Isle au Haut Planning Board Minutes of Meeting of June 9, 2016

Regular Members Present: Bob Gerber (Chair), Dan MacDonald, Bill Calvert

Alternate Members Present: Jeff Burke

Public Members Present: none

The Meeting was called to order by the Chair, Bob Gerber, at 7:00 PM at the Town Offices.

There not being a full complement of regular Board members, the Chair made Jeff Burke a voting member for the purposes of this meeting.

Old Business:

Approval of the Minutes of the April 21, 2016 Meeting

It was moved by Bill Calvert and seconded by Dan MacDonald to approve the minutes of the April 21, 2016, minutes. The motion was approved 4-0.

Report of Chair on matters he has dealt with since the previous meeting:

- 1. Report on the results of the April 25, 2016, Town Meeting votes on proposed changes to the Town Zoning Ordinance: all changes approved except the change of zone on the Bowditch property. The changes to the Ordinance have been made and the revised Ordinance is now posted on the Town website.
- 2. Correspondence with Alison Richardson regarding her house construction permit application (see attachments, and discussion below and action taken on the application).
- 3. Received and reviewed a new survey plan for a split to the Scrivani/Fedosh lot on the east side. Approved the proposed lot dimensions and sent some guidance on the type of letter that the Planning Board would entertain to establish that the Board had reviewed the dimensional aspects of the proposed lot division for conformance with the Town Zoning Ordinance and State Subdivision Statute. (see attachments)
- 4. The Selectmen appointed Bob Gerber to be Codes Enforcement Officer of Isle au Haut, effective April 18, 2016.
- 5. Based on the Board approval at the last meeting, the Chair prepared a final draft of the Floodplain Management Ordinance, distributed it to the Board, and posted it on the website. After preparing this draft, the Chair was notified that one more additional change requested by the Chair but denied by the State and Regional FEMA representatives was approved by FEMA Headquarters so those changes would be implemented after the official ordinance hearing. The draft ordinance is posted on the website.
- 6. The Selectmen directed the Planning Board to get the Town enrolled in the 911 addressing scheme. The Selectmen appointed Bob Gerber to be the "Addressing Officer" for the Town as of 5/25/16. The Chair prepared a 911 addressing ordinance using a model ordinance distributed by the State Public Utilities Commission and distributed this draft to the Board for their review.
- 7. The Chair issued an opinion (see attachments) to Rudi Graf concerning building expansion rights on the Pond at the Turner camp property. Subsequently, the Chair visited the site of the proposed purchase with Rudi to discuss in more detail what could be done with the land and buildings based on the Town Ordinances.

8. The Chair received initial inquiries from Peter Thompson of Yarmouth who is now the prospective buyer of the Horseman Point property. The Chair provided some draft maps he had prepared for a previous party that had the property under option last September, plus answered some other inquiries as to what could be done with the property. (see attachments)
9. The Chair noted that a bill in the past Maine legislative session that would have banned municipal board members from calling in to vote on board matters was voted "ought not to pass" so we can continue our present practices.

New Business:

- 1. Applicant Alison Richardson was present via conference call-in to answer questions from the Board concerning her Building Permit application for construction of a 24'x28' saltbox single family dwelling on Tax Map 2, Lot 17. The Chair had declared the application complete on May 24, 2016. There was a short discussion, then the Board went down through the checklist criteria one-by-one to insure all the required material was present, then voted on each of the 5 criteria in the Town Zoning Ordinance, to find that application would be in compliance with all Ordinance requirements. It was moved by Bill Calvert and seconded by Dan MacDonald to approve the application. The Board voted 4-0 to approve the motion. The Chair said he would send the letter to Alison granting the permit.
- 2. The Chair discussed the 911 Addressing Ordinance and why it was needed (attached). He proposed to hold the public hearing on the Ordinance on the same date on which the Floodplain Management Ordinance would be held. The Chair stated that he was almost through in completing the ArcGIS requirements of the 911 system and compiling the new addresses that everyone would have. He noted that the names of individual roads could be changed up until 30 days following the date of the hearing. After that, the names would be submitted to the County and State officials and become final. It was moved by Dan MacDonald and seconded by Bill Calvert to send the draft 911 addressing ordinance to public hearing. The Board approved the motion 4-0.
- 3. There was discussion as to when to hold the public hearings on the Floodplain Management Ordinance and the 911 Addressing Ordinance. The Chair said that he had prepared legal notices to be sent out in the 2015 tax bill mailing which would go out probably in the middle of next week. It was decided that if the tax bills will be sent out next week that the hearings would be held on Thursday, July 7th with the first hearing on the Floodplain Ordinance being held from 6 to 8 PM and the second hearing on the 911 Addressing Ordinance would be held from 8 PM onward. The Chair said that he would bring large maps to aid in the review of both draft ordinances.

There being no other business, it was moved by Dan MacDonald and seconded by Bill Calvert to adjourn the business meeting at 7:52 PM. Motion carried 4-0. The next meeting date will be set once business that requires us to act is properly brought to the Board for review and action. Other than holding hearings on the proposed two ordinances, there are no pending matters requiring action.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert G. Gerber, Chair Attachments: as noted above

RE: building permit application

From: Ali <arichards26@hotmail.com>
To: planningboard@isleauhautmaine.us

Priority: Normal

Date 05-19-2016 03:06 PM

Thank you so much, Bob. I will rework and resend in pdf form.

Date: Mon, 16 May 2016 17:11:13 -0500 From: planningboard@isleauhautmaine.us

To: arichards26@hotmail.com Subject: building permit application

I presume you got my earlier email. I just looked at your application and here are the things that need refinement before I can declare the application complete:

- 1) on the application form, page 1, you are Tax Map 2, Lot 17. The Town Ordinance zones are C (0.9 acres) and B (3.1 acres). The State Ord. Zone is "N/A"
- 2) on Item 5 of the Town checklist, you actually did submit the HHE-200 forms for the septic, which we require, so that should just be checked and not "N/A"
- 3) your narrative is not sufficient to tell me exactly where the new 24'x28' building will be placed relative to the existing remnant of the old house. I have put a location on the attachment called "Richardson House Plan" where I am guessing it might go, but if that is wrong, draw it in where it will be going (see attachment)
- 4) any time earthwork is done (you indicate a crawlspace will be created) a sediment and erosion control plan must be submitted in accordance with Section VI(D) of the Town Ordinance. I am attaching the pertinent DEP guidelines that are referenced in that section of the Ordinance (the plan requirements and the section on sediment barriers). The main thing is to create a barrier to catch silt on the downhill side of the house construction and as close to the construction as practical, allowing for room to move to build the house. I drew in a suggested location of a barrier but you should consult your contractor and move it if this is not satisfactory. On Isle au Haut the traditional sediment barriers have either been silt fences consisting of staked filter fabric, or filter barriers consisting of staked hay bales. Now that Bill Stevens has a chipper on the island, we would also accept a continuous line of wood chips that is about a foot high. So figure out what you want to do in this regard and revise the narrative to include a sediment and erosion control plan.

I took all your Word documents and jpg files and converted them all to PDF format and combined them into one convenient file that is much smaller in size than the sum total of MB that you sent to me, so this is the general format we will be using and emailing around to Board members once you fix these items above and I declare the application "complete". I will be back on the island a week from today (May 23rd).

Best regards,

Bob Gerber Planning Board Chair CEO

Richardson Narrative of Proposed Construction

May 13, 2016

The residential home to be constructed is of 24x28 foot dimension. It is a two story saltbox style home with two bedrooms. It will be located between the remaining cabin structure and the existing well. It is oriented lengthwise (28' long) east to west, and (24') lengths north to south. It will not be connected to the remaining cabin structure. (See the revised perimeter and erosion control map for location). There will be a crawlspace insulated poured foundation of sufficient elevation for drainage. Drainage is anticipated to travel from the site to the low point north east. (See elevation map and attached erosion and Sediment control plan). The proposed structure is not within shoreland zones.

Currently existing on the property is a clearing and yard area that will not need enlargement, a gravel driveway to the site from the main road, and a well and septic already in place. See boundary map for locations of well and septic. There is power to the site. Richardson is living in an 18x18 foot cabin on the property (a portion of the previous homes original footprint) that will be her residence until completion of the new home. Upon completion of the home, the cabin structure will be removed. There is a one bay garage and small attached work space existing on the site, a grandfathered outhouse, and a small woodshed. (Refer to attached boundary survey and/or site plan for locations).

There is a septic easement site on the west side of the gravel driveway for neighboring property of Erica Wallstrom. The septic easement is described in Deed page 2 and is seen on boundary map.

An estimated daily water demand is 30-40 gallons. The current well provided a steady flow for past needs.

All hazardous building materials will be removed from the island to the proper disposal site. Non-hazardous materials will be disposed of on island.

Richardson Home Building Permit 5-21-16

EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL PLAN:

- The existing site consists of a gravel driveway accessing a wide, very gently sloping grass lawn surrounded by low bush vegetation. During foundation construction, there will be excavator use, cement truck use, and general small vehicle use on the lawn only. There will be no clearing of trees needed to complete the foundation or structure. There are no streams or wetlands or property lines or buildings affected by the grading.
- 2. Potential erosion may be on the downward slope of the site, but is unlikely. (see erosion control map for elevations)
- 3. Grading is anticipated to begin late June to early July to avoid wetter seasons. Expected date of stabilization is mid-September. (completion of external structure)
- 4. A sediment barrier will be implemented prior to any excavation work, anticipated late June. A silt fence will be staked on the downward slope east of the structure. (see erosion control map attachment for approx. location). The silt fence will be maintained and inspected by the contractor and applicant for damage or cleanout throughout its use time and removed after the site is stabilized.
- 5. Please see the attached elevation maps for land contours.
- 6. There has been no earth work on the property in the past five years.

Richardson Building Permit Application

May 11, 2016	May	11,	2016
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_____, certify that the information in the application is complete and

correct.

Application Processing Documentation

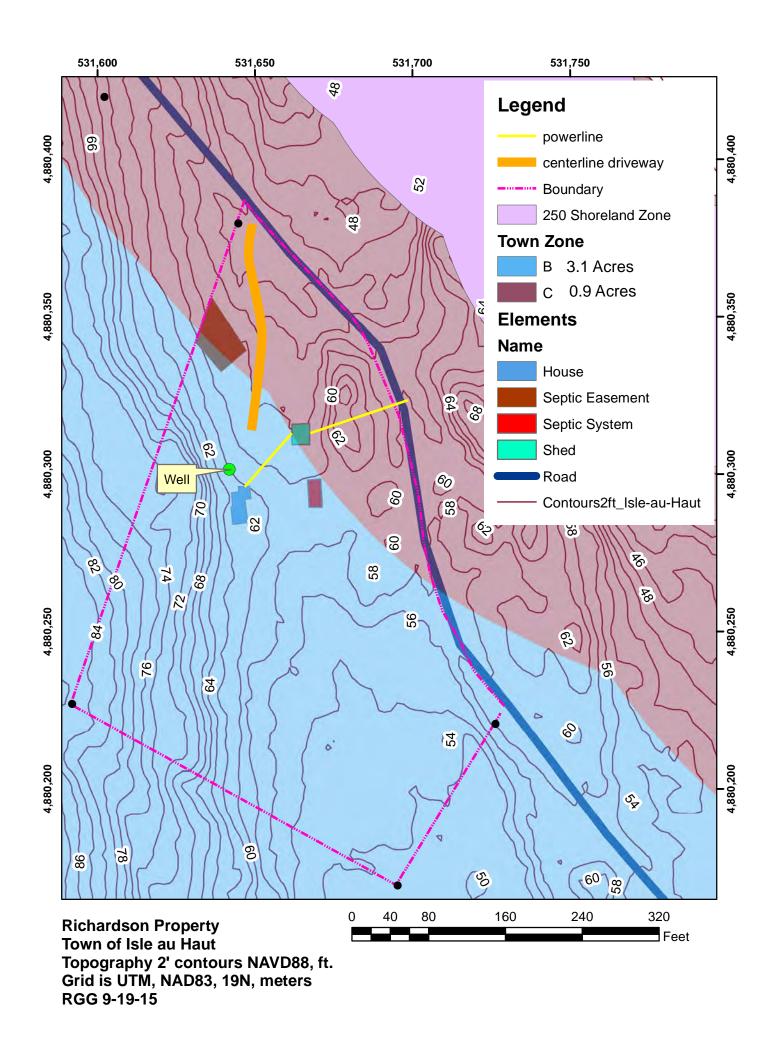
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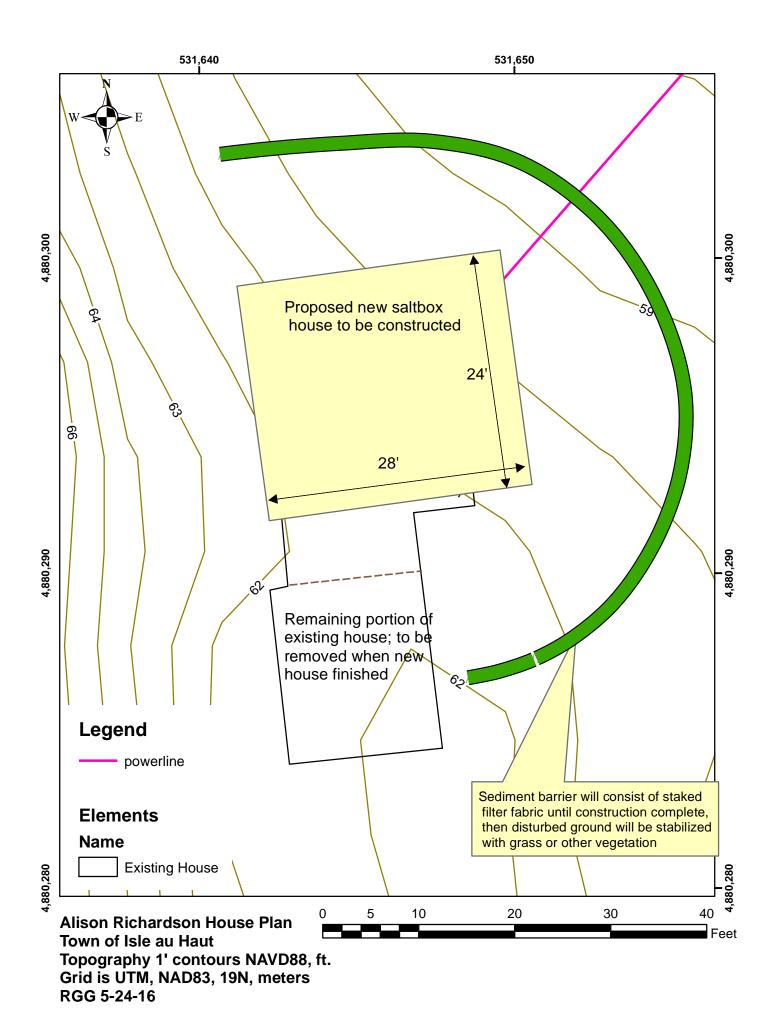
2	That significant air pollution would NOT occur in violation of either primary or secondary standards established by the Federal Government or the State Government NOR that a high probability of such air pollution would exist	AR
3	A public nuisance or a fire hazard would NOT be created	AR
4	Access from public rights- of- way or from the shore would be NOT inadequate for the traffic likely to be created	AR
5	A proposed land use would NOT be seriously destructive of the present character of the island and grossly offensive to a majority of the residents and non-resident taxpayers counted as one body	AR

Application Approval Checklist for State Ordinance

1	Will maintain safe and healthful conditions:	AR
2	Will not result in water pollution, erosion, or sedimentation to surface waters:	AR
3	Will adequately provide for the disposal of all wastewater	AR
4	Will not have an adverse impact on spawning grounds, fish, aquatic life, bird or other wildlife habitat:	AR
5	Will conserve shore cover and visual, as well as actual, points of access to inland and	AP2
6	Will protect archaeological and historic resources as designated in the comprehensive plan	AR
7	Will not adversely affect existing commercial fishing or maritime activities in a Commercial Fisheries/Maritime Activities district;	AR
8	Will avoid problems associated with flood plain development and use;	AR
9	Is in conformance with the provisions of Section 15, Land Use Standards	AR

Date of Public Hearing:	N/A			
Notice to Abutters?	Yes	X	No	
Advertisement in Newspa	iper?		Yes X	No
Date of Board Decision o	n Approval/De	enial:		
Application Approved w/	o Conditions?		Yes	No
Application Denied?	Yes	s _	No	
Reasons for Denial, if any	: (attach den	ial re	asons, if nece	essary)
Application Conditions, i	fany: (attach	appr	oval condition	ons, if necessary)
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CORRECTIVE WARRANTY DEED

Know All Men By These Presents

That I, George B. Richardson, Trustee of the Richardson Family Trust under Declaration of Trust dated September 24, 1987, recorded in the Knox County Registry of Deeds in Book 3243, Page 237, of Belgrade, County of Kennebec and State of Maine, and Erica Richardson Wallstrom, of Rutland, County of Rutland and State of Vermont, in consideration of ONE DOLLAR (\$1.00) and other valuable consideration paid by Alison L. Richardson, of Isle au Haut, County of Knox and State of Maine, and whose mailing address is P.O. Box 79, Isle au Haut, ME 04645, the receipt whereof we do hereby acknowledge, do hereby GIVE, GRANT, BARGAIN, SELL, AND CONVEY unto the said Alison L. Richardson, her heirs and assigns forever, certain premises located in Isle au Haut, County of Knox and State of Maine, and being more particularly bounded and described as follows, to wit:

A certain lot or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon, situated on Isle au Haut, Knox County, Maine, more particularly bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point on the centerline of the town road leading past Rich's Cove; thence S 45° 00' W 19 feet, more or less, to a 1/2-inch aluminum pipe found, said pin being located, for a tie line, S 17° 51' E 808.0 feet from a pin in rock found, said pin being on the line of a Boundary Line Agreement between the Richardson Family Trust and Eugene B. Skolnikoff Revocable Trust & Winifred W. Skolnikoff Revocable Trust dated June 16, 2011 and recorded in the Knox County Registry of Deeds in Book 4396, Page 220; thence continuing S 45° 00' W 198.0 feet along the Stanbury property on a boundary determined by a Boundary Agreement between the Richardson Family Trust and John B. Stanbury Jr. and his co-owners, recorded in the Knox County Registry of Deeds in Book 4419, Page 262, to a rebar to be set; thence N 45° 00' W 387.0 feet along the Stanbury boundary to a rebar set in ledge; thence N 28° 23' E 528.3 feet to a rebar set, said rebar being located, for a tie line, South 26° 30' East 190.7 feet from the pin in the rock found, said pin being the same pin referenced in the foregoing mentioned tie line; thence continuing in the same direction 42 feet, more or less, to the centerline of the town road; thence in a general southerly and southwesterly direction along the centerline of said town road 658 feet, more or less, to the point of beginning.

Being the southerly 3.9 acres of the property of the Richardson Family Trust acquired by deed recorded in the Knox County Registry of Deeds in Book 1310, Page 255.

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SUBJECT, HOWEVER, to a septic easement for purposes of installing, maintaining, repairing and replacing a septic system for the benefit of the 3.9 acre parcel abutting subject premises to the north as conveyed by deed dated January 23, 2012 to Erica Richardson Wallstrom and recorded in said Registry of Deeds in Book 4472, Page 327, which septic easement is incorporated herein by reference and to which reference may be had for a more particular description.

EXCEPTING AND RESERVING to George B. Richardson, Trustee of the George B. Richardson Family Trust under Declaration of Trust dated September 24, 1987 ("Grantor"), his successors and assigns, a right of first refusal to purchase the real estate conveyed herein under the terms hereafter set forth. In the event of a proposed sale or other conveyance of all or any portion of such property, other than a conveyance to one or more heirs of the Grantee who shall take subject to this right of first refusal, the Grantce herein, or her heirs, shall deliver any negotiated Purchase and Sale Agreement to the Grantor or his successors and assigns. Grantor, or his successors and assigns, shall have forty-five (45) days from the date of confirmed receipt of said Purchase and Sale Agreement within which to decide whether to purchase the property on the same terms and conditions of such Purchase and Sale Agreement. Grantor, or his successors and assigns, shall make a bona fide effort to respond to Grantee as soon as practical within said forty-five (45) day period and sign a release as soon as possible if definitely not interested in exercising the right of first refusal. Any failure to respond within such forty-five (45) day period shall be deemed a rejection of the right of purchase. The recording of an Affidavit signed by the Grantce herein, or her heirs, setting forth the compliance with the notice provisions herein, and the failure by the Grantor, or his successors and assigns, to respond within forty-five (45) days will act to release the Grantor's right of first refusal.

The foregoing excepted right of first refusal shall not apply to and shall be automatically subordinate to a bona fide institutional lender mortgage transaction, including a Mortgage Feed, a Deec in Lieu of Foreclosure, and a deed by a foreclosure sale, and the holder of said right of first refusal need not be joined nor named as a "party-in-interest" in any foreclosure action of a mortgage excepted from the foregoing right of first refusal. For any sale or transfer which is excepted from the right of first refusal pursuant to the foregoing exception, said right of first refusal shall reattach and apply to a subsequent sale or transfer by the Grantee of the foreclosing mortgagee.

ALSO hereby conveying to the Grantee, the right of first refusal that was excepted and reserved by George B. Richardson, Trustee of the Richardson Family Trust, in a Warranty Deed dated January 23, 2012 to Erica Richardson Wallstrom and recorded in the Knox County Registry of Deeds in Book 4472, Page 327, for the property abutting the premises conveyed herein.

Being a portion of the same premises acquired by George B. Richardson as Trustee of the Richardson Family Trust by Warranty Deed from Maurice E. Barter and Helen S. Barter dated October 27, 1988 and recorded in the Knox County Registry of Deeds in Book 1316, Page 255.

The purpose of this deed is to correct the "Grantee" in the previously recorded Warranty Deed from George B. Richardson, Trustee of the Richardson Family Trust under Declaration of Trust dated September 24, 1987 to Alison L. Richardson dated January 23, 2012 and recorded in the Knox County Registry of Deeds in Book 4472, Page 325 that inadvertently named Erica Richardson Wallstrom.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the aforegranted and bargained premises with at the privileges and appurtenances thereof to the said Alison L. Richardson, her heirs and assigns, to her and her use and behoof forever.

AND we do COVENANT with the said Grantee, her heirs and assigns, that we are lawfully seized in fee of the premises; that they are free of all encumbrances, EXCEPT AS AFORESAID; that we have good right to sell and convey the same to the said Grantee to hold as aforesaid; and that we and our successors and assigns shall and will WARRANT and DEFEND the same to the said Grantee, her heirs and assigns forever, against the lawful claims and demands of all persons.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the said George B. Richardson as Trustee of the Richardson Family Trust and Erica Richardson Wallstrom have hereunto set our hands and seals this ________ day of July, 2012.

Signed, Sealed and Delivered in the presence of

Richardson Family Trust

Witness

George B. Richardson, Trustee

Witness

Erica Richardson Wallstrom

STATE OF MAINE County of Kennebec, ss.

Personally appeared before me on this ______ day of July, 2012, the above-named, George B. Richardson, in his capacity as Trustee of the Richardson Family Trust, and acknowledged the foregoing instrument to be his free act and deed.

Before me,

Notary Public

WILLIAM P. DUBORD
Attorney at Law
Notary Public
My Commission expires 6/26/2015

STATE OF VERMONT County of Rutland, ss.

Personally appeared before me on this 2010 day of July, 2012, the above-named, Erica Richardson Wallstrom, and acknowledged the foregoing instrument to be her free act and deed.

Before me,

Notary Public

Printed name: Patricia Carbine

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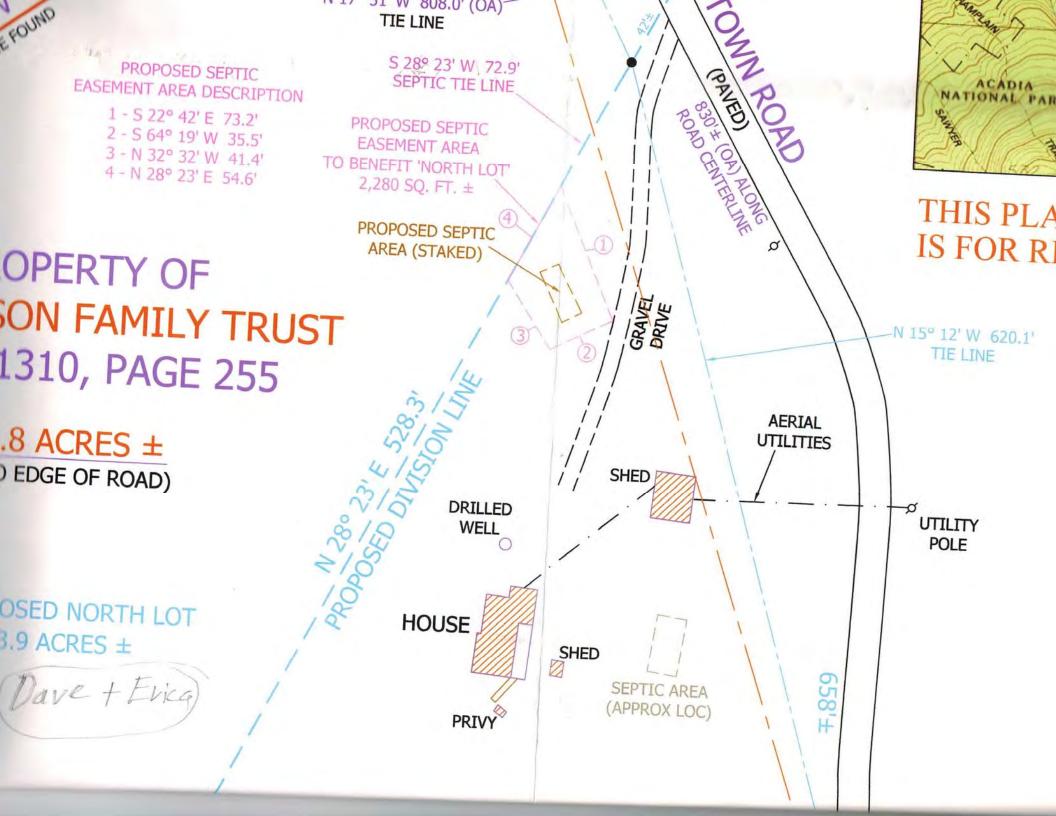
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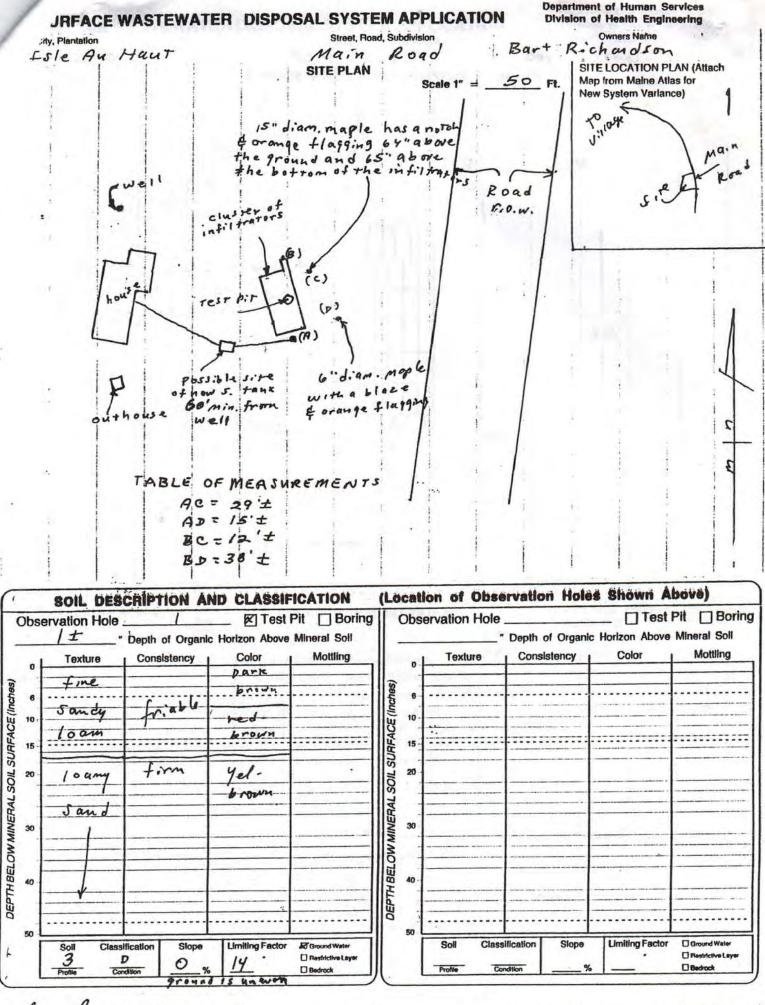
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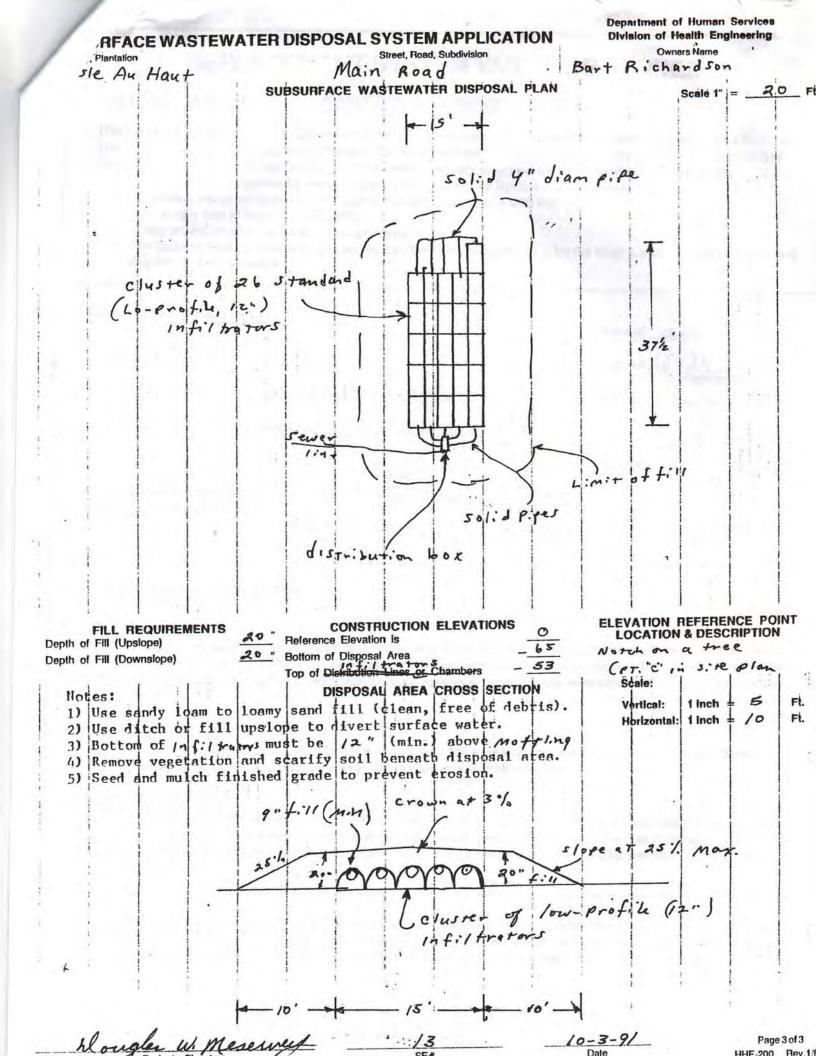
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REPLACEMENT SYSTEM VARIANCE REQUEST

THE LIMITATIONS OF THE REPLACEMENT SYSTEM VARIANCE REQUEST

This form shall be attached to an application for the proposed replacement system which does not comply with the Rules. The LPI shall review the Replacement System Variance Request and Application and may approve the Request if all of the following requirements can be met, and the variance(s) requested fall within the limits of LPI's authority.

- 1. The proposed design meets the definition of a Replacement System from the rules.
- 2. A system cannot be designed and installed in total compliance with the Rules.
- The design flow is less than 500 GPD.
- 4. There will be no change in use of the structure.
- The replacement system is determined by the Site Evaluator and LPI to be the most practical method to treat and dispose of the wastewater.

GENERAL INFORMATION		Town of	Iste Au Haut
Permit No. 0050	E	Date Permit Issued	
Property Owner's Name:	Bart Richardson	Tel. No	MONTH/DAY/YEÁR
System's Location:	Main Rd. (Easts		
-	Isle An Hant	Maine _	
Property Owner's Address:		. Box 14	ZIP
(if different from above)	Isle Au Haut	STREET Maine STATE	04645 ZIP

SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS TO THE:

LPI:

If any of the variances exceed your approval authority and/or do not meet all of the requirements listed under the Limitations Section above, they you are to send this Replacement System Variance Request, along with the Application, to the Department for review and approval consideration before issuing a Permit. (See reverse side for Comments Section and your signature.)

SITE EVALUATOR:

If after completing the Application, you find that a variance for the proposed replacement system is needed, then complete the Replacement Variance Request with your signature on reverse side of form.

PROPERTY OWNER:

It has been determined by the Site Evaluator that a variance to the Rules is required for the proposed replacement system. This variance request is due to physical limitations of the site and/or soil conditions. Both the Site Evaluator and the LPI have considered the site/soil restrictions and have concluded that a replacement system in total compliance with the Rules is not possible.

The OWNER shall sign this statement. Therefore, having read both this Replacement Variance Request and the attached Application, I understand that the proposed system is not in total compliance with the Rules and hereby release all those concerned with this Variance, provided they have performed their duties in a reasonable and proper manner.

PROPERTY OWNER'S SIGNATURE

10/16/91 DAYE

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Soil Profile	Ground Water Table	to 6"		-	A	
Soll Condition	Restrictive Layer	to 6"		/5	14 Inches	
from HHE-200	Bedrock	to 10"		Inches		
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Potable Water Supplies	1. Well: > 2000 gal/day	100*	300*		7.1	
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Waterbodies	1. Perennial	50'₩	60'			
	2. Intermittent	15'	20'			
	3. Manmade drainage ditch	10'	15'			
Downhill Slope	Greater than 3:1 (33%)	5"	10°°			
Buildings	1. With Basement	5'	10'			
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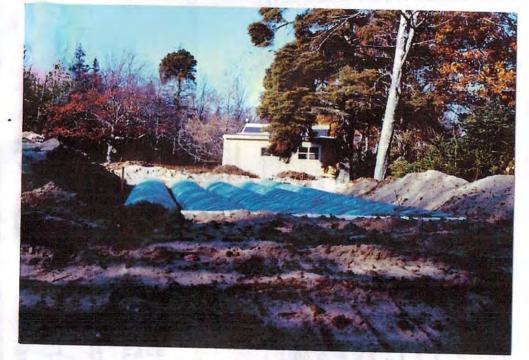
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Comments:

or reasons for the Variance denial, are given in the attached letter.

LPI'S SIGNATURE

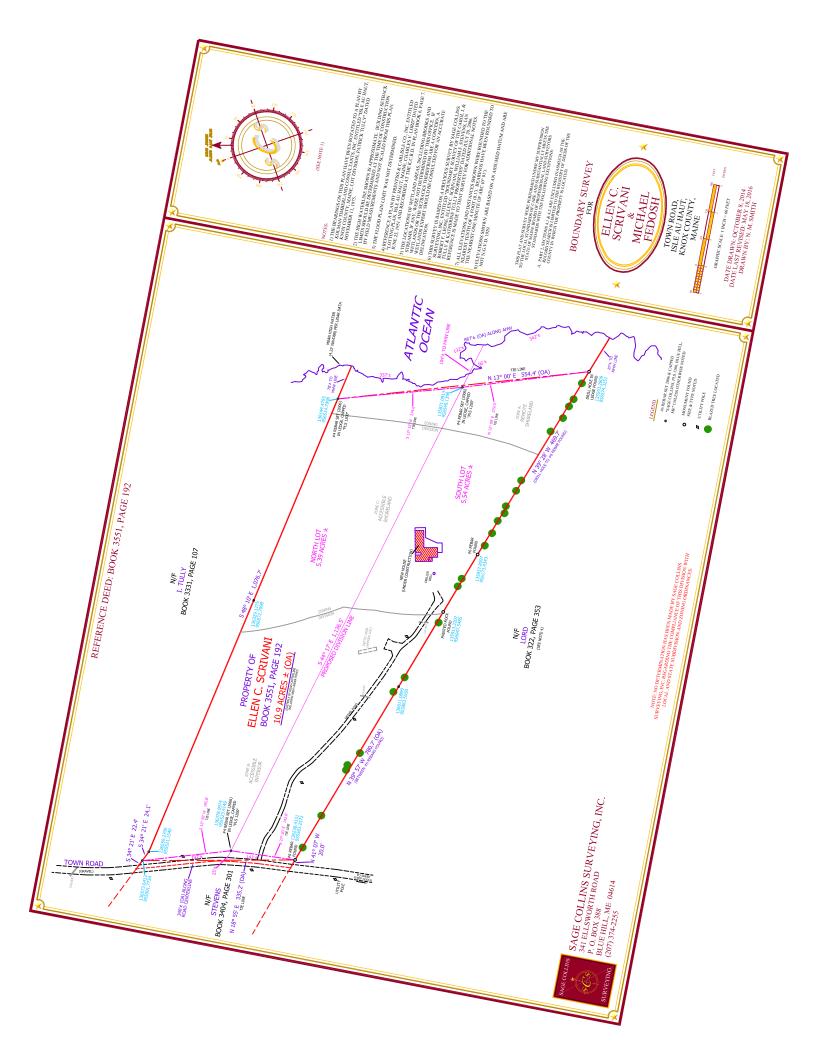
in Comments Section below as to why the proposed replacement system is not being recommended.











Fedosh Property Isle au Haut May 13, 2016

Minimum Lot Size

North Lot	Zone Area	%	Min Lot Size	Contribution
Zone A	0.58 ac	.11	10 ac	1.07 ac
Zone B	2.40 ac	.44	2 ac	0.89 ac
Zone C	2.41 ac	.45	0.7 ac	0.31 ac
	5.39 ac total	1.0		2.27 ac Min Lot Size Requirement

^{**} Lot meets min lot size requirement

South Lot	Zone Area	%	Min Lot Size	Contribution
Zone A	1.38 ac	.25	10 ac	2.49 ac
Zone B	2.21 ac	.40	2 ac	0.80 ac
Zone C	1.94 ac	.35	0.7 ac	0.25 ac
	5.54 ac total	1.0		3.54 ac Min Lot Size Requirement

^{**} Lot meets min lot size requirement

Spaghetti Lot Determination

North Lot	Shoreline HW Chord 293.3'	Lot Line Lengths 1200.4' & 1266.1'	Ave. 1233.3'	Min Shoreline Req'd 246.7'
	** Lot meets 'S	Spaghetti Lot' size requ	uirement	
South Lot	Shoreline HW Chord 277.2'	Lot Line Lengths 1266.1' & 1357.5'	Ave. 1311.8'	Min Shoreline Req'd 262.4'

^{**} Lot meets 'Spaghetti Lot' size requirement

Re: Your proposed lot split on Isle au Haut

From: planningboard <planningboard@isleauhautmaine.us>

To: Mike Fedosh <mikefedosh@gmail.com>

Priority: Normal

Date 05-24-2016 11:36 AM

The only guidance I can give your attorneys is that the letter should state the original subdivision approval date to prove the >5 years ownership; the transfer of the new lot will be to the spouse; there is no intent to avoid the subdivision statute; both new lots will be legal lots under the Town's current Zoning Ordinances. The Planning Board does not have any requirement in its current land use Ordinances to require all prior-approved subdivisions to come back for re-approval of any new subdivisions within them, nor do I know of any condition put on the original subdivision plan that required re-approval of the Planning Board for any new subdivision of that land. What the Planning Board will do is state all the facts and relevant law in a letter addressed to you and your wife that you would then record in the Knox County Registry. It is helpful for your attorney to provide us with requested language that he/she feels will accomplish the objective of providing a grandfathered status for the 2 new lots in the event some aspect of either state law or town ordinances would later make the lots nonconforming with respect to the subdivision statute and town lot size and other dimensional requirements based on zone requirements.

The attached two pages comes from a 2014 training document written by Rebecca Warren Seel, Esq., for the MSBA Real Estate Institute.

Bob Gerber

On May 23, 2016 at 7:35 PM Mike Fedosh <mikefedosh@gmail.com> wrote:

thanks Bob & OK with the planning email. will use.

I presumed the Board had issued this type of letter before & that there was a shell-type document. will contact a lawyer to craft language.

we did a run up to IAH last weekend. heading back with another card load this coming weekend. the start of summer has come to the island.

mike

On Sun, May 22, 2016 at 8:19 PM, planningboard planningboard@isleauhautmaine.us wrote:

As you can see, the Planning Board and other officials at Isle au Haut now have Town email addresses, which you should use in the future. Mine is "planningboard@isleauhautmaine.us".

I have reviewed Sage's latest version of your lot split and it looks OK. If you want to come to the Planning Board for a "comfort letter", have Sage put a note on the plan describing a little bit about the process/equipment used in establishing your lot line coordinates and the approximate accuracy. Also have him stamp the final plan you submit to us for review.

Finally, you should probably have a lawyer draft the language you are requesting from the Board in the letter. I am not guaranteeing that I will use the lawyer's draft language, but I need something to start from. Send that to me in advance along with a copy of Sage's stamped plan with the updated notes.

Best regards,

Bob Gerber Planning Board Chair CEO Best regards,

Bob Gerber Planning Board Chair CEO

subdivision guidance 001.pdf

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recreation hall, or similar common uses, if the proposed project will create separate lots on each of which one of those structures will be located, it will not be exempt from subdivision review. The common buildings would not qualify as "permanent dwelling structures," even if the cabins/cottages do.

- In the example above, what if the land remains in single ownership, but the buildings are sold to separate owners? A dwelling unit subdivision? No, because the buildings are not new residential construction since September 23, 1988 and not newly placed on the parcel. (See further discussion regarding dwelling unit subdivisions later in these materials.)
- L. **Documenting Eligibility For Exemption in the Registry**—If there is no official ruling by the planning board on the eligibility of a lot for an exemption, record factual documentation (in affidavit form?) in the Registry; if the planning board has taken official action at an advertised public meeting of the board regarding eligibility for an exemption, record a certified copy of the documentation of that board vote in the Registry. Where a code enforcement officer has issued building permits after determining that the lots involved were exempt gift lots under § 4406(1)(C)(2011), record a certified copy of the CEO's findings. See *Mills, supra*.

Dwelling Unit Subdivisions—The Elements and Issues

The elements:

- The "division" of a "new structure or structures" on a "tract or parcel" of land into 3 or more "dwelling units" within a 5-year period.
- The construction or placement of 3 or more dwelling units on a single "tract or parcel" of land; although this part of the definition is not expressly modified by a reference to a 5 year period, it is commonly believed that the Legislature intended hat a 5 year period should also apply to this part of the definition. This interpretation is supported by the lack of a comma separating this category of dwelling unit subdivision from the one involving conversions.
- The division of an existing structure or structures previously used for commercial or industrial use into 3 or more "dwelling units" within a 5-year period.

The issues:

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certification of monumentation as part of the approval of the revised plan, *Chasteen v. Town of China, supra* (revision of phosphorous control plan). For a case involving a plan revision coupled with the granting of a waiver, see *Leonard v. Town of Winthrop*, AP-03-52(Me. Super. Ct., Kenn. Cty., September 24, 2004).

Where the original subdivision plan as approved did not specify the type of subsurface wastewater disposal system that had to be used on the lots as a condition of approval, the fact that the developer later sought a plumbing permit for a cluster system rather than for individual systems on each lot did not constitute a revision of the plan requiring planning board approval. *Hamilton v. Town of Cumberland*, 590 A.2d 532 (Me. 1991). The court noted that the board could have designated the type of system it wanted to require as a condition of approval, but did not do so.

As noted earlier in these materials, if the person who received the original subdivision approval is the one proposing to make changes to the approved plan by creating additional lots, that person is required to obtain approval of a revised plan from the planning board, regardless of how much time has passed since the plan approval. 30-A M.R.S.A. § 4406(1)(E)(2011). Changes made by others may also require approval of a revised plan, depending on the wording of the applicable ordinance or conditions of approval. It should be noted that some attorneys believe that, under State law, once a lot is shown on an approved plan, it remains within the planning board's jurisdiction indefinitely and that any changes to it require planning board approval, regardless of who makes the changes or when. Question: What if a "change" involves the conveyance of a new exempt lot? No clear answer. Obtaining approval to create an exempt lot in cases where non-exempt lots would require approval is the safest course. (See earlier discussion of this issue in these materials under "Land Subdivisions—The Issues: 4. Within any 5 year period beginning on or after September 23, 1971" (third bulleted paragraph).

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Where a subdivider applies to the planning board for approval of a plan revision after lots have been sold as depicted on an approved plan, in some cases the subdivider will also need to obtain release deeds from those lot owners in order to go forward with the revision, even if the planning board has granted approval. The other lot owners generally have a right to have the original plan developed as depicted on the approved and recorded plan which was in effect when they bought their lots; this right cannot be taken away by the granting of approval of a revision by the planning board. The planning board's approval of a revision is simply evidence that the board found that the revision satisfies applicable statutory and ordinance requirements. See, Green v. Lawrence, 2005 ME 90, 877 A. 2d 1079, and Kargar v. Town of Falmouth, AP-07-14 (Me. Super. Ct., Cum. Cty, March 5, 2008).

Discussion of what can be done to an existing house located within the Long Pond 125' Resource Protection Buffer Zone

From: planningboard <planningboard@isleauhautmaine.us>

To: rwgraf32@gmail

Priority: Normal

Date 05-13-2016 08:33 AM

In response to the question you posed to me in person yesterday with regard to what can be done with an existing cottage in the Long Pond Resource Protection 125' buffer zone under the Town Zoning Ordinance, I attach two documents. The first are several excerpts from the current Town Zoning Ordinance that relate to what can be done in that zone. The second document is a long letter I wrote to Bill Stevens on January 10, 2015, in answer to similar questions that Bill Stevens had at that time.

The summary is that any structure in the 125' buffer zone can only be expanded upward by a certain percentage. It cannot be expanded laterally. The difference between this situation and a situation where a lot is "nonconforming" is that in a typical nonconforming lot, the land use is allowed but there is something--usually the lot area does not meet the minimum lot size--that would automatically allow the issuance of a permit. Here the use (i.e., a building) is not allowed. It is quite clear that the intent of the Town Ordinance was to prohibit any building or any road to be built or added in the 125' buffer zone. However, as you can see in the letter that I sent to Bill Stevens, I believe the intent of the Ordinance can be maintained when the footprint is essentially not enlarged, but the structure is expanded vertically within the percentage limits permitted in either the Town Ordinance or the Shoreland Zoning Ordinance, whichever is more stringent. Also, as you can see in the letter I sent to Bill, an existing structure in this zone can be repaired within its existing structure. It can also be rebuilt "in place and in kind" in the event it is destroyed by fire or some other process.

Best regards,

Bob Gerber Planning Board Chair CEO

Town Ordinance Provisions pertaining to ability to modify existing structures in the Long Pond 125.pdf

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Town of Isle au Haut Planning Board Chair Response to 10-1-14 questions.pdf

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Town Ordinance Provisions pertaining to ability to modify existing structures in the Long Pond 125' Resource Protection buffer

Section V, pages 9 & 10

Land Uses	Resource	Remote	Accessible	Accessible	Remote
	Protection	Shoreland	Interior	Shoreland	Interior
	(E)	(A)	(B)	<i>(C)</i>	(D)
8. Structures (Principal)* a. Residential Dwelling Units	No	PB Permit	PB Permit	PB Permit	PB Permit
b. Govern- mental, Institu- tional, and Commercial	No	PB Permit	PB Permit	PB Permit	PB Permit
Structures, Industrial Structures,					
and Cottage Domestic Industries					

Land Uses		Remote Shoreland		Accessible Shoreland	Interior
8c. Residential	(E)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)
dwelling units					
no greater					
than 600	No	PB Permit	PB Permit	PB Permit	PB Permit
square feet, no					
more than one					
bedroom in addition to the					
principal					
structure on					
any lot.					
9. Structures					
(accessory) to					
permitted	No	CEO	CEO	CEO	CEO
uses, additions		Permit	Permit	Permit	Permit
(200 sq. ft. or					
less) and					
alterations to					
existing					
structures					

Section VI(G)1(e) (p. 18)

e. If a lot is comprised entirely of "Resource Protection District" (Zone E), it may not be built upon. If a lot is comprised partially of "Resource Protection District," that part may not be built upon if the District is defined in the State Shoreland Zoning Guidelines as important habitat, or part of the Long Pond 125-foot buffer.

Re: Horseman's Point parcel

From: planningboard <planningboard@isleauhautmaine.us>

To: Peter Thompson <peter@ptlawoffice.com>

Priority: Normal

Date 06-08-2016 06:27 PM

Here are some plans I made for the Poss family. The "possible sites" were house sites that the Posses picked out to look at when they were here last September. Our Shoreland Zoning Ordinance makes contiguous slopes of over 20% and greater than 2 acres in size "Resource Protection" under the State Shoreland Zone Ordinance. Also, after July 6, 2016, all FEMA-mapped Special Flood Hazard Areas are defined in the State Ordinance as Resource Protection zones. That is why those two features are shown on these maps. The Town Ordinance (which was just revised at the March 2016 Town Meeting) and the State Ordinance are posted on the Town website.

Bob Gerber, Planning Board Chair and CEO

proposal if I decide to move forward.

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> On June 8, 2016 at 3:11 PM Peter Thompson peter@ptlawoffice.com> wrote:
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> will do
> From: Bob Gerber <planningboard@isleauhautmaine.us>
> Sent: Wednesday, June 08, 2016 3:03 PM
> To: Peter Thompson
> Subject: Re: Horseman's Point parcel
> Call this evening after 6 pm
> Sent from my iPhone
> Bob Gerber
>> On Jun 7, 2016, at 9:12 PM, Peter Thompson <peter@ptlawoffice.com> wrote:
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>> Hi Bob,
>> Thanks for getting back to me so quickly. I would very much like to discuss the property with you. Is there a good time tomorrow I
could call you?
>> Peter Thompson
>> From: Bob Gerber <planningboard@isleauhautmaine.us>
> Sent: Tuesday, June 07, 2016 9:10 PM
>> To: Peter Thompson
>> Subject: Re: Horseman's Point parcel
>> No, nothing has come to the board in even an informal way. I did walk the property last summer with a previous potential buyer who
was interested in creating two buildable lots. I would be happy to talk with you about it. 335-2015
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>> Sent from my iPhone
>> Bob Gerber, Planning Board Chair and CEO
>>> On Jun 7, 2016, at 5:42 PM, Peter Thompson <peter@ptlawoffice.com> wrote:
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>>> Dear Planning Board Chairperson:
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>>> I am interested in purchasing the Horseman's Point parcel. Is there someone I can contact to find out whether proposals have come
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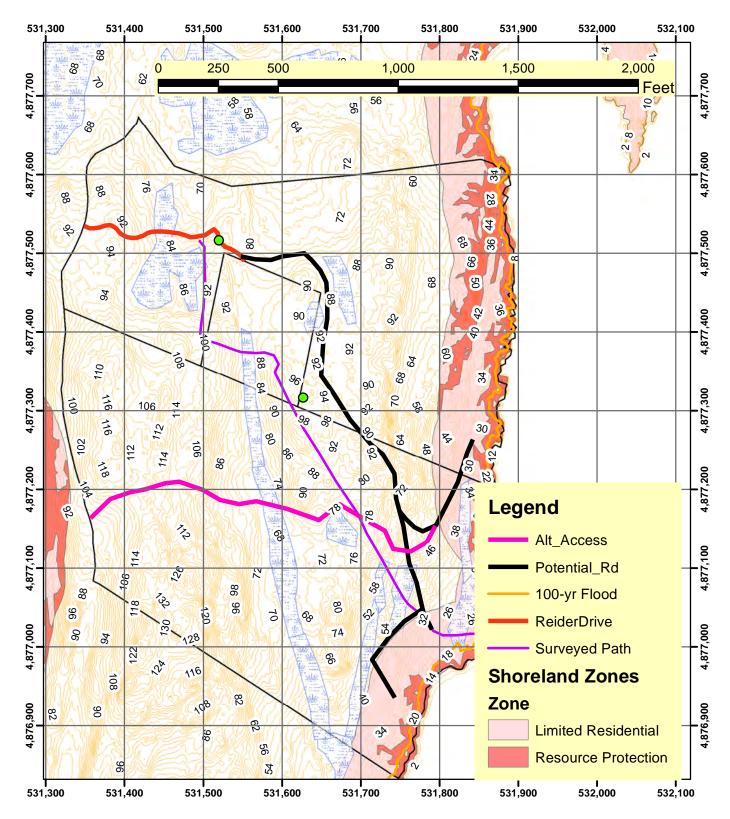
before the Planning Board to build a home, put in a driveway, etc., on this property and what became of those proposals? Having served in the Yarmouth (Maine) Planning Board for ten years, I know that this type of information can be extremely important in making my own

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>> Sincerely,
>>> Peter Thompson
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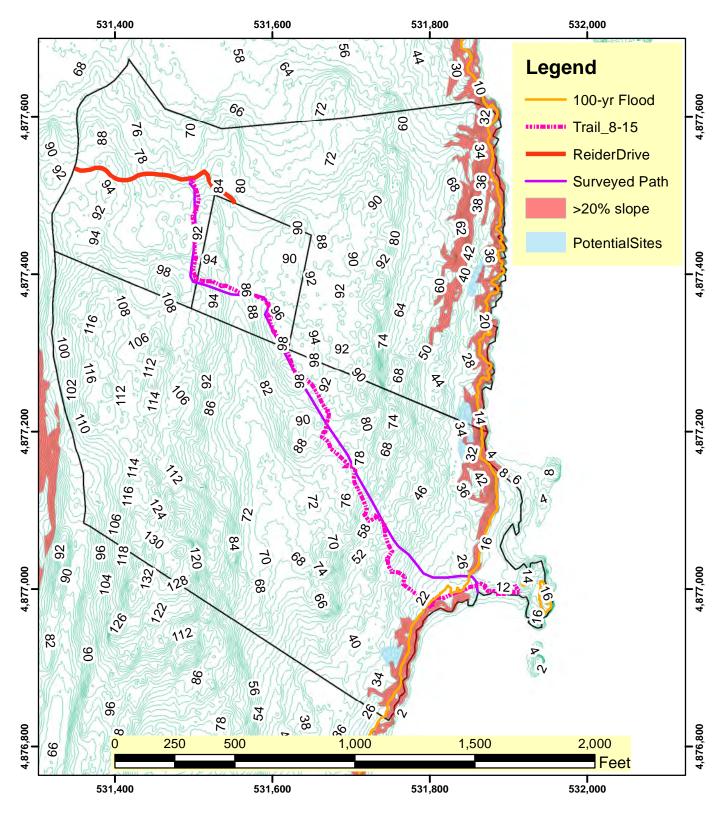
Best regards,

Bob Gerber Planning Board Chair CEO

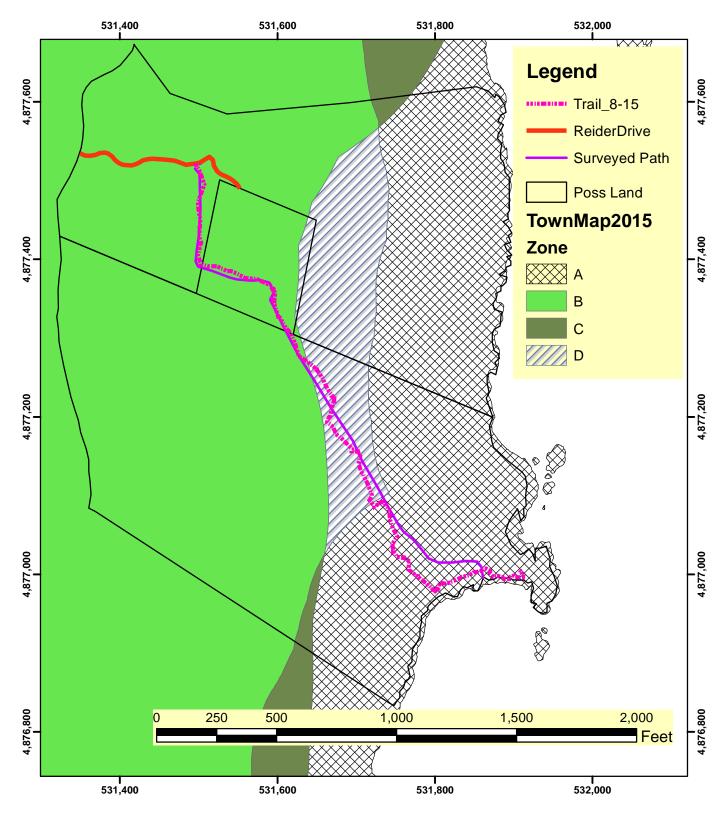
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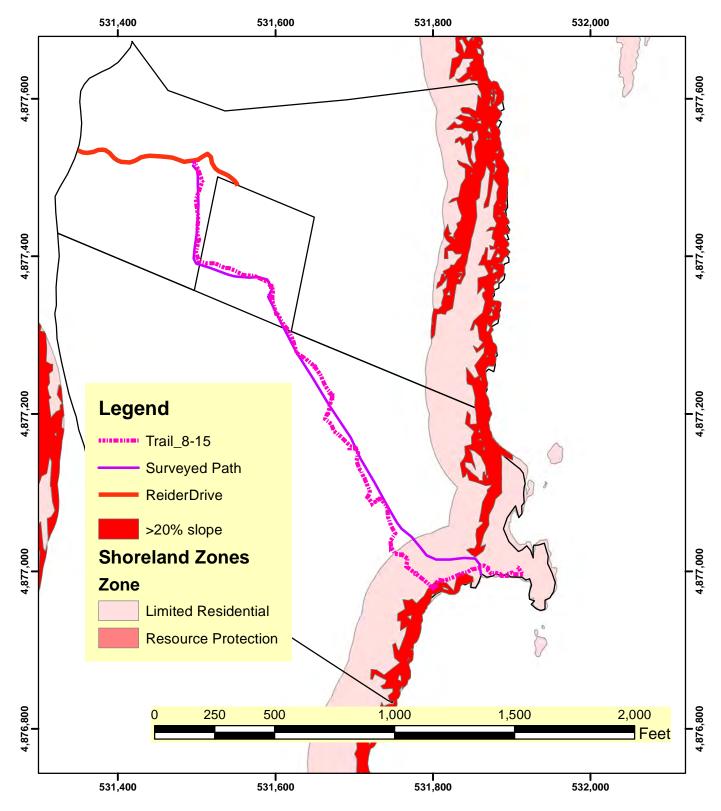
Alternative Access Routes to Shore Sites Isle au Haut, Maine 2-ft contours are NAVD88 (ft) Grid is UTM, NAD83, Zone 19 (meters) RGG 10/6/15



Constraints on Proposed House Sites, Poss Land, Horseman's Pt. Isle au Haut, Maine
2-ft contours are NAVD88 (ft)
Grid is UTM, NAD83, Zone 19 (meters)
RGG 9/25/15



Town Zoning, Poss Land, Horseman's Pt. Isle au Haut, Maine Grid is UTM, NAD83, Zone 19 (meters) RGG 9/25/15



Shoreland Zoning, Poss Land, Horseman's Pt. Isle au Haut, Maine Grid is UTM, NAD83, Zone 19 (meters) RGG 9/25/15

Re: Horseman Pt. parcel

From: planningboard <planningboard@isleauhautmaine.us>

To: Peter Thompson <peter@ptlawoffice.com>

Priority: Normal

Date 06-09-2016 04:26 PM

There is a small but prominent wetland very near and possibly under the site you located on your map and there is even a small seasonal stream coming out of it. You would have to keep the building and all ground disturbance at least 25 feet from the edge of the wetland (DEP NRPA), and we would require you to have the wetlands in the local vicinity of your proposed site mapped by a wetland scientist. I have suggested a slight relocation to the west on the attached sketch. The ground is reasonably good here although there is a small eroding coastal bluff in front of it on the shore so the building setback would be 75 feet back from the top of the bank instead of from the "normal high water mark". (I mapped the coastal bluffs for the Maine Geological Survey last summer.) You will need a sink drain even if you have a composting toilet and you would have a better option in the general vicinity of where I show the alternative house site. That would have to be back 100 feet from normal high water.

Yes, I believe the existing trail can and should be relocated as part of a plan to create a new trail easement and location for the public. That plan should take the portion of the existing trail that passes through the Reider property out of their property and relocate it, as well (I presume you have seen the survey done for the Meyers Trust).

> On June 9, 2016 at 7:50 AM Peter Thompson peter@ptlawoffice.com> wrote:

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> Hi Bob,

> I reviewed the documents you sent. They were very helpful to me in analyzing the feasibility of my plan to access the property by boat coming in on the beach. I considered the areas that were depicted on the contour map as possible building sites. Those sites would not work for what I'm planning as they are all 600-plus feet from the beach. Even if I could figure out a way to get the building materials to the sites without disrupting the area (by, e.g., bringing in a barge with a crane to deposit the materials at the building site from the water), the prospect of bringing food and other supplies that distance is not something I want to do. I grew up lugging our groceries 400' feet through the woods to our home in Hulls Cove. (My father eventually "splurged" to bring the driveway down to the house, but only after my mother's knees were giving out...) Lugging groceries and other supplies uphill an even greater distance would grow old, really fast. So, the only way I've determined that my plan would work is if the house is close to the beach. I've attached sketches depicting where I would want to put the house that show both where you've drawn the existing path and where an alternate path could be cut to bring people to the beach. I understand that you can't speak for the planning board about whether my plan might be feasible, but I'm hoping to at least get your initial impression.

> Peter Thompson

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Best regards,

Bob Gerber

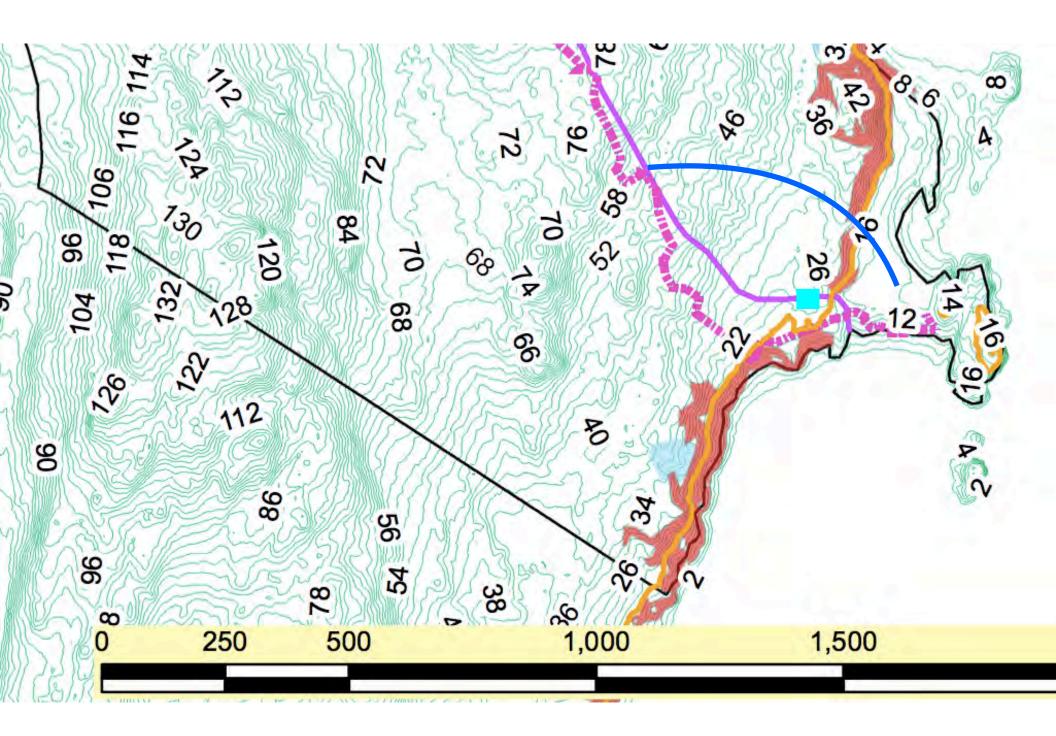
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CEO

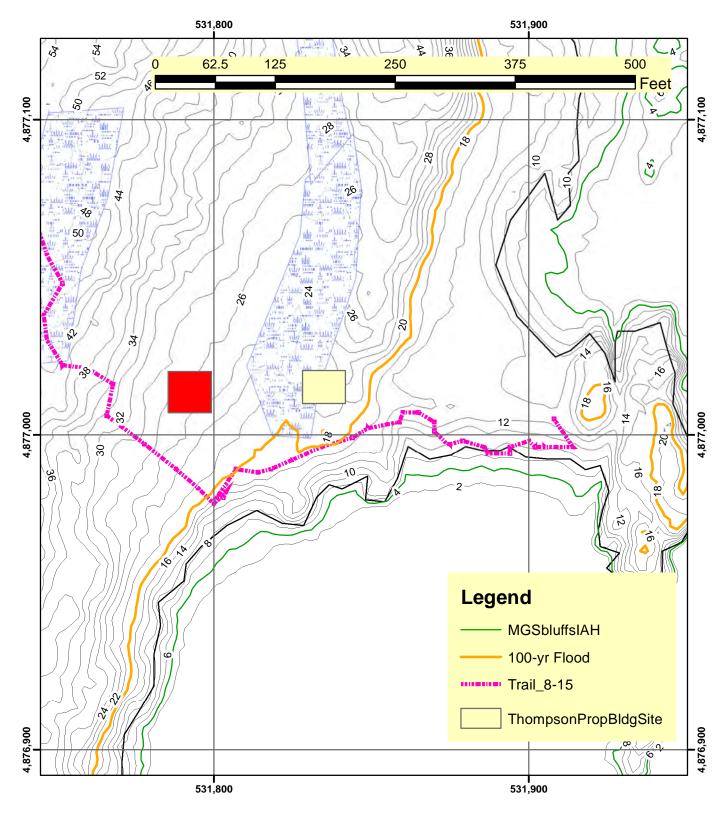
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Alternative House site Isle au Haut, Maine 2-ft contours are NAVD88 (ft) Grid is UTM, NAD83, Zone 19 (meters) RGG 6/9/16

Draft Isle au Haut Ordinance to Manage 911 Addresses ("Addressing Ordinance")

Section 1. Title

This ordinance will henceforth be known as the "Addressing Ordinance."

Section 2. Purpose

The purpose of this ordinance is to enhance the easy and rapid location of structures by law enforcement, fire, rescue, and emergency medical services personnel in the municipality of Isle au Haut.

Section 3. Authority

This ordinance is adopted pursuant to and consistent with Municipal Home Rule Powers as provided for in Article VIII, Part 2, Section 1 of the Constitution of the State of Maine and Title 30-A M.R.S.A. Section 3001.

Section 4. Administration

This ordinance shall be administered by the Code Enforcement Officer *(CEO)* who is authorized to and shall assign road names and numbers to all properties, both on existing and proposed roads, in accordance with the criteria in Sections 5 and 6. The CEO shall be responsible for maintaining the following official records of this ordinance:

- a. A municipal map(s) for official use showing road names and numbers.
- b. An alphabetical list of all property owners as identified by current tax records, by last name, showing the assigned numbers.
- c. An alphabetical list of all roads with property owners listed in order of their assigned numbers.

The Selectmen shall designate an Addressing Officer, who is responsible for and authorized to provide all required addressing and database information to the state agency responsible for the implementation of Enhanced 9-1-1 service.

Section 5. Naming System

All roads that serve two or more structures shall be named regardless of whether the ownership is public or private. A "road" refers to any highway, road, street, avenue, lane, private way, or similar paved, gravel, or dirt thoroughfare. A road name assigned by the municipality shall not constitute or imply acceptance of the road as a public way.

The following criteria shall govern the naming system:

- a. No two roads shall be given the same name (ex. Pine Road and Pine Lane).
- b. No two roads shall have similar-sounding names (ex. Beech Lane and Peach Lane).

c. Each road shall have the same name throughout its entire length.

Section 6. Numbering System

The following criteria shall govern the numbering system:

- a. Numbers shall be assigned every 50 (fifty) feet along both sides of the road, with even numbers appearing on the left side of the road and odd numbers appearing on the right side of the road, as the numbers ascend.
- b. All number origins shall begin, in general, from west to east and north to south. The origin of the Main Road shall be the National Park Service boundary intersection, just south of Moore's Harbor. The numbering system on Main Road shall terminate at the National Park Service boundary intersection west of Head Harbor. For all roads that branch off the Main Road, the numbering shall start on that side road at the intersection with Main Road. For dead end roads, numbering shall originate at the intersection of the adjacent road and terminate at the dead end.
- c. The number assigned to each structure shall be that of the numbered interval falling closest to the front door or the driveway of said structure if the front door cannot be seen from the main road.
- d. Every structure with more than one principal use or occupancy shall have a separate number for each use or occupancy, i.e. duplexes will have two separate numbers; apartments will have one road number with an apartment number, such as 235 Main Road, Apt 2.

Section 7. Compliance

All owners of structures shall use their best efforst, by the date stipulated in Section 9, to display and maintain in a conspicuous place on said structure, assigned numbers in the following manner:

- a. Number on the Structure or Residence. Where the residence or structure is within 50 (fifty) feet of the edge of the road right-of-way, the assigned number shall be displayed on the front of the residence or structure in the vicinity of the front door or entry.
- b. Number at the Road Line. Where the residence or structure is over 50 (fifty) feet from the edge of the road right-of-way, the assigned number shall be displayed on a post, fence, wall, the mail box, or on some structure within the property adjacent to the walk or access drive to the residence or structure.
- c. Size, Color, and Location of Number. Numbers shall be of a color that contrasts with their background color and shall be a minimum of four (4)

inches in height and no greater than six (6) inches in height. Numbers shall be located to be visible from the road at all times of the year and a minimum of 3 feet above the adjacent ground surface.

- d. Proper number. Every person whose duty is to display an assigned number shall remove any different number which might be mistaken for, or confused with, the number assigned in conformance with this ordinance.
- e. Interior location. All residents and other occupants are requested to post their assigned number and road name adjacent to their telephone for emergency reference.

Section 8. New Construction and Subdivisions

All new construction and subdivisions shall be named and numbered in accordance with the provisions of this ordinance and as follows:

- a. New Construction. Whenever any residence or other structure is constructed or developed, it shall be the duty of the new owner to obtain an assigned number from the CEO. This shall be done at the time of the issuance of the building permit.
- b. New Subdivisions. Any prospective subdivider shall show a proposed road name and lot numbering system on the application submission to the Planning Board. Approval by the Planning Board, after consultation with CEO, shall constitute the assignment of road names and numbers to the lots in the subdivision. On the final plan showing proposed roads, the applicant shall mark on the plan, lines or dots, in the center of the streets every 50 feet so as to aid in the assignment of numbers to structures subsequently constructed.

Section 9. Effective Date

This ordinance shall become effective as of September 1, 2017. It shall be the duty of the CEO to notify by mail each property owner and the U.S. Postal Service of their new address at least 60 (sixty) days prior to the effective date of its use. It shall be the duty of each property owner to comply with this ordinance, including the posting of new property numbers, within 60 (sixty) days following notification. On new structures, numbering shall be installed when the structure is first used or occupied, whichever comes first.