a zoning district where multi-family housing is allowed as-of-right. The zoning district can require Site Plan Review to ensure that a project meets established environmental and aesthetic standards, but as long as a project meets the zoning criteria, it must be approved.
- The law requires that the district must:
  - Allow for a minimum density of 15 dwelling units per acre.
  - Be of reasonable size, which for West Newbury means about six acres.
  - Include land that is feasible to develop.
  - Allow multi-family housing that is suitable for families with children. For example, it cannot limit the number of bedrooms in a dwelling unit or the age of residents.
  - Create the potential capacity for 87 dwelling units (this number is based on the 2020 Census, specifically 10% of our year-round housing units).
- The law **DOES NOT** require:

- o that any housing units be built, just that our local zoning allows them.
- o the use of town-owned land.
- o the town to provide utilities or services not already provided in the area.
- any housing to be affordable, however a maximum requirement of 10% affordability may be allowed if the Town has an existing bylaw requiring such for other developments. West Newbury does have an existing Inclusionary Zoning Bylaw that requires 10% of housing units in any new development qualify as affordable.

#### What is the proposed MBTA Communities Multi-family Overlay District (MC-MOD?)

- Around 6 acres of land (clarify when decided) at 147/317 Main Street (6 acres at 15 units per acre (= 90 units) complies with the requirement to allow for 87 units of housing)
- The regulations that control development within the MCMOD include dimensional controls and site and building design standards.

# Is housing created under MCMOD Regulations subject to West Newbury's zoning, wetland, septic and other requirements?

• Yes, MCMOD Developments are subject to all applicable requirements of the West Newbury Zoning Bylaw, Conservation Commission/Wetland regulations, Stormwater Management regulations and Title V Septic regulations. Any building would require a building permit and must meet all applicable building codes.

#### How was the proposed Bylaw developed?

- Using State Grant funds, the town secured the services of Dodson & Flinker, a design and planning firm to lead a community planning process.
- The public planning process that began in April of 2023 helped the town identify and evaluate three potential districts and create zoning to regulate potential development within the selected district.
- The process included presentations and discussions at Planning Board Meetings (March 21, April 4, May 16, July 18, Sept 19, Oct 17, Nov 21, Dec 5, Dec 19, Jan 2, Jan 16), virtual community forums (April 18, June 20, Sept 5, Nov 7) and in-person community forums (Nov 15), an in-person design workshop (June 27) and a public hearing (TBD).

#### Are there other questions we should answer/issues we should address?

Capacity of soils limiting development
Water capacity
How one district was selected over another
Why Mullen was eliminated from consideration

Others??

		317 Mai	in (Dunn)		n (Knapp)
Location	Proximity to services	Strength Within Town Center, walking distance to retail and services	Challenge	Strength Between school and Town Center, walkable to both	Challenge
	Pedestrian access/amenities		topography makes pedestrian access more challenging	Potential for sidewalk connection/access	
	Sight lines at likely entrance		Concern w/site lines to West	Site line distances reasonable	Left turning traffic problematic
	Traffic volume/ speed		Speed here is an issue due to long, straight stretch of road when traveling east to west	Volume and speed of traffic less than at Dunn site	
				Site has history of traffic entering and existing this site so locals may be more accustomed to that activity here	
	Intersections		Concern re proximity to busy Chruch St intersection		
	Other			Owners fully support rezoning effort, hope to sell for redevelopment	
Site Characteristics	Visibility of development	Much of development would not be visible from Main St., Development at front of site, along with topography could block view of other development to rear			Development on this site is likely to be more visible from Main St than on Dunn site
	Open space opportunity	High point of land could remain open		Opportunity to retain front field (protected by stream and buffer zones)	
	Topography		Elevation changes - challenge to development: entrance/exit, stormwater, placing bldgs	Relatively level site - reduces challenges to development vs. hilly site	
			Site development may require substantial retaining wall		
	Drainage		Stormwater runoff a considerable concern/would require considerable infrastructure to control	Limited concern regarding runoff and less stormwater infrastructure needed due to level nature of site	
	Soils Information		Drainage issues currently impact neighbors	Site provides opportunity for smaller scattered stormwater collection sites	
			Best perc location (back of lot) may also be best location for housing	Preliminary perc explorations are positive	
			Subsurface/soils unknown	Considereable knownlege os subsurface/soils	
	Vegetation	Perhaps less tree clearing needed			More trees may need to be cut compared to Dunn site, Owners indicated vegetation was not mature
	Frontage		Frontage provides limited options for entrance/exit	Good amount of frontage	
	Other		Site is still in agricultural use		

### **Town Planner Report**

February 6, 2024

#### Housing Opportunities Initiative (MBTA Community Multi-Family Zoning District)

- Draft Regulations sent to the Attorney General's Office for an informal, nonbinding review.
- Board and public comments regarding the two potential districts compiled into a comparison matrix.
- Frequently Asked Questions document prepared (may serve as a Town Meeting Handout).
- Dillon provided the following summary and recommendation regarding District Selection:

Based on the conversations at public forums and Planning Board meetings, I think the town's current direction makes sense:

- 1. Pursue 3A compliant zoning on the Knapp or Dunn properties, or both.
  - 1. These two properties were identified through a robust planning process.
    - 1. The two properties have been evaluated through a series of public forums and planning board meetings.
    - 2. The Town's planning consultants for the MBTA Communities Zoning process developed concept plans for these two properties and the bylaw amendments the Planning Board is currently finalizing are based on concept plans for these specific properties.
  - 2. The Mullen property, on the other hand, was initially considered for 3A compliant zoning, but the Planning Board, with public input, concluded that it was not the best location for an MBTA zoning district. First, the town has not made a final decision that housing is the highest and best use for the Mullen property. It is not ready to move forward with developing zoning and disposing of the property at the speed that would be required for 3A compliance. Second, one of the selling points for the Mullen property for a housing development is that it is town-owned. This gives the town an unusual ability to shape housing development on the property. However, Section 3A would require that the town be substantially along the road to disposition of the property before EOHLC would recognize zoning changes at Mullen as having fulfilled the 3A requirements. Third, the town has historically wanted a significant proportion of affordable units if housing is to be built on the Mullen Property, but zoning districts under 3A are limited to 10% affordable housing, or 20% if a 40R district is also adopted. The Town's planning consultants evaluated whether combining 3A and 40R is possible. Based on information they shared, the Planning Board determined that the complexity of combining 3A and 40R is not worth the potential benefits. The two laws have different aims, different definitions, different adoption procedures, etc. Neither the 40R program staff nor the 3A program staff were able to offer concrete guidance on how to develop zoning that would meet both laws.
- 2. Continue to evaluate the best use of the Mullen property. If housing is the best use, then undertake a rigorous planning process with extensive community engagement to determine the appropriate composition of housing on the site and the best development approach, including what kinds of zoning changes would be needed. 40R may well be the best zoning approach for the Mullen property, but without a clear understanding of the town's goals, and a fresh look at the development program and preferred site design, that cannot be determined yet.

#### **Housing Production Plan**

- More than 20 attended the January 25 Housing Needs Forum with representatives of the Select Board, Affordable Housing Trust, Finance Committee, Open Space Committee, Housing Authority, and Planning Board along with members of the general public.
- Presentation (2024 Housing Production Plan | Town of West Newbury MA (wnewbury.org))
- MVPC presented potential housing strategies and asked participants to select their priorities. These were the top ranked strategies.

#### **Town Planner Report**

February 6, 2024

- Activate and utilize municipally owned property to develop housing that supports community needs.
- Update existing design guidelines to accommodate and facilitate production of a variety of housing types, including duplexes, "starter" homes, townhomes, and housing suitable for seniors
- Explore and prioritize creation of partnerships with land preservation and housing-focused organizations to continue to develop tools that dually address housing production and land preservation to meet multiple community goals.
- Wendy Reed and Kevin Bowe representing the Select Board and Affordable Housing Trust hosted a table where they solicited input on the type of housing preferred on Town-owned properties. There were a range of suggestions including affordable, mix of affordable and market rate, modest size, and one and two bedroom (starter and ender) homes, and the most agreed on type of housing was rental. There was also a considerable discussion of reimagining the Page School to include housing, a senior center, daycare and recreational components including a gym and ski tow.
- Brian hosted the Housing Opportunities Initiative table which was well attended. Much of the discussion revolved around the very basics of the MBTA Communities requirements.

#### **Zoning Amendments**

STM 2023 – Received approval from the AGs Office on the ADU Bylaw and the Non-Conforming Use bylaw

#### **ADU Inquiries**

There has been some limited interest from residents regarding the potential for adding an ADU to their properties. Sam has heard from three residents since the amendment passed, and Paul has heard from two, but to date, no applications have been received.

#### **Annual Town Meeting**

Article Request Forms submitted for MBTA Communities Multi-Family Overlay District Zoning and amendments to Definitions.

#### **Potential Zoning Initiatives for Future Town Meetings**

- Inclusionary Housing Bylaw –amend and/or clarify how housing contributions are calculated
- BESS Battery Energy Storage Systems new bylaw
- Wireless Communication Facilities Update existing bylaw
- Section 4 Use Regulations convert to a table format
- Section 6.2 Performance Standards update/revise as needed
- Flood Plain Bylaw Change map panel numbers to reflect new Charles River Watershed mapping once the map numbers are issued
- Parking/loading Regulations update
- Stormwater Bylaw update
- Adult Use of Marijuana Bylaw potential new bylaw to regulate the building and operation of nonmedical marijuana facilities
- Steep Slopes Bylaw potential new bylaw



## TOWN OF NEWBURY ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS 12 KENT WAY, SUITE 101 BYFIELD, MA 01922 978/465-0862 x304

#### **ABUTTER'S NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that the Newbury Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on Thursday, February 15, 2024, at 7:30 p.m., in the Hearing Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Newbury Municipal Offices, 12 Kent Way, Byfield, MA 01922, on the application of **David and Sharon Broll, of 3 River Street, Byfield, MA 01922.** 

The Applicants are requesting a **SPECIAL PERMIT/FINDING** for relief from Section 97-10D(2)(c) (detached accessory apartments) of the Newbury Zoning Bylaws, and any other permit relief as may be required under the Town of Newbury's Zoning By-Laws to allow the proposed use/project, in order to renovate the existing detached barn/garage on the lot to convert it to a detached accessory apartment, on the property located at 3 River Street, Byfield, MA 01922 (Assessor's Map R19, Lot 59).

Eric P. Svahn, Chair Newbury Zoning Board of Appeals

## Town of Groveland Planning Board 183 Main Street Groveland, MA 01834



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#### Legal Notice

Notice to run in the Eagle Tribune on January 22, 2024, and January 39, 2024.

The Groveland Planning Board will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, February 6, 2024, at 183 Main St, Groveland beginning at 7:00 p.m., pursuant to M.G.L. Ch.40A, Section 5 to consider amendments and additions to the Zoning Bylaw as follows:

- 1) Addition of a Battery Energy Storage System section to Article 7, Special Use Regulations.
- 2) Addition of a section to Article 13, Section 2(A) Applicability for Site Plan Review, to require a site plan review for Battery Energy Storage Systems.

For questions or to view the materials contact aschindler@grovelandma.com. Texts of the proposed amendments are on file and can be viewed at the Economic Development, Planning and Conservation Department Monday – Thursday 8AM-3PM 183 Main Street Groveland, MA 01834.