



City of Portsmouth Wetlands Conditional Use Permit Application

September 30, 2024

Samantha Collins, Chair, and Conservation Commission Members 1 Junkins Ave Portsmouth, NH 03801

Re: Wetlands Conditional Use Permit Application

39 Dearborn Street, Portsmouth NH - Tax Map: 140 Lot: 3

Project #47617.00

Dear Ms. Collins,

On behalf of TFMoran Inc. a City of Portsmouth Wetlands Conditional Use Permit Application was filed for the above referenced property. The property owner's Shawn & Michiyo Bardong have proposed an expansion to their existing dwelling, and other related site improvements. The proposed expansion is the construction of a two-story family room, a mudroom, and a sewer connection. Removal of the existing shed is required as the footprint of the proposed addition overlaps this area. Further, portions of the existing driveway will be removed to ensure a net-decrease in impervious area on the lot. Driveway areas to be removed will be converted to pervious lawn.

The subject lot is unique as it exists almost entirely (99.4% of the lot) within the 100' tidal wetland buffer area. Within the wetland buffer area, the vegetation present consists primarily of grass lawn, with a few native plant species scattered around the edge of the property. When approaching the tidal resource, North Mill Pond, salt marsh and mud flat areas are observed, consisting primarily of salt tolerant grasses. Invasive species were not observed during the brief site visit as the lot is mostly developed.

As the property exists, 30.3% is paved/developed (3,399 Sq. Ft./11,236 S.F. * 100=30.3% Impervious). The proposed site improvements would lower the impervious coverage of the lot to 30.1% (3,392 S.F. / 11,236 S.F. * 100=30.1% Impervious), resulting in an overall decrease in impervious area.







Addressing the Criteria for Approval outlined in section 10.1017.50:

(1) The land is reasonably suited to the use, activity or alteration.

The project site exists as a developed residential lot which is suitable for the proposed improvements.

(2) There is no alternative location outside the wetland buffer that is feasible and reasonable for the proposed use, activity or alteration.

The lot exists almost entirely within the 100 ft tidal buffer zone. The proposed home addition is the furthest distance from the wetland resource.

(3) There will be no adverse impact on the wetland functional values of the site or surrounding properties.

There are no impacts proposed to the wetland resource and surrounding properties will not be affected because of this project. Stormwater management features will be implemented to preserve the resource.

(4) Alteration of the natural vegetative state or managed woodland will occur only to the extent necessary to achieve construction goals; and

No alteration of the natural vegetative state is proposed.

(5) The proposal is the alternative with the least adverse impact to areas and environments under the jurisdiction of this Section.

This project is the least impacting alternative and there is no increase in impervious area.

(6) Any area within the vegetated buffer strip will be returned to a natural state to the extent feasible.

Impacted areas within the vegetated buffer strip will be returned to lawn or reseeded with a native conservation seed mix.

Sincerely,

TFMoran, Inc.

Luke Taylor,

Environmental Permitting Specialist

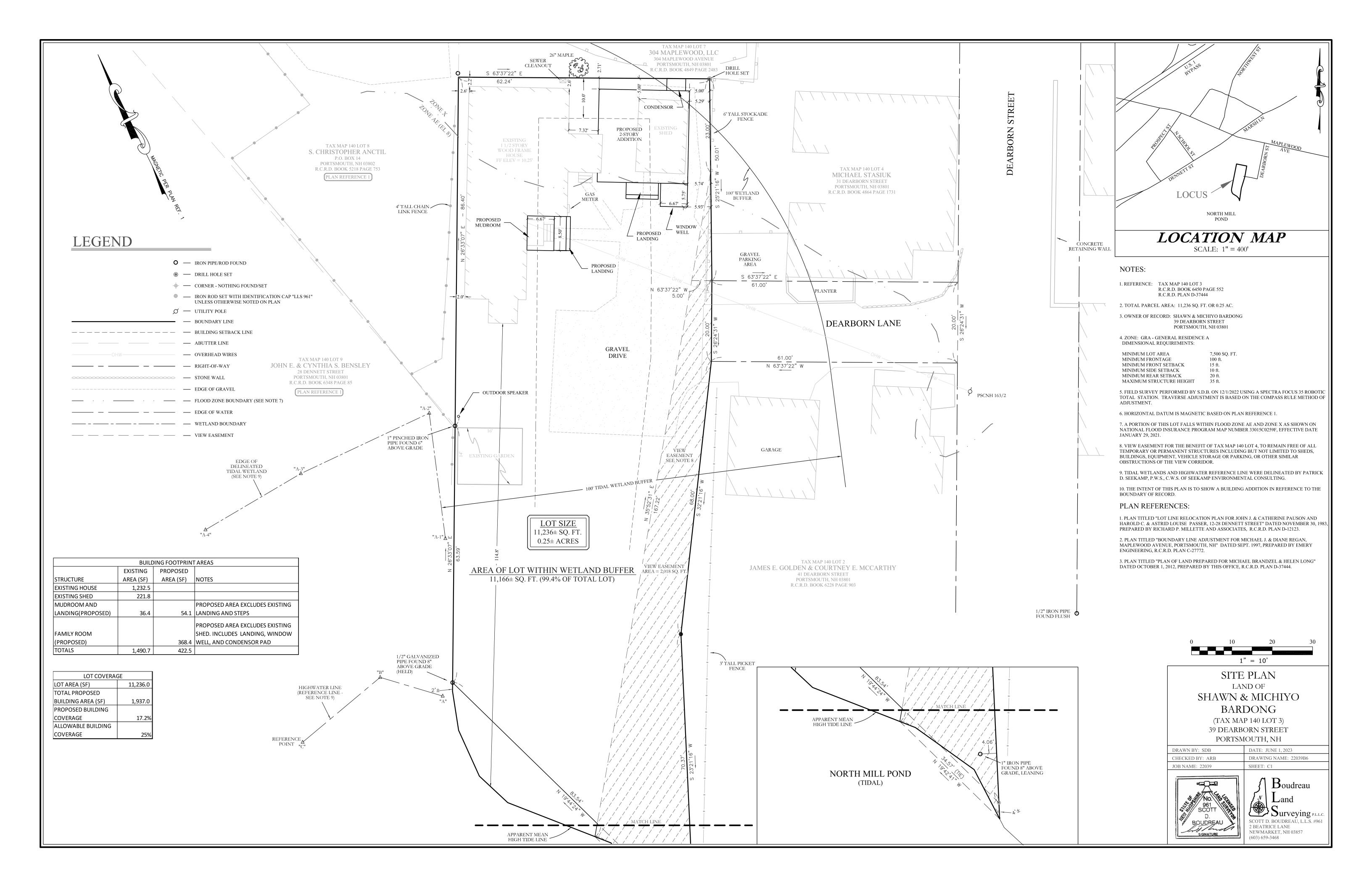


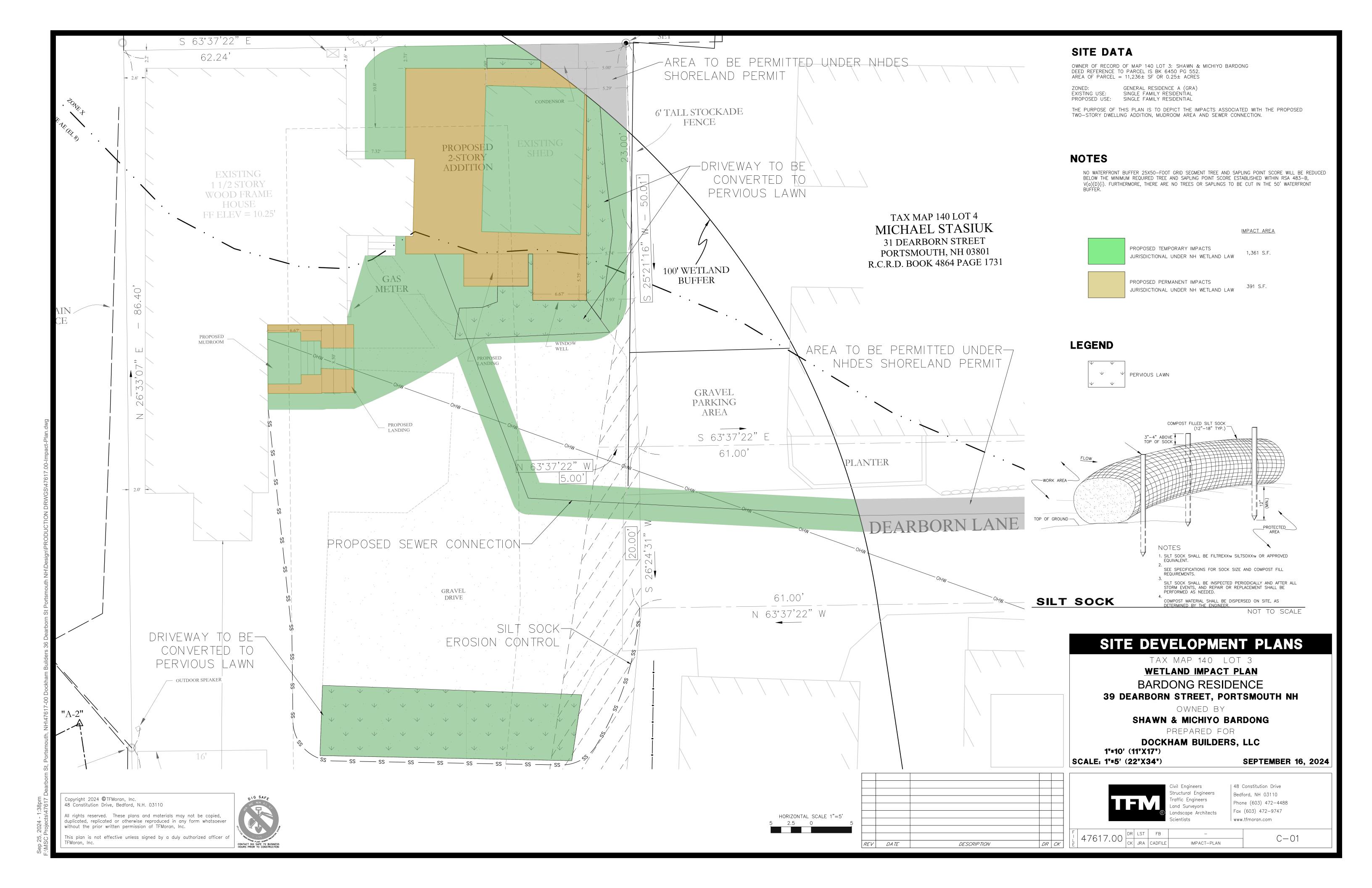


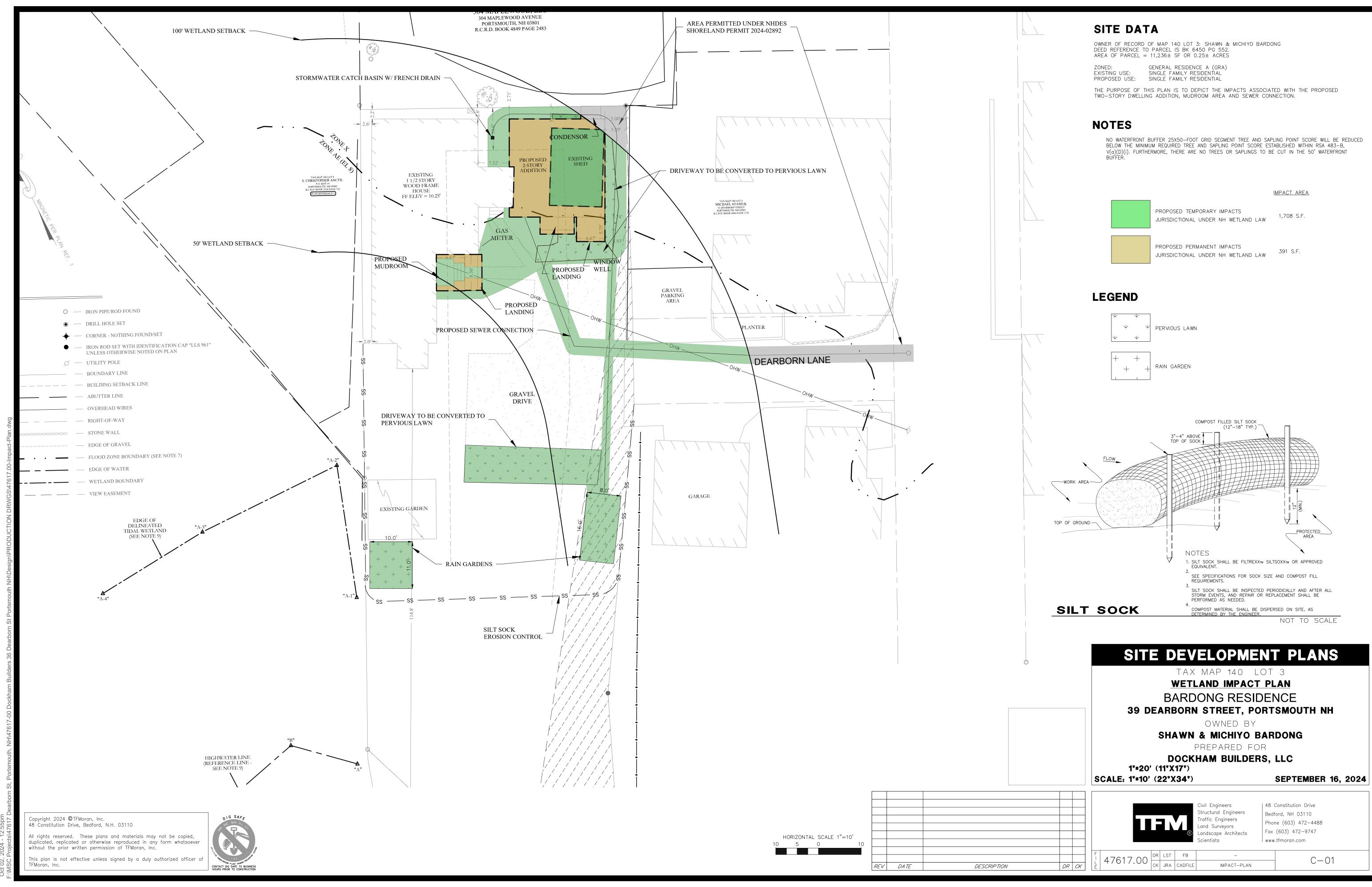


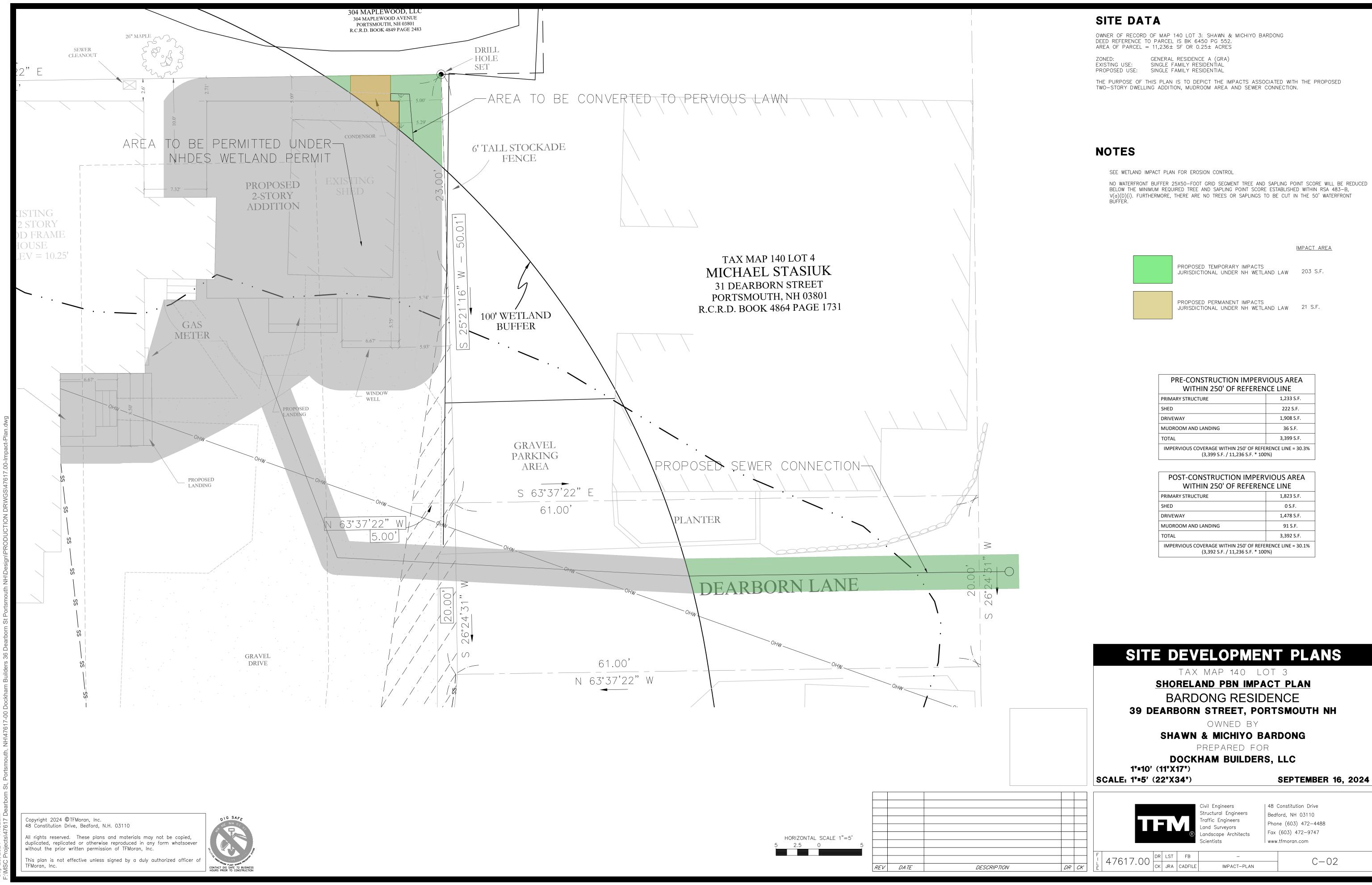
Letter of Authorization

I, Shawn P Bardong, hereby author	orize TFMoran, Inc., 170 Commerce Way, Suite 102, Portsmouth,
NH 03801, to act on my behalf concer	ning the property at 39 Dearborn Street, Portsmouth, NH
<u>03801</u> , known as Tax Map <u>140</u> , Lot	3
I hereby appoint TFMoran, Inc, as my required signatures.	agent to act on my behalf in the review process, to include any
	25-Sep-2024
Client	Date
Name:	
Title:	
Witness	Date









Sep 25, 2024 - 11:52am



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ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

May 30, 2023

Michiyo Bardong and Shawn Bardong 39 Dearborn Street Portsmouth, New Hampshire 03801

RE: Board of Adjustment request for property located at 39 Dearborn Street. (LU-23-5)

Dear Property Owners:

The Zoning Board of Adjustment, at its regularly scheduled meeting of **Tuesday, May 23**, **2023**, considered your application for demolishing the existing shed and constructing a two-story addition which requires the following: 1) Variance from Section 10.521 to allow a) 5 foot front yard where 15 feet is required; and b) 2 foot right side yard where is required. 2) Variance from Section 10.321 to allow a nonconforming building or structure to be extended, reconstructed, or enlarged without conforming to the requirements of the Ordinance. Said property is shown on Assessor Map 140 Lot 3 within the General Residence A (GRA) and Historic Districts. As a result of said consideration, the Board voted to **approve** the request as presented and advertised.

The Board's decision may be appealed up to thirty (30) days after the vote. Any action taken by the applicant pursuant to the Board's decision during this appeal period shall be at the applicant's risk. Please contact the Planning Department for more details about the process.

Approvals may also be required from other City Commissions or Boards. Once all required approvals have been received, applicant is responsible for applying for and securing a building permit from the Inspection Department prior to starting any project work.

This approval shall expire unless a building permit is issued within a period of two (2) years from the date granted unless an extension is granted in accordance with Section 10.236 of the Zoning Ordinance.

The Findings of Fact associated with this decision are available: attached here <u>or</u> as an attachment in the Viewpoint project record associated with this application <u>and</u> on the Board of Adjustment Meeting website:

https://www.cityofportsmouth.com/planportsmouth/zoning-board-adjustment/zoning-board-adjustment-archived-meetings-and-material

The minutes and audio recording of this meeting are available by contacting the Planning Department.

Very truly yours,

Phyllis Eldridge, Chair of the Zoning Board of Adjustment

cc: Shanti Wolph, Chief Building Inspector

Rosann Maurice-Lentz, City Assessor

Amy Dutton, Amy Dutton Home

Phyllis Eldridge

Findings of Fact | Variance City of Portsmouth Zoning Board of Adjustment

Date: <u>5-23-2023</u>

Property Address: 39 Dearborn Street

Application #: LU-23-5

Decision: Grant

Findings of Fact:

Effective August 23, 2022, amended RSA 676:3, I now reads as follows: The local land use board shall issue a final written decision which either approves or disapproves an application for a local permit and make a copy of the decision available to the applicant. The decision shall include specific written findings of fact that support the decision. Failure of the board to make specific written findings of fact supporting a disapproval shall be grounds for automatic reversal and remand by the superior court upon appeal, in accordance with the time periods set forth in RSA 677:5 or RSA 677:15, unless the court determines that there are other factors warranting the disapproval. If the application is not approved, the board shall provide the applicant with written reasons for the disapproval. If the application is approved with conditions, the board shall include in the written decision a detailed description of the all conditions necessary to obtain final approval.

The proposed application meets/does not meet the following purposes for granting a Variance:

Section 10.233 Variance Evaluation Criteria	Finding (Meets Criteria)	Relevant Facts	
10.233.21 Granting the variance would not be contrary to the public interest.	YES / NO	 The proposed use does not expressly or implicitly conflict with the ordinance's provisions, in which case there are setback requirements for the movement of light and air around the structure. It is a small yard and the structure will still have space in the back aron the side for light, air and emergency egress. 	ch of s.
10.233.22 Granting the variance would observe the spirit of the Ordinance.	YES / NO	 The proposed use does not expressly or implicitly conflict with the ordinance's provisions, in which case there are setback requirements for the movement of light and air around the structures. It is a small yard and the structure will still have space in the back aron the side for light, air and emergency egress. 	ch of s.

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	Section 10.121.6 of the ordinance is for the preservation of historic districts and buildings and structures of historic and architectural interest. The variance request is driven by the requirements of the HDC to preserve the 1700's Cape.
YES / NO	 The variances will do substantial justice because the benefit to the applicant would not be outweighed by any harm to the general public. T The preservation of the 1700s Cape would be a benefit to the applicant and public.
YES / NO	Granting the variances would not diminish the values of surrounding properties, noting that the Board had testimony from the abutter that the City does not allow for view easements on properties. It was not found that it would diminish the property. She also found that any improvement to a property in general does raise the values of surrounding properties for all those reasons.
YES / NO	The property does have special conditions, and part of that is the view easement, which restricts where a structure can be placed on the property. Putting it more toward the back of the property is an appropriate placement for it. It is an expansion of a house, which is an allowed use in the GRA District.
	YES / NO



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HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

June 13, 2023

Michiyo Bardong and Shawn Bardong 39 Dearborn Street Portsmouth, New Hampshire 03801

RE: Certificate of Approval for property located at 39 Dearborn Street. (LU-23-5)

Dear Mr. and Ms. Bardong:

The Historic District Commission, at its regularly scheduled meeting of **Wednesday**, **June 07**, **2023**, considered your application for

exterior construction to an existing structure (replace existing roofing structure, add a new side and entry additions)

as per plans on file in the Planning Department. Said property is shown on Assessor Map 140 Lot 3 and lies within the General Residence A (GRA) and Historic Districts. As a result of said consideration, the Commission voted to

grant the Certificate of Approval with the following stipulation:

1. The final windows shall be submitted for Administrative Approval.

Findings of Fact

A. Purpose and Intent

The proposed application meets the following objective(s) of the Historic District (as provided in Section 10.631.20 of the Zoning Ordinance):

-Conservation and enhancement of property values.

B. Review Criteria

The proposed application also meets the following review criteria of the Historic District (as provided in Section 10.635.70 of the Zoning Ordinance):

-Compatibility of design with surrounding properties.

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This approval shall expire unless a building permit is issued within a period of one from the date granted by the Historic District Commission unless an extension is granted by the Commission in accordance with Section 10.636.70 of the Zoning Ordinance.

Please note that any changes or modifications to this application require review and approval from the Commission prior to implementation and additional fees may apply.

The minutes and audio recording of this meeting are available by contacting the Planning Department.

Very truly yours,

Nicholas J. Cracknell, AICP, Principal Planner for Jonathan Wyckoff, Chairman of the Historic District Commission

cc: Shanti Wolph, Chief Building Inspector Rosann Maurice-Lentz, City Assessor

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ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

March 2, 2023

Michiyo Bardong and Shawn Bardong 39 Dearborn Street Portsmouth, New Hampshire 03801

RE: Board of Adjustment request for property located at 39 Dearborn Street. (LU-23-5)

Dear Property Owners:

The Zoning Board of Adjustment, at its regularly scheduled meeting of **Wednesday**, **February 22**, **2023**, considered your application for constructing a second story over the existing 1.5 story building, removing and expanding the front porch, and removing and expanding the existing mudroom on the eastern side of the structure which requires the following: 1) Variance from Section 10.521 to allow a) 2 foot rear yard where 20 feet is required; and b) 9 foot side yard where 10 feet is required. 2) Variance from Section 10.321 to allow the extension and enlargement of a non-conforming structure. Said property is shown on Assessor Map 140 Lot 3 and lies within the General Residence A (GRA) and Historic Districts. As a result of said consideration, the Board voted to **grant** the request as presented and advertised.

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