SITE PLAN REVIEW TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE PORTSMOUTH, NEW HAMPSHIRE

WORK SESSION

Conference Room A City Hall, Municipal Complex, 1 Junkins Avenue

2:00 PM July 9, 2024

AGENDA

2:00 PM 105 Bartlett Street

Site Plan Approval

Portsmouth Lumber & Hardware LLC, Owner Tighe & Bond, Engineer (LUTW-24-8)





Proposed Improvements Yard Operations For



July 1, 2024

Submitted to: Portsmouth TAC For: July Work Session





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Submitted July 1, 2024

Our History:

Ricci Lumber was founded in 1957 by Mr. Ricci at 105 Bartlett St which was in the middle of an active B&M railroad yard. Because of its location, he used the property to bring in railcars of masonry products for his construction business for many years. When the ability to acquire lumber and plywood in bulk for his projects developed in the mid-50's, he seized the opportunity and began storing it at this location. Not long after, other masons on the Seacoast began purchasing their lumber needs along with bags of cement directly from Mr. Ricci. By 1956, being the savvy businessman he was, the plans to convert the dry storage building into a retail building center began to take shape. By the summer of 1957, the business was ready to launch with a small hardware offering and a more robust line of building materials. The store in total was no more than 900sft with undercover warehouse space of approximately 5000sft and very limited outdoor storage still surrounded by an active railyard. With more than 16 regionally owned outlets for building materials and hardware within 10 miles our growth was slow but very steady. Over the next 40 plus years as Boston & Maine began to decommission the Portsmouth rail yard, we were able to either acquire or lease additional property from them allowing further growth. The remaining aging storage buildings that now populate the property are remnants of those early years of progress back in the 70's and 80's. After hundreds of repairs to these structures to keep them viable as well as their limited storage methods, their usefulness for a modern lumberyard has reached a bitter end.

Our Prospect:

With the upcoming development occurring in the rear of the lumberyard, its footprint will be consuming a significant portion of our yard operations, under cover storage and related lay down areas for the everyday products we sell. Though we can't say that we are sorry to see those two leaning "barns" disappear from the landscape, the protection they provide for weather sensitive products is immeasurable. When they come down this fall, we will be faced with little to no locations to store these types of items. Additionally, the loss of lot space, particularly when it comes to the ground volume pallets of lumber take up, amplifies the problems we are about to encounter. Knowing this was inevitable, there was an engineer hired a few years back that specializes in space utilization and maximization of efficiencies for the lumber industry. The most recent lumber racking constructed on the site came out of his initial study and are the first steps in what is a very comprehensive plan. These new structures have improved the visuals of the property by replacing those eye sore, overly mature edifices from the grounds with a cleaner, modern look as well as shielding most stored products from outside view. With the deficiencies forth coming in ground level storage space, all his designs are centered around going vertical were ever possible to gain capacity. Then with the looming consequences of the millpond development not too far on the horizon, there is a pressing need to accelerate our present long-term plans for improvements. Since our work session back in February we hired Tighe & Bond to study the land side of our request who is a working closely with our building and site engineers revising and re-revising plans to adapt to the overall project needs. Everything we are looking to do in these proposals for improvements is to properly utilize the remaining space in the operation so we can continue to run safely and efficiently. These new structures are really nothing more than racking and roofs meant to hold and protect material from the elements. The designs presented incorporate the tried-and-true modern-day approach for planning a lumberyard while accounting for any impact we might have on this or any surrounding properties.

The Execution of the project:

Once our project has been approved and accepted by the City of Portsmouth, the implementation of our vision will begin. Since we have existing working structures sitting in the same locations as the new proposed buildings, along with continued business operations, the planning at each phase of construction will be crucial. Unlike a greenfield venture with open land that can be completed all at once, the demolition and reconstruction of each structure will take significantly more time and effort. Because of these reasons, our proposed phases for the project will be somewhat dynamic depending on the season, demolition timing, the metal frame availability, labor to assemble, groundwork, concrete installation and the business conditions.

- Phase 1 Building Two 3 sided Shed Building (See Map)
 - o Demolition of existing buildings (Cement Shed and Cant. Shed Two)
 - Groundwork begins
 - Concrete is installed
 - Construction begins on new Building
- Phase 2 Building One Drive Through Building (See Map)
 - o Demolition of existing buildings (Warm Room, Lunchroom and Cant. Shed One
 - Groundwork Begins
 - Concrete is installed
 - Construction begins of the new building
- Phase 3 Entrance Gate area
 - o The Shack will be shifted to the far side of gate opening
 - o Gate is made wider to allow large trucks to enter and exit.
 - New gates are installed to control traffic and security.
- Phase 4 New Millwork Warehouse (See Map)
 - o Demolition of existing building (Existing millwork barn)
 - Groundwork begins
 - Concrete is installed
 - o Construction begins on the new building
- Phase 5 Existing Buildings deemed part of the rear development.
 - o This would be the barns and any outbuildings that are not on our site.
 - Demolition of these structures
 - Complete groundwork to allow proper access and storage of products.
- Phase 6 Create the needed open space/permeable surfaces, drainage necessary to achieve compliance.
 - o Plantings, Curbs or untarred areas would be completed
 - o Drainage plan would be completed per the agreement with the city
 - o Complete resurfacing of the yard and parking areas
- Phase 1-5 (Extra) Fencing\Gates
 - This will be ongoing as buildings get built and the yard gets modified for both security and safety.

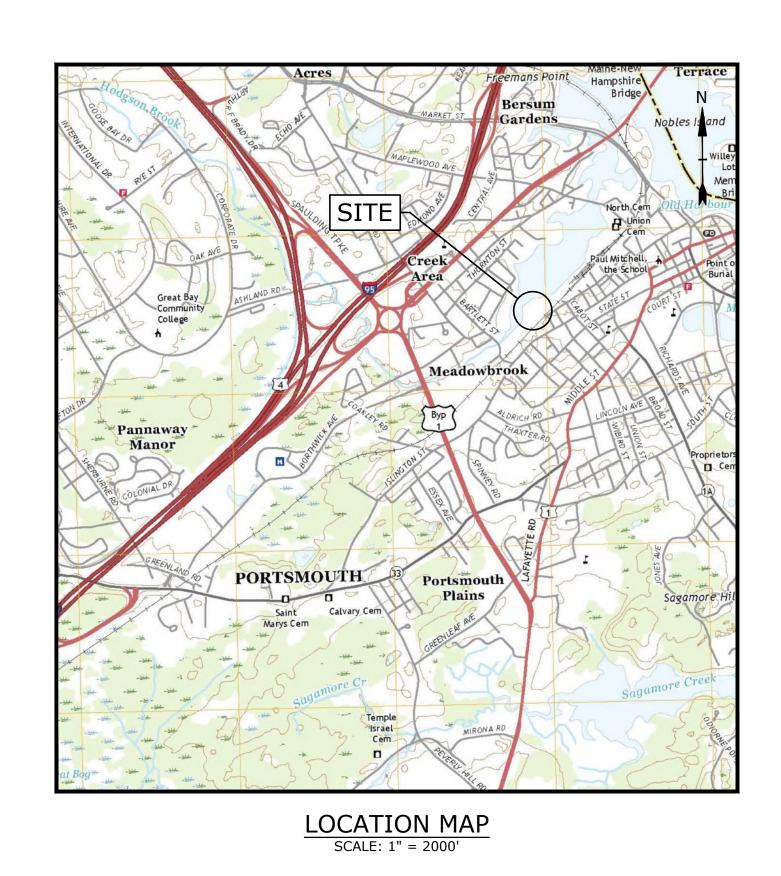
Additional Information:

- 1. Ed Hayes will be reaching out to the railroad for temporary permission to access their side of the lot line to construct the exterior of the buildings as we received for the last two structures.
- 2. Storm Water Separation will be addressed when construction begins so to minimize the disruption in the yard and parking lot.
- 3. No new lumber shed\cantilever storage structure will be electrified in the main yard.
- 4. There will be no changes in the current security lighting situation. Additional lighting for night work is no longer necessary with our standard hours of operation.
- 5. When constructed, the new millwork storage barn will be electrified for internal lighting.
- 6. The updated locations of the new buildings are far beyond any requirement for a shoreline relief review.
- 7. The traffic pattern is now shown properly on the submitted designs.
- 8. Ed Hayes will be submitting a letter for certification that the lots in question will remain under the same ownership and agreements so that no hardship is created for either lot. This will also ensure that the fire and police departments will have unimpeded access to all parts of the property through various entry points.
- 9. There will be three entry/exit points on the property through security gates. The rear gate nearest the new development, the main gate nearest the parking lot and the forward gate nearest Bartlett St behind the design center.
- 10. Any new chain-link fence installed will conform to the city regulations unless we seek and get approval from the ZDA for additional height relief.
- 11. Existing chain-link, unless disturbed, will remain as it currently exists.
- 12. The walls of the sheds that are closest to the railroad tracks will be constructed with heavy gauge steel panels as they are with the recently built structures of similar construction.
- 13. The closest distance of the new proposed buildings to the railroad tracks is greater than 35' and is beyond the minimum required.
- 14. Once the new road is accepted by the city, the lumberyard will get a proper address for the 911 system.

PROPOSED LUMBER SHEDS

105 BARTLETT STREET PORTSMOUTH, NEW HAMPSHIRE JULY 1, 2024

LIST OF DRAWINGS					
SHEET NO.	SHEET TITLE	LAST REVISED			
	COVER SHEET	4/18/2024			
C-101	OVERALL EXISTING CONDITIONS AND DEMOLITION PLAN	3/29/2024			
C-102	SITE PLAN	4/18/2024			
C-103	GRADING, DRAINAGE & EROSION CONTROL PLAN	4/18/2024			
C-104	UTILITIES PLAN	4/18/2024			



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APPLICANT:

PORTSMOUTH, NH 03801

PORTSMOUTH HARDWARE & LUMBER, LLC 105 BARTLETT STREET

OWNERS:

TAX MAP 157 LOT 2
TAX MAP 164, LOT 1
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PORTSMOUTH, NH 03801

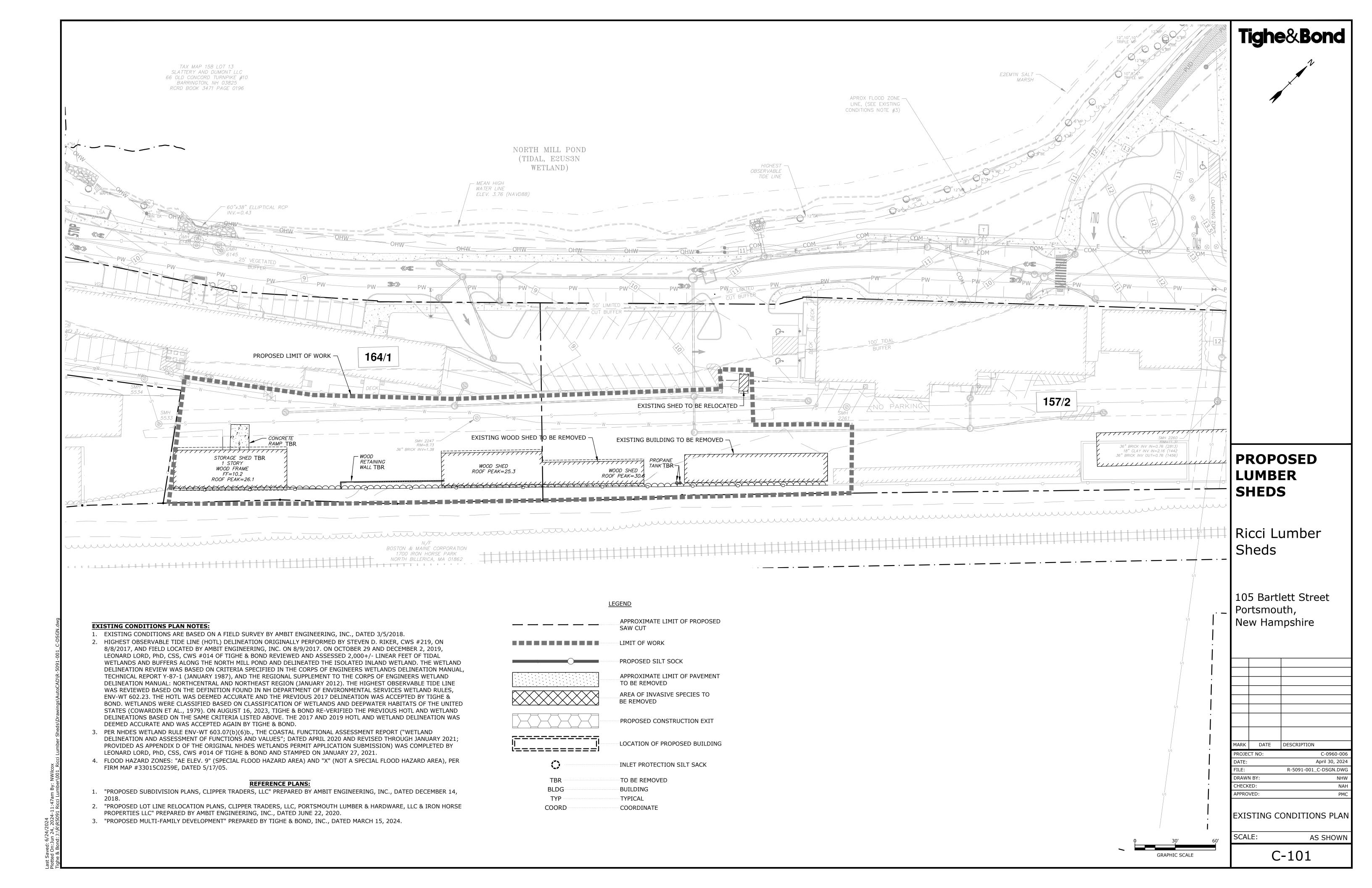
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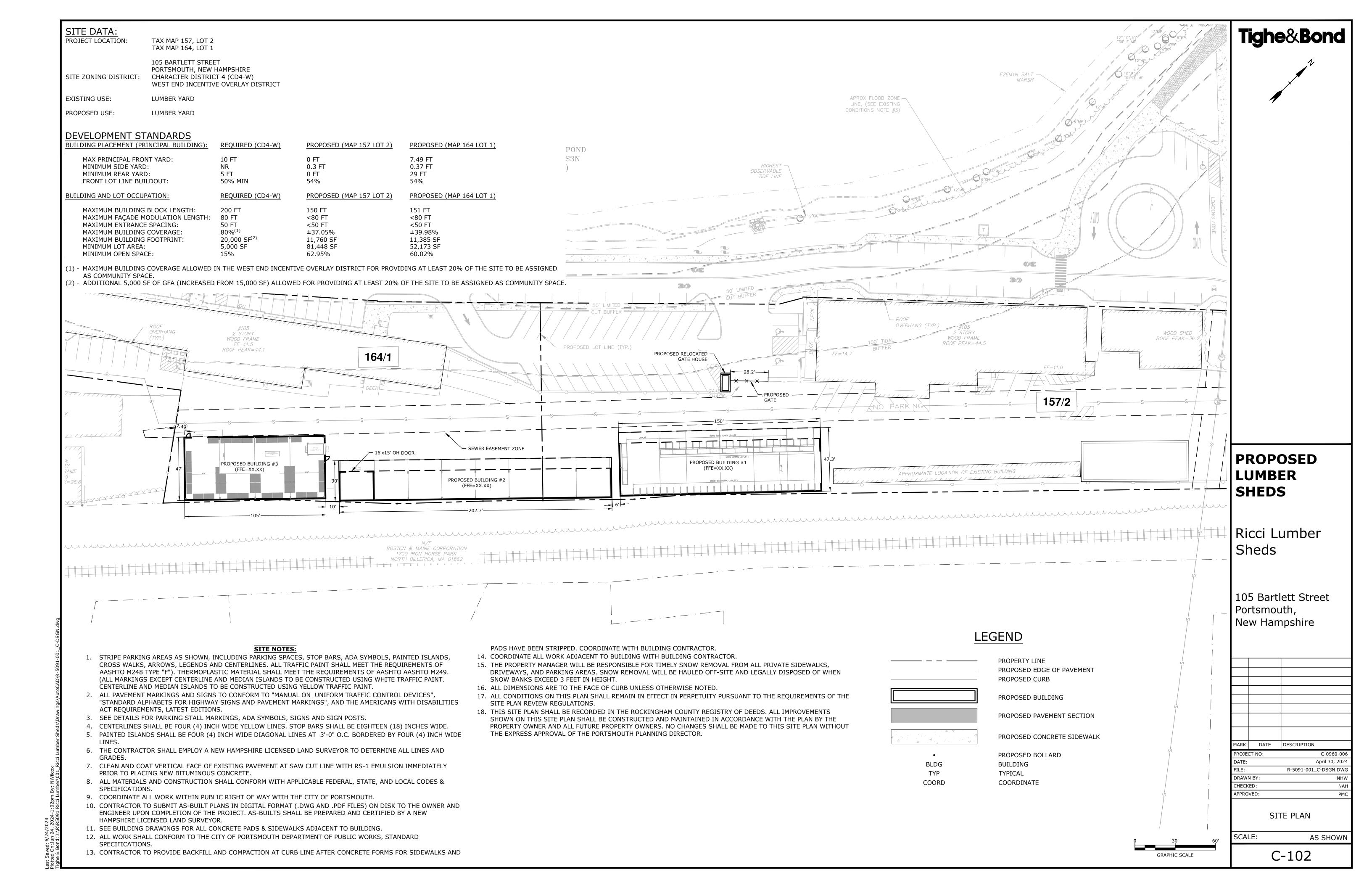
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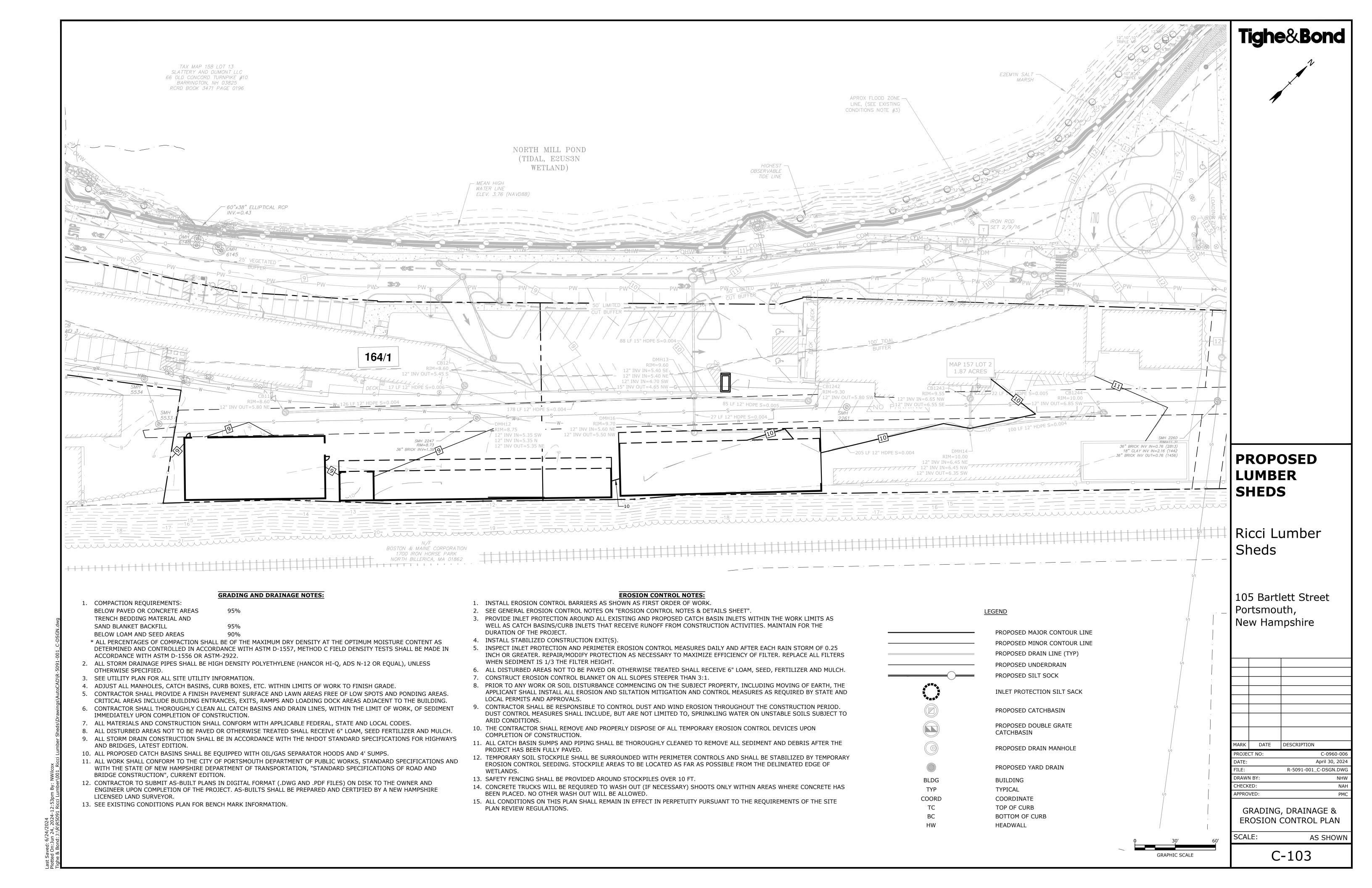
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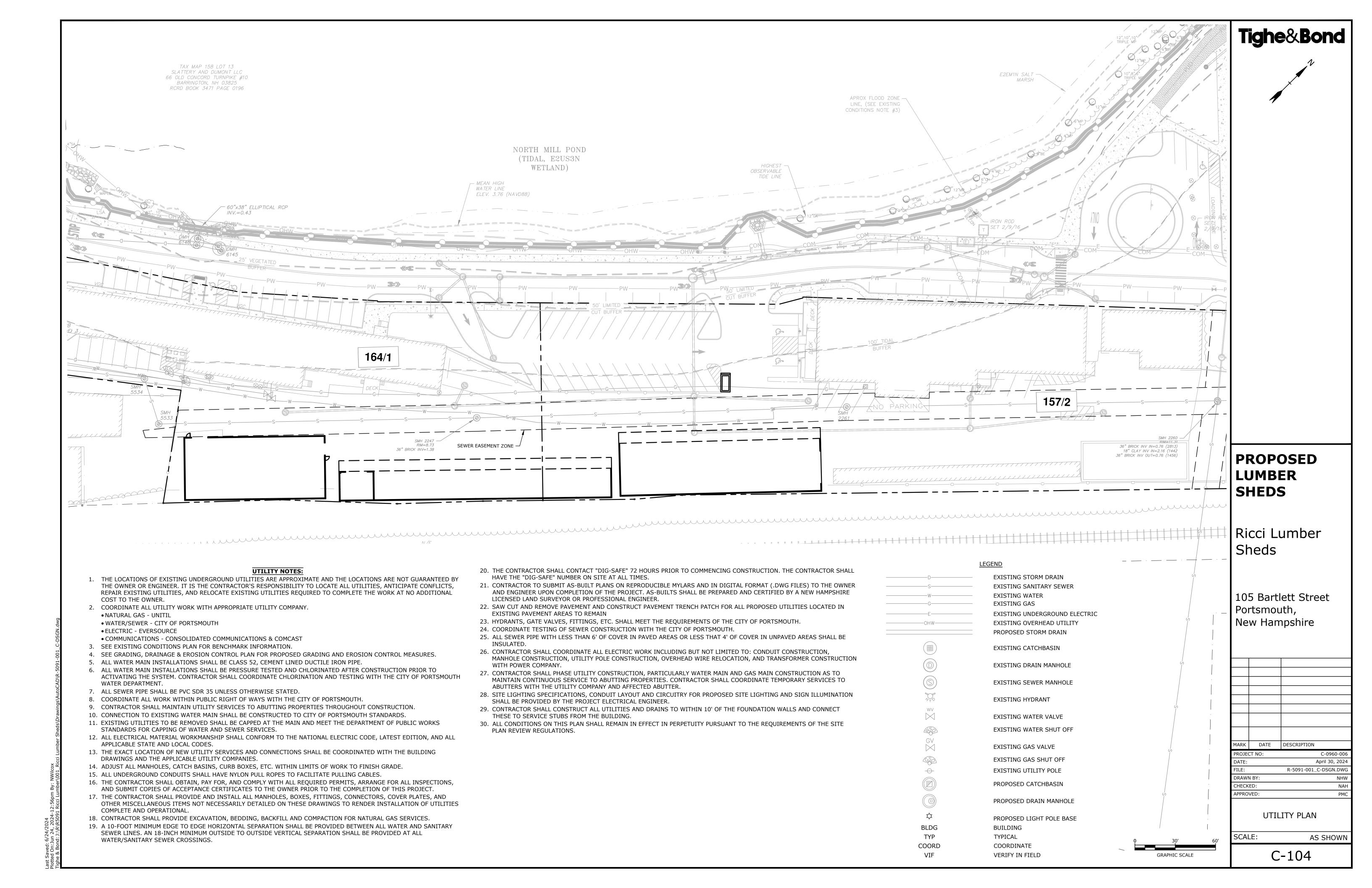
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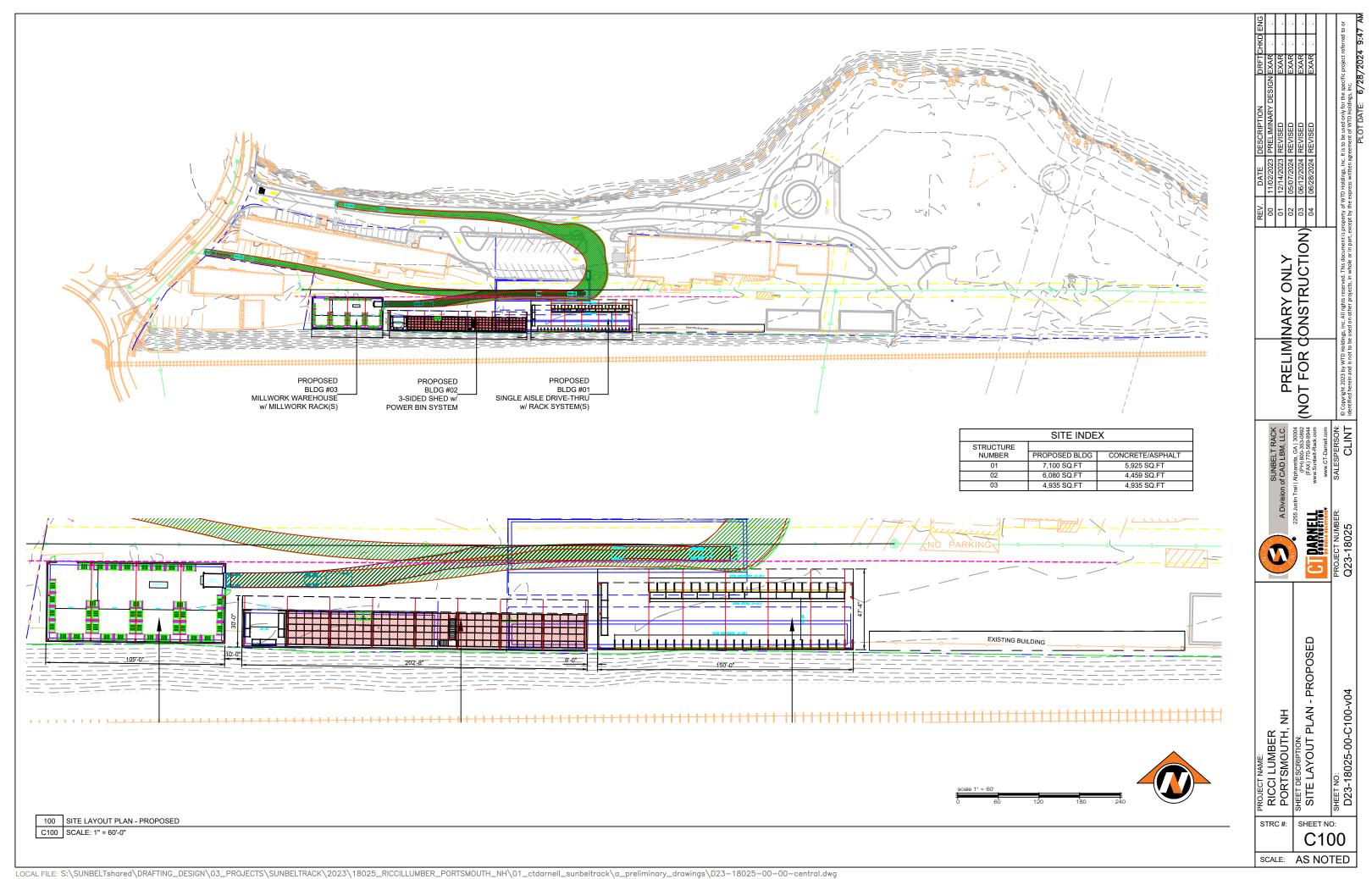


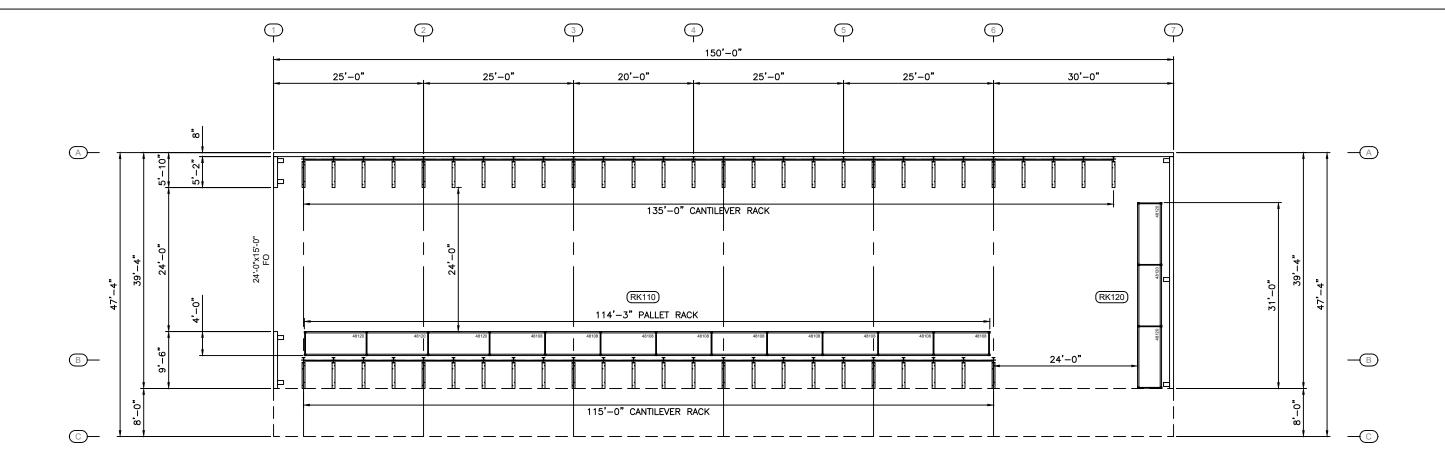
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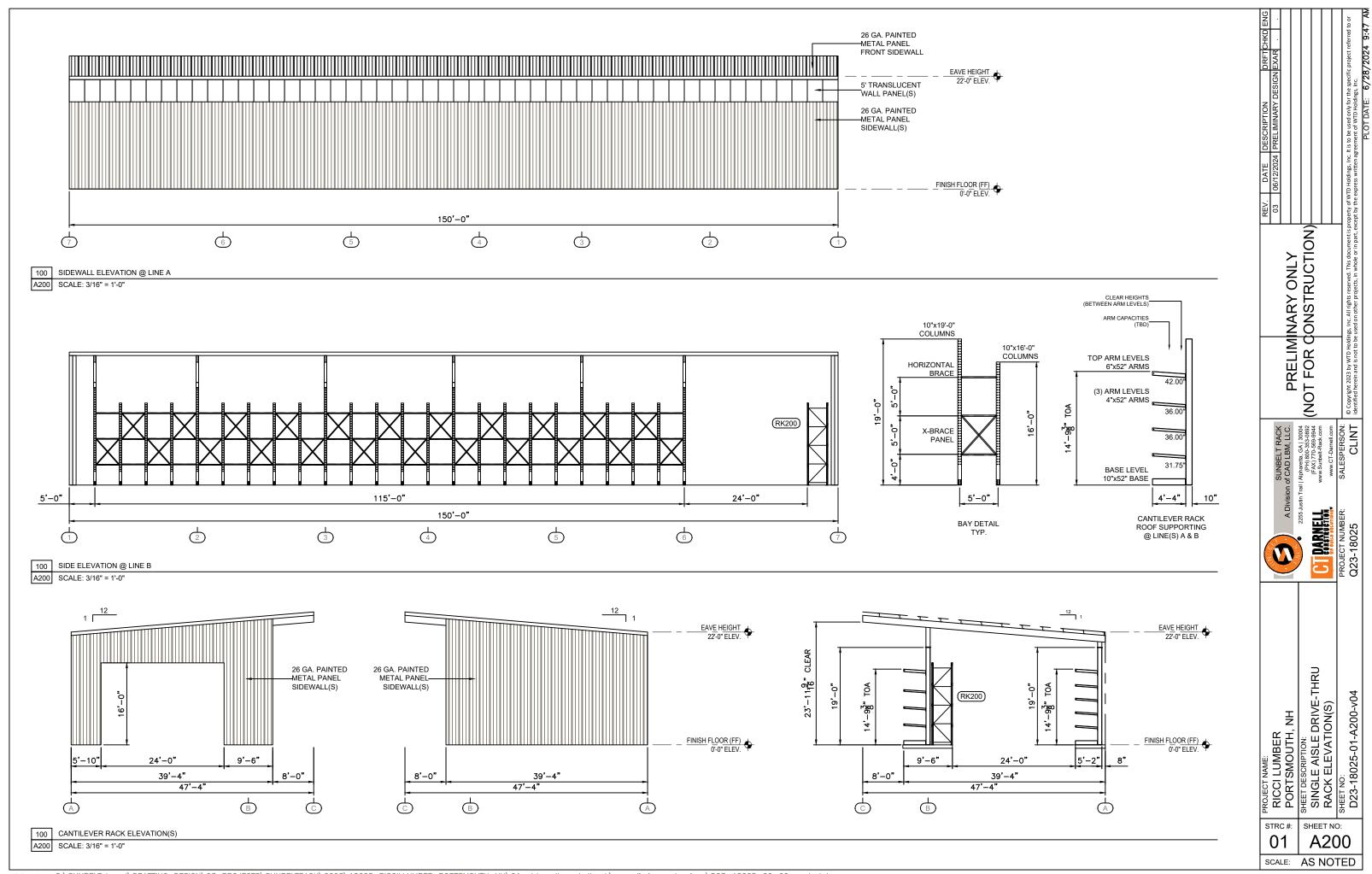
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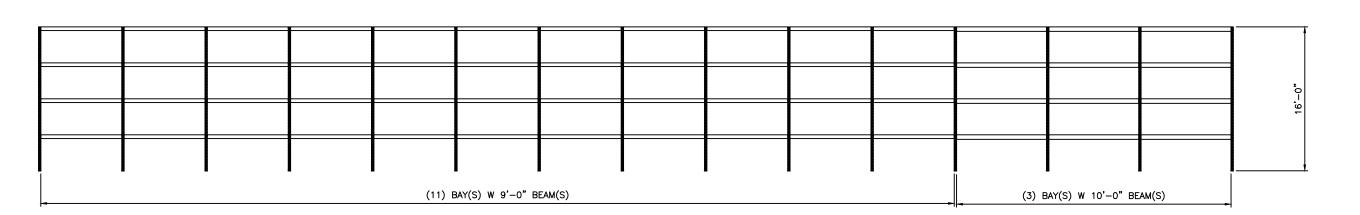
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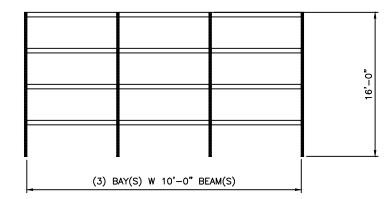
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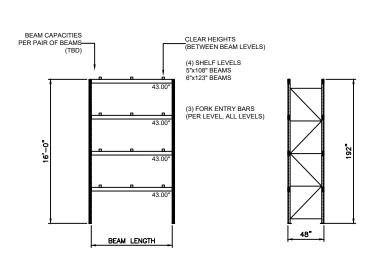


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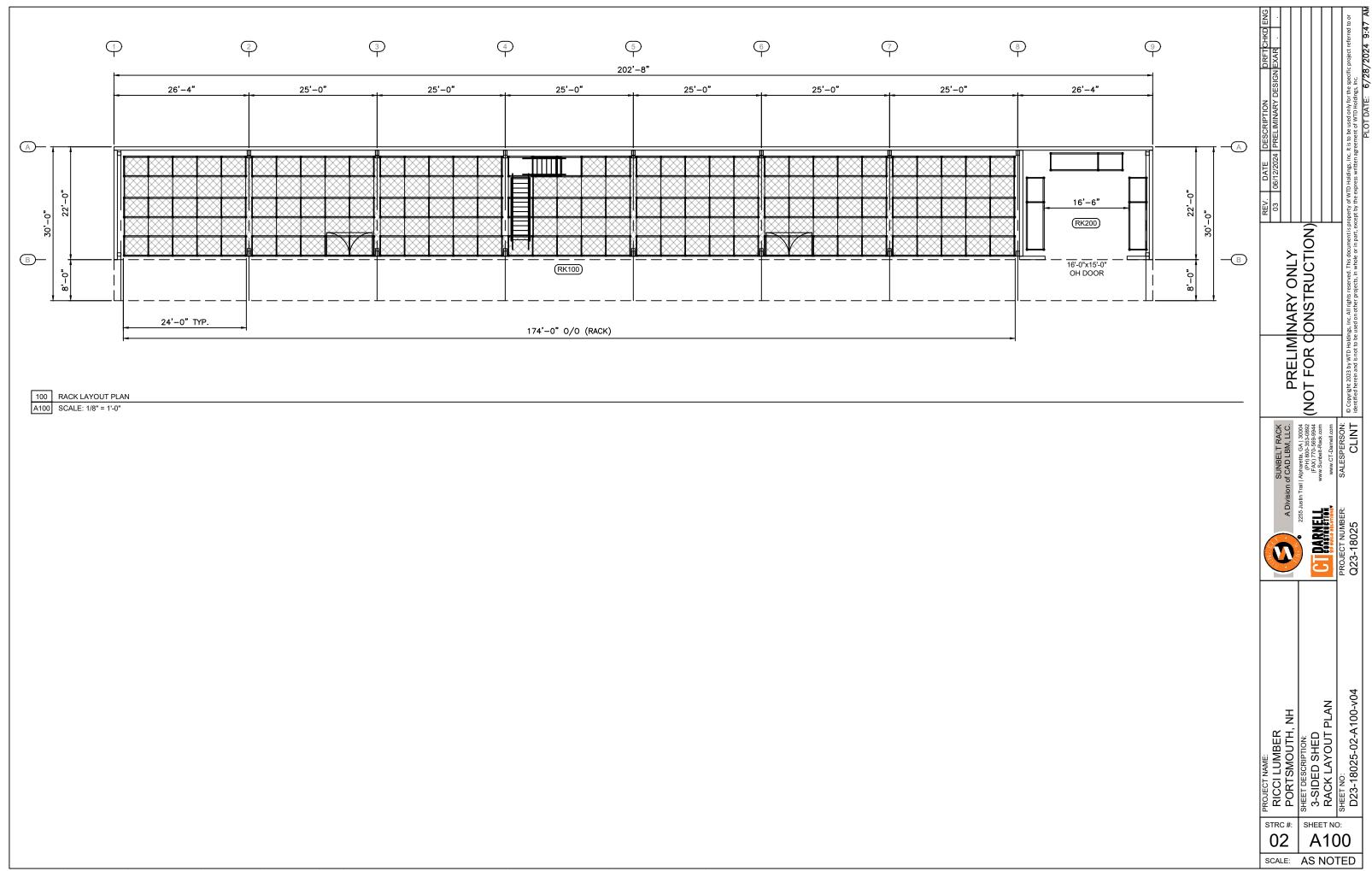
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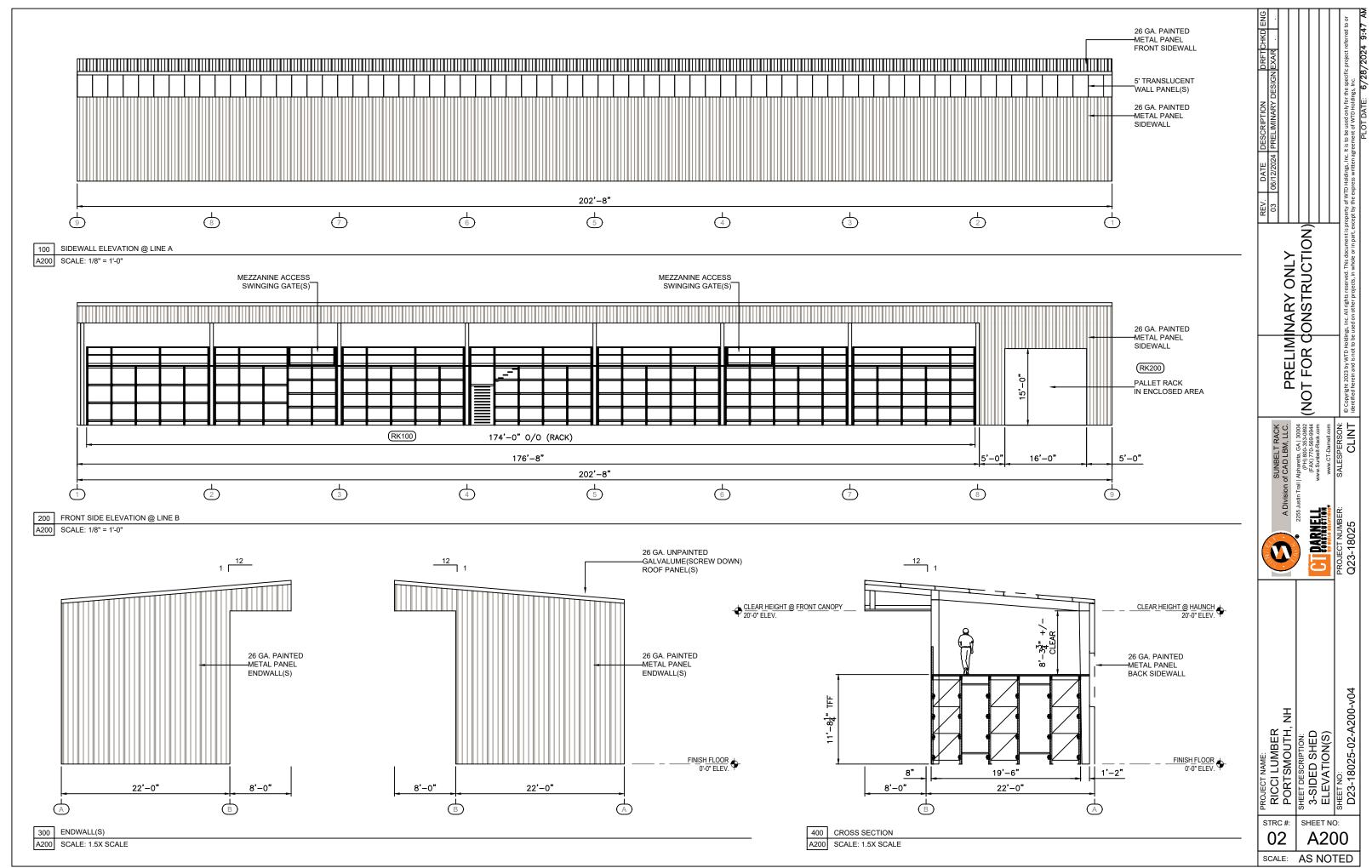
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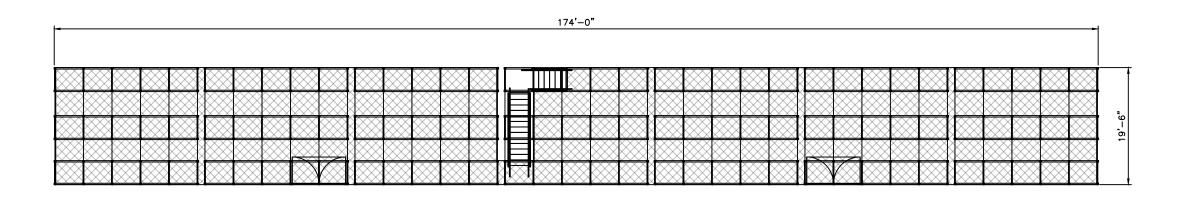
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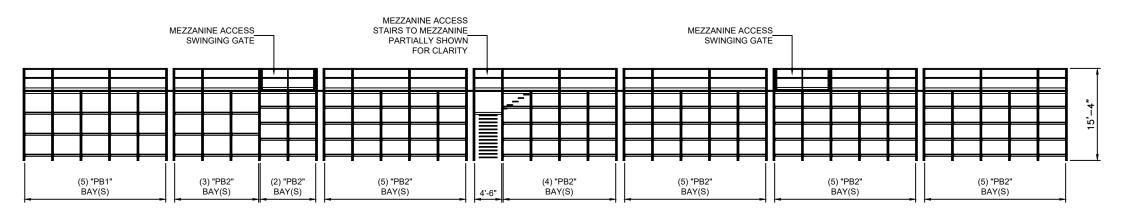




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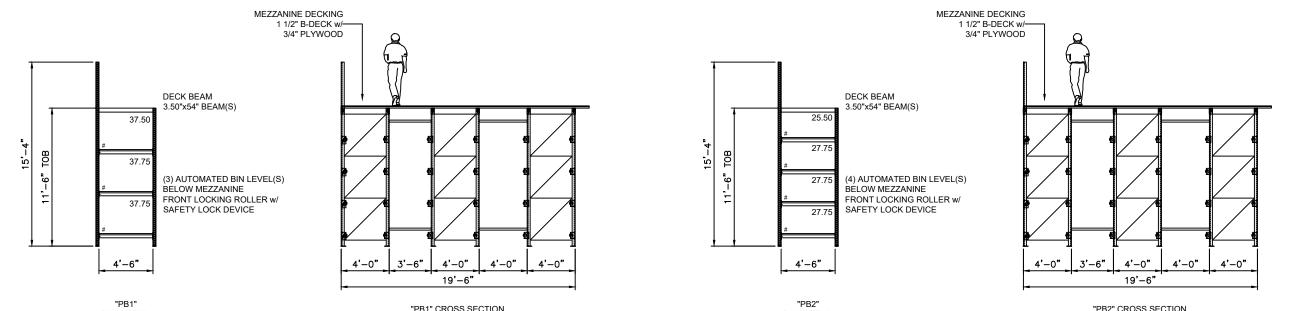
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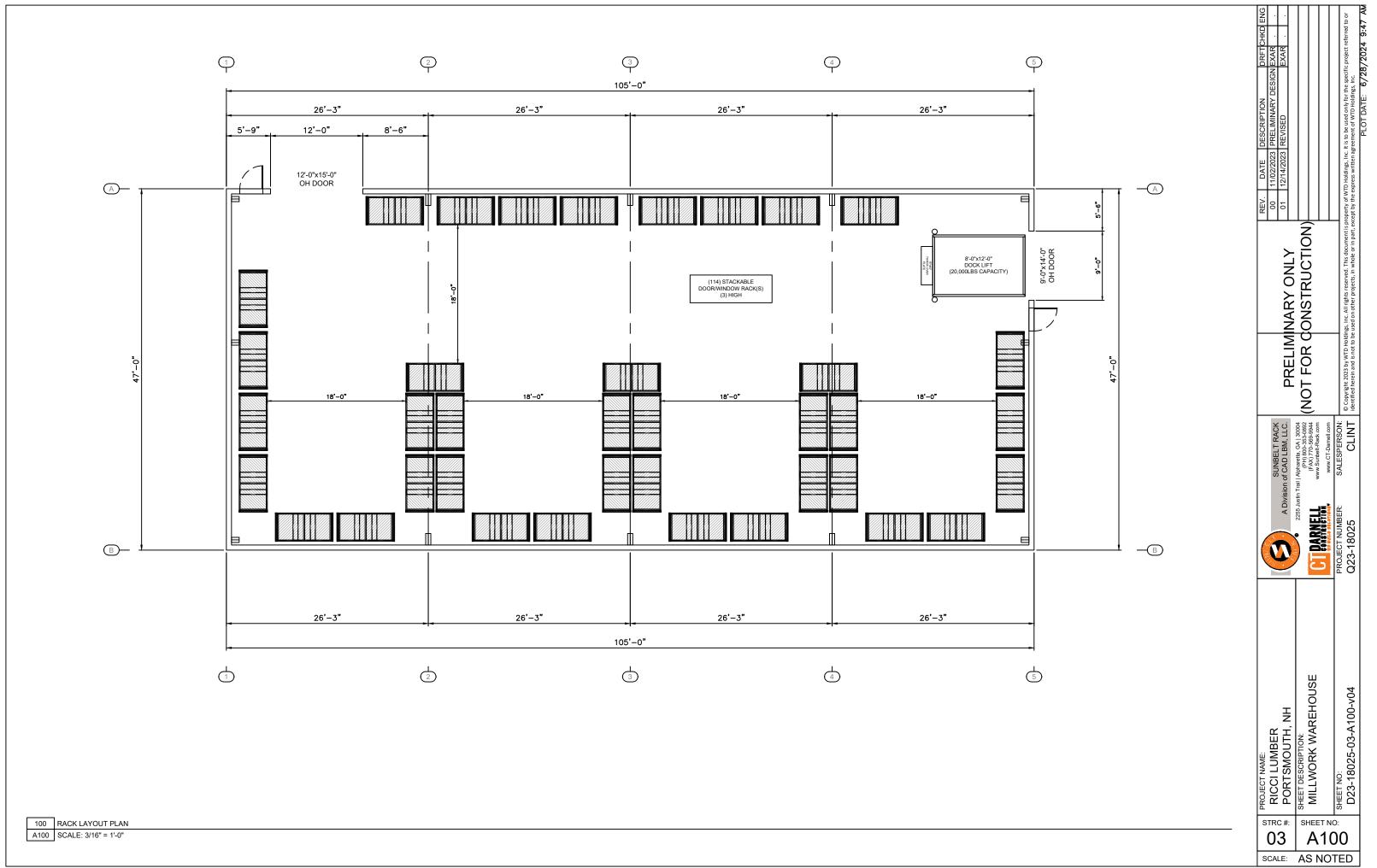
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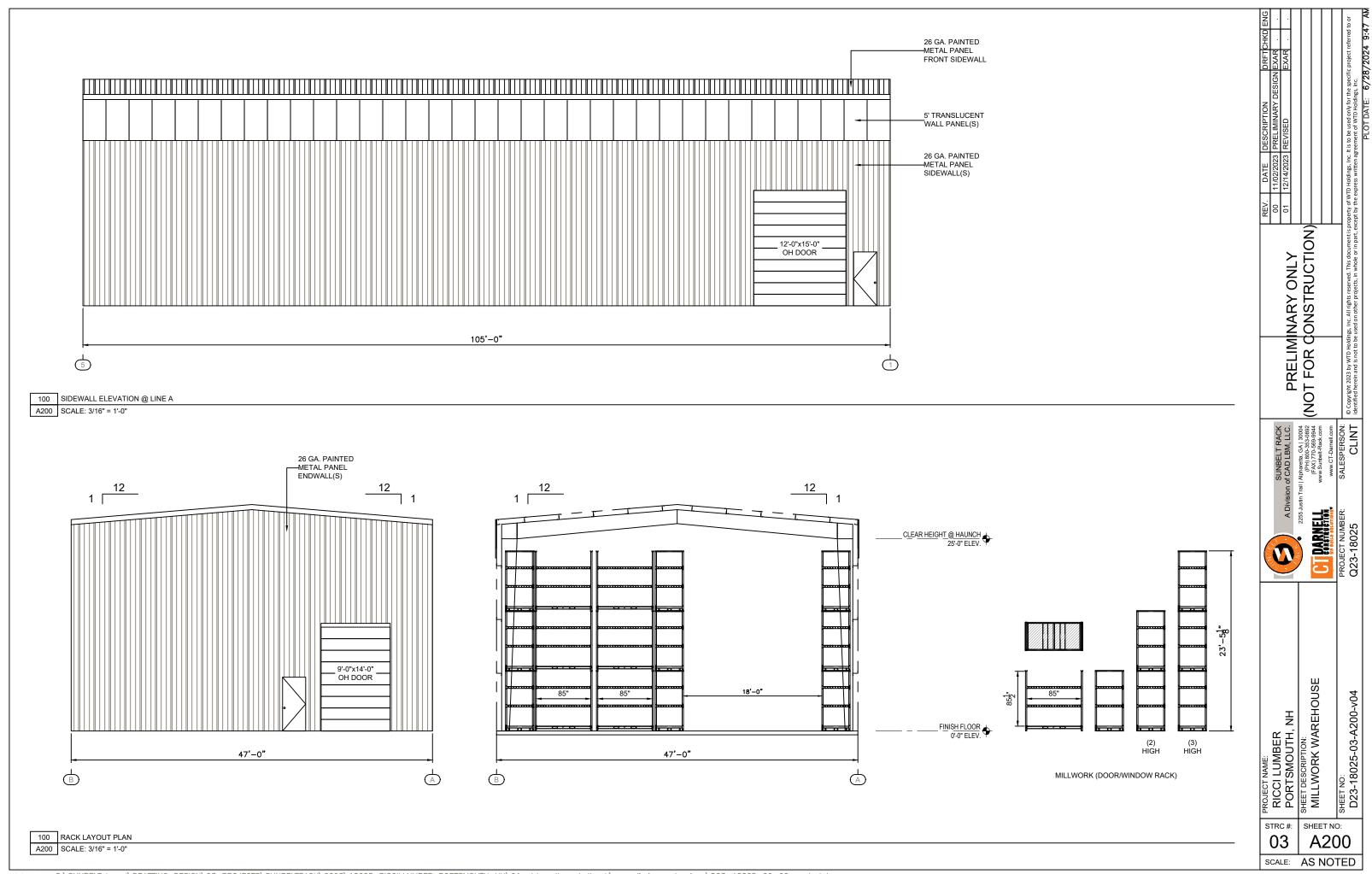
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105 Bartlett - Shed Construction - Variance Application

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Fri 4/8/2022 1:09 PM

To:Christopher Mulligan <cmulligan@BosenandAssociates.com>
Cc:Peter M. Stith <pmstith@cityofportsmouth.com>;Vincent J. Hayes <vjhayes@cityofportsmouth.com>
Good afternoon,

You have requested the following variance for 105 Bartlett:

Remove two existing accessory structures and replace with one new shed which requires the following: 1) A Variance from Section 10.516.20 to allow a 6' setback where 15' is required from the railroad right of way.

It is staff's determination that the variance submitted for 105 Bartlett (LU-22-58) is not needed for the proposed construction of a new shed along the railroad right-of-way. At this time, staff would interpret the principal front yard to be Bartlett.

Staff analysis

- 10.516.20 provides the following: 10.516.20 Yard Adjoining a Railroad Right of Way Notwithstanding any other provision of this Article, in any district where a rear yard or side yard is required, the minimum yard adjoining a railroad right of way shall be 15 feet.
- Staff interprets that to mean that where the district has no side yard the 15 'adjoining yard is not applicable.
- Zoning District CD4 requires no side yard setback.
- Staff has determined that the yard adjoining the railroad ROW is a **side yard**.
- The existing service road/driveway does not meet the city's requirements for street. Although it has been dedicated, it has not been fully constructed or accepted by the city.
- Staff would interpret the principal front yard to be Bartlett at this time.
- Upon construction and acceptance of the new dedicated/platted road- the principal yard shall become that yard which adjoins the new proposed road.
- Please be advised, the placement of the shed should be in compliant with all dimensional standards that will be in effect under the approved boundary line adjustment currently under litigation.

Portsmouth Zoning Ordinance Definition

Principal front yard On a lot with more than one front yard, the front yard designated to bear the address. On a lot with one front yard, that front yard may be referred to as the principal front yard.

Yard, front A yard extending across the full width of a lot between the street right of way line and nearest point of any building. Front yard dimensions are to be measured from the street where a plan of the street is on file with the Rockingham County Registry of Deeds or in City records, or in the absence of such plan, from a line 25 feet from and parallel to the center line of the traveled way.

Street A thoroughfare or roadway which is either (a) formally accepted by the City, or (b) **shown on a subdivision** plan approved by the Planning Board and constructed to City subdivision specifications or for which surety has been posted to guarantee construction of all improvements required by the Planning Board.

Please contact me if I can provide any additional information.

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