

City of Keene Planning Board

AGENDA - AMENDED

Monday, November 27, 2023 6:30 PM City Hall, 2nd Floor Council Chambers

- I. Call to Order Roll Call
- II. Minutes of Previous Meeting October 23, 2023
- III. Final Vote on Conditional Approvals

IV. Extension Request

S-04-22 & SPR-04-22 - Conservation Residential Development Subdivision and Site Plan - 0 Drummer Rd - Applicant Fieldstone Land Consultants, on behalf of owner C. Eric Farris, requests a second extension to the deadline to satisfy the precedent conditions of approval for the proposed 6-lot subdivision of the property located at 0 Drummer Rd (TMP # 515-015-000) and construction of four, 5-unit multifamily residences and one, 6-unit multifamily residence. The property is 13.1 acres and is located in the Low Density District.

V. **Boundary Line Adjustment**

1. S-11-23 - Boundary Line Adjustment & Street Access Permit - 143 & 147 Main St & 0 Davis St - Applicant Brickstone Land Use Consultants, on behalf of owners 143 Main LLC & 147-151 Main Street LLC, proposes to merge the 0.12-ac parcel at 0 Davis St (TMP# 584-059-000) with the existing 0.15-ac parcel at 143 Main St and the 0.19-ac parcel at 147 Main St (TMP#s 584-061-000 & 584-060-000) and adjust the common lot line between these two parcels. A new curb cut is also proposed along Main St to access the parcel at 143 Main St. All parcels are located in the Downtown Core District.

VI. Public Hearing

 CLSS-CUP-03-23 - Congregate Living & Social Services Conditional Use Permit - Keene Serenity Center, 24 Vernon St - Applicant Keene Serenity Center, on behalf of owner Monadnock Area Peer Support Agency, proposes to operate a group resource center on the property at 24 Vernon St (TMP #568-058-000). The site is 0.28 ac and is located in the Downtown Core District.

VII. Master Plan Steering Committee

VIII. Staff Updates

IX. New Business

X. <u>Upcoming Dates of Interest</u>

- Joint Committee of the Planning Board and PLD December 11th, 6:30 PM
- Planning Board Steering Committee December 5th, 11:00 AM
- Planning Board Site Visit December 13th, 8:00 AM <u>To Be Confirmed</u>
 Planning Board Meeting December 18th, 6:30 PM

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8	Monday, October 23, 2023	6:30 PM	Council Chambers, City Hall	
	Members Present:	Staff Present:	•	
	Harold Farrington, Chair	Mari Brunner, Seni		
	David Orgaz, Vice Chair	Evan Clements, Pla		
	Roberta Mastrogiovanni		munity Development	
	Councilor Michael Remy	Director		
	Armando Rangel			
	Ryan Clancy			
	Randyn Markelon, Alternate Kenneth Kost, Alternate			
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	Members Not Present:			
	Mayor George S. Hansel			
	Gail Somers, Alternate			
	Tammy Adams, Alternate			
	Emily Lavigne-Bernier			
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10 11	I) Call to Order – Roll Call			
12 13	Chair Farrington called the meeting t	to order at 6:30 PM and a roll cal	l was taken.	
14 15	II) Minutes of Previous Meeting	<u>– September 25, 2023</u>		
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17	25, 2023 meeting minutes. The mo			
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20	III) Final Vote on Conditional A	<u>Approvals</u>		
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27 28 29	Ms. Brunner stated there is one appl 06-23, for a 2-lot subdivision of the precedent for this application include	e property at 800 Park Avenue.	There were five conditions	

- 30 inspection of lot monuments by the Public Works Director or their designee or posting a security
- 31 for the inspection of the lot monuments; submitting a copy of the draft of pass and repass easement
- 32 document for the City Attorney's review; the submittal of four full size paper copies, two mylar
- and a digital copy of the final plan set; and the submittal of a check in the amount of \$51 to cover
- 34 recording fees.
- 35 Ms. Brunner noted that all these conditions precedent have been met. A motion was made by
- 36 Councilor Michael Remy that the Planning Board issue final approval for S-06-23. The motion
- was seconded by David Orgaz and was unanimously approved.

IV) Extension Requests

1. S-03-23 & SWP-CUP-02-23 – Conservation Residential Development Subdivision & Surface Water Protection Conditional Use Permit – Whitcomb's Mill Estates, 19 Whitcomb's Mill Rd – Applicant and owner Sandra R. Henry Trust requests an extension to the deadline to satisfy the precedent conditions of approval for the CRD subdivision & Surface Water CUP applications, S-03-23 & SWP-CUP-02-23, for the proposed subdivision of the 12.42 ac parcel at 19 Whitcomb's Mill Rd (TMP #237-018-000) into 9 lots, including 8 residential building lots ranging in size from 0.38 to 0.77 ac and one open space lot that is 6.83 ac in size. The parcel is located in the Low Density 1 District.

Mr. Jim Phippard addressed the Board on behalf of the property owner and stated this is a first request for an extension to the timeframe to satisfy the precedent conditions of approval for this application. He explained that there were nine conditions precedent, two of which required the applicant to go before the City Council, which is a lengthy process. He stated that almost all of the conditions of approval are completed; however, he noted that they are still waiting for a letter of credit from the bank. He indicated they hope to have everything submitted to the Community Development Department in a week. Mr. Phippard stated they are requesting a six-month extension.

A motion was made by Councilor Michael Remy that the Planning Board extend the deadline to meet the precedent conditions of approval by 180 days for S-03-23 & SWP-CUP-02-23. The motion was seconded by David Orgaz and was unanimously approved.

 2. SPR-06-23 – Site Plan – Roosevelt School Housing – 438 Washington St – Applicant Monadnock Affordable Housing, on behalf of owner Community College System of New Hampshire, requests an extension to the deadline to satisfy the precedent conditions of approval for the Major Site Plan application, SPR-06-23, for the proposed renovations to the former Roosevelt School building and the construction of a new ~12,646 sf 2-story building with associated site improvements to create a 60 unit multifamily housing development on the property at 438 Washington St (TMP #531-054-000). The site is 2.4 ac and is located in the Low Density District.

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Ms. Sandy Clark, Facilities Director for Keene Housing, explained that they need more time to address the retaining wall issue for Woodbury Street, so they are requesting a six-month extension for this application.

A motion was made by Councilor Michael Remy that the Planning Board extend the deadline to meet the conditions of approval by 180 days for SPR-06-23. The motion was seconded by David Orgaz and was unanimously approved.

V. Public Hearings

1. <u>S-09-23 – Subdivision – 284 West Surry Rd:</u> Applicant Huntley Survey & Design PLLC, on behalf of owners Corbet & Colline Cook, proposes to subdivide the ~9.19-ac parcel at 284 West Surry Rd (TMP #206-025-000) into three lots ranging in size from ~2 ac to ~5.16 ac. The parcel is located in the Rural District.

A. Board Determination of Completeness

Evan Clements, Planner, addressed the Board and stated the Applicant has requested exemptions from providing a drainage report, traffic analysis, soil analysis, and other technical reports. Staff have determined that the requested exemptions would have no bearing on the merits of the application and recommend that the Board accept the application as complete.

A motion was made by Councilor Remy to accept the subdivision application, S-09-23, as complete. The motion was seconded by David Orgaz and was unanimously approved.

B. Public Hearing

Mr. Russ Huntley of Huntley Survey and Design addressed the Board and explained that this property has a little over nine acres and the property owner is seeking approval for a three-lot subdivision. He explained that there is an existing house with a septic system, well, and driveway on the parcel and indicated that the property owner would like to create two more building lots. One would be north of the existing house and one west of the existing house.

The one to the north would be the minimum two-acre lot size with plenty of frontage. The existing house would also be on a two acre lot with frontage on both Darling Road and West Surry Road. The remaining five plus acres would have frontage on Darling Road. Test pits have been completed, a survey has been done, and all zoning criteria have been met and staff requirements have been addressed.

Staff comments were next. Mr. Clements stated the subject parcel is an existing 9.19-acre lot located on the corner of Route NH 12A, also known as West Surry Road and Darling Road, with Bretwood Golf Club directly to the east and the Keene/Surry town line approximately 1,300 feet to the north. There is an existing 1,152 square foot single-family residence with a detached garage on the property. The applicant proposes to subdivide the parcel to create two new residential building lots. Lot 1 will have access off of West Surry Road and will be 2.02-acres in size with 254 feet of frontage. Lot 2 will be a 2-acre corner lot with 165 feet of frontage on West Surry Road

- and 233 feet of frontage on Darling Road. This lot will contain the existing single-family residence.
- Lot 3 will be a 5.16-acre lot with 512 feet of frontage on Darling Road.

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122 With reference to the "Character of Land for Subdivision" – Mr. Clements stated the subject parcel 123 is characterized by a level open field along the roadways with a tree line deeper onto the property. 124 Further onto the property, the land begins to slope away from the road in a northwesterly direction. 125 A large wetland area exists at the low point of the property in the northwestern corner of the lot. 126 There appears to be sufficient level land in this area for future residential development, if there 127 was some tree clearing done. Test pit data has been submitted as part of this application. The data 128 reveals that the soil composition is mostly sandy with few clumps, with an estimated seasonal 129 high-water observed at no greater than 50 inches and no ledge observed. The site appears to be 130 suitable for septic.

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Mr. Clements went on to say that the existing development pattern of the area along Darling Road consists of two-acre residential parcels. The proposed two-acre lots appear to fit in with the existing developed parcels. The proposed Lot 3 will contain the majority of the existing wetland system and is proposed to be larger as a result. It appears that this standard has been met.

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With reference to the "*Preservation of Existing Features*" - The two proposed undeveloped lots, Lots 1 & 3, contain areas of open field as well as wooded areas. Tree clearing will most likely be required for the future development of Lot 3 (Lot 1 appears to be clear already). The 75-foot wetland buffer is shown on the plan for all three lots and will provide protection for the existing wetlands system. The Board may wish to consider a subsequent condition of approval related to the wetlands buffer being flagged prior to the commencement of any site development in the future on Lots 1 and 3. It appears that this standard has been met.

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"Special Flood Hazard Areas" - The subject parcel is not located within a special flood hazard area.

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"Fire Protection and Water Supply" - The applicant states in the narrative that fire protection service will be consistent with the other residences constructed in the neighborhood, but did not provide specific information initially. Following staff's conversation with the applicant, they have agreed to add a note to the plan regarding individual sprinkler systems. Mr. Clements stated staff did not recommend adding this note, but it is something the applicant has agreed to add to the plan.

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He further explained the note will also state that if any future development of these lots comes forward and the applicant does not want to install a sprinkler system, they have the option to come back before the Board to discuss other fire protection options suitable to meet the intent of the Board's regulations.

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During the review of this application, it was also discovered that at the turnaround point of Darling Court (2,000 feet from the subject parcel), there is private fire cistern. Mr. Clements stated it is unlikely the Fire Department would utilize this cistern during an emergency.

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"*Utilities*" - All three lots will be serviced by private well and septic systems. The subdivision plan shows sufficient room on each lot to accommodate the 75-foot wellhead protection radius and

a 4k septic area. NH DES subdivision approval will be required for Lot 1 as it is less than five acres in size. It appears that this standard has been met.

Mr. Clements went over the recommended motion. This concluded staff comments.

Councilor Remy asked whether language needs to be included in the motion regarding fire protection or whether that has already been included. Mr. Clements stated the conversation he had with Mr. Huntley regarding the note was after the staff report was drafted. He explained that the legislation regarding this item has changed, hence staff is hesitant to bring it up to the Board because it is clear the Board can't require or necessarily accept it. Staff believe because it is being voluntarily offered at this time by the applicant that it should be sufficient, and it allows staff to deal with it on an individual level at this time.

Mr. Clancy clarified that the lot that has the house was a two-acre lot and not five acres. Mr. Clements agreed it was two acres and that the lot to the west was five acres.

181 The Chairman asked for public comment next.

Ms. Sylvie Singh-Lamay of 45 Darling Road asked what the purpose is of the 75-foot protective well radius. Mr. Clements explained this meant that a wellhead would be installed in the center of the circle shown on the plan and explained that a leech field or septic system could be installed within this 75 foot area.

188 With no other comments from the public, the Chair closed the public hearing.

Mr. Clements addressed regional impact as it pertains to this application. He indicated that after reviewing the application, staff has a made a preliminary evaluation that the proposed subdivision does not appear to have the potential for regional impact. He added the Board would need to make a final determination about whether the proposal could have the potential for regional impact, if approved.

Councilor Remy asked whether the Board wanted to include language regarding wetlands flagging. Ms. Markelon felt it made sense to have the area flagged.

C. Board Discussion and Action

A motion was made by Councilor Michael Remy that the Planning Board approve S-09-23 as shown on the plan set identified as "Three Lot Minor Subdivision" prepared by Huntley Survey & Design at a scale of 1 inch = 40 feet, dated August 31, 2023 and last revised on October 3, 2023 with the following conditions:

1. Prior to final approval and signature by the Planning Board Chair, the following conditions precedent shall be met:

A. Owner's signature appears on the plan.

B. Inspection of lot monuments by the Public Works Director or their designee
following their installation or the submittal of a security in an amount deemed
satisfactory to the Public Works Director to ensure that the monuments will be set.
C. Subdivision approval from the New Hampshire Department of Environmental
Services shall be obtained.

- D. Submittal of four (4) full sized paper copies, two (2) mylar copies, and a digital copy of the final plan set.
- E. Submittal of a check in the amount of \$51.00 made out to the City of Keene to cover recording fees.
- 2. Subsequent to final approval and signature by the Planning Board Chair, the following conditions shall be met:
 - A. Prior to the issuance of a building permit for new residential construction, a stormwater management plan shall be submitted to the Community Development Department for review and approval by the City Engineer.
 - B. At the Community Development Director's discretion, the 75-ft. wetland buffer shall be flagged and inspected by the Community Development Director or their designee prior to site development.

The motion was seconded by David Orgaz.

Councilor Remy stated he agrees with staff that there is no regional impact from this project.

The Chair felt the applicant has met the Board's development standards and was in favor of approving the application.

The motion made by Councilor Remy was unanimously approved.

2. <u>S-10-23 & SPR-02-22</u>, <u>Modification #1 – Boundary Line Adjustment & Site Plan</u> – Aroma Joe's & Granite State Carwash, 348 & 364 West St – Applicant Brickstone Land Use Consultants, on behalf of owners, proposes a boundary 1 of 57 line adjustment that would transfer ~0.022 ac of land West Street AJ's LLC and A&B LLC from the ~0.598-ac Granite State Carwash site at 364 West St (TMP #577-026-000) to the ~0.224-ac Aroma Joe's site at 348 West St (TMP #577-025-000). Modifications to the layout of the existing queuing area on the Aroma Joe's site are also proposed. Both properties are located in the Commerce District.

A. Board Determination of Completeness

Mr. Clements addressed the Board and stated this item consists of two separate applications (a boundary line adjustment and a site plan modification) that will be discussed concurrently, but noted that there will be two separate motions at the end.

With reference to completeness, Mr. Clements stated the applicant requests exemptions from providing a traffic analysis, soil analysis, historic evaluation, screening analysis, architectural &

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visual appearance analysis, lighting plan, elevations, and other technical reports. Staff have determined that the requested exemptions would have no bearing on the merits of the application and recommend that the Board accept the application as complete.

A motion was made by Councilor Remy to accept S-10-23 & SPR-02-22, Modification #1 as complete. The motion was seconded by David Orgaz and was unanimously approved.

B. Public Hearing

Mr. Jim Phippard addressed the Board on behalf of West Street AJ's LLC and A&B LLC. He addressed the boundary line adjustment first. He explained the boundary line adjustment would occur along the common boundary line between the Aroma Joe's parcel and the carwash property. The purpose of the boundary line adjustment is to add an eight foot strip of land to the entire length of the Aroma Joe's western property boundary. Mr. Phippard stated that the Aroma Joe's property is an existing non-conforming lot because it is less than the minimum lot size required in the Commerce District and noted that this adjustment will make it more conforming.

The carwash site is 0.6 acres in size and is a conforming lot. The purpose of adding this strip of land is so that the Aroma Joe's lot can be widened and a second entry lane can be added into the queuing area. Mr. Phippard talked about the success Aroma Joe's has had since its construction last April, more so than was expected. There is a single entry lane that loops around the building and there was adequate queuing around the property. Ten cars will bring you right up to the sidewalk on West Street. The applicant's traffic assessment was based on traffic at their other locations and indicated that a ten car queuing area would be sufficient for an area the size of Keene. However, that was not the case and traffic often backed on to West Street blocking traffic from both directions. The Police were called to the site on numerous occasions to move traffic along and it was requested that this problem be fixed.

Mr. Phippard went on to say the applicant provided for a temporary fix. Employees were not permitted to park in the four spaces on the site to lengthen the queuing lane and were requested to park on the carwash site. This still did not solve the problem, which is why this proposal is before the Board today. Mr. Phippard added that this boundary line adjustment does not change the site plan for the carwash site, it just changes their property line slightly. However, he did note that they had to go before the Zoning Board for two variances for these properties. The variances were to allow for a pavement setback less than eight feet along the common property line. He added that there will be a fence between the two properties to keep the line of traffic separated.

After coming to the Board last month, he asked the property owner to monitor the number of cars waiting to turn left and they have indicated that they have not seen any issues. He noted that the two traffic signals on West Street create a gap in traffic, which helps with left turns. They also simplified the traffic circulation to eliminate traffic conflicts by closing the curb cuts on the carwash site along West Street. There are now no curb cuts between Aroma Joes and the Pearl Street intersection, which provides for an excellent line of sight. Mr. Phippard stated the owner feels that prohibiting left hand turns is not necessary and would inconvenience customers. He felt that the current proposal will resolve the issues the site is currently experiencing.

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Mr. Phippard went on to say that in regard to the recommended conditions of approval, he would request that 1.C. not be required, which asks for cars exiting the site to be limited to a right turn only. This concluded Mr. Phippard's presentation.

Councilor Remy asked whether the same traffic engineer completed the traffic study for the carwash site as well. Mr. Phippard answered in the affirmative.

Mr. Orgaz asked whether there would be signage at the second entrance to Aroma Joe's. Mr. Phippard stated there would be signage.

Mr. Kost asked if cars trying to make a left turn when exiting the site could be a cause of the traffic issues. Mr. Phippard stated that traffic has been able to turn left out of the site without too many issues and added that he contributes this to the gaps created by the lights at the two intersections on West Street. Mr. Phippard stated he drives on West Street every day and looks for issues with traffic making left turns out of other businesses and has not noticed any issues.

Mr. Clancy stated his concern is that there is no exit for queuing traffic to get out safely. Mr. Phippard stated when he did the site plan application for Walpole Savings Bank, he left out the turn in front of the building, but he was asked to put that back in. Aroma Joe's is not looking for this type of traffic circulation. Mr. Clancy stated he had raised this concern during the Advice & Comment session last month and wonders if there could be a connector lane to the carwash site, so traffic could exit via the carwash property. Mr. Phippard stated he would not want to encourage another car to enter a site that already has two lanes coming in and merging, which he felt could cause a safety hazard.

Ms. Mastrogiovanni asked whether any consideration could be given to a double exit lane. Mr. Phippard stated the applicant did not feel that would be necessary. Ms. Mastrogiovanni stated two exit lanes make it easier for someone who wants to turn right but is behind a car that is trying to make a left. Mr. Phippard stated there is room to add a second exit by moving the landscaping and the ramp, but noted that he did not feel this was necessary. He noted adding the second exit comes at a considerable expense. He added if the owners feel it is necessary, they will come back before the Board with a site plan modification. Ms. Mastrogiovanni felt it would make more sense to put the change in place now rather than having to come back. Mr. Phippard stated he does understand what Ms. Mastrogiovanni is saying but to change the plan now would require this process to be stopped. He would have to come up with a modification to the plan, submit it to staff, have Public Works review the plan, and hope to be back at the November meeting – which would cause the applicant to lose this construction season, so they wouldn't even be able to install the second entry lane or complete any construction until April. He stated he would like it to be left for a future consideration rather than delay this process any further.

Staff comments were next. Mr. Clements addressed the Board and stated the boundary line adjustment which consists of a land transfer of 0.022 acres from the Granite State Carwash property to the Aroma Joe's property. At the time the boundary line adjustment was submitted, a voluntary merger between 12 Pearl Street and 364 West St (the two parcels that make up the carwash site) had not been finalized. Hence, the boundary line adjustment shows that merger as part of the proposal for this application. There is a precedent condition of approval recommended

to effectively eliminate that from the boundary line adjustment plan, as it has already been finalized.

As part of the site plan, Engineering Staff is looking for a Grading and Erosion Control Plan to be submitted for the proposed site work.

With respect to drainage, the applicant states in their narrative that the existing drainage patterns on the site will be maintained. Stormwater will be directed to the rear of the lot and into the existing stormwater management system and this system has sufficient capacity to collect any stormwater from this site. It appears that this standard has been met.

Sediment & Erosion Control - The applicant states in their narrative that sediment and erosion control will be achieved by utilizing silt fencing during construction. A Grading & Erosion Control Plan will be reviewed and approved by the City Engineer.

Snow Storage will be achieved by storing snow around the perimeter of the drive-thru lane and removing any excess snow from the site. This standard has been met.

Landscaping - There are seven existing arborvitaes along the west side of the property that will be relocated to the southwest corner of the lot to accommodate the expanded drive-thru isle. A six foot tall fence is being proposed along the common property line. There are also some daylilies that will be relocated to make room for the new drive-thru lane. This standard has been met.

Filling & Excavation - The applicant states in their narrative that minor filling and excavation will be necessary, and they are estimating that 50 cubic yards of material will be necessary for this project. Mr. Clements noted that they have direct access from Route 12 to the site. It appears that this standard has been met.

Traffic & Access Management – As Mr. Phippard indicated, the applicant has done some preliminary analysis, and they don't believe restricting the exit to right turn only is necessary. Staff from both Public Works and Community Development feel the site in general is very different than when it was proposed as the Aroma Joe's site. The activity at the Pearl Street intersection that is going to be generated from the carwash site is going to be significantly greater than when it was initially proposed. Staff feel restricting the exit to be a right turn only movement will increase traffic flow through the Aroma Joe's site and reduce potential future traffic impacts of cars turning from the Pearl Street intersection after utilizing the carwash as well as reducing impacts of cars turning onto Pearl Street.

385 Mr. Clements then outlined the recommended conditions of approval. This concluded staff comments.

Mr. Orgaz asked whether the employee parking will be brought back to the Aroma Joe's site. Mr. Phippard stated employee parking is back.

Chair Farrington asked whether the Police Department has reviewed this plan. Ms. Brunner stated that when s these applications are sent out for staff review the Fire Department, Police Department,

Engineering, Public Works, Zoning and Building Staff are all included in the review process. She indicated that typically the Police Department doesn't have comments on site plan applications and no comments were received on this application. The Chair asked whether what was shared with them was the right turn only proposal. Mr. Clements stated they receive the complete submittal, but the plan was not discussed with them directly. The Chair clarified all businesses in the area are aware of this application. Mr. Clements stated a legally complying public notice was sent to all abutters.

The Chair asked for public comment next. With no comment from the public, the Chair closed the public hearing.

Councilor Remy stated he does not see any regional impact from this application.

B. Board Discussion and Action

A motion was made by Councilor Michael Remy that the Planning Board approve S-10-23 as shown on the plan set identified as "Lot Line Adjustment Plan" prepared by Huntley Survey & Design at a scale of 1 inch = 20 feet, dated September 15, 2023 with the following conditions:

1. Prior to final approval and signature by the Planning Board Chair, the following conditions precedent shall be met:

A. Owner's signature appears on the plan.

B. Inspection of lot monuments by the Public Works Director or their designee following their installation or the submittal of a security in an amount deemed satisfactory to the Public Works Director to ensure that the monuments will be set.

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C. Submittal of a revised BLA plan that reflects the voluntary merger of 364 West Street and 12 Pearl Street.

D. Submittal of four (4) full sized paper copies, two (2) mylar copies, and a digital copy of the final plan set.

E. Submittal of a check in the amount of \$51.00 made out to the City of Keene to cover recording fees.

The motion was seconded by David Orgaz and was unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Councilor Michael Remy that the Planning Board approve SPR-02-22, Mod. 1, as shown on the plan identified as "Site Plan Modification Aroma Joe's 0 West Street, Keene, New Hampshire" prepared by SVE Associates and Brickstone Land Use Consultants at a scale of 1 in =10 ft, dated September 12, 2023 with the following conditions: 1. Prior to final approval and signature by the Planning Board Chair, the following conditions precedent shall be met:

A. Owner's signature appears on plan.

 B. Submittal of a Grading & Erosion Control Plan to the Community Development Department to be reviewed and approved by the City Engineer.

 C. Submittal of five (5) full sized paper copies and a digital copy of the final plan set.

The motion was seconded by David Orgaz.

The Councilor stated he excluded condition C: Submittal of a revised site plan that restricts the exit from the site to a "Right Turn Only" vehicle movement, but noted that he was open to an amended motion to add the item back in. He referred to the Savings Bank of Walpole site, which can be challenging because of the two exit lanes. However, the Starbucks site seems to work fine.

The Chair stated he agrees with Councilor Remy in that there are sites on West Street that have a right turn only exit and some that exit right and left. He added that absent data he did not want to impose this restriction on the applicant. He felt the applicant has been accommodating in turning this item around and have identified the problem themselves and have addressed it accordingly.

Mr. Clancy stated he agrees with Councilor Remy's comment and added in the future when the Board looks at projects such as this, they will look more closely at safety and dual exit lanes for queueing lanes. He stated he was concerned about emergency vehicle access.

The motion made by Councilor Remy was unanimously approved.

VI. Advice & Comment

1. <u>Potential Conservation Residential Development (CRD) Subdivision</u>, 0 Old Walpole Rd – Applicant and owner Monadnock Habitat for Humanity Inc., is seeking input from the Planning Board regarding a potential CRD Subdivision of the 7.1-ac parcel at 0 Old Walpole Rd (TMP #503-005-000). The parcel is located in the Rural District.

Mr. Michal Conway, a volunteer for Monadnock Habitat Humanity, stated they acquired this property through a donation and would like to make the best use of it and provide for affordable workforce housing. He noted the property is located in the Rural Zone, is 7.1 acres in size and is eligible to be subdivided into three lots. Each lot would be in excess of two acres and would become developable lots for three single-family dwellings. He indicated what they are proposing is an alternative to that; a CRD Development with an optional bonus density incentive for owner-occupied workforce affordable housing. He stated their proposal would require a waiver from the Planning Board. He added that what they wish to construct would require two waivers.

The development would consist of two lots each in excess of 32,000 square feet each with a modest duplex on them. Each duplex would have two units of approximately 1,150 square feet each.

The first waiver is to allow this project to be reviewed as a CRD subdivision. Per the City's Land Development Code, a parcel in the Rural District must have a minimum lot size of 10 acres to be eligible for a CRD and this parcel is only 7.1 acres in size.

He added that their proposal involves a turning a portion of the parcel into a perpetual conservation area, which would set aside an excess of five acres of land and would satisfy the minimum requirements that would exist if this were a ten acre lot.

The second waiver is for the proposed construction of a shared driveway as opposed to the creation of an interior road. He explained that they are looking for Board input before they spend their limited funds on professional services.

Councilor Remy asked how the owner-occupied concept would work, given that they are proposing two lots with duplexes. Mr. Conway stated it would be a condominium and it would be a requirement outlined in the lease. The Councilor asked why it needs to be a shared driveway versus a road. Ms. Brunner stated staff would be in support of this waiver because this proposal is just for the construction of two duplexes. She explained that the construction of an entire street that would become a public right-of-way is complicated and there are maintenance issues that go along with it. The City feels a shared driveway should be encouraged when it makes sense, and this is one of those instances. Mr. Conway felt that the construction of a street would cause environmental disturbance and would encroach into the conservation area.

Councilor Remy referred to the wooded open space toward Old Walpole Road and asked whether the applicant would have an issue in leaving this as a no cut zone and leaving it as a wooded area. Mr. Conway stated they will be honoring this requirement.

Mr. Kost stated he appreciates this concept of providing more workforce housing. He stated he wanted to make sure the shared driveway would have spaces for emergency vehicle access.

Mr. Clancy stated he prefers this proposal compared to the one presented by the applicant previously. He stated his focus is also on emergency vehicle access.

Chair Farrington stated there is workforce housing and affordable housing and asked what the plan was for this proposal. Mr. Conway explained Habitat for Humanity helps construct homes. The partner families also participate in the construction of the house, so there is some sweat equity invested in the house. If they are unable to help with construction, they can have people help with construction on their behalf, but it is a requirement. When they are ready to move in, there is a mortgage so anyone who wants to purchase the home would need to have an income. What makes it affordable is that the construction of the house is done largely by volunteer labor and much of the materials are donated.

He added that Habitat for Humanity is a certified charity, and they structure a no interest mortgage. However, there are strings attached so that somebody can't sell the house and make a profit. The City's requirement to get the density bonus is to provide for workforce or affordable housing. Chair Farrington asked for other examples of homes constructed by Habitat for Humanity. Mr. Conway referred this question to the President for Habitat for Humanity, Matt Keenan. Mr. Keenan stated they have been around since 1991 and have built 16 homes in the greater Monadnock area. They have all been single-family homes until now and the challenge has been finding affordable land.

Chair Farrington clarified these properties will have well and septic. The applicants agreed and added that access to sewer is at a distance; however, City water is at close proximity, and this could still be a possibility.

Mr. Clements asked how ownership of each duplex was going to be handled. Mr. Conway stated they would be owned separately, but the underlying lot will be shared.

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- Chair Farrington felt this plan was much more acceptable than what was presented previously. Mr.
- Conway asked how the Board felt about the two waivers. Councilor Remy stated he was in support
- of the CRD proposal on this acreage and agreed with the shared driveway concept.

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Ms. Markelon felt because this site abuts a low density area the CRD concept would make sense.

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- Councilor Remy stated when the plan is ready to be presented, he would like to see a view from the road of what this plan would look like. Chair Farrington encouraged that they should maintain as many trees as possible and reminded the applicant of the public's concern from last month regarding drainage. Mr. Conway stated the impervious surface being introduced to this site is way below the maximum required in the rural zone (10%). Mr. Keenan stated that a Keene State
- 545 College sophomore class will be assisting with the design for this project.

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Councilor Remy asked if public comment is taken for Advice & Comment. Ms. Brunner stated this would be entirely up to the Chair. The Chair asked for public comment.

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Mr. David Bergeron, an abutter to this parcel, stated that he was in support of this project.

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Mr. Stefan Mayhew of Elm Street stated he was happy to see Habitat for Humanity veering away from single-family homes and looking into duplexes and triplexes.

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VII. Staff Updates

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Ms. Brunner stated with reference to a master plan, the City is currently in the process of selecting a consultant. There is an RFQ that has been sent out and a roster will be available in time for the November meeting to assign a Steering Committee. She explained that the hope is to have the process started in early 2024.

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VIII. New Business

None

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IX. Upcoming Dates of Interest

- Joint Committee of the Planning Board and PLD November 13th, 6:30 PM
- Planning Board Steering Committee November 14th, 11:00 AM
- Planning Board Site Visit November 22nd, 8:00 AM To Be Confirmed
- Planning Board Meeting November 27th, 6:30 PM

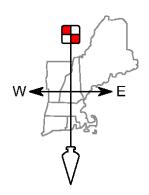
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There being no further business, Chair Farrington adjourned the meeting at 8:00 PM.

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Respectfully submitted by,Krishni Pahl, Minute Taker

- 577 Reviewed and edited by,
- 578 Megan Fortson, Planning Technician



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November 16, 2023

City of Keene Planning Board

Attn: Mari Brunner, Senior Planner City Hall - 4th Floor 3 Washington Street-Keene, NH 0343

RE: S-04-22 and SPR-04-22

Timberlane Woods CRD Subdivision

Extension Request Letter

Dear Planning Board,

Fieldstone Land Consultants, on behalf of Christopher E. Farris, is hereby submitting this letter to request a second 6-month extension to satisfy the precedent conditions of approval. Additional time is needed to finalize the legal documents for a formal submission to the City. We look forward to the completion of the conditions of approval in the near future.

Best Regards,

FIELDSTONE LAND CONSULTANTS, PLLC

Chad E. Branon, PE Project Engineer

S-11-23 – Boundary Line Adjustment & Street Access Permit – 143 & 147 Main St, 0 Davis St BLA

Request:

Applicant Brickstone Land Use Consultants, on behalf of owners 143 Main LLC & 147-151 Main Street LLC, proposes to merge the 0.12-ac parcel at 0 Davis St (TMP# 584-059-000) with the existing 0.15-ac parcel at 143 Main St and the 0.19-ac parcel at 147 Main St (TMP#s 584-061-000 & 584-060-000) and adjust the common lot line between these two parcels. A new curb cut is also proposed along Main St to access the parcel at 143 Main St. All parcels are located in the Downtown Core District.

Background:

The subject properties are located at the northwest corner of Main Street and Davis Street with Athen's Pizza abutting to the north and the Cumberland Farms Gas & Convenience across Main Street to the east. The property at 143 Main Street contains an historic, mixed-use commercial and residential building with street access from Davis Street via the 0 Davis Street property. The property at 147-151 Main Street used to contain a two story, brick construction mixed-use building known as the Cobblestone building; however, the lot is currently vacant after a fire forced the demolition of the building. The property at 0 Davis Street is a gravel parking aera.



Figure 1. Location of 143 Main St, 147-151 Main St, and 0 Davis St parcels.

The purpose of this BLA application is to adjust the common lot line between 143

Main Street and 147-151 Main Street and merge the 0 Davis Street into the two Main Street properties, eliminating the 0 Davis Street property. This proposal will remove the existing site access for 143 Main Street. A Street Access permit application for 143 Main Street has been submitted concurrently with the boundary line adjustment application to propose a new site access point on Main Street.

The Street Access permit application for 143 Main Street proposes to install a new 12' paved driveway along the south side of the existing building. The location of the proposed street access and driveway is in the approximate location of a former driveway that was discontinued by the previous property owner in 2007, in conjunction with the reconstruction of this portion of Main Street. The existing crosswalk will be relocated, by the applicant, to the south of the proposed new street access.

Table 1 provides the area of each lot before and after the proposed merger and lot line adjustment. The Downtown Core District has no minimum lot size.

Table 1. Area of Land Affected by Proposed Boundary Line Adjustment			
	143 Main St. (TMP# 584-061-000)	147-151 Main St. (TMP# 584-060-000)	0 Davis St. (TMP# 584-059-000)
Prior to Adjustment	0.15 acres	0.19 acres	0.12 acres
After Adjustment	0.21 acres	0.25 acres	0 acres

Determination of Regional Impact:

After reviewing the application, staff have made a preliminary evaluation that the proposed subdivision does not appear to have the potential for "regional impact" as defined in RSA 36:55. The Board will need to make a final determination as to whether the proposal, if approved, could have the potential for regional impact.

Completeness:

The Applicant requests exemptions from providing a drainage report, traffic analysis, soil analysis, and other technical reports. Staff have determined that the requested exemptions would have no bearing on the merits of the application and recommend that the Board accept the application as "complete."

Departmental Comments:

Engineering: The proposed street access point will need to meet all pertinent City regulations including:

- 1. Ramp details shall comply with City Standards and the PROWAG (Public Right-of-Way Accessibility Guidelines).
- 2. Pavement markings shall be "continental" style with bars arranged parallel to traffic (not perpendicular to the crosswalk).

Application Analysis: The following is a review of the Planning Board development standards relevant to this application.

- 19.2.2 <u>Character of Land:</u> The applicant states in their narrative that the subject properties are existing commercially developed properties. The 143 Main Street property is already developed, and the 147-151 Main Street property was previously developed and has no steep slopes, surface waters, or floodplain areas. It appears that this standard has been met.
- 19.2.3 <u>Scattered or Premature Development:</u> The applicant states in their narrative that the subject parcels are located in a heavily developed area and have access to city services including water and sewer service and frontage on Main Street and Davis Street. It appears that this standard has been met.
- 19.2.4 <u>Preservation of Existing Features:</u> There are no significant natural features on the properties. The applicant states in their narrative that the existing brick house at 143 Main Street will be retained with minor changes to accommodate a new driveway and site access. This

building is located in the Downtown Historic District and is ranked as a "Primary Resource," which means it contributes to the District's sense of time and place and historical development in a particularly distinctive manner. Any changes to this historic resource may require review and approval by the Historic District Commission. The Planning Board should not approve any plan or proposal that would alter the structure located at 143 Main Street unless and until approval by the Historic District Commission has been granted for those alterations.

- 19.2.5 <u>Monumentation:</u> The applicant states in their narrative that new pins will be set to mark the proposed new boundary lines. It appears that this standard has been met.
- 19.2.6 <u>Special Flood Hazard Area:</u> The applicant states in their narrative that the subject parcels do not lie within the 100-year floodplain.
- 19.2.7 <u>Fire Protection and Water Supply:</u> The applicant states in their narrative that the properties are serviced with city water and that fire hydrants exist on Main Street and Davis Street. It appears that this standard has been met.
- 19.2.8 <u>Utilities:</u> City water and sewer service serve the subject properties. It appears that this standard has been met.
- 20.2 <u>Drainage:</u> The applicant states in their narrative that drainage from the proposed driveway will be collected and directed to a new infiltration system that will be installed with the planned future re-development of 147-151 Main Street. It appears that this standard has been met.
- 20.3 <u>Sediment & Erosion Control:</u> The applicant states in their narrative that silt fence will be installed during the construction of the driveway to prevent any sediment from leaving the site. It appears that this standard has been met.
- 20.5 <u>Landscaping:</u> The applicant states in their narrative that the lawn area at the front of 143 Main Street will be preserved and that new landscaping will be proposed with the future site plan application for the re-development of 143 Main Street. No new landscaping is proposed with this application. It appears that this standard has been met.
- 20.9 <u>Traffic & Access Management:</u> The applicant has submitted a Street Access Permit application for 143 Main Street to demonstrate that the property will still have street access after the proposed merger and lot line adjustment. The applicant is proposing a 12' paved driveway that will provide access to a proposed parking area located to the rear of the property. At the time of this staff report, the plan included a note that indicates that three feet will be "trimmed" from the southern porch on the 143 Main Street property. Any proposed changes to this porch, which is listed as a character-defining feature on the property inventory form, will need to be reviewed and approved by the Historic District Commission before the Planning Board can approve the application. If the plans are not revised prior to the Planning Board meeting, staff recommend that the Board continue this application to allow the applicant time to either revise the plans to

avoid impacting the historic brick building, or alternatively, obtain HDC approval for the proposed alterations.

The applicant proposes to shift the existing crosswalk and associated pedestrian features to the south of the proposed street access area. The future re-development of 147-151 Main Street will use street access from Davis Street and is not under consideration with this application. A full Site Plan application will be submitted for the Planning Board to review the proposed redevelopment at a later date.

Recommended Motion:

Staff will provide a recommended motion at the Planning Board meeting.

City of Keene, NH Planning Board Boundary Line Adjustment (BLA) Application

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

SECTION 1: PROJE	CT INFORMATION	
PROJECT NAME: 3 Lot Boundary Line Adjus	tment	
PROJECT ADDRESS(ES): 143 Main St, 147-151 Main St & O Davis		
SECTION 2: CONTA		
PROPERTY OWNER #1	PROPERTY OWNER #2	
NAME/COMPANY: 143 Main LLC	NAME/COMPANY: 147-151 Main St LLC	
MAILING ADDRESS: PO Box 515 West Swanzey NH 03469	PO Box 575 West Swanzey NH 03469	
PHONE:	PHONE:	
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PRINTED NAME: MICHAEL PAPPAS	PRINTED NAME: MICHAEL PAPPAS	
APPLICANT / AUTHORIZED AGENT	FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:	
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EMAIL: jphypard@ne.rr.com SIGNATURE:	PARCEL SIZE: SCC ZONING: POWER STAMP: OCT 2 0 2023	
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SECTION 1: PROJECT INFORMATION			
143 Main Street 0.15		ARCEL SIZE: 15 ac DNING DISTRICT:	
TAX MAP PARCEL #(s): 584-061-000-000-000 RES two		MIT TYPE: SIDENTIAL STREET ACCESS PERMIT (for single-family & 70-family homes) DMMERCIAL & MULTI-FAMILY STREET ACCESS PERMIT MPORARY STREET ACCESS PERMIT	
SECTION 2: CONTACT INFORMATION			
PROPERTY OWNER		APPLICANT (If different than property owner.)	
NAME/COMPANY: 143 Main LLC		NAME/COMPANY:	
MAILING ADDRESS: PO Box 575 West Swanzey NH 03469		MAILING ADDRESS:	
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SECTION 3: SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS			

LOCATION MAP: This map should show the general location of the property. The City of Keene's <u>GIS Database</u> (axisgis.com/keenenh/) can be used to generate a map.

DRIVEWAY DIAGRAM: This diagram should show the dimensions and drainage of the proposed driveway.

<u>FEES:</u> There is a \$50 fee for Driveway Permit Applications. Checks should be made payable to the *City of Keene*. Credit card payments are accepted in-person or by calling 603-352-5440.

<u>DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT:</u> The proposed design of a driveway will need to comply with the standards outlined in the <u>Land Development Code (LDC)</u> under <u>Section 9.3</u>, <u>Section 22.5.4</u>, and <u>Section 20.9.2</u> (for commercial/multi-family driveways only). These standards are attached to this application form.

PLEASE PROVIDE A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSED DRIVEWAY LOCATION, DIMENSIONS, SURFACE MATERIAL, AND GRADING/ DRAINAGE MECHANISM (IF NOT INCLUDED ON THE DRIVEWAY DIAGRAM).

Boundary Line Adjustment Project Narrative

Land of 143 Main LLC and 147-151 Main Street LLC 143 & 147 Main Street and 0 Davis Street Keene, NH

October 20, 2023

This is an application to amend the boundaries between three existing properties at the corner of Main Street and Davis Street in Keene. The lot at 0 Davis Street will be eliminated and the lots on Main Street will be made larger.

0 Davis Street is a 0.12 acre lot in the DT-C district. It is tax map 584-059-000 and is owned by 143 Main LLC.

143 Main Street is a 0.15 acre lot in the DT-C district. It is tax map 584-061-000 and is owned by 143 Main LLC.

147-151 Main Street is a 0.19 acre lot in the DT-C district. It is tax map 584-060-000 and is owned by 147-151 Main Street LLC.

The owner wishes to eliminate 0 Davis Street and add the land area to the lots which front on Main Street. They will also be adjusting the line between 143 and 147 Main Street. The changes will result in 143 Main Street becoming a 0.21 acre lot and 147-151 Main Street becoming a 0.25 acre lot. Both reconfigured lots will comply with zone dimensional requirements.

The reconfigured 143 Main Street will have access over the former driveway location on Main Street. A 12' wide driveway will be constructed leading from Main Street to a parking area at the rear of the reconfigured lot.

The reconfigured 147-151 Main Street will have access from Davis Street.

Exemptions are requested for items not being changed or not applicable.

Boundary Line Adjustment Narrative

Land of 143 Main LLC and 147-151 Main Street LLC 143 Main Street, 0 Davis Street, and 147-151 Main Street Keene, NH

October 20, 2023

Subdivision Standards

- 19.2.1 Lots- Three lots in the DT-C district will be affected by the proposed boundary line adjustment. Lot 584-059-000 is a 0.12 acre lot on Davis Street which will be eliminated. The land area will be divided and added to the lots which front on Main Street. Lot 584-061-000 is a 0.15 acre lot at 143 Main Street. It will increase in size to 0.21 acres. Lot 584-60-000 will increase in size to 0.25 acres. Each revised lot will meet all zone dimensional and frontage requirements.
- **19.2.2 Character of Land** These are existing commercially developed properties with one building and on-site parking. The BLA will move the common boundary between the properties.
- **19.2.3 Scattered or Premature Development** These are existing developed commercial lots in the downtown area and are serviced by city sewer and city water. The existing properties have frontage on Main Street and Davis Street.
- 19.2.4 Preservation of Existing Features The existing brick house at 143 Main Street will be retained with very minor changes to accommodate a driveway from Main Street to the rear of the lot. 147-151 Main Street is the former site of a mixed use building which burned. The site is planned for a new building.
- **19.2.5 Monumentation** New pins will be set to mark the proposed new boundary lines.
- **19.2.6 Special Flood Hazard Areas** These properties do not lie within the 100 year floodplain.
- 19.2.7 Fire Protection and Water Supply- The properties are serviced with city water. City fire hydrants exist on Main Street and Davis Street.
- **19.2.8** Utilities City water and city sewer service both existing sites. No changes are proposed.

- 20.2 Drainage & Stormwater Management- Drainage from the existing sites currently sheet drains to existing catch basins located in Main Street and Davis Street. The proposed BLA will not affect drainage on either site.
- 20.3 Sediment/Erosion Control Silt fence will be utilized during the construction of the driveway at 143 Main Street to prevent any sediment from leaving the site.
- 20.4 Snow Storage & Removal Snow is stored around the perimeter of the paved areas. Excess snow will be removed from the site after each snowstorm as needed.
- 20.5 Landscaping The lawn area at the front of 143 Main Street will be preserved. New landscaping will be proposed when the lots are redeveloped.

20.6 Screening - N/A

20.7 Lighting – N/A

- 20.8 Sewer & Water No changes to the existing sewer and water services are proposed.
- 20.9 Traffic & Access Management The driveway access from Mian Street into 143 Main Street will provide access to the rear parking area. 147-151 Main Street will have access from Davis Street and will be identified in a plan for the redevelopment of the site.
- 20.10 Filling & Excavation N/A
- 20.11 Surface Waters & Wetlands N/A affect Black Brook.
- 20.12 Hazardous or Toxic Materials The applicant has no knowledge of hazardous or toxic materials at this site.
- **20.13** Noise No excessive noise will result from this proposal.
- 20.14 Architecture & Visual Appearance N/A

Driveway Narrative

Land of 143 Main LLC 143 Main Street Keene, NH

November 13, 2023

The existing building at 143 Main Street is a historic brick building which was formerly a single family residence. The owner is proposing to renovate the building to be an office space with multiple residential rooms. The commercial use of this building is permitted in the DT-C district. Four parking spaces for use by the occupants will be provided at the rear of the site with access from a driveway to be constructed from Main Street.

The proposed driveway will be a paved driveway 12 feet wide and will be located along the south side of the existing building. The street access point is the former driveway location at Main Street. A pedestrian crosswalk was added at this location back in 2008 (+/-). In order to have a safe access driveway at this location the existing pedestrian crosswalk must be relocated. The applicant proposes to relocate the crosswalk to the south of its' existing location as shown on the attached plan.

Drainage from the paved driveway will be collected and directed to the rear of the site where a new infiltration system will be installed. Final design details will be provided on a site plan to be filed with Community Development in the near future.



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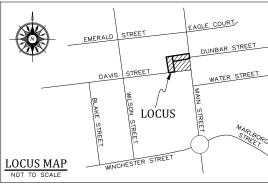
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EXISTING



1. THE PURPOSE OF THIS PLAN IS TO ADJUST THE BOUNDARY LINES BETWEEN LOTS 584-059-000, 584-060-000AND LOT 584-061-000.

2. OWNERS OF RECORD:

LOT 584-060-000 147-151 MAIN STREET LLC PO BOX 575 WEST SWANZEY, NH 03469 VOL. 3203 PG. 1337 WEST SWANZEY, NH 03469 VOL. 3091 PG. 857

3. MAP AND LOT NUMBERS REFER TO THE CITY OF KEENE TAX MAPS.

4. CURRENT ZONING: DOWNTOWN CORE (DT-C)

MIN. LOT AREA - NONE MIN. LOT WIDTH - NONE MIN. FRONTAGE - 80 FEET SETBACKS: FRONT — 0 FEET SIDE — 0 FEET REAR — 0 FEET

5. LOTS 584-059-000, 584-060-000 AND 584-061-000 ARE NOT WITHIN THE 100 YEAR FLOOD PLAIN.

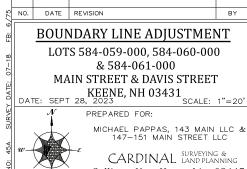
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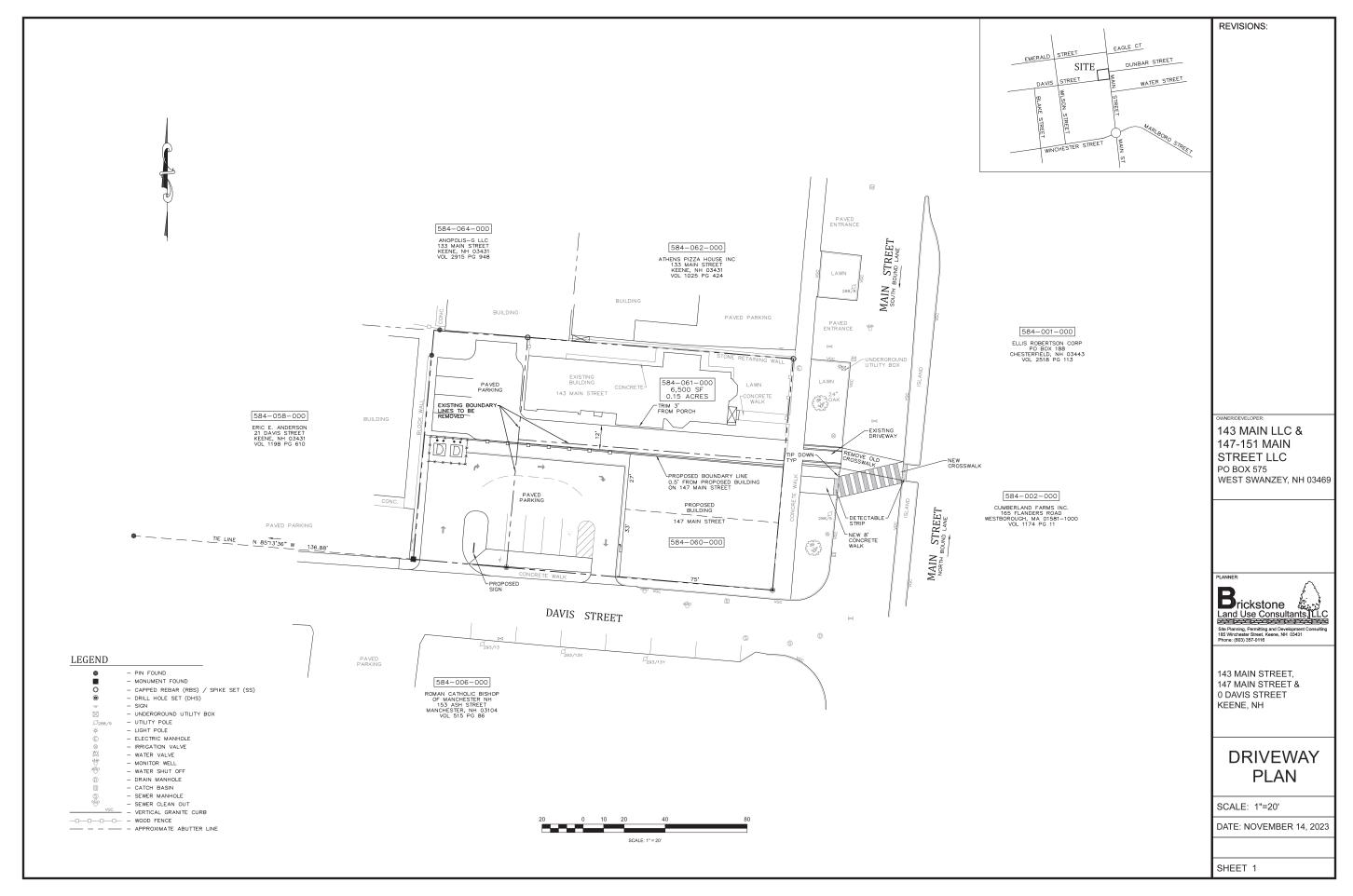
REFERENCE PLANS

- 1. "BOUNDARY SURVEY PLAN, PREPARED FOR ROBERT A. EADES & ATHENS PIZZA HOUSE, INC., EMERALD STREET & MAIN STREET, KEENE, N.H.": PREPARED BY DAVID A. MANN: DATED OCTOBER 9, 2004; REVISED THROUGH 10-23-2004; SCALE 1"=20"; RECORDED AT CORD CABINET 12 DRAWER 10 NUMBER 97.
- 2. "PROPERTY OF BESSIE F. BERGERON ESTATE, DOROTHY HARRIS, LEGATEE"; PREPARED BY THOMAS W. FLAVIN JR; DATED FEBRUARY 6, 1986; SCALE 1"=20'; RECORDED AT CCRD PLAN BOOK 53 PAGE 53.
- 3. "PLAT OF HELEN CAROLINE & ANSEL NILS ANDERSON, SUBDIVISION, 21 & 29 DAVIS ST., KEENE, N.H."; PREPARED BY THOMAS W. FLAVIN JR; DATED DECEMBER 5, 1984; SCALE 1"=10'; RECORDED AT CCRD CABINET 6 DRAWER 0 NUMBER 40.





Sullivan, New Hampshire 03445 Tel. (603) 209-1989





October 3, 2023

Brickstone Land Use Consultants LLC c/o: Mr. James Phippard 185 Winchester Street Keene, NH 03431

RE: Written Zoning Interpretation for 143 Main Street

Dear Mr. Phippard,

Article 25.9 of the City of Keene's Land Development Code provides anyone with the ability to request a written interpretation of the Zoning Regulations. The owner of the parcel at 143 Main Street and you, as their representative, have submitted a request for an interpretation of dimensional standards impacting potential development on the property.

The subject parcel is 0.15 acres in size and is located at 143 Main Street (TMP #584-061-000) in the Downtown Core (DT-C) Zoning District. The existing two-story structure on the property with an attached barn was constructed in the 1700s as a single-family home and is currently unoccupied. A parking area at the rear of the lot is accessed by crossing an abutting parcel to the west at 0 Davis St (TMP #584-059-000). Both of these parcels are owned by the same entity, 143 Main LLC. The owner of these lots and another adjacent lot is proposing to reconfigure the lot lines to create two separate lots where there are currently three lots. As a result, the owner would like to establish a driveway at 143 Main Street that would allow access onto the lot from Main Street. This would result in a driveway and parking surface with no setback from the property line between the properties at 143 and 147 Main Street.

Article 9 of the Land Development Code (LDC) sets parking and travel surface setbacks throughout the city. With an approximate parking area of under 10,000 square feet, the setback from the front, side, and rear property lines would be set at 8 feet (See Article 9.4.2 and Table 9.2). The proposed access and parking area for 143 Main Street would have no setback from the side or rear property lines, so the applicant is requesting an interpretation of the Zoning Code to determine whether the dimensional requirements of Article 9.4.2 apply in the DT-C Zoning District.

The DT-C district is one of the districts within the City's downtown that shifted from traditional zoning to form-based zoning with the adoption of the Land Development Code. This change was intended to increase flexibility for proposed uses while still protecting the character of the downtown. Form-based codes provide specific dimensional and design requirements to protect form without impacting uses. In the LDC, the DT-C District standards are outlined in Article 4.2 with Article 4.2.1 providing the dimensional requirements for this district. For every building dimension, the LDC either requires or allows a 0-foot setback; however, there is no dimension given in this section for parking areas or drive aisles.

Prior to the adoption of the LDC, the property was located within the Central Business-Limited District. At the time the drive aisle and parking area setback was 5 feet. With the introduction of the LDC, previous dimensional standards no longer apply.



Due to the intent of form-based codes and the existing dimensional requirements in the Land Development Code, it is my interpretation that no setback is required for either the parking area or drive aisles at 143 Main Street. While the LDC includes guidance in Article 9.4.2, applying these dimensional standards to the DT-C would be overly restrictive to development of the character expected in this district.

Sincerely,

John Rogers

Official, Zoning Administrator, Health Official

CC:

143 Main LLC

Jesse Rounds Community Development Director

Mari Brunner, Senior Planner

CLSS-CUP-03-23 - Congregate Living & Social Services Conditional Use Permit - Keene Serenity Center, 24 Vernon Street

Request:

Applicant Keene Serenity Center, on behalf of owner Monadnock Area Peer Support Agency, proposes to operate a group resource center on the property at 24 Vernon St (TMP #568-058-000).

Background:

Keene Serenity Center is a Recovery Community Organization that offers peer support for individuals experiencing a substance disorder. use The organization offers recovery coaching facilitated Certified programs by Support Recovery Workers. These programs include individual sessions, group sessions, and telehealth formats. The Center also offers a transportation program called "Road to Recovery" that provides ride services to members for appointments and other services to aid in their recovery. Currently, 80 rides are



Fig 1: 24 Vernon Street outlined in yellow.

provided per week utilizing an organization-owned vehicle that is stored in a parking spot provided for their use on site.

The subject property at 24 Vernon Street is an office building located on the south side of Vernon Street, behind 10 Vernon Street and adjacent to the City of Keene Fire Department building. The 12,640-sf building contains the Monadnock Area Peer Support Agency, an existing clinic and large group home that utilizes approximately 9,140-sf of the building area, a small outdoor activity area, and most of the parking lot. The Monadnock Area Peer Support Agency has obtained a Congregate Living and Social Service Conditional Use Permit (CUP) and license to operate a large group home on the site; however, the Keene Serenity Center is required to obtain their own CUP and license to for their own operation.

The purpose of this application is to seek a Congregate Living and Social Service Conditional Use Permit to operate a group resource center within 3,500-sf of leased space within the building at 24 Vernon Street. The Keene Serenity Center has a separate entrance from the other uses in the building and utilizes one parking space within the existing parking lot. No exterior alterations to the building or site are proposed as part of this application.

Completeness:

The Applicant has requested exemptions from providing existing & proposed conditions plans, grading, landscaping, and lighting plans, building elevations, and technical reports. Staff have determined that the requested exemptions would have no bearing on the merits of the application and recommend that the Board accept the application as "complete."

Determination of Regional Impact:

After reviewing the application, staff have made a preliminary evaluation that the proposed subdivision does not appear to have the potential for "regional impact" as defined in RSA 36:55. The Board will need to make a final determination as to whether the proposal, if approved, could have the potential for regional impact.

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

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

This property is located in the Downtown Core (DT-C) district, which is one of 6 form-based zoning districts in the downtown. The intent of this district is to accommodate the highest intensity of development in the City and promote a mix of uses. The applicant proposes to create a group resource center as a principal use in the leased space provided by the property owner, which is an allowed use within this district. This site is also within the Downtown Historic District; however, no changes are proposed to the exterior of the building or site and thus no impacts to the historic district are anticipated at this time.

Section 8.3.4 of the LDC includes the following use standards for a Group Resource Center:

- 1. No group resource center shall be constructed or operate without first having obtained a congregate living and social services conditional use permit from the Planning Board in accordance with Article 15.
- 2. Annually, a group resource center shall obtain a congregate living and social services license from the City Council as set forth in Chapter 46 of the City Code of Ordinances.

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

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

The applicant states in their narrative that they are a day program only that operates Monday – Friday from 9:00am to 5:00pm. There are occasional evening and weekend trainings and groups that typically do not last more than two hours. Members will have access to Monadnock Area Peer Support Agency facilities located on the property.

Staff consist of four full time and one part time employees. The program does not include beds or overnight support. Staff will be on-site during business and activity hours. Members utilize onstreet public parking or alternative modes of transportation to get to the facility. The existing site includes lighting on the Vernon Street side of the building to enhance pedestrian safety to navigate the site.

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

This site is located in a densely populated area of the downtown. Adjacent uses include a mix of commercial, multi-family, office, institutional, and social service uses. The existing outdoor activity area is screened from the public right of way and adjacent properties. Both the parking area and outdoor activity area existed prior to this proposed use and are not proposed to be altered or expanded as part of this application.

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

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

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

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

In regard to City services, this site is located in a dense area that is well-served by both fire and police. Neither department raised any concerns related to this application.

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

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

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

The application submitted an ITE traffic trip generation estimate for a small office building use. The estimate was based on the ITE Traffic Generation Manual 11th edition and estimated 14.39 vehicle trips per 1,000-sf of gross floor area. With 3,500-sf of gross floor area the estimated trip generation for the proposed use is ~50 vehicle trips per day. This is less than the Planning Board threshold of 100 trips for a full traffic study. The application also noted that the actual number of vehicle trips would be significantly lower since many of their care seekers use alternative modes of transportation to get to the site.

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

This site is located in an area that is easily accessed by multiple modes of transportation, including walking, bicycling, and public transportation. There are sidewalks, bicycle lanes, and public transportation stops immediately adjacent to the site. The Applicant notes in the project narrative that program participants rarely drive to the site, and instead utilize one of the alternative transportation modes listed above.

Recommended Motion:

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

Approve Conditional Use Permit CLSS-CUP-03-23 for a group resource center as depicted in the application materials received October 20, 2023 with the following conditions:

- 1. Prior to final approval and signature by the Planning Board Chair, the following conditions precedent shall be met:
 - A. The Applicant shall obtain a Congregate Living and Social Services License, which shall be renewed annually in accordance with Chapter 46 of the City Code of Ordinances.

City of Keene, NH Congregate Living & Social Service 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			
Keene Serenity Center			
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SECTION 2: CONTACT INFORMATION			
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CUP application- Narrative- Attachment B

☐ Description of the existing and proposed uses.

We are a Recovery Community Organization (RCO) that offers peer support for those experiencing substance use disorder, including family members and support staff. We offer recovery coaching by individuals that either have been state certified as Certified Recovery Support Workers (CRSW) or trained peers as Peer Recovery Support Specialist (PRSS). Coaches are required to complete extensive training along with 500 voluntary hours under supervision of an approved supervisor. Engagements can be one on one, telehealth or in group sessions depending on the request of those being served. Our facility is set up to allow support type groups to use our space such as mutual aid groups (alcoholics anonymous, all recovery and the like). Some of our groups are volunteer created and lead such as crafting in recovery or meditations groups. We host a transportation program called Road to Recovery (RTR) that started as volunteers loaning time and personal vehicles and now has moved to operating our own vehicle that was donated by a supporting partner business. We currently offer more than 80 rides per week; many are to support individuals getting medicated assisted treatment. The basic criteria to utilize our program is simply- does this support your recovery? We help with many doctors' appointments, trips to and from treatment or housing opportunities. We operate a harm reduction program called GROW SSP (guerilla recovery support worker) (syringe service program). The program supports people by offering education and supplies that reduce the risk of overdose or the spread of disease and injury. Our participants take the education about harm reduction out into the community and share with peers. We partner with all other SSP's throughout the state and are part of NH Harm Reduction Coalition. We are non-clinical and refer those in need of clinical care to an appropriate partner, often the Doorway at Cheshire Medical. We do not offer any housing or overnight services outside of referrals to qualified organizations.

☐ Description of the size and intensity of the use. (including information about: the estimated number of occupants including residents, clients, staff, visitors, etc.; hours of operation; size and scale of existing and proposed buildings or structures on the site; and, size of outdoor areas associated with the use)

We lease approximately 3,500 sq ft of space in the lower level of 24 Vernon Street. The remainder of the building is housed by our landlord- Monadnock Peer Support (MPS). Our space consists of 2 large, shared offices and a good-sized space that is used for groups, training, and activities. The center of the space acts as hallway and common area. We have 2 bathrooms. Our participants have full access to resources at MPS which is an amazing asset as they have a larger meeting space, a gym and 2 housing support programs. We are a day program only, with no beds or overnight support. We currently have 4 full-time staff and 1 part-time. We utilize several volunteers that offer peer support, facilitate groups, or support our other programs. Our general hours of operation are M-F from 9-5:00 however we do have groups or training that may take place evenings or weekends- most are under 2-hour time frames. We do not have any real outdoor space other than shared use at MPS.



□ Description of any proposed development or redevelopment. (including but not limited to: the construction of new buildings or structures or additions to buildings or structures; interior renovations; installation of parking areas or paved surfaces and associated screening; installation of fences or walls; and/or any change of use)
NA- We use the leased space and have no plans to alter the building or structure.
$\hfill\Box$ Description of the physical and architectural characteristics of the site and the surrounding neighborhood.
The building is in the downtown area with buildings that house businesses as well as residential housing. The building at 24 Vernon Street is said to be historic and the owners have been approved for a block grant to assist with restoration. This is outside the scope of Keene Serenity Center as tenant.
☐ Description of how the site and/or use is designed to address the safety & security of its client population.
Keene Serenity Center occupies a leased space at 24 Vernon Street, Keene, N.H. 03431. The lessor holds responsibility for offering a legal space to conduct business. Our landlord is.
Monadnock Peer Support
24 Vernon Street, Keene NH 03431
www.monadnockpsa.org Office: 603. 352.5093
The space has fire extinguishers, sprinkler system and alarm system that is inspected on a yearly basis. Documentation is kept on each extinguisher.
All emergency exits have an escape plan diagram that includes a meeting spot outside the facility. (corner of Elm and Vernon)
All staff are trained in emergency response.
We ensure that 1 or more staff/ volunteers are always present in the facility.
☐ Description of the size and location of indoor and/or outdoor waiting or intake areas, if applicable.
You enter our space from the parking lot at 24 Vernon, which is off street and enter our space through commercial style glass doors to a landing where there is enough space for a podium that allows for visitor sign ins (required) and 2 chairs. The landing space leads to a set of stairs consisting of 8 steps with handrails on both sides, leading down into our space. There is an intake desk directly in front of the entry that is used as a greeter station.

☐ An analysis of estimated traffic generation associated with the proposed use.* (must utilize the most current edition of the Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE) Traffic Generation Manual or data provided by a NH licensed traffic engineer) *This can be submitted in the form of a separate traffic study.
Will utilize data generated from the most current addition of the ITE Traffic Generation Manual. Need to make an appointment at City of Keene Public Works Department to pull report.
□ Information about the estimated parking demand for the proposed use & the number of parking spaces to be provided on -site.
Currently our leased space includes 1 (One) parking space on site which is designated for our company owned vehicle. All staff, volunteers or visitors utilize available city parking on Vernon Street, Washington Street or in the municipal lot on Elm and Mechanic Streets.
□ Description of the staffing of the facility, including the number of on-site managers, if any.
We currently have 3 full time staff, 1 part time staff and 1 on-site manager (Executive Director). We utilize many volunteer support people that are always under supervision of an employee.
□ Information about the proximity of the facility to other known congregate living and social service uses within 750-ft. (measured from the property line)
The property owner and our landlord operate Monadnock Peer Support and have a current CUP and CLSS out of 24 Vernon Street.
☐ For congregate living uses, the average length of stay for residents/occupants of the facility.
We are a day use program only and do not have any overnight occupancy. Most of our participants utilize our facility for an hour or less at a time. Our staff is on site, however much of the work they do is off site doing advocacy, outreach, or meeting with peers off site.
□ Description of the services provided to the clients or residents of the facility.
The primary use or purpose of our organization is to offer independent coaching for individuals. We also offer space for support-type groups (generally under 12 participants).
Our center is the hub for our outreach programs, such as RTR- Road to Recovery transportation services and GROW SSP- our outreach syringe service program.

□ An explanation of how the proposal complies with the Site Development Standards in Article 20 of the LDC: 20.2 Drainage & Stormwater Management 20.3 Sediment & Erosion Control 20.4 Snow Storage & Removal 20.5 Landscaping 20.6 Screening 20.7 Lighting 20.8 Sewer & Water 20.9 Traffic & Access Management 20.10 Filling & Excavation 20.11 Surface Waters & Wetlands 20.12 Hazardous & Toxic Materials 20.13 Noise 20.14 Architecture & Visual Appearance

We are using the leased space only on the lower right level of 24 Vernon Street. Keene Serenity Center does not expect to substantially increase the load on above demands as the majority of our peers are sharing services with Monadnock Peer Support at same address.



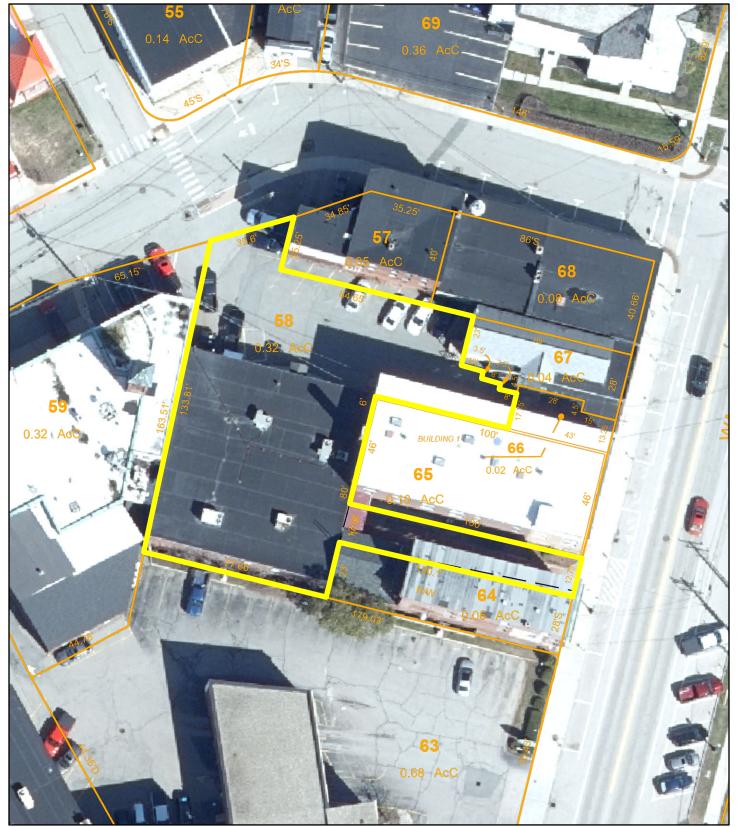
Keene Serenity Center

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November 20, 2023

TO: City of Keene Planning Board

FROM: Mari Brunner, Senior Planner

THROUGH: Jesse Rounds, Community Development Director

SUBJECT: Master Plan Steering Committee

Recommendation:

To appoint a Master Plan Steering Committee to guide and assist with updating the City of Keene 2010 Comprehensive Master Plan.

Background:

The City of Keene Comprehensive Master Plan is a long-range planning document that that provides guidance for city-wide growth and development patterns, investments, and initiatives. State Statute recommends that communities update their Master Plans every 5-10 years; however, Keene's current Master Plan was last updated in 2010. It is now 13 years later, and many aspects of our economic, environmental, and social context have changed. The City Council has appropriated funds in the City's Capital Improvements Program (CIP) to update the Master Plan over the next two years. Per NH State Statute (RSA 674:2), it is the duty of the Planning Board to "prepare and amend from time to time a master plan to guide the development of the municipality." Staff recommend that the Planning Board create a Steering Committee to help guide the Master Plan update project and appoint the following individuals to serve on the Committee, who have been nominated by Mayor Hansel:

 Harold Farrington 	Regular Member, Slot 1
2. Armando Rangel	Regular Member, Slot 2
3. Mike Remy	Regular Member, Slot 3
4. Joe Walier	Regular Member, Slot 4
5. Cody Morrison	Regular Member, Slot 5
6. Marc Doyon	Regular Member, Slot 6
7. Josh Meehan	Regular Member, Slot 7
8. Alex Henkel	Regular Member, Slot 8
9. Beth Wood	Regular Member, Slot 9
10. Jay Kahn	Regular Member, Slot 10
11. Sparky Von Plinsky	Regular Member, Slot 11
12. Phil Wyzik	Alternate Member, Slot 12
13. Judy Rogers	Alternate Member, Slot 13
14. Ken Kost	Alternate Member, Slot 14
15. Phil Jones	Alternate Member, Slot 15
16. Catt Workman	Alternate Member, Slot 16





November 20, 2023

TO: City of Keene Planning Board

FROM: Mayor George S. Hansel

COPY: Jesse Rounds, Community Development Director

SUBJECT: Nominations, Planning Board Master Plan Steering Committee

Background: I hereby nominate the following individuals to serve on the Planning Board Master Plan Steering Committee:

1.	Harold Farrington	Regular Member, Slot 1
2.	Armando Rangel	Regular Member, Slot 2
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