APPLICATION OF DONALD L. STICKNEY, III 213 Jones Avenue, Portsmouth Map 222, Lot 69

APPLICANT'S NARRATIVE

I. **THE PROPERTY**:

The applicants, Donald L. Stickney, seeks a variance from Section 10.1114.31, incorporating section 3.3.2.3 of the Site Plan Review Regulations, to permit a second driveway on a lot to accommodate a proposed detached accessory dwelling unit. A conditional use permit for the ADU is pending before the Planning Board. A copy of that application is submitted herewith.

The applicant's intention is to construct a new principle dwelling on the property and convert the existing dwelling into the ADU. According to city tax records, the existing dwelling was built in 1951 and contains 864 square feet of living space. While the house is unusually small, the lot itself is almost one and one half acres, which far exceeds the minimum lot size and lot size per dwelling unit of 15,000 square feet in the Single Residence B zone. It is an irregular, pie-shaped lot that fronts Jones Avenue at a bend in the road where it has 238 feet of frontage and tapers to fifty feet in width at the rear of the property. The property is burdened by wetlands in the rear.

In order to adaptively re-use the existing dwelling, a new, modern primary dwelling is proposed on the eastern portion of the front of the property. The existing driveway serving the existing home is located to the west of the home. The home has direct access from the driveway to the kitchen and reconfiguring that access to accommodate a shared driveway located between the two dwellings serving both would require either access through a bedroom or a significant interior floor plan modification, neither of which is necessary or desirable. In any event, a shared driveway in that location is not feasible as the proposed new septic system must be in that location.

The amount of frontage on Jones Avenue can safely accommodate two driveways, rather than a reconfigured, shared driveway. The proposed new driveway would require final approval from the Department of Public Works.

II. <u>CRITERIA</u>:

The applicant believes the within Application meets the criteria necessary for the Board to grant the requested variance.

Granting the requested variance will not be contrary to the spirit and intent of the ordinance nor will it be contrary to the public interest. The "public interest" and "spirit and intent" requirements are considered together pursuant to Malachy Glen Associates v. Chichester, 152 NH 102 (2007). The test for whether or not granting a

variance would be contrary to the public interest or contrary to the spirit and intent of the ordinance is whether or not the variance being granted would substantially alter the characteristics of the neighborhood or threaten the health, safety and welfare of the public.

In this case, were the variance to be granted, there would be no change in the essential characteristics of the neighborhood, nor would any public health, safety or welfare be threatened. An accessory dwelling unit on this property is entirely appropriate and consistent with the existing residential neighborhood. A second driveway will in no way alter the neighborhood. Thus, the essentially residential character of the neighborhood will not be altered.

The proposal will result in the replacement of the existing septic system which predates current New Hampshire DES approval with a modern, state of the art system. The ADU must be approved by the Planning Board, and the new driveway by the Department of Public Works, so the health, safety and welfare of the public will be adequately protected.

<u>Substantial justice would be done by granting the variance</u>. Whether or not substantial justice will be done by granting a variance requires the Board to conduct a balancing test. If the hardship upon the owner/applicant outweighs any benefit to the general public in denying the variance, then substantial justice would be done by granting the variance. It is substantially just to allow a property owner the reasonable use of his or her property. The shape of the lot and the existing dwelling and driveway configuration all counsel for allowing a second driveway on this property.

In this case, there is no benefit to the public in denying the variance that is not outweighed by the hardship upon the owner.

The values of surrounding properties will not be diminished by granting the variance. A newly constructed, fully code-compliant home with appropriate landscaping, vegetation and screening will increase property values in the neighborhood. The existing dwelling will be upgraded and its exterior renovated to be consistent with the proposed new construction. A new, state of the art septic system will be installed. The values of the surrounding properties will not be negatively affected in any way by the relief requested.

There are special conditions associated with the property which prevent the proper enjoyment of the property under the strict terms of the zoning ordinance and thus constitute unnecessary hardship. The property in question is located at a bend in Jones Avenue where it has more than twice the required frontage. It has more than four times the required lot area per dwelling for the SRB zone. It is an irregularly shaped lot that tapers to a narrow 50 feet in width in the rear. It is burdened by a 100 foot wetlands buffer which limits the developable area to the front of the property. These are special conditions that distinguish it from others in the area.

<u>The use is a reasonable use</u>. The proposed relief is to accommodate a purely residential use in a residential zone

There is no fair and substantial relationship between the purpose of the ordinance as it is applied to this particular property. The size and shape of this property and the amount of frontage it has on Jones Avenue can accommodate a second driveway with no negative effects on the public. A shared driveway is not possible for the reasons set forth above. Thus, there is no fair and substantial relationship between the purpose of the restriction and its application to this property.

III. Conclusion.

For the foregoing reasons, the applicant respectfully requests the Board grant the variance as requested and advertised.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: 4-13-2022 By: Christopher P. Mulligan

Christopher P. Mulligan, Esquire

Donald L Stickney, III Application for a Detached ADU 213 Jones Avenue, Portsmouth Applicant's Narrative

Donald Stickney is the owner of the property at 213 Jones Avenue.

The property is situated at a bend in Jones Avenue and is on its southern side, across from the metal yard. Lot size is 62,528 square feet. The 100 foot wetlands buffer encumbers a significant portion of the southern portion of the lot.

The existing structure on the property is a 36' x 24' single story dwelling with two bedrooms. It sits just over 33 feet from the front lot line on Jones Avenue.

Mr. Stickney is seeking a conditional use permit in order to construct a new, modern single family residence on the eastern side of the property and to convert the existing dwelling into a Detached Accessory Dwelling Unit (DADU). The property would be kept in common ownership with the Applicant occupying one of the dwelling units as his primary place of residence. Open space, building coverage, parking and setbacks are all compliant with the zoning ordinance under this proposal.

No changes to the existing structure are proposed with the exception of updates to the existing façade with siding and window treatments with material to match the new, primary dwelling. This satisfies the requirement that the exterior design be consistent with the primary dwelling (10.814.61).

The site plan provides for a second driveway to service the new primary residence, and proposes 90.9% open space where the zoning ordinance requires 40%. This satisfies the requirements of 10.814.62.

The proposed DADU is a stand alone structure which already exists, thus, its compatibility with adjacent properties in terms of location, design, parking layout, and privacy is satisfied (10.814.63) and it will not in any manner result in excessive noise, traffic or parking congestion (10.814.64). The proposed new structure is fully compliant with zoning.

Because the applicant is seeking to take advantage of the existing conditions and built environment of the property by converting the existing dwelling into the DADU, the following waivers pursuant to 10.814.70 are being sought:

10.814.52 to exceed 750 square feet floor area (886 s.f. exists);

10.814.531 to exceed 40% combined façade (42% proposed); and

10.814.55 to permit the DADU to be set back less than 10 feet further from the front lot line than the primary dwelling (3.2 feet proposed).

Again, the existing conditions drive the need for the requested waivers. The existing dwelling, built in 1951 according to city tax records, is extremely small by modern standards, but is slightly larger than the maximum permitted for a DADU (although it does comply with the two bedroom requirement). It cannot be set back more than ten feet from the proposed primary dwelling without that dwelling violating the front yard setback requirement.

The Applicant meets all the requirements of the ordinance for the granting of a conditional use permit for the DADU.

Respectfully Submitted,

Date: February 22, 2022 Christopher P. Mulligan

Christopher P. Mulligan, Esquire Attorney for the Applicant





Modern Living Series

Aries Two Story



3 bedrooms and 2.5 baths • 2,148 SQ. FT.

3/12/4.5/12 sawtooth roof pitch; vaulted ceilings in Living Room. Open loft style floorplan.



Custom Building Simplified

Artists renderings depict buildings as can be built on a typical site. Rendering may include optional or site installed features. Refer to Ritz-Craft's Modern Living Benchmark Series Specifications for standard included features.

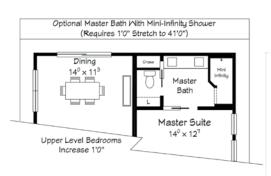


Aries Two Story



- 2-Story vaulted ceiling in Living Room
 Large galley style kitchen with island/bar
- Open floorplan with kitchen open to adjacent dining and living areas
- All family areas face the rear yard

- Nicely sized bedrooms with plenty of closet space
- Large master bedroom with private bath featuring double bowl vanities, private toilet area and 60" shower base with tiled walls





LEGEND:

NOW OR FORMERLY RECORD OF PROBATE RCRD ROCKINGHAM COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS RAILROAD SPIKE MAP 11/LOT 21 IRON ROD FOUND O IR FND IRON PIPE FOUND O IP FND IRON ROD SET ● IR SET DRILL HOLE FOUND ODH FND O DH SET DRILL HOLE SET NHDOT BOUND FOUND **●**NHHВ TOWN BOUND BOUND WITH DRILL HOLE ■BND w/DH ●ST BND w/DH STONE BOUND WITH DRILL HOLE

WETLAND NOTES:

1) WETLAND LINE DELINEATED BY STEVEN D. RIKER, CWS ON 8/25/21 IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FOLLOWING STANDARDS:

- A) U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS WETLANDS DELINEATION MANUAL. TECHNICAL REPORT Y-87-1 (JAN. 1987). AND REGIONAL SUPPLEMENT TO THE CORPS OF ENGINEERS WETLAND DELINEATION MANUAL: NORTHCENTRAL AND NORTHEAST REGION, VERSION 2.0, JANUARY 2012.
- B) FIELD INDICATORS OF HYDRIC SOILS IN THE UNITED STATES, VERSION 8.2, USDA-NRCS, 2018 AND (FOR DISTURBED SITES) FIELD INDICATORS FOR IDENTIFYING HYDRIC SOILS IN NEW ENGLAND, VERSION 4. NEIWPCC WETLANDS WORK GROUP
- C) NATIONAL LIST OF PLANT SPECIES THAT OCCUR IN WETLANDS: NORTHEAST (REGION 1). USFWS (MAY
- D) CLASSIFICATION OF WETLANDS AND DEEPWATER HABITATS OF THE UNITED STATES. USFW MANUAL FWS/OBS-79/31 (1997).
- E) "IDENTIFICATION AND DOCUMENTATION OF VERNAL POOLS IN NEW HAMPSHIRE" (1997). NEW HAMPSHIRE FISH AND GAME DEPARTMENT.

2) WETLAND FLAGS WERE FIELD LOCATED BY AMBIT ENGINEERING, INC.

REFERENCE PLAN:

LOT LINE RELOCATION PLAN TAX MAP 222 - LOTS 69 & 70, OWNERS: THE ALICE F. WENTWORTH REVOCABLE TRUST OF 2002 & DONALD LOWELL STICKNEY III, 213 & 215 JONES AVENUE, CITY OF PORTSMOUTH, COUNTY OF ROCKINGHAM, STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE, SCALE: 1" = 40', DATED NOVEMBER 2019, PREPARED BY AMBIT ENGINEERING, INC., RCRD D-42275

THE ALICE F. WENTWORTH

215 JONES AVENUE PORTSMOUTH, NH 03801

3902/526 & 6147/2095

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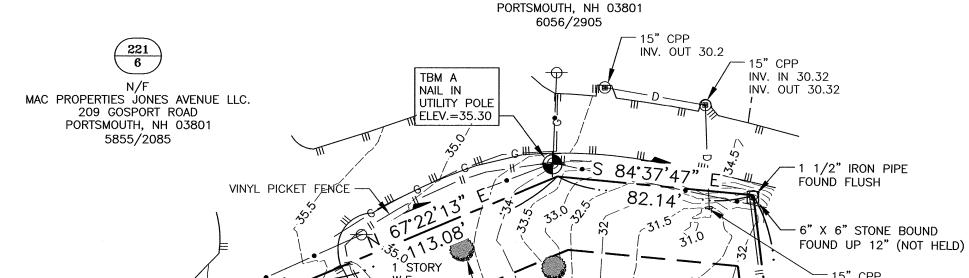
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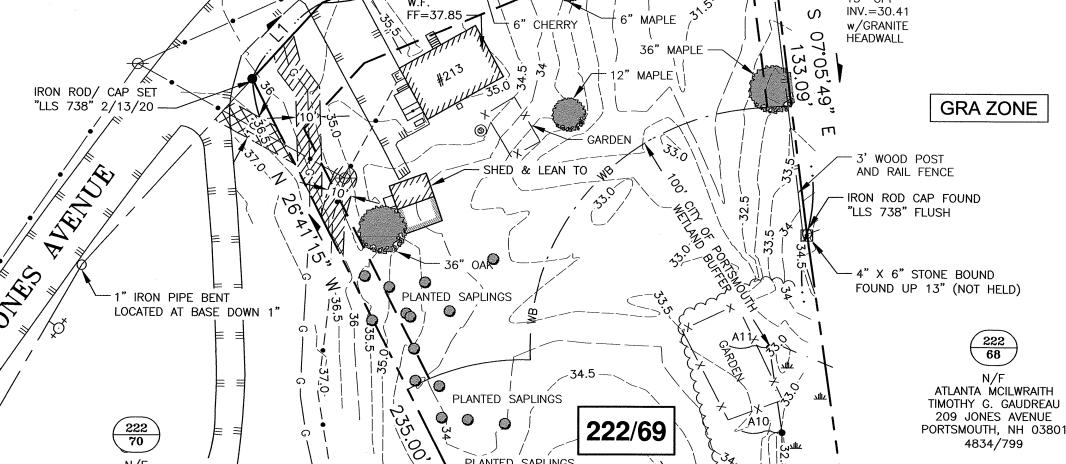
___1" IRON PIPE FOUND FLUSH

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REVOCABLE TRUST OF 2002

ALICE F. WENTWORTH, TRUSTEE





NICOLE M. BERGERON

216 JONES AVENUE

PLANTED SAPLINGS

NAIL IN 12" MAPLE ELEV.=35.86 CHICKEN COOP IRON ROD/ CAP SET 3/ "LLS 738" 2/13/20 —

WOOD FRAME CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM (11,542 SF POOL WETLAND ON LOT)

> "LLS 738" 2/13/20 — - IRON ROD/ CAP FOUND "LLS 738" UP 12" CITY OF PORTSMOUTH DPW

> > IRON ROD/ CAP FOUND

"LLS 738" UP 6"

NRP ZONE

IRON ROD/ CAP SET

680 PEVERLY HILL ROAD PORTSMOUTH, NH 03801 2391/386

LENGTH TABLE

LINE BEARING

L1 N42°28'40"E

L2 N68'42'45"E

L3 N76°46'01"E

EASEMENT TO BENEFIT ASSESSOR'S MAP 222 LOT 70 FOR UTILITIES OVER ASSESSOR'S MAP 222 LOT 69

DISTANCE

43.00'

50.00

20.00'

"I CERTIFY THAT THIS PLAN WAS PREPARED UNDER MY DIRECT SUPERVISION, THAT IT IS THE RESULT OF A FIELD SURVEY BY THIS OFFICE AND HAS AN ACCURACY OF THE CLOSED TRAVERSE THAT EXCEEDS THE PRECISION OF

JOHN R. CHAGNON, LLS

2.11.22 DATE



GRAPHIC SCALE

213 JONES AVENUE PORTSMOUTH, NH 03801 5754/2748 & 6147/2092 D-42275

NOTES:

3) PARCEL IS NOT IN A SPECIAL FLOOD HAZARD AREA AS SHOWN ON FIRM PANEL 33015C0270F. EFFECTIVE JANUARY 29, 2021.

AMBIT ENGINEERING, INC.

Civil Engineers & Land Surveyors

200 Griffin Road - Unit 3 Portsmouth, N.H. 03801-7114

1) PARCEL IS SHOWN ON THE CITY OF PORTSMOUTH

Tel (603) 430-9282

DONALD LOWELL STICKNEY III

ASSESSOR'S MAP 222 AS LOTS 69.

2) OWNER OF RECORD:

4) EXISTING LOT AREA: 62,528 S.F. 1.4354 ACRES

5) PARCEL IS LOCATED IN SINGLE RESIDENCE B (SRB) DISTRICT.

6) DIMENSIONAL REQUIREMENTS: MIN. LOT AREA: FRONTAGE:

100 FEET SETBACKS: 30 FEET SIDE 10 FEET 30 FEET

MAXIMUM STRUCTURE HEIGHT: 35 FEET MAXIMUM BUILDING COVERAGE: 20% MINIMUM OPEN SPACE: 40%

15,000 S.F.

7) THE PURPOSE OF THIS PLAN IS TO SHOW THE EXISTING CONDITIONS ON ASSESSOR'S MAP 222 LOT 69 IN THE CITY OF PORTSMOUTH.

8) VERTICAL DATUM IS NAVD88 (MEAN SEA LEVEL). BASIS OF VERTICAL DATUM IS REDUNDANT RTN GNSS OBSERVATIONS.

STICKNEY RESIDENCE 213 JONES AVENUE PORTSMOUTH, N.H.

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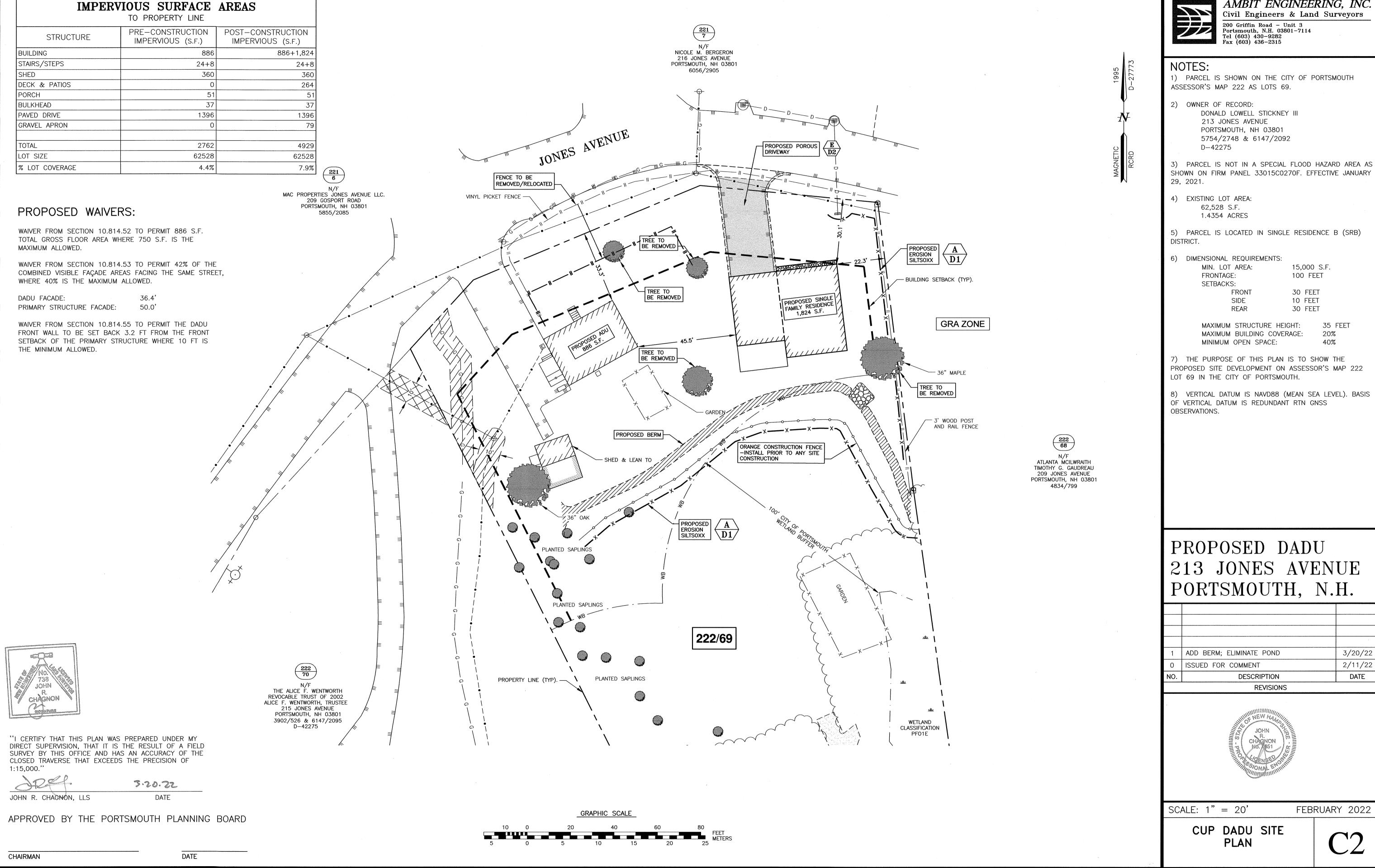
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SEPTEMBER 2021

EXISTING CONDITIONS PLAN

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5) PARCEL IS LOCATED IN SINGLE RESIDENCE B (SRB)

100 FEET 30 FEET

10 FEET 30 FEET

35 FEET 20%

7) THE PURPOSE OF THIS PLAN IS TO SHOW THE PROPOSED SITE DEVELOPMENT ON ASSESSOR'S MAP 222 LOT 69 IN THE CITY OF PORTSMOUTH.

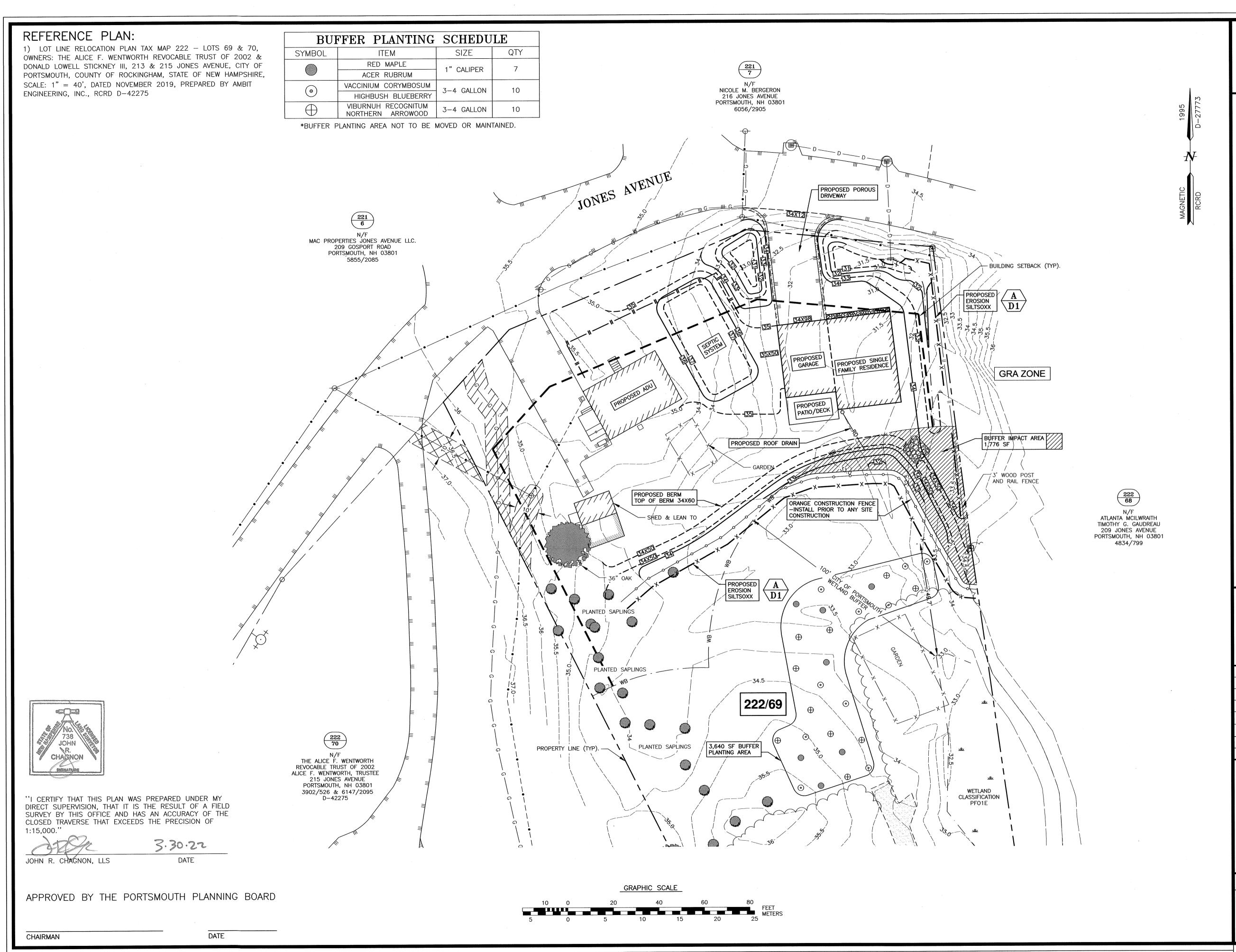
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PROPOSED DADU 213 JONES AVENUE PORTSMOUTH, N.H.

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1	ADD BERM; ELIMINATE POND	3/20/22
0	ISSUED FOR COMMENT	2/11/22
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FEBRUARY 2022

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NOTES:

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2) OWNER OF RECORD:
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3) THE CONTRACTOR SHALL NOTIFY DIG SAFE AT 1-888-DIG-SAFE (1-888-344-7233) AT LEAST 72 HOURS PRIOR TO COMMENCING ANY EXCAVATION ON PUBLIC OR PRIVATE PROPERTY.

4) UNDERGROUND UTILITY LOCATIONS ARE BASED UPON BEST AVAILABLE EVIDENCE AND ARE NOT FIELD VERIFIED. LOCATING AND PROTECTING ANY ABOVEGROUND OR UNDERGROUND UTILITIES IS THE SOLE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE CONTRACTOR AND/OR THE OWNER. UTILITY CONFLICTS SHOULD BE REPORTED AT ONCE TO THE DESIGN ENGINEER.

5) CONTRACTOR SHALL INSTALL AND MAINTAIN EROSION CONTROL MEASURES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE "NEW HAMPSHIRE STORMWATER MANUAL, VOLUME 3, EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROLS DURING CONSTRUCTION. (NHDES DECEMBER 2008).

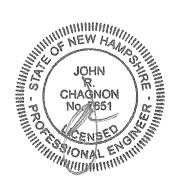
6) PLANTING AND MAINTENANCE SHALL BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH NOFA STANDARDS FOR ORGANIC LAND USE.

7)THE PURPOSE OF THIS PLAN IS TO SHOW THE WETLAND BUFFER IMPACT ON ASSESSOR'S MAP 222 LOT 69 IN THE CITY OF PORTSMOUTH.

8) VERTICAL DATUM IS NAVD88 (MEAN SEA LEVEL). BASIS OF VERTICAL DATUM IS REDUNDANT RTN GNSS OBSERVATIONS. (CONTOUR INTERVAL 0.5')

PROPOSED DADU 213 JONES AVENUE PORTSMOUTH, N.H.

ADD BERM, BUFFER PLANTING AREA	3/30/22		
ISSUED FOR COMMENT	2/11/22		
DESCRIPTION	DATE		
REVISIONS			
	ISSUED FOR COMMENT DESCRIPTION		



SCALE: 1" = 20'

CUP WETLANDS SITE PLAN

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