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TOWN OF GREAT BARRINGTON MASSACHUSETTS

OFFICE OF THE TOWN MANAGER

Selectboard Meeting via Zoom and in person at 334 Main Street Great Barrington MA Order of Agenda for Monday, March 27, 2023, at 6:00 PM

Please click the link below to join the webinar:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84727797185?pwd=NDFRUjFITE12eDN3bE5LaTNBQ0RmZz09

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Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, §18, and the Governor's July 16, 2022 Revised Order extending remote participation by all members in any meeting of a public body, this meeting of the Selectboard will be conducted both in-person and via remote participation to the greatest extent possible. Specific information and the general guidelines for remote participation by members of the public and/or parties with a right and/or requirement to attend this meeting can be found on town's website, at www.townofgb.org. For this meeting, members of the public and committee members may attend the meeting in person, or, for those who wish to do so remotely may by following the instructions at the top of this agenda. For those who are not in-person every effort will be made to ensure that the public can adequately access the proceedings in real time, via technological means.

- 1. CALL TO ORDER SELECTBOARD REGULAR MEETING
- 2. SELECTBOARD'S ANNOUNCEMENTS/STATEMENTS
- 3. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT
 - a. Housatonic Water Works
 - b. Earth Day roadside clean-up event
 - c. Monument Mountain Regional High School-Entrance/Exit Work

4. LICENSES AND PERMITS

- a. Annual Renewal of Wyantenuck Country Club's Seasonal All Alcoholic Liquor License for 2023
- b. Berkshire Busk-Railroad Street Road Closure Request for the 2023 Summer Season
- c. Lauren Clark/Library Board of Trustees requesting a one day Liquor License for an event on Wednesday, April 19, 2023 from 4PM to 6:30PM at the Mason Library 231 Main Street Great Barrington

- d. Dennis Iodice Market Manager for the Great Barrington Farmers' Market and Kristen Kanter and Molly de St Andre of the Great Barrington Arts Market requesting the closure of Church Street to through traffic from Main Street to School on Saturdays beginning May 6 through November 11 beginning with set up at 7AM and ending at 3PM with clean up
- e. Kelley Vickery/Lauren Ferin of Berkshire International Film Festival requesting two-one Day liquor Licenses for June 1 and June 3 from 5PM to 11PM for events at the Park behind Town Hall, 334 Main Street
- f. Kelley Vickery/Lauren Ferin of Berkshire International Film Festival requesting two-Weekday Entertainment Licenses for Thursday, June 1 and Saturday, June 3 from 5PM to 11PM for events at the Park behind Town Hall, 334 Main Street
- g. Kelley Vickery/Lauren Ferin of Berkshire International Film Festival requesting a permission to hang banners along Main Street between Bridge and Pleasant, 3 poles on Bridge Street and Railroad Street. The Banners would be on display from April 24, 2023 to June 12, 2023
- h. Kelley Vickery/Lauren Ferin of Berkshire International Film Festival requesting a moratorium for parking limits during the event from June 1 to June 4, 2023

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- Nick Arienti for Price Chopper Operating Co. d/b/a Market 32 for reconsideration of a Wine and Malt Package Store License application for 300 Stockbridge Road, James Collins Manager
 - i. Open Public Hearing
 - ii. Explanation
 - iii. Public comments; speak in favor or opposition
 - iv. Close Public Hearing
 - v. Selectboard discussion
 - vi. Motion; decision
- b. Continued from March 6–Special Permit application from the Great Barrington Affordable Housing Trust, c/o White Engineering, Inc., with Central Berkshire Habitat for Humanity, for a Planned Unit Residential Development of new residential homes at 0 North Plain Road, Map 26, Lot 53A, per Sections 3.1.4 A(9), 8.5 and 10.4 of the Zoning Bylaw.
 - i. Reopen Public Hearing
 - ii. Present Revised Plans
 - iii. Public comments; speak in favor or opposition
 - iv. Close Public Hearing
 - v. Selectboard discussion
 - vi. Motion; decision

6. NEW BUSINESS

- a. SB vote to appoint Christopher Wiltshire and Devan Arnold to the Agricultural Commission
- b. Open Meeting Law Violation and Response (OML 2023-32)

7. CITIZEN SPEAK TIME

Citizen Speak Time is an opportunity for the Selectboard to listen to residents. Topics of particular concern or importance may be placed on a future agenda for discussion. This time is reserved for town residents only unless otherwise permitted by the chair, and speakers are limited to 3 minutes each.

- 8. SELECTBOARD'S TIME
- 9. MEDIA TIME
- 10. ADJOURNMENT

NEXT SELECTBOARD MEETING

Selectboard Special Meeting April 3, 2023 Selectboard Regular Meeting April 10, 2023 Selectboard Regular Meeting April 24, 2023 Town Meeting Monday May 1 @ 6:00PM Town Meeting Second Night Thursday May 4 @6:00 PM, if needed

Mark Pruhenski, Town Manager

Pursuant to MGL. 7c. 30A sec. 20 (f), after notifying the chair of the public body, any person may make a video or audio recording of an open session of a meeting of a public body, or may transmit the meeting through any medium. At the beginning of the meeting, the chair shall inform other attendees of any such recordings. Any member of the public wishing to speak at the meeting must receive permission of the chair. The listings of agenda items are those reasonably anticipated by the chair, which may be discussed at the meeting. Not all items listed may in fact be discussed and other items not listed may be brought up for discussion to the extent permitted by law.



Commonwealth Of Massachusetts Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission

2023 Retail License Renewal

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00032-CL-0464

Municipality: GREAT BARRINGTON

License Name:

Wyantenuck Country Club

License Class: Seasonal

DBA:

License Type: Club

Premise Address:

46 West Sheffield Road Great Barrington,

License Category: All Alcoholic Beverages

MA 01230

Manager:

Jennie Vandeusen

I hereby certify and swear under penalties of perjury that:

- 1. I am authorized to sign this renewal pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 138;
- 2. The renewed license is of the same class, type, category as listed above;
- 3. The licensee has complied with all laws of the Commonwealth relating to taxes; and
- 4. The premises are now open for business (if not, explain below).

Additional Information:		

Please sign this form only in the month of March and return to your Local Licensing Authority.

Fee: \$25.00 (per day)



APPLICATION FOR ONE DAY LIQUOR LICENSE

The undersigned hereby applies for a License in accordance with the provisions relating thereto:

TO THE LICENSING AUTHORITY:

Applicant's Name: Patrick Hollenbeck
Organization Name: G.B. Libraries Trustees
Applicant's Address: 1075 Main St Housatonic
Telephone Number:(617) 212 ~ 9840
Type of License: ONE DAY BEER & WINE ONE DAY ALL ALCOHOLIC (Circle one)
Event: Press Conference Du Bois Statue
Event: Press Conference Du Bais Statue Date: 4/17 Start Time: 5 pm End Time: 6:30
Event Address: Mason Library
Is the Event on Town property? YES NO
 PLEASE ATTACH THE FOLLOWING TO YOUR APPLICATION: TIPS or ServSafe Alcohol certification for anyone serving alcohol. Certificate of Insurance showing proof of Liquor Liability coverage. (If the event is on Town property, the certificate must name the Town of Great Barrington as additional insured.) If the event is not on applicant's property, a letter of permission from the owner is required.
<u>Liability</u> : The below individual agrees to take responsibility for the above-noted event and further agrees to indemnify, save harmless, and defend the Town of Great Barrington, its officers, employees and agents, from and against any and all liabilities, claims, penalties, forfeitures, suits, and the costs and expenses incident thereto, which may occur in connection with this event.
Signature of Applicant Date 3/23/23 Date
FOR TOWN USE:
Approved Denied Postponed



March 6, 2023

Dear Select Board and Town Manager,

The Great Barrington Arts Market (GBAM) along with our sister market Great Barrington Farmers Market (GBFM) is asking for approval of the closure of Church Street to through traffic from Main Street to School Street during market set-up, operational hours, clean up (7am-3pm) Saturdays during market season. The market opens May 6th and will run every Saturday through November 11, 2023.

As in years past we will barricade the road east of the Lee Bank parking lot and west of the TD Bank parking lot to make room for the Arts Market to operate safely. Signage will be posted to designate no parking zones, accessible parking areas and high foot traffic areas. It will remain the responsibility of both markets to post signage at the beginning of the market day (7am) and remove all signage after market clean up (3pm).

The GB Arts Market and GB Farmers Market will work together to ensure all safety measures are in place to maintain all customers, vendors and market staff are safe while shopping at both markets. Both the Arts Market and the Farmers Market will maintain close contact with town safety officials during the market season.

We greatly appreciate the continued support of the Town and look forward to hosting a safe and enjoyable market this season.

Sincerely, Kristen Kanter & Molly de St Andre Managers, Great Barrington Arts Market (GBAM) gbartsmarket@gmail.com 413 429 6830



March 7, 2023

Dear SelectBoard and Town Manager,

The Great Barrington Farmers Market (GBFM), along with its sister market the Great Barrington Arts Market (GBAM) is asking for approval of the closure of Church Street to through traffic from Main Street to School Street during market set-up, operational hours, and clean up (7am to 3pm) on Saturdays during market season. The market begins May 6th, 2023 and runs every Saturday until November 11th, 2023.

The market will barricade the road east of the Lee Bank Parking lot and west of the TD Bank parking lot exit on Church Street to make room for the Arts Market to occur safely. We will also put signs and cones out to mark no parking zones and high foot traffic areas. It will continue to be the responsibility of the market to place the road closure signs at intersections of Church and Main as well as Church and School at the time of closure (7am) and remove said signs at the markets end clean up (3pm). This is the same procedure that has been done for the past seven years (since the market has been at its current location) and has worked very well to ensure safety to all market patrons and town goers.

Entering our 33rd season, we are one of the few markets in the state to have grown in the last few years and we are so grateful to the town of Great Barrington for being so supportive of us over the years. We feel strongly that we play an important role in driving business downtown during our season and we will continue to support our community and the town that supports us for years to come.

Sincerely,

Dennis Iodice
Market Manager
Great Barrington Farmers' Market
and
The Great Barrington Farmers' Market Steering Committee

18 Church Street, Great Barrington MA 01230 gbfmmanager@gmail.com (413) 645-4685

Fee: \$25.00 (per day)



APPLICATION FOR ONE DAY LIQUOR LICENSE

TO THE LICENSING A The undersigned hereby		with the provisions relating thereto:
Applicant's Name:	Kelley Vickery	/ Lauren Fenn
Organization Name:	Berkshire Interv	nationa Film Festiv
Applicant's Address:	lo fallroad st	. Suite 5-7, 6B
Telephone Number:	413.528.8030	<u> </u>
Type of License: (Circle one)	ONE DAY BEER & WINE	ONE DAY ALL ALCOHOLIC
	ING NIGHT	
Date: Jure	Start Time: 5pm	End Time: 11 pm
Event Address: Bel	nind Town Ha	ill under tent
Is the Event on Town pr	operty? YES NO	
PLEASE ATTACH 7	THE FOLLOWING TO YOUR A	PPLICATION:
2. Certificate of Insura (If the event is on To as additional insu	,	ity coverage.
indemnify, save harmless, from and against any and a	idual agrees to take responsibility for the and defend the Town of Great Barringtell liabilities, claims, penalties, forfeiture y occur in connection with this event.	ne above-noted event and further agrees to on, its officers, employees and agents, es, suits, and the costs and expenses
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Signature of Ap	phrant /	Date
FOR TOWN USE: Approved	Denied	Postnoned
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Fee: \$25.00 (per day)



APPLICATION FOR ONE DAY LIQUOR LICENSE

TO THE LICENSING AUTHORITY: The undersigned hereby applies for a License in accordance with the provisions relating thereto:
Applicant's Name: Kelley Vickery / Lowen Ferin
Organization Name: Berkshire International Film Festiva
Applicant's Address: 40 Kailroad St. Svite 5-7, 6B
Telephone Number: 413.570.0030
Type of License: ONE DAY BEER & WINE (Circle one)
Event: TRIBUTE EVENT
Date: June 3 Start Time: 5pm End Time: 11pm
Event Address: behind Town Hall under tent
Is the Event on Town property? YES NO
PLEASE ATTACH THE FOLLOWING TO YOUR APPLICATION:
 TIPS or ServSafe Alcohol certification for anyone serving alcohol. Certificate of Insurance showing proof of Liquor Liability coverage. (If the event is on Town property, the certificate must name the Town of Great Barrington as additional insured.) If the event is not on applicant's property, a letter of permission from the owner is required.
<u>Liability</u> : The below individual agrees to take responsibility for the above-noted event and further agrees to indemnify, save harmless, and defend the Town of Great Barrington, its officers, employees and agents, from and against any and all liabilities, claims, penalties, forfeitures, suits, and the costs and expenses incident thereto, which may occur in connection with this event.
Signature of Applicant Date 3,9,73 Date
FOR TOWN USE:
Approved Denied Postponed



TOWN OF GREAT BARRINGTON

Temporary Weekday Entertainment License Application \$25.00 per day

The undersigned hereby applies for a license in accordance with the provisions of MA General Laws, Ch.140 Sec.183A amended, Ch.351, Sec.85 of Acts of 1981 and Ch.140 Sec.181.

Name: Kelley Vickery Lawren Ferin Business/Organization: Berkshire International Film Festov
Business/Organization: Bencshire International Film Fester
D/B/A (if applicable): Address: 40 Pailroad St. Suite 5-7, 6B Mailing Address: PO BOX 737 6B Phone Number: 413,578, 8030
Address: 40 Railroad St. Svite 5-7, 6B
Mailing Address: PO BOX 237 6B
Phone Number: 413,578 · 8030
Email: Kelley Obiffma org Lauren Obiffma.org
TYPE: (Check all that apply) Concert Dance Exhibition Cabaret DJ
☐ Live band with up to pieces, including singers ☐ Public Show
Other (please explain)
INCLUDES: Live music Recorded music Dancing by entertainers/ performers
Dancing by patrons Amplification system Theatrical exhibition
☐ Floorshow ☐ Play ☐ Moving picture show ☐ Light show ☐ Jukebox
Other (please explain)
As part of the entertainment, will any person be permitted to appear on the premises in any manner or attire as to expose to public view any portion of the pubic area, anus, or genitals, or any simulation thereof, or whether any person will be permitted to appear on the premises in any manner or attire as to expose to public view a portion of the breast below the top of the areola, or any simulation thereof? (M.G.L.Chp.140 Sec.183A)
YESNO

Please circle: INDOOR or OUTDOOR Entertainment
Exact Location of Entertainment (include sketch):
Date(s) of Entertainment*:
Does your event involve any of the following? (Check all that apply)
Food Temporary Bathrooms Tents Stages Temporary Signs
☐ Electrical Permits ☐ Building Permits ☐ Police Traffic Details ☐ Street Closures
ALL entertainment licenses will be reviewed by the Design Review Team (DRT), which is comprised of several Town departments, for comments/concerns on this application.
Pursuant to M.G.L. Ch. 62C, Sec. 49A, I certify under the penalties of perjury that I, to my best knowledge and belief, have filed all state tax returns and paid all state taxes required under law. Signature of Individual or Corporate Officer Date SS# or FID#
TOWN USE ONLY:
DRT Review with Conditions: DRT has reviewed and has no concerns. Applicant must coordinate parking spaces at Town Hall lot with DPW at least one week prior to event.
APPROVAL DATE: LICENSE #



TOWN OF GREAT BARRINGTON Temporary Weekday Entertainment License Application \$25.00 per day

The undersigned hereby applies for a license in accordance with the provisions of MA General Laws, Ch.140 Sec.183A amended, Ch.351, Sec.85 of Acts of 1981 and Ch.140 Sec.181.

Name: Helley Vickery Lawren Ferin Business/Organization: Berkshire International Film Festive
D/B/A (if applicable):
D/B/A (if applicable): Address: 40 Kallroad St. Svite 5-1, 6B
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Email: Kelley Colffma.org, Lawrence biffma.org
TYPE: (Check all that apply) Concert Dance Exhibition Cabaret DJ
Live band with up to 10 pieces, including singers Public Show
Other (please explain)
INCLUDES: Live music Recorded music Dancing by entertainers/ performers
☐ Dancing by patrons ☐ Amplification system ☐ Theatrical exhibition
☐ Floorshow ☐ Play ☐ Moving picture show ☐ Light show ☐ Jukebox
Other (please explain)
As part of the entertainment, will any person be permitted to appear on the premises in any manner or attire as to expose to public view any portion of the pubic area, anus, or genitals, or any simulation thereof, or whether any person will be permitted to appear on the premises in any manner or attire as to expose to public view a portion of the breast below the top of the areola, or any simulation thereof? (M.G.L.Chp.140 Sec.183A)
YES NO

Please circle: INDOOR or OUTDOOR Entertainment
Exact Location of Entertainment (include sketch):
Date(s) of Entertainment*: SATURDAY June 3, 2023 *Does not include SUNDAY Start & End Times of Entertainment: 5pm - 11pm
Start & End Times of Entertainment: 5pm - //pm
Does your event involve any of the following? (Check all that apply)
Food Temporary Bathrooms Tents Stages Temporary Signs
☐ Electrical Permits ☐ Building Permits ☐ Police Traffic Details ☐ Street Closures
ALL entertainment licenses will be reviewed by the Design Review Team (DRT), which is comprised of several Town departments, for comments/concerns on this application.
Pursuant to M.G.L. Ch. 62C, Sec. 49A, I certify under the penalties of perjury that I, to my best knowledge and belief, have filed all state tax returns and paid all state taxes required under law.
Signature of Individual or Date SS# or FID#
Corporate Officer
TOWN USE ONLY:
DRT Review with Conditions:DRT has reviewed and has no concerns. Applicant must
coordinate parking spaces at Town Hall lot with DPW at least one week prior to event.
APPROVAL DATE: LICENSE #

Feb. 21, 2023

Name: Kelley Vickery

Address: 40 Railroad Street, Suite 5-7 Great Barrington, MA 01230

Re: Use of poles for hanging decorative banners

Dear Kelley:

Massachusetts Electric Company ("Mass. Electric") understands that you wish to install certain types of decorative banners, flags, or single pole fixtures on our poles along public ways. Mass. Electric will allow Berkshire International Film Festival ("Customer") to install banners (Fixtures") on our poles along Main Street between Pleasant and Bridge Street and 3 poles on Bridge Street in Great Barrington ("Municipality") for the period of April 24 to June 12 in accordance with the following requirements:

- 1) Prior to installing any Fixtures, Customer must obtain Verizon's approval for installation on any poles that Mass. Electric jointly owns with Verizon and must provide Mass. Electric with written documentation that Municipality approves the installation.
- Customer shall be responsible for the proper installation, maintenance, and future removal of the Fixtures.
- 3) Fixtures may be attached individually on a single pole along the side of the road (not across a roadway) as long as the vertical clearance from the Fixtures to the ground is a minimum of 13 feet over pedestrian walkways, and 16 feet over streets, driveways, loading docks, and anywhere else that there is motorized traffic. Fixtures must be installed below the lowest telephone cables on the pole. Note that this requirement may make the height of the Fixtures less than the minimum required in places, and bar installation at those places unless the size of the fixture is decreased. Fixtures may not be installed between two wooden or aluminum poles along or across a roadway.
- 4) The maximum size of any Fixtures is 30" x 36", with a maximum weight not to exceed 5 pounds. Customer shall not use any Fixtures that require electric service or batteries to operate.
- 5) Customer shall use band clamps to install the Fixtures and may not drill into the poles.
- 6) Customer or its contractor shall install the Fixtures at the Customer's expense.
- 7) Mass. Electric reserves the right to remove the Fixtures at any time Mass. Electric deems it necessary for the maintenance or operation of its poles. If Mass. Electric determines, in its sole discretion, that a pole is damaged for any reason and must be replaced, Mass. Electric will remove the pole and may dispose of any Fixtures on that pole. In all instances, Mass. Electric shall have no responsibility to replace the Fixtures or reimburse Customer for them.
- 8) Customer agrees to remove any Fixtures at Mass. Electric's request if, in Mass. Electric's opinion, the Fixtures begin to deteriorate or are deemed offensive or a safety hazard to any residents or public officials.

- 9) Customer warrants that it is an association, institution, non-profit organization, or other entity operating for the public good, and not a commercial entity. Customer agrees not to install any commercial advertising on the Fixtures. Customer may, however, put up to two sponsor logos in the lower corner of the Fixture, if they take up less than 1/10 of the Fixtures' area.
- 10) The Customer will provide an insurance certificate naming Mass. Electric as an additional insured in the amount of \$2 million.
- 11) Mass. Electric shall not be liable to the Customer, its officers, employees, agents or contractors under any legal or equitable theory for any claims for direct, indirect, consequential, or other damages of any nature including, but not limited to, damages for personal injury, property damage, or lost profits connected with the installation of the Fixtures.
- 12) Customer agrees to indemnify and save harmless Mass. Electric, its affiliates, and their employees or agents or any of them from and against any and all liabilities, damages, loss, costs, expenses (including any and all attorneys' fees and expenses of), causes of action, suits, claims, demands or judgments of any nature whatsoever arising from or related to the installation of Fixtures including, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, claims for or resulting from (i) injury to, or the death of, persons or damage to property; or (ii) violation of this agreement or of any applicable federal, state or municipal laws, regulations, codes and ordinances..

If you agree with the terms of this letter, please sign below and return this letter to me. Thank you very much,

Kind regards,

Joanne DeRose MEC Director

> Joanne DeRose February 22, 2023

Acknowledged and agreed:

Name: Kelley Vickery

Title: Artistic Director

Organization: Berkshire International Film Festival



TOWN OF GREAT BARRINGTON **MASSACHUSETTS**

MEMORANDUM

Select Board TO:

Edwin May C B O FROM:

3/23/23 DATE: COPY: file

Main St - BIFF Flags SUBJECT:

I find the event banner application to be complete and correct as per the following checklist of requirements for Banners c.146-6 (1);

App. Complete

Attachment engineering OK (sign manufacture's specifications – OK)

Insurance Bond OK

OK (height above grade should not be less than 13 ft) Size

Length of time ? Days Number of banners 13 Permit from BOS Pending

Zoning district В

Install Sign Permit Selectboard Meeting Packet for March 27, 2023

Item 4. g. Kelley Violes Lauren Ferin Biff Banner Agreement

334 Main Street Great Barrington, Great Barrington, MA 01230 Phone: 413-528-1619 Fax: 413-528-2290

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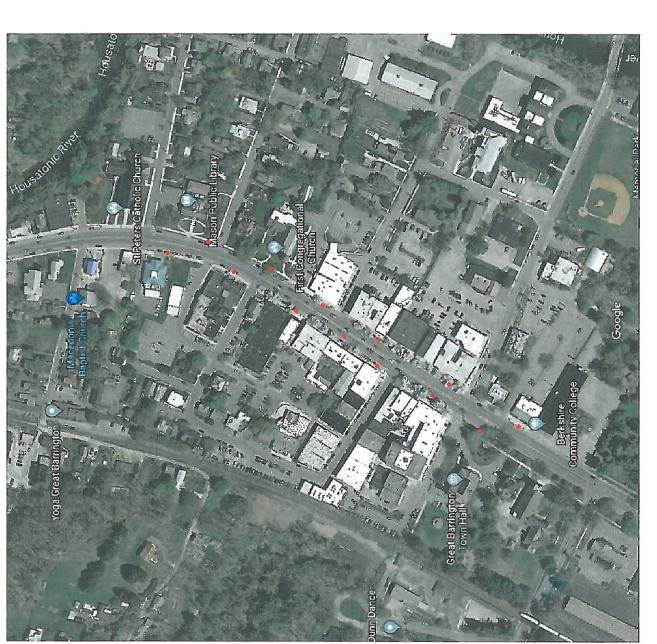
THIS CERTIFICATE IS ISSUED AS A MATTER OF INFORMATION ONLY AND CONFERS NO RIGHTS UPON THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER. THIS CERTIFICATE DOES NOT AFFIRMATIVELY OR NEGATIVELY AMEND, EXTEND OR ALTER THE COVERAGE AFFORDED BY THE POLICIES BELOW. THIS CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE DOES NOT CONSTITUTE A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE ISSUING INSURER(S), AUTHORIZED

IMPORTANT: If the certificate holder is an ADDITIONAL INSURED, the policy(ies) must have ADDITIONAL INSURED provisions or be endorsed.

If SUBROGATION IS WAIVED, subject to the terms and conditions of the policy, certain policies may require an endorsement. A statement on PRODUCER 413-243-0089 CONTACT John E. Toole CIC, LIA LV Toole - Lee 195 Main Street PHONE (A/C, No, Ext): 413-243-0089 Lee, MA 01238 FAX (A/C, No): 413-243-0467 John E. Toole CIC, LIA E-MAIL ADDRESS INSURER(S) AFFORDING COVERAGE INSURED Berkshire Int'l Film Festival INSURER A: West American Insurance NAIC # 44393 INSURER B : Ohio Casualty Insurance Co. PO Box 237 24074 Great Barrington, MA 01230 INSURER C: INSURER D : INSURER E : INSURER F : COVERAGES CERTIFICATE NUMBER: THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT THE POLICIES OF INSURANCE LISTED BELOW HAVE BEEN ISSUED TO THE INSURED NAMED ABOVE FOR THE POLICY PERIOD INDICATED. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY REQUIREMENT, TERM OR CONDITION OF ANY CONTRACT OR OTHER DOCUMENT WITH RESPECT TO WHICH THIS DOCUMENT WITH RESPECT TO WHICH THIS DOCUMENT WITH RESPECT TO WHICH THIS DOCUMENT WITH RESPECT TO ALL THE TERMS. CERTIFICATE MAY BE ISSUED OR MAY PERTAIN, THE INSURANCE AFFORDED BY THE POLICIES DESCRIBED HEREIN IS SUBJECT TO ALL THE TERMS, EXCLUSIONS AND CONDITIONS OF SUCH POLICIES. LIMITS SHOWN MAY HAVE BEEN REDUCED BY PAID CLAIMS. INSR POLICY EFF POLICY EXP X COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY LIMITS CLAIMS-MADE | X | OCCUR EACH OCCURRENCE 1,000,000 Y *BLW2358503529 05/03/2022 05/03/2023 DAMAGE TO RENTED PREMISES (Ea occurrence) 100,000 MED EXP (Any one person) 15,000 \$ GEN'L AGGREGATE LIMIT APPLIES PER: PERSONAL & ADV INJURY 1,000,000 X POLICY PRO-LOC GENERAL AGGREGATE 2,000,000 OTHER PRODUCTS - COMP/OP AGG 2,000,000 AUTOMOBILE LIABILITY COMBINED SINGLE LIMIT (Ea accident) ANY AUTO OWNED AUTOS ONLY SCHEDULED AUTOS BODILY INJURY (Per person) HIRED AUTOS ONLY NON-OWNED AUTOS ONLY BODILY INJURY (Per accident) PROPERTY DAMAGE (Per accident) В X UMBRELLA LIAB X OCCUR EXCESS LIAB CLAIMS-MADE USO2358503529 EACH OCCURRENCE 1,000,000 05/03/2022 05/03/2023 DED X RETENTION\$ 10000 AGGREGATE 1,000,000 \$ WORKERS COMPENSATION AND EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY B ANY PROPRIETOR/PARTNER/EXECUTIVE OFFICER/MEMBER EXCLUDED? (Mandatory in NH) PTH-*XWO58503529 05/03/2022 05/03/2023 N N/A E.L. EACH ACCIDENT 500,000 If yes, describe under DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS below E.L. DISEASE - EA EMPLOYEE 500,000 HOST LIQUOR LIAB *BLW2358503529 E.L. DISEASE - POLICY LIMIT 500,000 05/03/2022 05/03/2023 PER OCCUR 1,000,000 AGGREGATE 2,000,000 DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS / LOCATIONS / VEHICLES (ACORD 101, Additional Remarks Schedule, may be attached if more space is required) The below certificate holder is an additional insured for general liability when required by written contract CERTIFICATE HOLDER CANCELLATION SHOULD ANY OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED POLICIES BE CANCELLED BEFORE TOWN OF GREAT BARRINGTON THE EXPIRATION DATE THEREOF, NOTICE WILL BE DELIVERED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE POLICY PROVISIONS. 334 MAIN ST GREAT BARRINGTON, MA 01201 AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE John E. Toole CIC, LIA

Selectboard Meeting Packet for March 27, 2023 Item 4. g. Kelley Vickery Lauren Ferin Biff Banner Agreement

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Great Barrington, MA 01230

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Item 4.h. Kelley Vickery Lauren Ferin of BIFF Parking Moratorium Request



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Selectboard Town Hall 334 Main Street Great Barrington, MA 01230

Dear Selectboard Members:

The Berkshire International Film Festival will be celebrating 17 years in the Berkshires and will take place June 1-4 in Great Barrington. With every festival, we are deeply appreciative of the support and cooperation of the town, businesses, and community.

We are submitting applications for entertainment and liquor permits for the various events we will host in the tent behind the Town Hall. We would like to propose that the Selectboard grant a moratorium to lift the parking laws for the weekend of the BIFF to eliminate the inconvenience and stress for patrons having to move their vehicles to different locations due to the time constraints of the parking and receiving parking tickets while they attend the festival. The Selectboard has graciously granted this request in the past, and we hope to receive permission once again.

We would also like permission to occupy three parking spaces behind the Town Hall for the purpose of placing a storage unit to hold rentals, provide access for caterers to get to the tent and VIP parking etc. that we need to have during the BIFF weekend. These spaces would be occupied beginning late on Wednesday, May 31st and will be vacated by Monday morning, June 5th.

The BIFF hopes to continue bringing the best in film, exciting events and foster good will within the community.

We thank you for your time and attention regarding all BIFF matters and appreciate the Town and Boards' partnership and support in our efforts.

Kind regards,

Founder and Artistic Director

Berkshire International Film Festival

ARIENTI + KLEPETAR LLP

ATTORNEYS AT LAW

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Great Barrington, Massachusetts 01230
Telephone (413) 528-4800
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VIA HAND DELIVERY

March 23, 2023

Ms. Jennifer L. Messina Great Barrington Town Clerk 334 Main Street Great Barrington, MA 01230

RE: Request for Reconsideration by Price Chopper Operating Co. of Massachusetts, Inc., for New Section 15 Annual Wine & Malt Liquor License

300 Stockbridge Road, Great Barrington, MA

Dear Ms. Messina:

Price Chopper Operating Co. of Massachusetts, Inc. ("Price Chopper") submits this correspondence and attached documentation in conjunction with its request for reconsideration for a New Section 15 Annual Wine & Malt Liquor License, to the Great Barrington Selectboard.

In conjunction with Price Chopper's request for reconsideration, attached to this letter you will find updated Floor Plans (4 sheets entitled "EQ01") clearly illustrating the floor area that is proposed be used to display and store beer and wine inventory, as well as a plan of the existing floor layout for comparison entitled "EQD1". The updated Floor Plans illustrate not only the limited and largely enclosed nature of the proposed layout, but explicitly include notations that the aisle ends encompassing the proposed floor area will <u>not</u> include beer or wine products, and will instead be stocked with other typical retail items. You will also find attached a sheet including plans for the folding gate that will be installed at the ends of the proposed beer and wine aisle, also illustrated on the Floor Plans, to secure this entire area during non-beer and wine sales periods. Additionally, you will find representative photographs of typical display cases and shelving units that Price Chopper intends to install at the Great Barrington store.

Price Chopper's request for reconsideration is predicated on its forthrightness in approaching this process with absolute transparency by demonstrating that it understands the concerns of the

following conditions to grant of a Wine and Malt license if the Selectboard is so inclined:

- The floor area depicted on the Floor Plans for the dedicated wine/beer aisle will NOT expand unless approved by modification of the liquor license.
- There will NOT be any advertising or merchandising of wine/beer outside the dedicated wine/beer aisle.
- There will NOT be any advertising or end of aisle merchandising of wine/beer in the 4 ends of the dedicated wine/beer aisle.
- There will be lockable security gate installed at both ends of the dedicated wine/beer aisle which will prevent customers from reaching any wine/beer products within the dedicated aisle during times when sales are not allowed per State Law.

In addition, if the Selectboard elects to grant the Wine and Malt license, Price Chopper agrees to file a withdrawal of its appeal filed with the Alcohol and Beverages Control Commission, terminating the appeal process.

Price Chopper would like to make clear that it has long-standing experience selling alcoholic beverages in other of its stores in Massachusetts. There are currently 8 Price Chopper stores in Massachusetts that operate with liquor licenses, including in Pittsfield, Worcester, Shrewsbury, Lenox, Webster, Sutton, Gardner and Marlborough. Price Chopper has held package store licenses cumulatively for decades in Massachusetts with no prior disciplinary actions, no record of sales to minors and no record of sales to intoxicated individuals.

The potential addition of beer and wine sales to the Great Barrington store facilitates the opportunity to bring the Market 32 brand to the Great Barrington community. This would result in a substantial renovation to the store including an expanded produce department with added variety, new offerings in prepared foods and specialty cheese sections as well as an enhanced lineup of products in our meat, seafood and bakery departments. Additionally, new fixtures will enable Price Chopper/M32 to offer an expanded variety of specialty and natural organic grocery items. The addition of a beer and wine department would create a one-stop shopping experience that benefits the store's loyal customer base.

Price Chopper/Market 32 are prepared to invest approximately \$3.5 million in the renovation described above, including approximately \$200,000 for the Wine and Beer portion. It is anticipated that construction completion and re-opening of the Market 32 Renovation would be approximately 6 months after the start of construction.

Price Chopper looks forward to the opportunity to present their request at the Selectboard meeting on Monday, March 27, 2023.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions regarding this application.

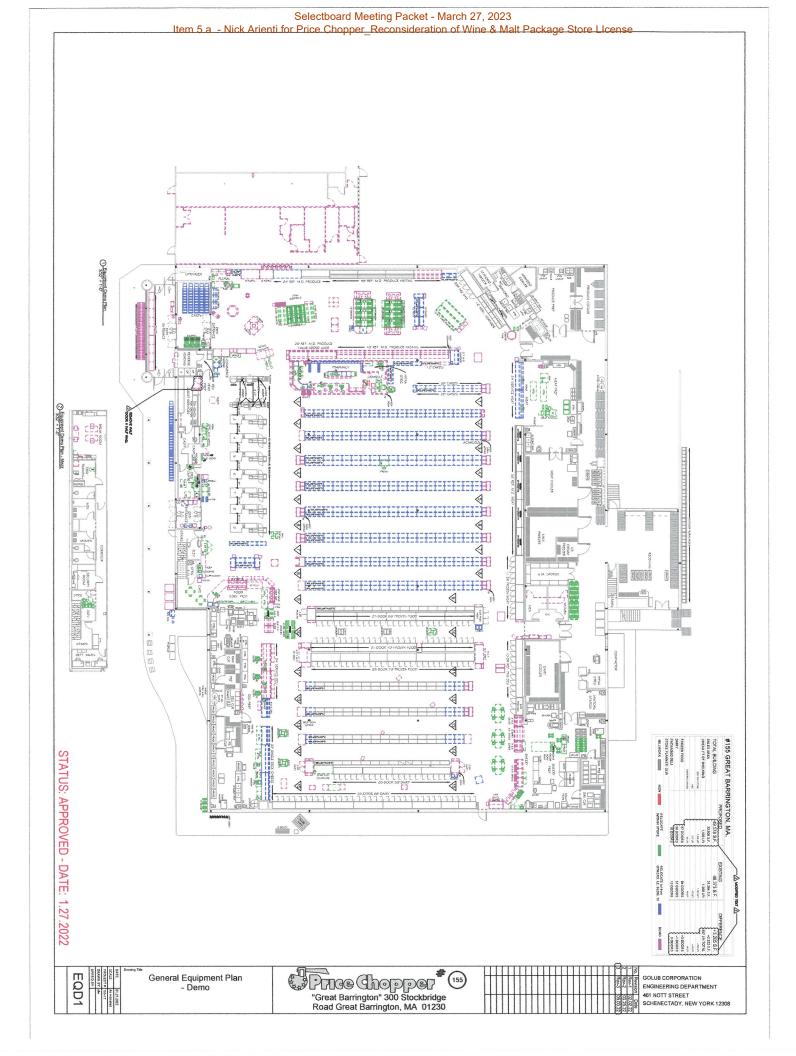
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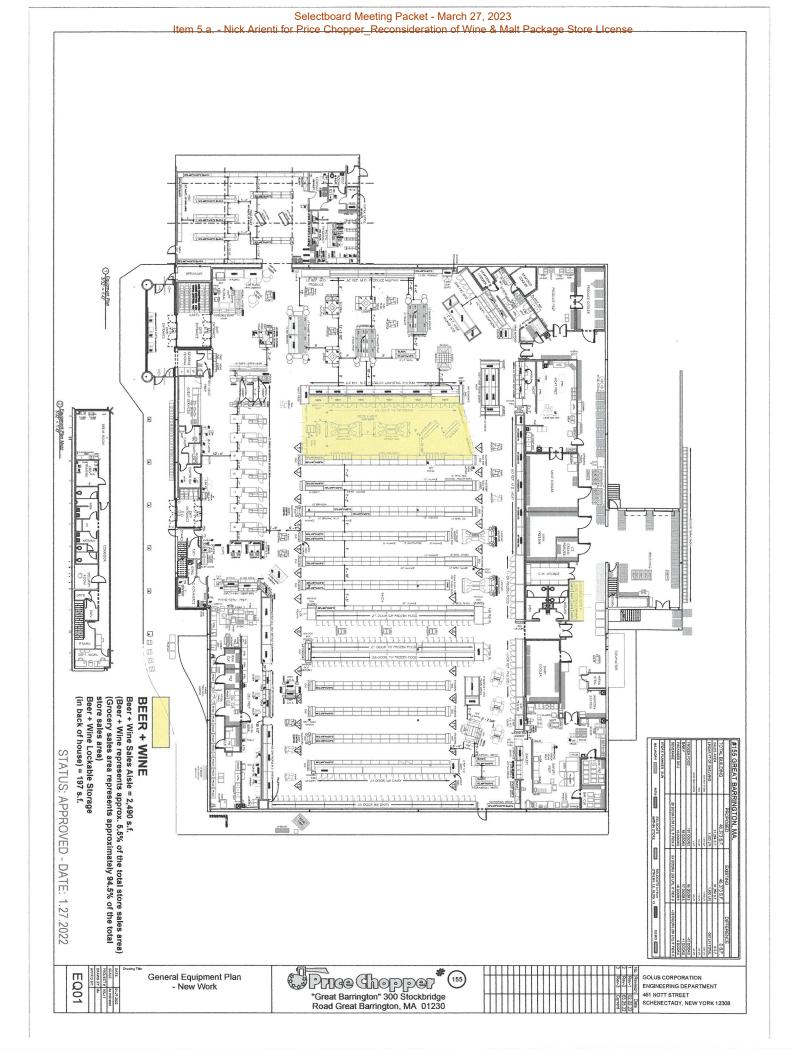
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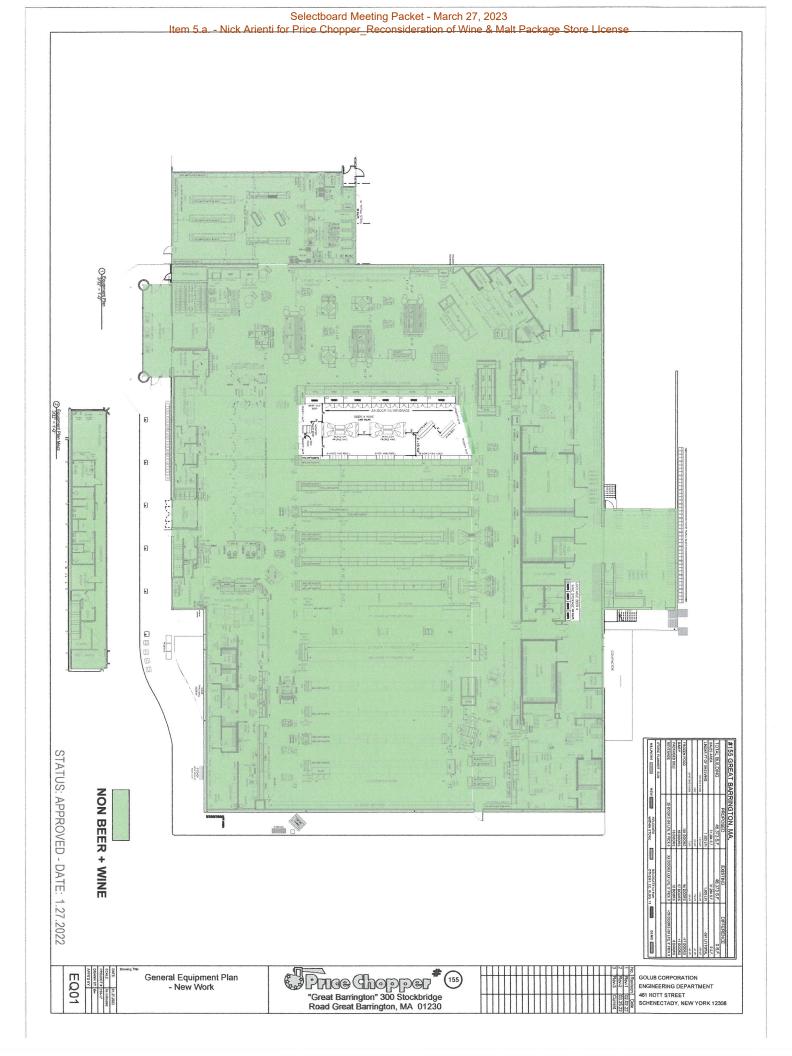
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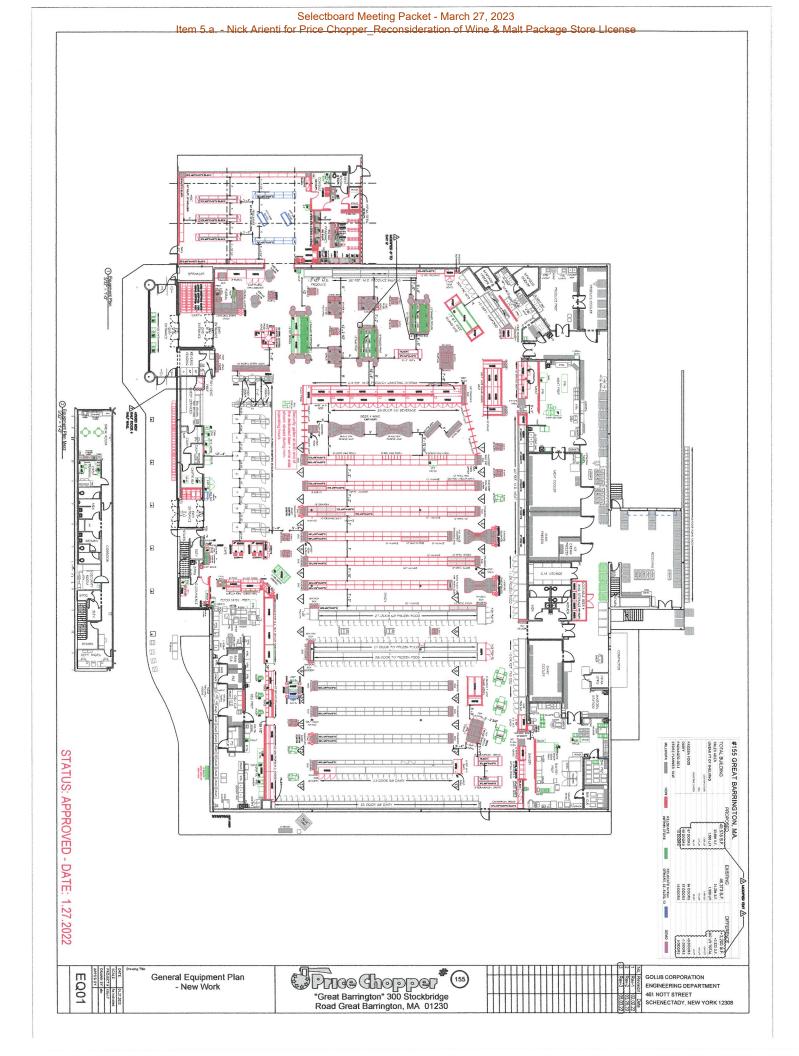
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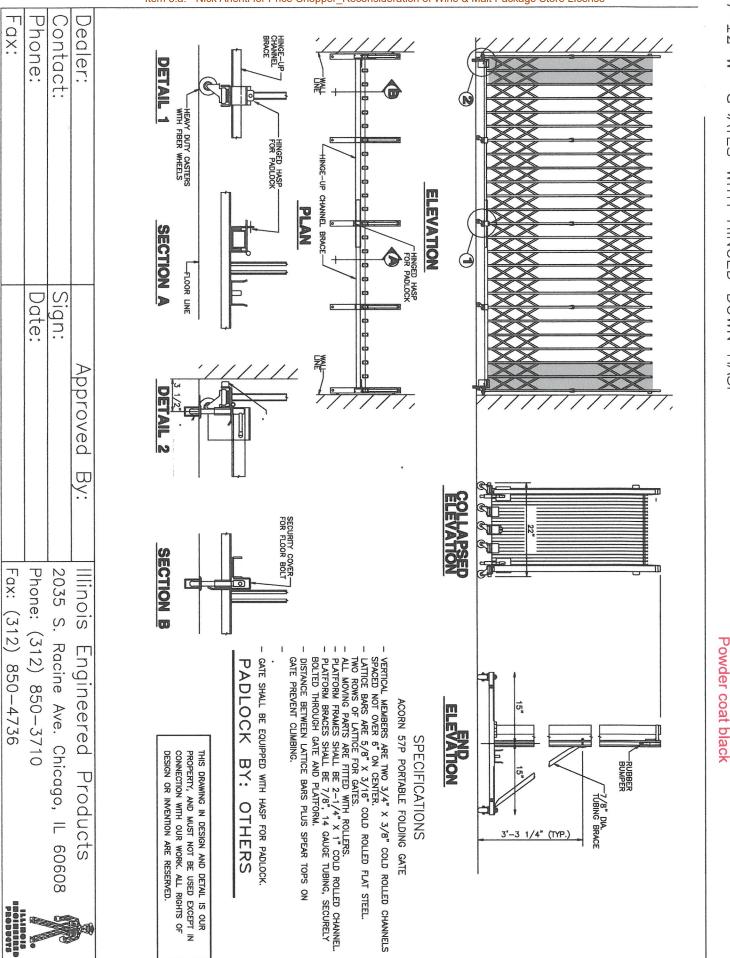
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155 Great Barrington Market 32 Renovation



Beer + Wine Aisle



Proposed Millwork Wine Focal Unit within Dedicated Beer + Wine Aisle

155 Great Barrington Market 32 Renovation



Proposed Millwork Wine Slant Rack within Dedicated Beer + Wine Aisle



Proposed Low Profile Millwork Wine Fixture within Dedicated Beer + Wine Aisle

155 Great Barrington Market 32 Renovation



Proposed Millwork Pallet Drops and Refrigerated Beer Cases within Dedicated Beer + Wine Aisle

TOWN OF GREAT BARRINGTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Selectboard will hold a public hearing on Monday, April 25, 2022 at 6:00 PM, via Zoom to act on the application of Price Chopper Operating Co. of Massachusetts, Inc. d/b/a Market 32 by Price Chopper at 300 Stockbridge Road for a Wine and Malt Package Store License, James Collins Manager.

Continued to May 11, 2022

Stephen Bannon Chair Selectboard Meeting Packet for March 27, 2023

Item 5. a. Nick Arienti for Price Chopper_Reconsideration of Wine & Malt Package Store License



Name:

Title:

Eugene Richard

Attorney

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission 95 Fourth Street, Suite 3, Chelsea, MA 02150-2358 www.mass.gov/abcc

APPLICATION FOR A NEW LICENSE

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DBA Ma	rket 32 by Price Chopper		Manager o	f Record	James C	Collins			
Street Address 3	00 Stockbridge Road, Great Ba	arrington, M	A 01230						
Phone	518-379-1421		Email	legal461n	ott@pric	echopper.com			
Alternative Phone			Website	e wv	vw.priced	chopper.com			
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4. APPLICATION	ON CONTACT								

The application contact is the person whom the licensing authorities should contact regarding this application.

Phone:

Email:

781-817-4444

generichard@hrsllp.com

APPLICATION FOR A NEW LICENSE

5. CORPORATE S	TRUCTURE		
Entity Legal Structure	Corporation	Date of Incorporation	09-21-1959
State of Incorporation	Massachusetts	Is the Corporation public	ly traded? (Yes No

6. PROPOSED OFFICERS, STOCK OR OWNERSHIP INTEREST

List all individuals or entities that will have a direct or indirect, beneficial or financial interest in this license (E.g. Stockholders, Officers, Directors, LLC Managers, LLP Partners, Trustees etc.). Attach additional page(s) provided, if necessary, utilizing Addendum A.

- The individuals and titles listed in this section must be identical to those filed with the Massachusetts Secretary of State.
- The individuals identified in this section, as well as the proposed Manager of Record, must complete a CORI Release Form.
- Please note the following statutory requirements for Directors and LLC Managers:
 On Premises (E.g.Restaurant/ Club/Hotel) Directors or LLC Managers At least 50% must be US citizens;
 Off Premises(Liquor Store) Directors or LLC Managers All must be US citizens and a majority must be Massachusetts residents.

• If you are a Multi-Tiered Organization, please attach a flow chart identifying each corporate interest and the individual owners of each entity as well as the Articles of Organization for each corporate entity. Every individual must be identified in Addendure A

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President						
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Jody J. Plonski						
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Vice President						
Name of Principal						
James H. Peterson						
Title and or Position						
Treasurer						
Name of Principal						
Carrie A. Terraferma						
Title and or Position						
Secretary						
Additional pages attached?						

CRIMINAL HISTORY

Has any individual listed in question 6, and applicable attachments, ever been convicted of a State, Federal or Military Crime? If yes, attach an affidavit providing the details of any and all convictions.

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Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission 95 Fourth Street, Suite 3, Chelsea, MA 02150-2358 www.mass.gov/abcc

RETAIL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES LICENSE APPLICATION MONETARY TRANSMITTAL FORM

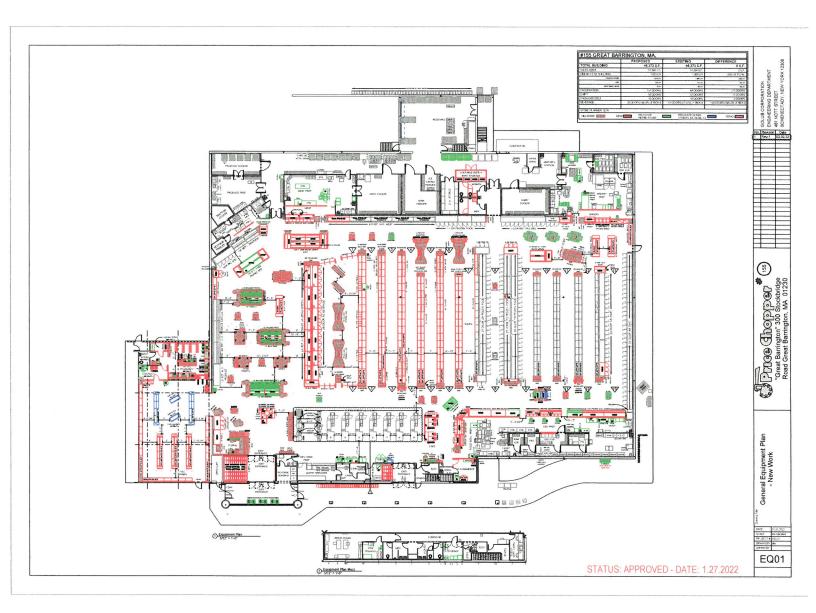
APPLICATION FOR A NEW LICENSE

APPLICATION SHOULD BE COMPLETED ON-LINE, PRINTED, SIGNED, AND SUBMITTED TO THE LOCAL LICENSING AUTHORITY.

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	Please mak	e make \$200.00 payment here: ABCC PAYMENT WEBSITE							
	PAYMENT MUST DENOTE THE NAME OF THE LICENSEE CORPORATION, LLC, PARTNERSHIP, OR INDIVIDUAL AND INCLUDE THE PAYMENT RECEIPT								
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	ENTITY/ LICE	NSEE NAN	Price Chopper Oper	ating	g Co. of MA, Inc.				
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	CITY/TOWN	Great Ba	arrington		STATE MA ZIF	COI	DE 01230		
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THE LOCAL LICENSING AUTHORITY MUST MAIL THIS
TRANSMITTAL FORM ALONG WITH
COMPLETED APPLICATION, AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS TO:

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STEPHEN BANNON CHAIR

LEIGH S. DAVIS EDWARD ABRAHAMS GARFIELD C. REED ERIC GABRIEL



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TOWN OF GREAT BARRINGTON MASSACHUSETTS

SELECTBOARD

SPECIAL PERMIT # 933-23

NAME, ADDRESS, AND PROJECT: Special Permit application from the Great Barrington Affordable Housing Trust, c/o White Engineering, Inc., with Central Berkshire Habitat for Humanity, to permit a Planned Unit Residential Development of new residential homes at 0 North Plain Road, Map 26, Lot 53A, in accordance with Sections 3.1.4 A(9), 8.5 and 10.4 of the Zoning Bylaw.

REVIEW MEETINGS

These Boards and Commissions will hold meetings on the following dates to consider your application and make a recommendation to the Selectboard (dates or times may be subject to change):

PLANNING BOARD

Thursday, February 9, 2023, 6:00 PM

Applicant must attend

CONSERVATION COMMISSION Wednesday, February 22, 2023, 6:30 PM

Applicant should call the Conservation Agent in advance of the meeting to see if you should attend.

BOARD OF HEALTH

Thursday, March 2, 2023, 6:30 PM

Applicant should call the Health Agent in advance of the meeting to see if you should attend.

SPECIAL PERMIT PUBLIC HEARING

The **PUBLIC HEARING** before the **SELECTBOARD** will be Monday, March 6, 2023, at 6:00 PM, *Applicant must attend*.

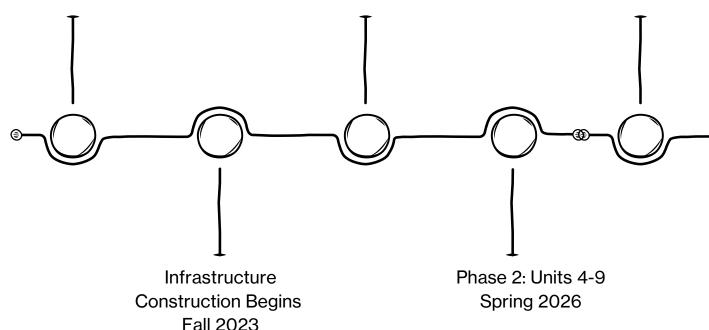
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North Plain Road Community Timeline

If Select Board Approves Special Permit Application on 3/27/23

Infrastructure Permitting, RFP Process Advertising, Contracting & Award Summer 2023 Phase 1: Construction Begins
Units 10-16
Early Spring 2024

Phase 3: Units 1-3, 17-20 Spring 2028



NOTE: Homes phase construction: 1.5-2 years per phase





North Plain Road Community Unit Count

2 to 3-Bedroom 900-1,200 SF 16 - 18 units

4-Bedroom 1,400 SF up to 4 units

Area Median Incomes will be between 60% and 100% AMI





Item 5.b. Special Permit_GB Affordable Housing Trust c/o White Engineering with CBHH Residential Development

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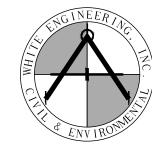
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LOCATED AT

0 NORTH PLAIN ROAD (AKA ROUTE 41) MAP 26, PARCEL 53A, GREAT BARRINGTON, MA

PROJECT TEAM



WHITE ENGINEERING INC.

CIVIL & ENVIRONMENTAL 55 SOUTH MERRIAM STREET, PITTSFIELD, MA 01201

FAX: (413) 443-8012 WEB: WHITEENG.COM

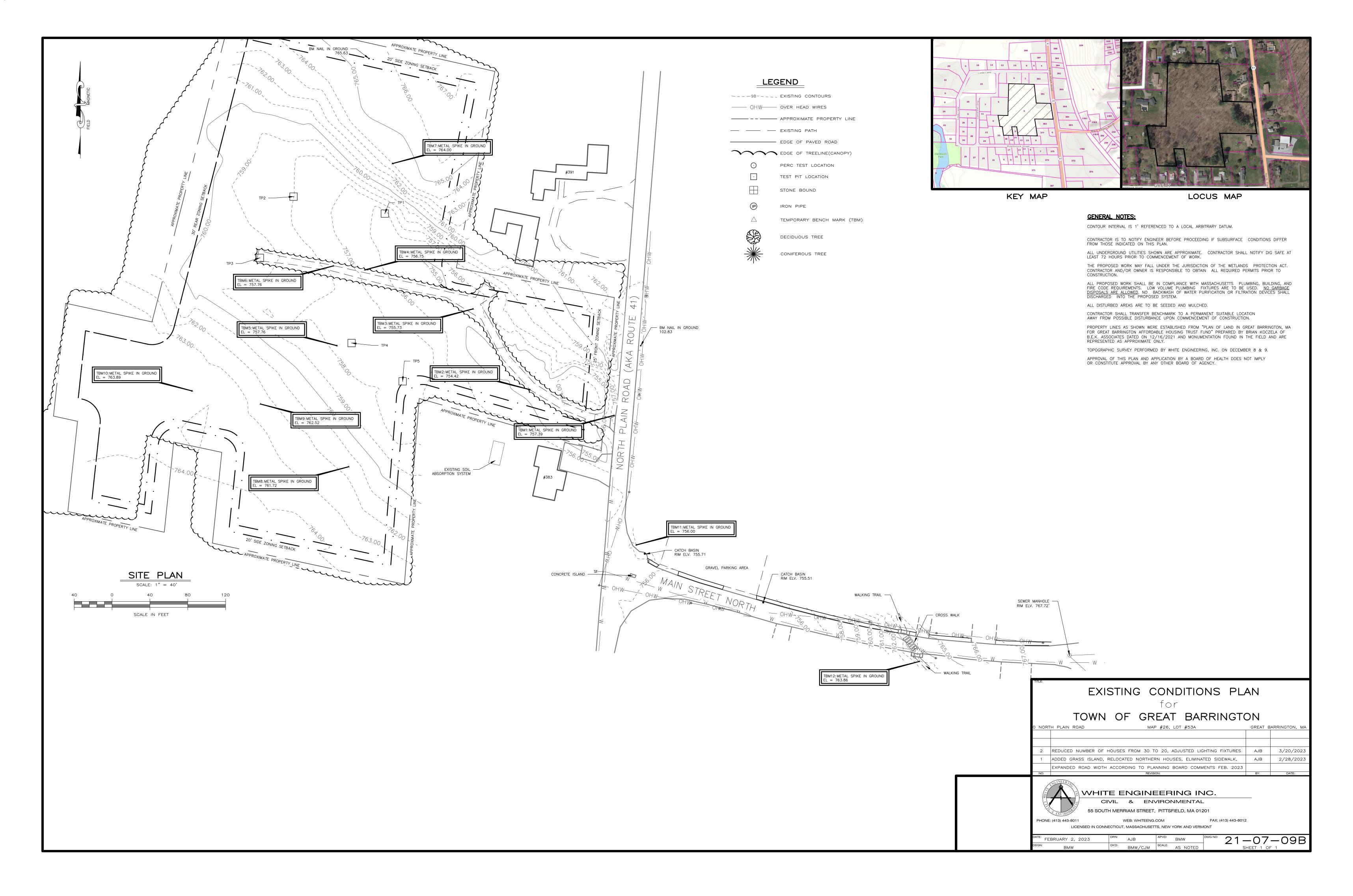
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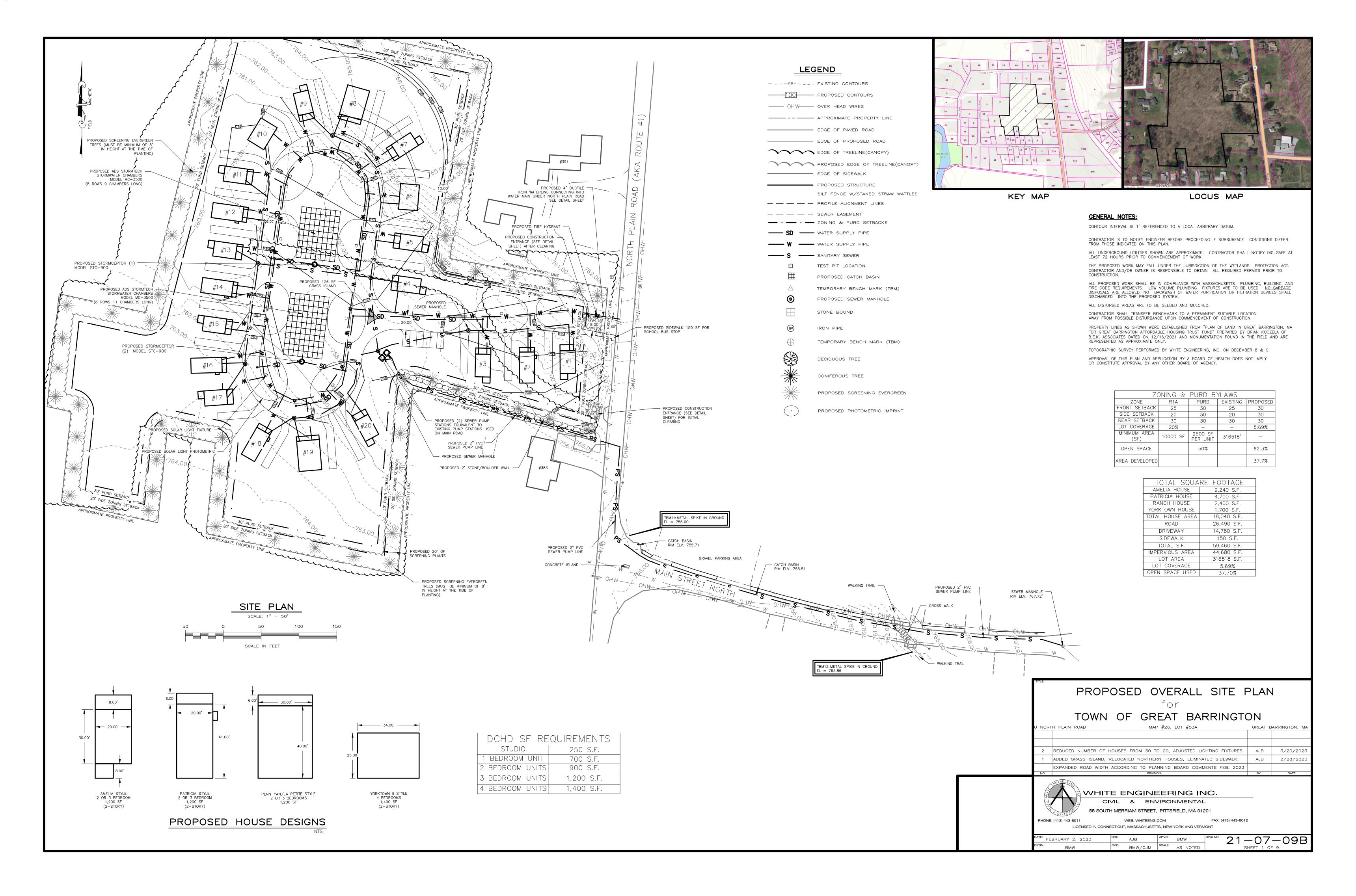
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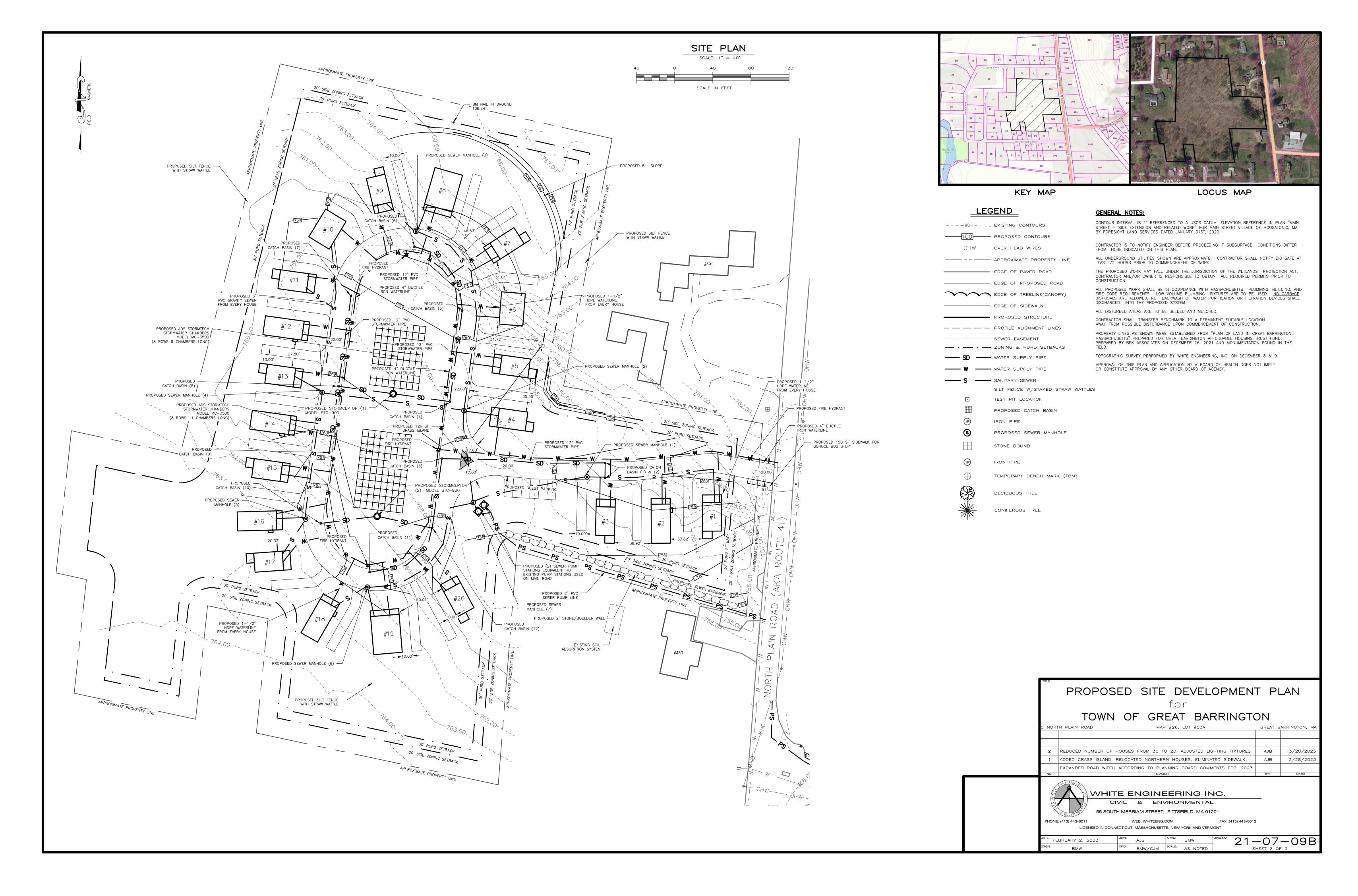
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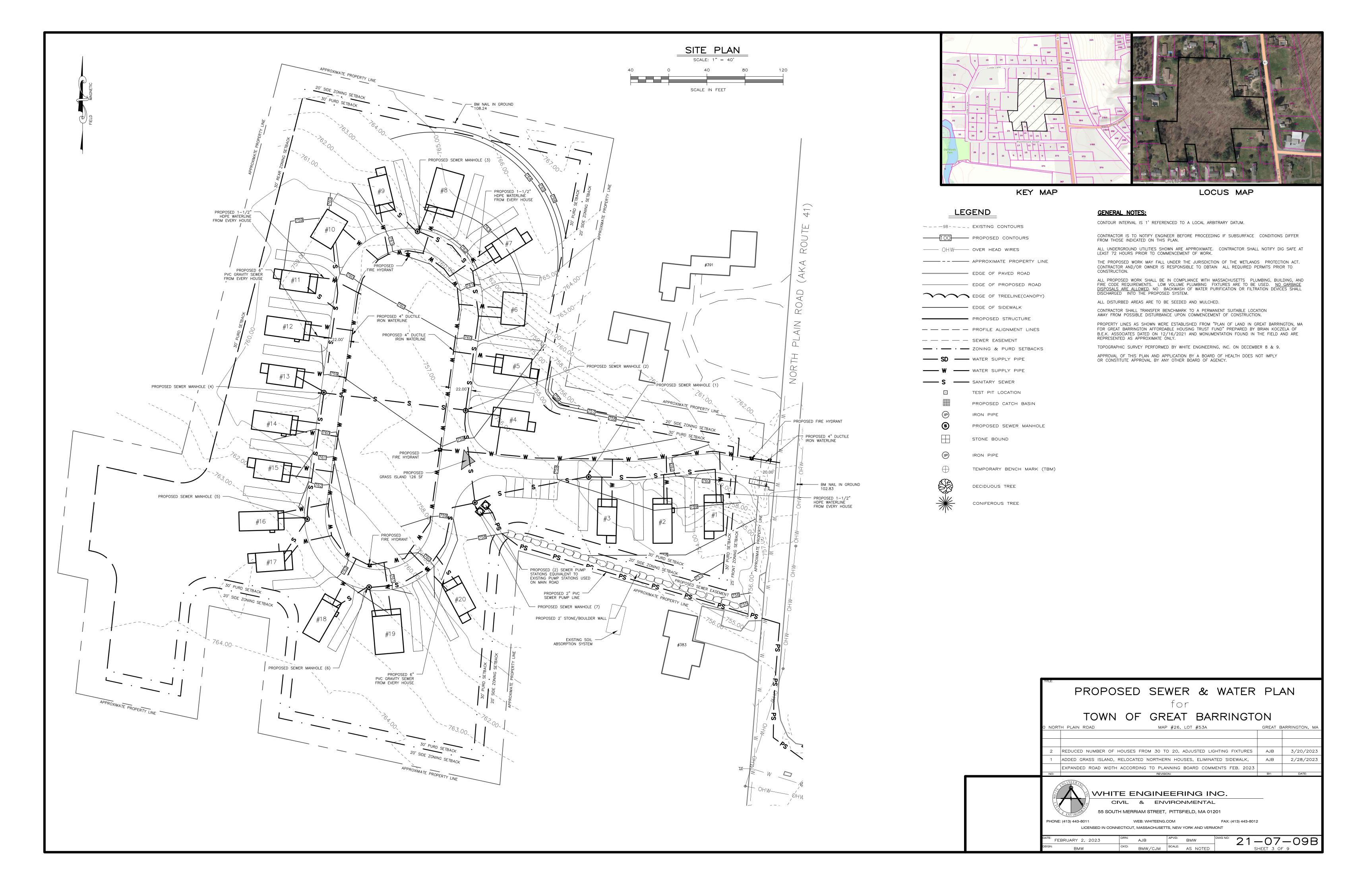
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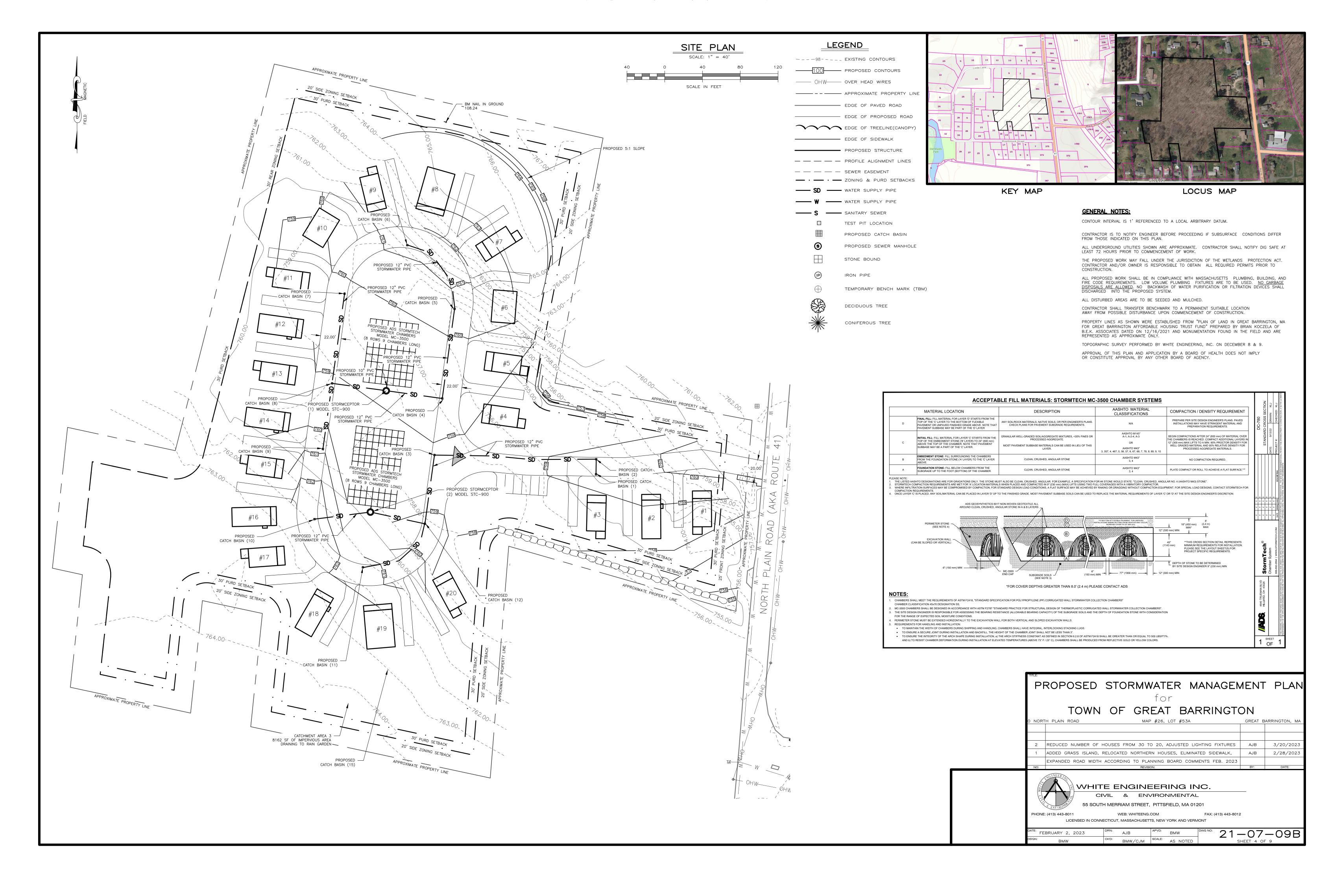
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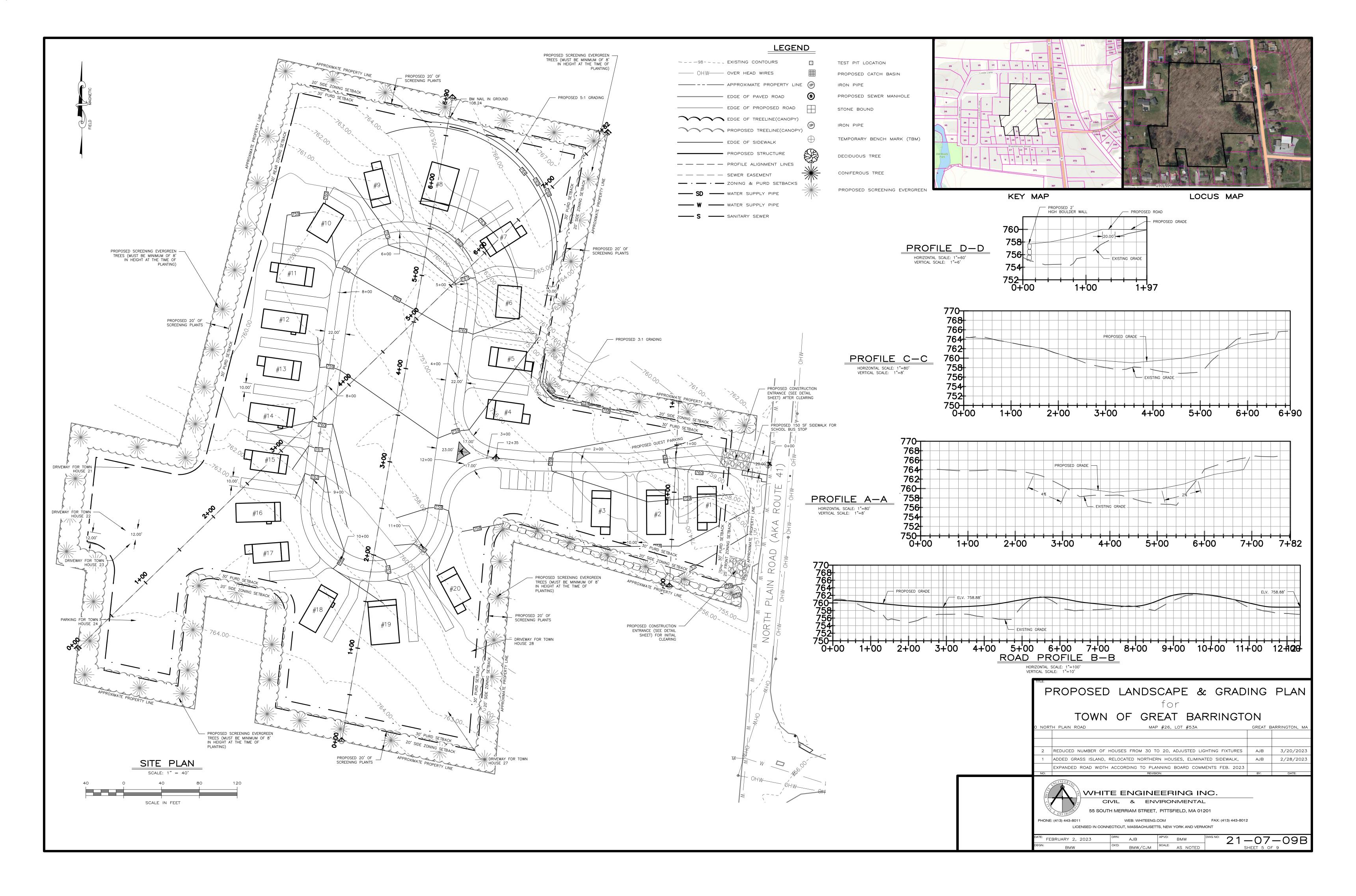


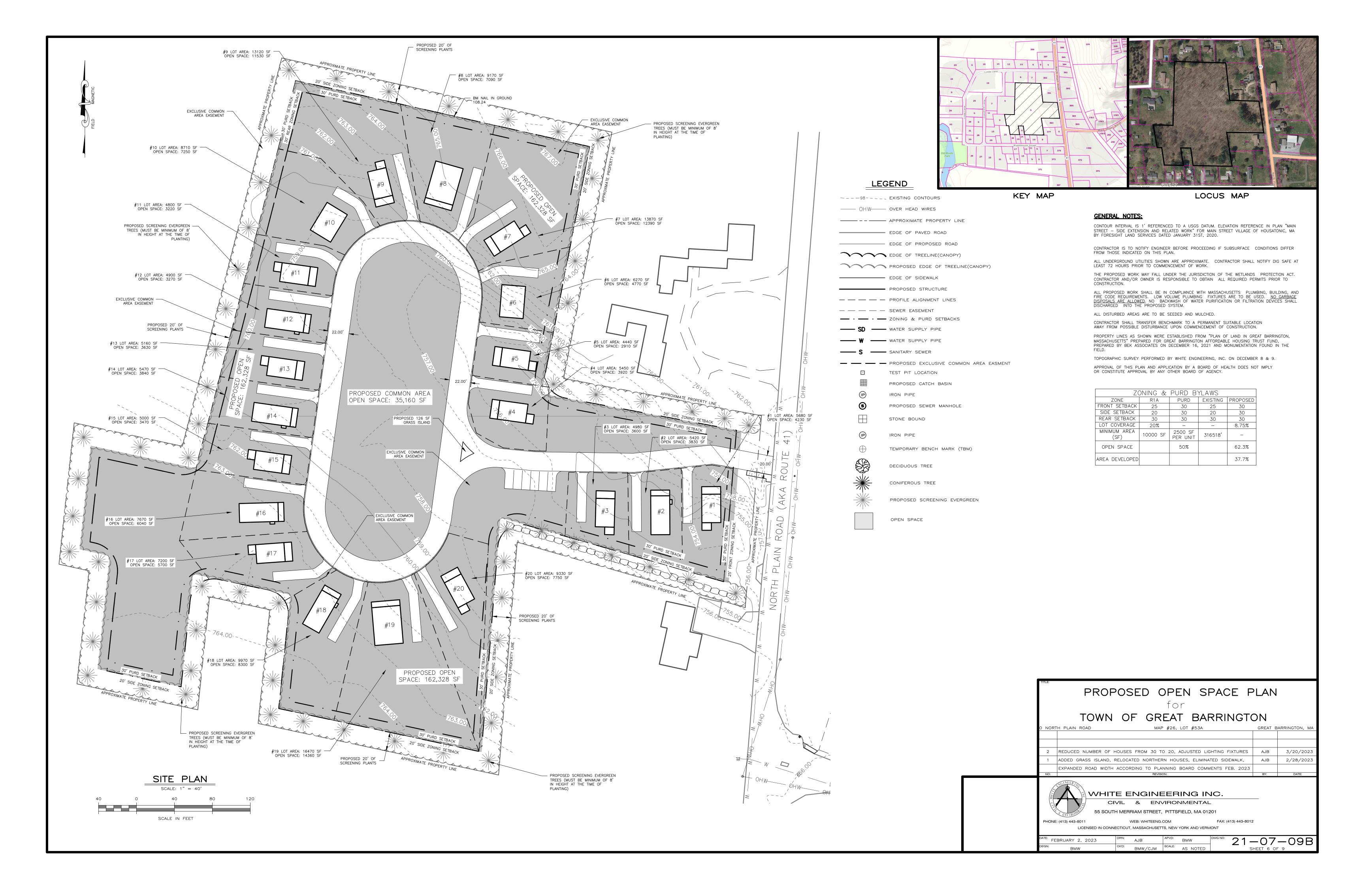


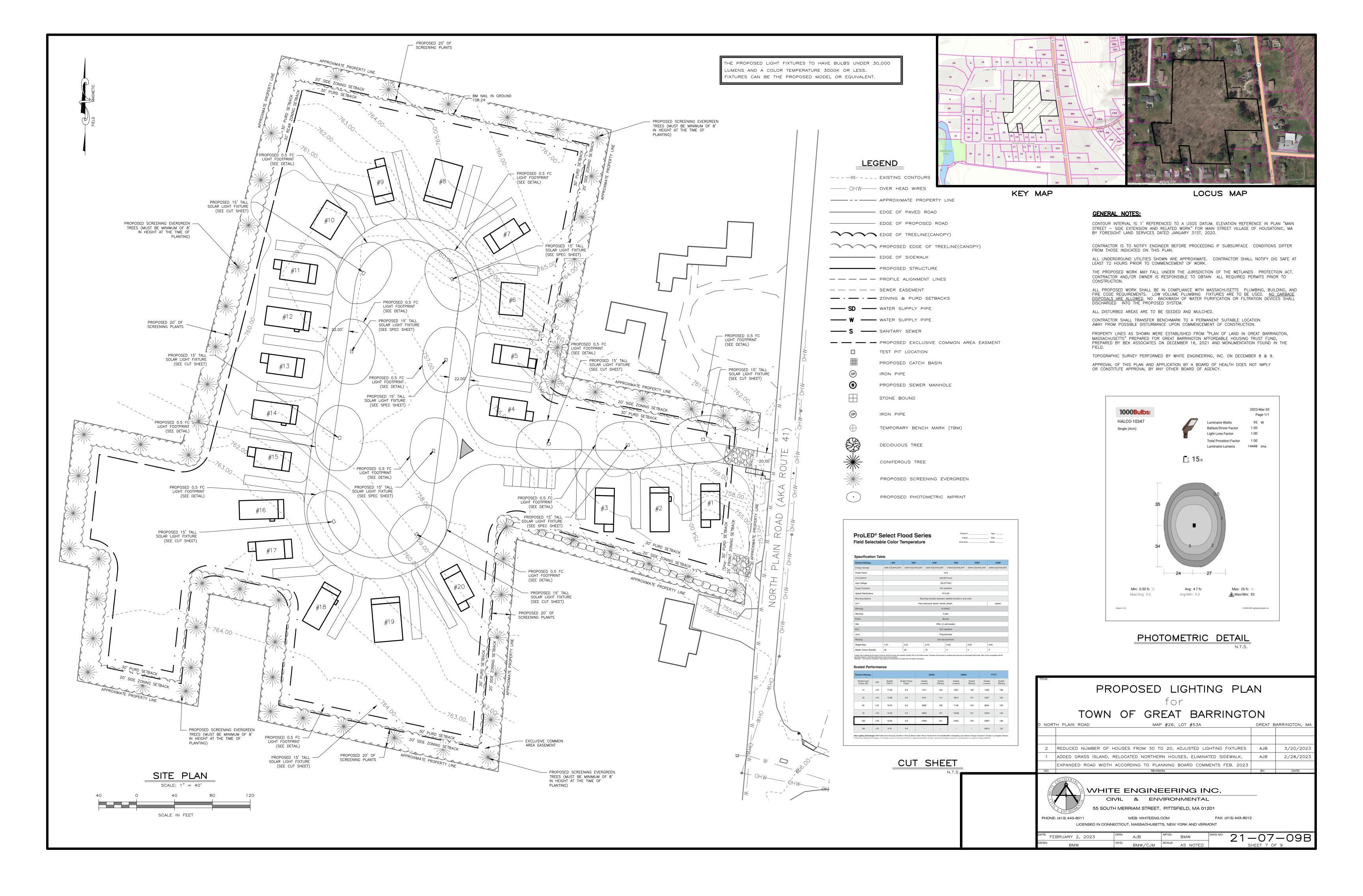


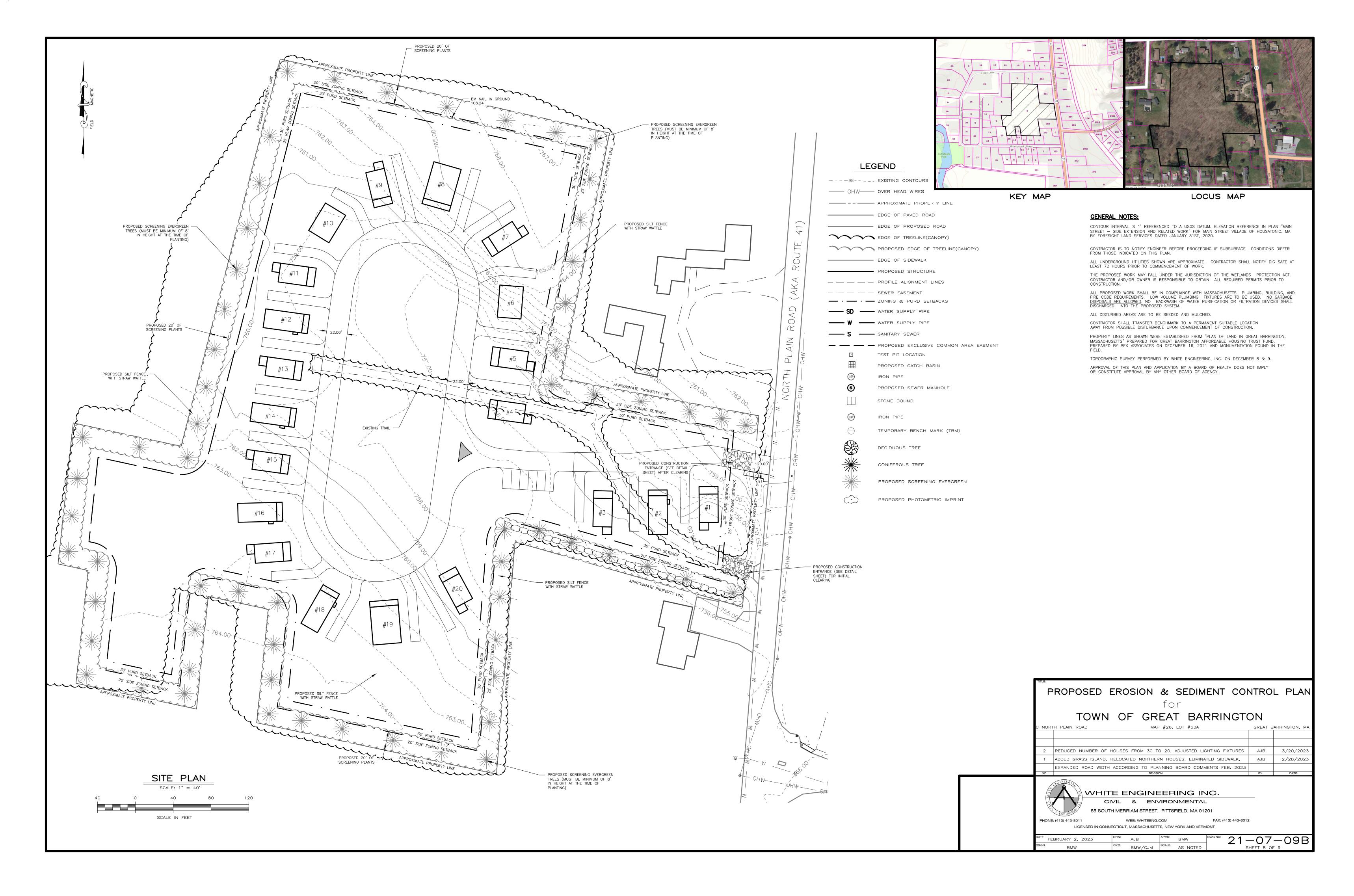


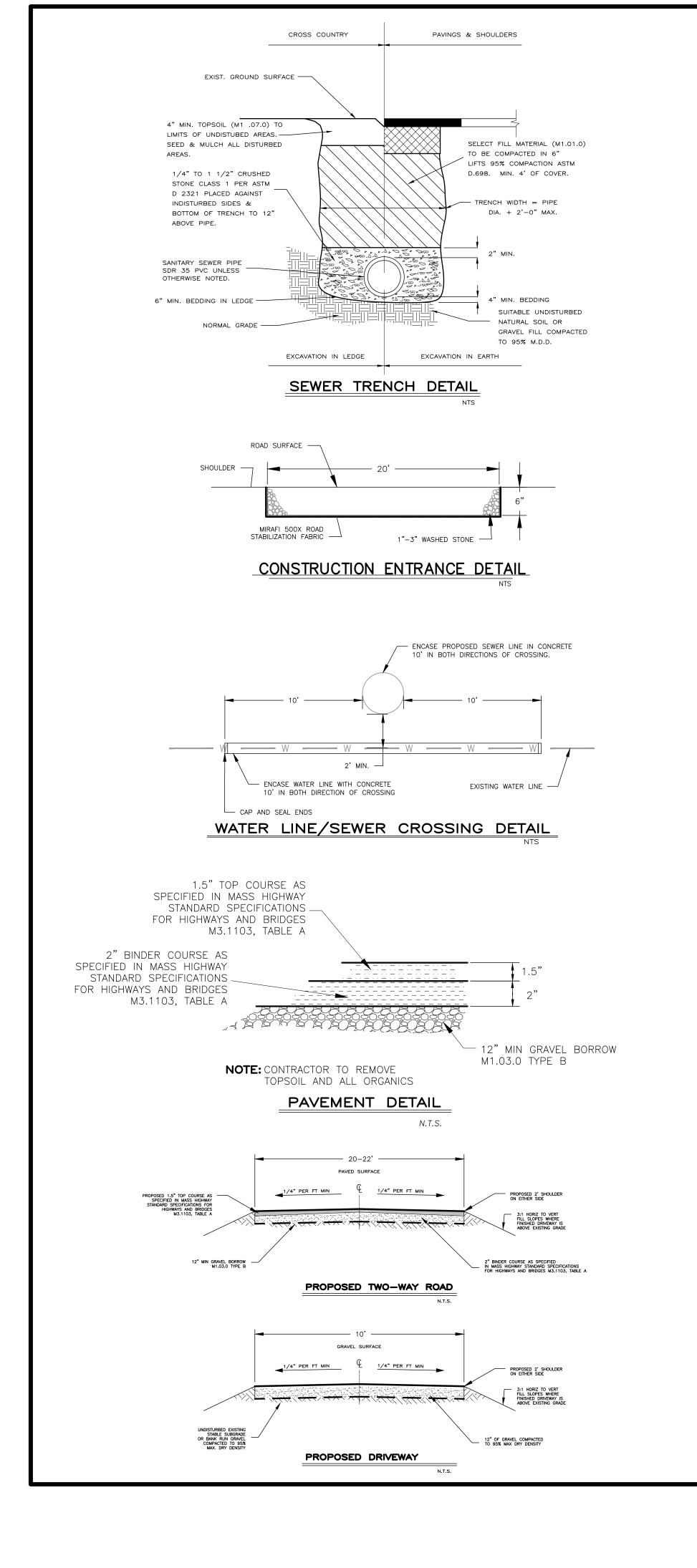


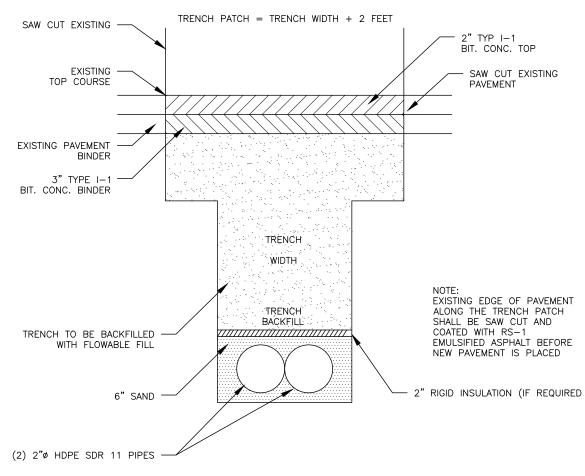




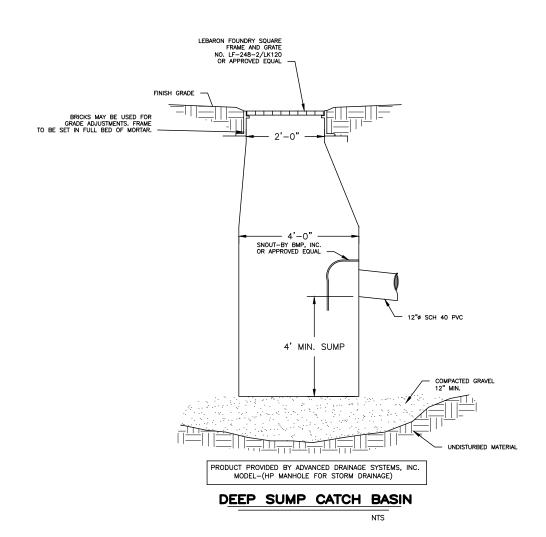


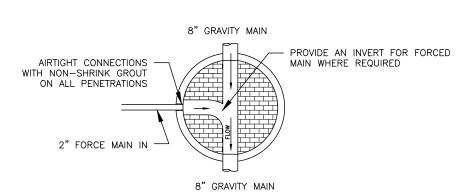


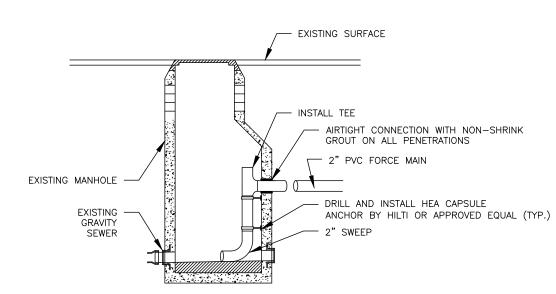




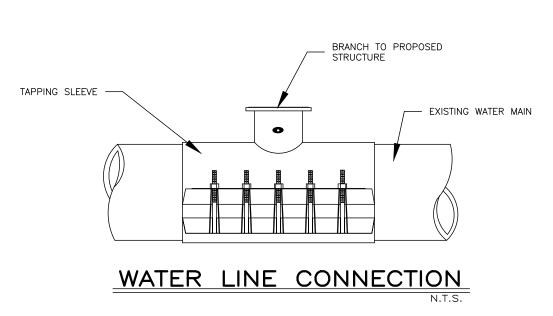
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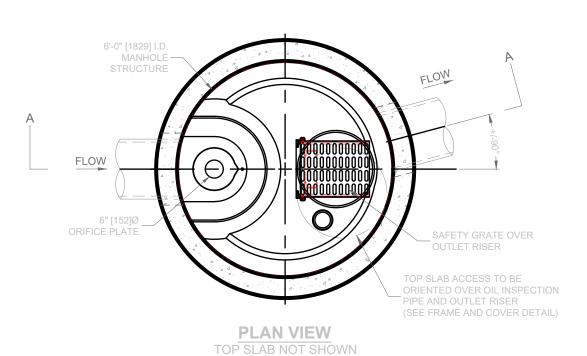


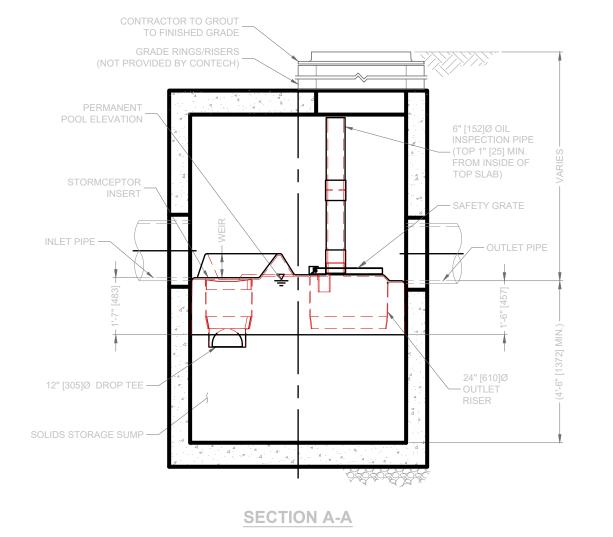




MANHOLE PENETRATION DETAIL







Stormceptor•

GENERAL NOTES

1. CONTECH TO PROVIDE ALL MATERIALS UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE.

2. FOR SITE SPECIFIC DRAWINGS WITH DETAILED STRUCTURE DIMENSIONS AND WEIGHT, PLEASE CONTACT YOUR CONTECH ENGINEERED

- SOLUTIONS LLC REPRESENTATIVE. www.ContechES.com
 3. STORMCEPTOR WATER QUALITY STRUCTURE SHALL BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH ALL DESIGN DATA AND INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS
- DRAWING. CONTRACTOR TO CONFIRM STRUCTURE MEETS REQUIREMENTS OF PROJECT.

 4. STORMCEPTOR STRUCTURE SHALL MEET AASHTO **HS20** LOAD RATING, ASSUMING EARTH COVER OF 0' 2' [610], AND GROUNDWATER ELEVATION AT, OR BELOW, THE OUTLET PIPE INVERT ELEVATION. ENGINEER OF RECORD TO CONFIRM ACTUAL GROUNDWATER ELEVATION.
- CASTINGS SHALL MEET AASHTO M306 AND BE CAST WITH THE CONTECH LOGO.

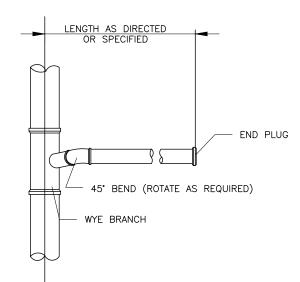
 5. STORMCEPTOR STRUCTURE SHALL BE PRECAST CONCRETE CONFORMING TO ASTM C478 AND AASHTO LOAD FACTOR DESIGN METHOD.

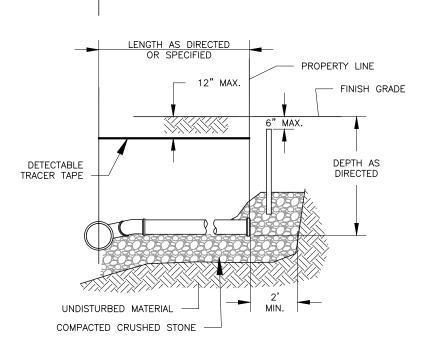
 6. ALTERNATE UNITS ARE SHOWN IN MILLIMETERS [mm].
- INSTALLATION NOTES

 A. ANY SUB-BASE, BACKFILL DEPTH, AND/OR ANTI-FLOTATION PROVISIONS ARE SITE-SPECIFIC DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS AND SHALL BE
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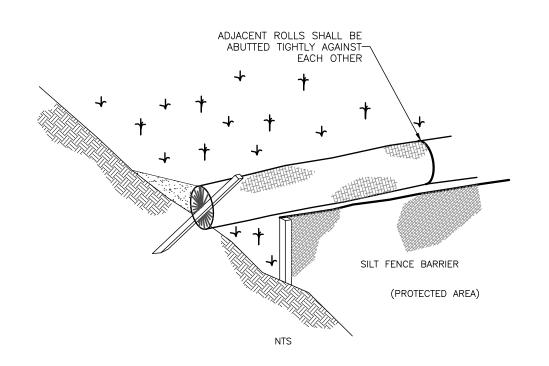
 B. CONTRACTOR TO PROVIDE EQUIPMENT WITH SUFFICIENT LIFTING AND REACH CAPACITY TO LIFT AND SET THE STORMCEPTOR MANHOLE
- C. CONTRACTOR TO INSTALL JOINT SEALANT BETWEEN ALL STRUCTURE SECTIONS AND ASSEMBLE STRUCTURE.

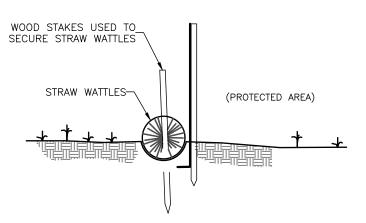
 D. CONTRACTOR TO PROVIDE, INSTALL, AND GROUT INLET AND OUTLET PIPE(S). MATCH PIPE INVERTS WITH ELEVATIONS SHOWN. ALL PIPE
- E. CONTRACTOR TO TAKE APPROPRIATE MEASURES TO ASSURE UNIT IS WATER TIGHT, HOLDING WATER TO FLOWLINE INVERT MINIMUM. IT IS SUGGESTED THAT ALL JOINTS BELOW PIPE INVERTS ARE GROUTED.





CONNECTION/STUB DETAIL





STRAW WATTLE SILT FENCE BARRIER DETAIL

(NO SCALE)

CONSTRUCTION NOTES:

1. EROSION CONTROL SILTFENCE TO BE INSTALLED AND MAINTAINED BY CONTRACTOR PRIOR TO THE START OF WORK.

2. EROSION CONTROL SILTFENCE TO REMAIN IN PLACE UNTIL SITE HAS STABILIZED AND VEGETATION HAS BECOME ESTABLISHED.

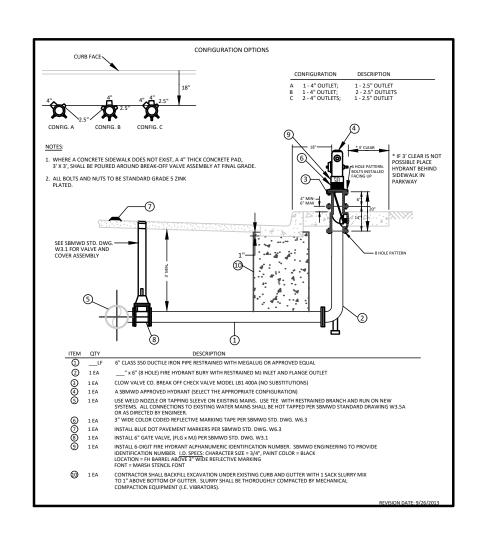
3. ALL DISTURBED AREAS ARE TO BE REGRADED, SEEDED AND MULCHED AT THE COMPLETION OF WORK IN THAT AREA.4. ALL MATERIALS AND EQUIPMENT ARE TO BE STORED WITHIN THE LIMITS OF THE SILTFENCE.

5. SILTFENCE TO SERVE AS THE LIMIT OF WORK AREA.6. NO EQUIPMENT IS TO BE FUELED OR FUEL STORED WITHIN 100-FT. OF RESOURCE AREA WITHOUT PRIOR CONSENT FROM

CONSERVATION COMMISSION.

7. ALL WORK SHALL BE COMPLETED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MASSACHUSETTS WETLANDS PROTECTION ACT AND ALL APPLICABLE STATE AND LOCAL BY—LAWS.

8. ALL MATERIALS TO BE STOCKPILED ON SITE OVERNIGHT SHALL BE TARPED OR COVERED BY OTHER APPROVED METHOD.



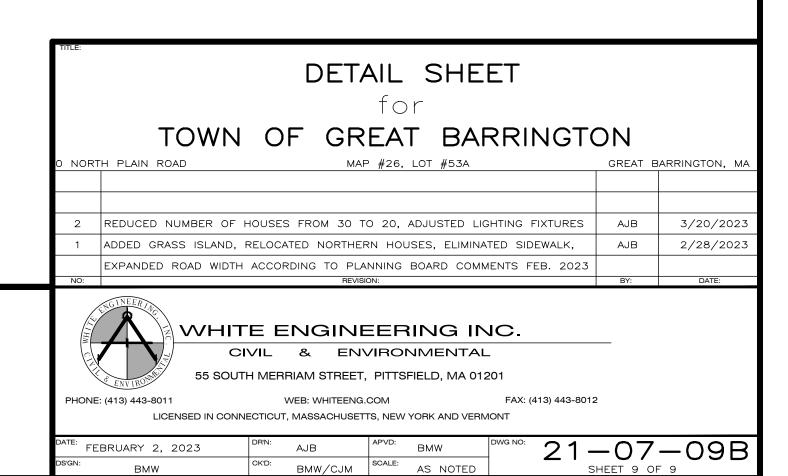


EXHIBIT A

FINDINGS OF FACT AND BASIS FOR DECISION <u>DRAFT</u>

Re: Special Permit #933-23 0 North Plain Road, Map 26, Lot 53A

A. Introduction

The Special Permit application for this project was filed on February 9, 2023 by Town of Great Barrington's Affordable Housing Trust Fund (the "Trust"), with Central Berkshire Habitat for Humanity ("Habitat") and White Engineering. The application seeks a permit for a 20-unit Planned Unit Residential Development ("PURD") at the subject site from the Great Barrington Selectboard in accordance with Sections 3.1.4, A(9), 8.5, and 10.4 of the Zoning Bylaw. The Trust is the landowner, Habitat is the Trust's designated developer for this project, and White Engineering is the Town's engineer for this project.

The special permit application includes a narrative description of the project as well as site plans showing a 30-unit layout, prepared for the Applicant by civil engineering firm White Engineering, Inc. of Pittsfield, MA dated February 2, 2023. Revised plans showing a 20-unit layout were submitted after the first session of the public hearing and show a revision date of March 20, 2023. The application materials also include discussions of stormwater, traffic, and utility impacts and provisions therefore. House floor plans, elevation views, and a phasing schedule and timeline are also included.

B. General Findings

The property is in an R1A zone, in which PURD is allowable by Special Permit from the Selectboard per Section 8.5 of the Zoning Bylaw.

As described in the application and as shown on the accompanying plans the proposed work involves the construction of a new cluster of 20 homes on a 7.25-acre undeveloped site. Construction will also include a new entrance/exit roadway with a loop road the serves each home, and the installation municipal utilities including sewer and water. Stormwater control and drainage infrastructure will be installed, and trees will be planted around the site.

Not more than 20 new homes will be constructed under this permit, and they will be grouped around the central loop road and its green space. Each home will be on its own condominium lot, to be owned that homeowner. The lots will vary in size, depending on location. The homes will be part of a condominium or homeowners association, which will maintain the open space in perpetuity, and will be responsible for the lighting and stormwater and other site maintenance. The road will be turned over to the Town.

Approximately 14 of the homes the homes will be affordable to households earning not more than 80% of Area Median Income and 6 will be affordable to households earning not more than 100% of Area Median Income. The homes will be a variety of two-, three-, and four-bedroom homes, to be sold for homeownership. All homes will be subject to a permanent affordability deed restriction because the site was purchased by the Trust using Community Preservation Act funds.

The initial proposal, showing 30 homes, was reviewed by the Board of Health, the Conservation

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Commission, and the Planning Board. The Board of Health made recommendations to the Selectboard regarding water filtration costs and water system impact. The Conservation Commission determined it does not have any jurisdiction and made no other comments. The Planning Board encouraged more than 20 homes and, based on the 30 unit plan, forwarded a positive recommendation to the Selectboard.

C. Planned Unit Residential Development (PURD) Criteria and Findings

Section 8.5 of the Zoning Bylaw sets forth the purpose and requirements for a PURD. Each applicable subsection heading is *italicized* below, followed by the Selectboard's discussion and findings.

- 8.5.1 Purpose: The proposal uses the PURD in order to cluster homes around a central green space and served by one small roadway. Compared to the setback, frontage, and lot area regulations of the conventional underlying zoning, the layout reduces the amount of road that would otherwise be required. The clustered design also reduces road cost, increases land available for common open space, and allows the homes to be located closer together and closer to the central common open space. Therefore the Board finds that this proposal is in keeping with and serves the purposes of the PURD regulations.
- 8.5.3 Permitted Uses: The proposal is to build single-family dwellings, which are permitted.
- 8.5.4 Density: The proposal meets the regulations of this subsection. The proposal is to build 20 units; therefore, it meets the minimum of 10 units but does not exceed the maximum of 60 units. There are no other PURDs in this area; therefore, this PURD is not contiguous with any other PURD. The minimum land area is 3,300 square feet per unit. This site contains over 300,000 square feet of land area, or 15,790 square feet of land area per unit, so the land area minimum is met. The proposal provides over 162,000 square feet of useable open space and common land, or 8,100 square feet per unit, more than meeting the minimum per unit open space requirement. Finally, the total land area covered by buildings will be approximately 24,800 square feet (1,200 to 1,400 square feet per home) or less than 10 percent of the lot area, which is less than the maximum allowable coverage of 20 percent.
- 8.5.5 Requirements: The proposal meets the regulations of this subsection. All parking, height, setback, and other requirements of this section are met, as shown on the plans. The Police Chief and DPW verified it is located to not cause traffic safety or congestion. The appropriate utilities have verified the capacities of the water and sewer are adequate. The infrastructure will be built with a grant already awarded to the Town, so the Board finds that a financial guarantee is not required as it would be for a private developer.
- 8.5.6 Timeshares: Timeshares will not be offered.
- 8.5.7 Common Land. The land will be held in common by the homeowners association or a condominium association and the Applicant shall develop a restriction document to be reviewed by the Board at a later date. The Board will condition this permit on the recording of such a document, so that no construction can begin until the restriction is recorded.
- 8.5.8 *Preliminary*: A preliminary proposal was developed and reviewed by the Planning Board on September 8, 2022.

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8.5.9 Procedures: The plans submitted for this special permit are in substantial conformance with this subsection. The Board will require a definitive development plan to be submitted to the Planning Board in accordance with this subsection and the subdivision regulations.

8.5.10. Decision: The Board finds this proposal to be in harmony with the Town's Master Plan and meets the PURD purposes, requirements, and criteria. The proposal adds housing opportunities to the Town while not over developing the existing residential area or burdening the roads or municipal utilities. The development will increase housing opportunities by providing affordable homes for ownership, which will be affordable in perpetuity. The homes will be clustered in order to reduce impervious surfaces and there will be a vegetated buffer around the site. The proposal provides useable open space, in a central green as well as surrounding the homes, and the open space will assured and maintained in accordance with the bylaw. Finally the proposal includes a timeline of phasing as required by this subsection.

D. Special Permit Criteria and Findings

Section 10.4.2 of the Zoning Bylaw, granting of a special permit requires a written determination by the Special Permit Granting Authority "that the adverse effects of the proposed use will not outweigh its beneficial impacts to the town or the neighborhood, in view of the particular characteristics of the site, and of the proposal in relation to that site." This determination shall include consideration of the following six criteria:

- 1. Social, economic, or community needs which are served by the proposal;
- 2. Traffic flow and safety, including parking and loading;
- 3. Adequacy of utilities and other public services;
- 4. Neighborhood character and social structures;
- 5. Impacts on the natural environment; and,
- 6. Potential fiscal impact, including impact on town services, tax base, and employment.

Consideration of the Criteria in relation to SP 933-23:

Per Section 10.4.2 of the Zoning Bylaw, granting of any special permit requires a determination by the Special Permit Granting Authority "that the adverse effects of the proposed use will not outweigh its beneficial impacts to the town or the neighborhood, in view of the particular characteristics of the site, and of the proposal in relation to that site." The six criteria and the Board's considerations in relation each are detailed below:

- Social, economic, or community needs which are served by the proposal.
 The Selectboard finds that the project as proposed will provide much needed housing that will be affordable at levels attainable for households who work in the area and wish to be able to live in Great Barrington. Deed restrictions will ensure the homes are affordable in perpetuity.
- 2. Traffic flow and safety, including parking and loading.

 The Selectboard finds that the proposal has been designed to provide a safe roadway in and out of the project site with sufficient parking provided on site for homeowners as well as guests. The project will have no negative impact on traffic flow or safety.
- 3. Adequacy of utilities and other public services.

 The application has cited town professional studies documenting the adequate supply of

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water in this portion of the Housatonic Water Works system. Sanitary sewer will be provided to the homes and it will be constructed in accordance with the Town's wastewater requirements. The Selectboard finds that the proposed use will have no detrimental impact on the public water or public sewer systems.

4. Neighborhood character and social structures.

The Selectboard finds the proposal supports and does not detract from character and social structures. The Affordable Housing Trust and its developer Habitat for Humanity has carefully planned the project incorporating the feedback from various meeting of the community and of town boards and town staff. The project proposes 20 home sites that comply with all PURD setback requirements and seeks to construct homes of size and scale for which there is a need and desire, and that are of a scale and design in keeping with surrounding homes. Open space on site can provide space for community gatherings, gardens, play areas, and other areas to support and enhance the neighborhood.

5. Impacts on the natural environment.

The Selectboard finds there will be no significant negative impacts on the natural environment. The site is designed according to the natural topography to the extent possible, to avoid excessive earth disturbance and to maintain existing drainage patterns. Through the connection to the sanitary sewer system there is no risk of contamination from or failure of private on-site septic systems. Stormwater management meeting the required storm volumes is provided, and the stormwater will be slowed and percolated into the ground to recharge groundwater. New trees will be planted providing habitat and a vegetated buffer around the site. The homes will be built to be solar ready if homeowners wish to install solar panels on rooftops.

6. Potential fiscal impact, including impact on town services, tax base, and employment. The proposed project will have positive fiscal impacts for the Town. Twenty new households will be able to live in town while building equity in that home and paying residential real estate taxes and utility service fees. The project provides a meaningful increase in the tax base and employment base of the town.

Finding:

In consideration of the above Findings, this Selectboard finds that the benefits of the proposal outweigh any detrimental impacts, and several conditions will ensure requirements are met and certain benefits are realized.

E. Proposed Conditions

- 1. Prior to construction, a definitive plan shall be submitted to the Planning Board in accordance with the subdivision regulations and the PURD requirements.
- Prior to construction, homeowner or condominium association documents that include
 provisions for the long term preservation and maintenance of the site's open space shall be
 provided to the Town for review. Prior to issuance of any certificate of occupancy the
 documents shall be recorded.

DRAFT MOTIONS

SP # 933-23

Special Permit application from the Great Barrington Affordable Housing Trust, c/o White Engineering, Inc., with Central Berkshire Habitat for Humanity, for a Planned Unit Residential Development of new residential homes at 0 North Plain Road, Map 26, Lot 53A, per Sections 3.1.4 A(9), 8.5 and 10.4 of the Zoning Bylaw.

DRAFT MOTIONS

(If the Board has amended the Findings based on the Public Hearing and its discussion, be sure to specify those changes and approve the findings "as amended.")

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TE ON FINDIINGS
I move to approve the Findings of Fact for Special Permit #933-23, as written / as amended and referenced as Exhibit A.
Second:
Roll call vote: Davis Gabriel Reed Abrahams Bannon
ΓΕ ON THE SPECIAL PERMIT
I move, in view of the approved Findings of Fact, to <i>approve</i> Special Permit #933-23 for Great Barrington Affordable Housing Trust for a Planned Unit Residential Development of 20 new residential homes at 0 North Plain Road, Map 26, Lot 53A, in substantial conformance with the plans submitted and the following conditions:
1. Prior to construction, a definitive plan shall be submitted to the Planning Board in accordance with the subdivision regulations and the PURD requirements.
2. Prior to construction, homeowner or condominium association documents that include provisions for the long term preservation and maintenance of the site's open space shall be provided to the Town for review. Prior to issuance of any certificate of occupancy the documents shall be recorded.
Second:
Roll call vote: Davis Gabriel Reed Abrahams Bannon

Selectboard Meeting Packet for March 27, 2023 Item 6. a. SB vote to appoint Christopher Wiltshire and Devan Arnold to the Agricultural Commission

From: <u>Vivian Orlowski</u>
To: <u>Amy Pulver</u>

Cc: Mark Pruhenski; Devan Arnold; Christopher Wiltshire

Subject: Agricultural Commission recommends Selectboard appointment of two applicants

Date: Thursday, March 2, 2023 9:24:30 AM

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Hi Amy,

The Agricultural Commission has current vacancies and now two applicants are applying to serve as members. Yesterday, Christopher Wiltshire (residing at 39 South St.) copied me on his application for the term ending in 2024. This morning, former Ag Commission member Devan Arnold (residing at 59 Taconic Ave) copied me on his application for the term ending in 2025.

We are fortunate to have these two highly qualified applicants for the Ag Commission with impressive track records (in local agriculture, horticulture, ecological land care and education) who are committed to community service.

At our recent meeting on February 17, both these candidates met with the Agricultural Commission, which then enthusiastically recommended both Devan and Chris for appointment by the Selectboard.

Will it be possible for the Selectboard to consider these two appointments on the agenda for their upcoming March 6 meeting?

Thank you, Vivian

Vivian Orlowski, Chair Agricultural Commission Town of Great Barrington 334 Main Street Great Barrington, MA 01230 EcoMotiva@gmail.com

Selectboard Meeting Packet for March 27, 2023 Item 6. a. SB vote to appoint Christopher Wiltshire and Devan Arnold to the Agricultural Commission

From: Devan Arnold

To: <u>Mark Pruhenski</u>; <u>Amy Pulver</u>

Cc: <u>Vivian Orlowski</u>

Subject: Agricultural Commission Position

Date: Thursday, March 2, 2023 8:56:22 AM

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To the Great Barrington Selectboard:

I have a long time interest in sustainable and holistic agriculture and am interested in rejoining the Great Barrington Agricultural Commission for the currently vacant term ending June 30, 2025. I have worked with the Commission as a member and as a volunteer advisor for the better part of a decade, have attended a great score of meetings, and am very familiar with the activities of the Ag Commission up to the current date.

I grew up in Great Barrington on the eastern side of Monument Mountain and since a very young age have had a deep connection to the local Great Barrington landscape (including its abundant agricultural tracts). I received my bachelors degree in 2011 from Prescott College with a major in Agro-ecology and sustainable food systems and in 2017 received my Masters degree in Ecological Design and Planning from the Conway School in Easthampton, MA.

During my Masters work I completed several projects for clients including a sustainable homestead design for a couple in Plainfield, MA, an Open Space and Recreation Plan update for the town of Pembroke, MA as well as a master-plan for Woven Roots Farm in Tyringham, MA, which is an outstanding no-till farm with a deep commitment to healthy, sustainable production as well as to education and environmental stewardship.

I currently run a small ecological land care company here in Great Barrington that focuses on responsible land stewardship and promotion of native perennials in the local landscape. My company (Sassafras Land Care LLC) has been very involved with the town's efforts to increase pollinator-supportive care of municipal lands. We designed and installed (and for several years maintained) the pollinator garden outside the Mason Library. I also designed

the native pollinator underplantings for the Main Street tree planters, but this design was not followed when planted and maintained by non-Berkshire company). Through my work with the Great Barrington Land Conservancy (where I serve on the board) we designed and installed a pollinator supportive habitat planting at the base of Knob Hill across from the Lake Mansfield boat launch.

I appreciate your consideration for appointment to the Agricultural Commission of

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Great Barrington. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Devan Arnold 59 Taconic Ave. Unit 2, Great Barrington, MA 01230



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March 14, 2023

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VIA EMAIL ONLY

David J. Doneski, Esq. KP Law ddoneski@k-plaw.com

RE: Open Meeting Law Complaint

Dear Attorney Doneski:

This office received two complaints—one from Antonio Segalla and one from Daniel Seitz—on August 16, 2022, ¹ alleging that the Great Barrington Selectboard (the "Board"), and specifically its Chair and Vice Chair, violated the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, §§ 18-25. The complaints were originally filed with the Board on June 17, and you responded on behalf of the Board by letters dated July 8. The complaints allege that the Board created a subcommittee, and that the subcommittee failed to post notice of its meetings and held meetings that were not open to the public.

Following our review, we find that the Board created a subcommittee, and that the subcommittee violated the Open Meeting Law as alleged. In reaching this determination, we reviewed the Open Meeting Law complaints, the Board's responses, the requests for further review, video recordings of the Board's March 7 and May 23 meetings,² and a July 5 email sent from Board member Ed Abrahams to complainant Daniel Seitz.

FACTS

We find the facts to be as follows. During the Board's March 7 meeting Christopher Rembold, Assistant Town Manager and Director of Planning, presented a draft short-term rental bylaw to the Board. After a lengthy discussion of the proposed bylaw, the Board reached an

¹ All dates are in 2022, unless otherwise stated.

² Video recordings of the Board's meetings may be found at https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLIiD8BG2vkq4AKFMOBvrIi80M 9gg37sg.

impasse regarding certain provisions. At that point, the chair of the Board, Stephen Bannon, asked what the Board wanted to do to move forward on this matter. Mr. Rembold proposed that, if the Board wanted, he could work directly with two members on a new draft bylaw to bring back to the Board for further consideration.

Thereafter, the Board's vice chair, Leigh Davis, volunteered to work with Mr. Rembold and another Board member to revise the draft bylaw. Board member Ed Abrahams recommended that Chair Bannon be the second Board member to assist in this effort, and Chair Bannon agreed. After some additional discussion, as Chair Bannon began to turn to public comment, Vice Chair Davis asked what the Board had decided to do with respect to revising the draft bylaw. Chair Bannon responded, "Ed nominated me, you volunteered, and we [will] work with Chris to try to bring something back." Thereafter, the Board again discussed how many and which members of the Board should participate in the effort to revise the draft bylaw. From there the discussion turned to further disagreement regarding the substance of the draft bylaw until Chair Bannon stated "let's move ahead. Leigh and I will work with Chris on this, and let's move ahead."

During the Board's May 23 meeting it again discussed the proposed short-term rental bylaw. During this discussion, Mr. Rembold explained that he had left the Board's March 7 meeting with "a charge to work with the Chair and Vice Chair to develop a draft" bylaw based on the Board's March 7 discussion. Mr. Rembold then reviewed highlights from the revised draft bylaw and noted that the revised draft was the result of discussion between himself, the Town Manager Mark Pruhenski, Chair Bannon, and Vice Chair Davis.

In response to questions about the removal of a clause from previous drafts of the bylaw, Chair Bannon explained that "the Select Board, as Chris has pointed out, had asked Leigh and I, Chris and Mark, mainly Leigh and I, to come with a draft to bring back to the full Select Board." After further discussion, the Board voted to approve the draft bylaw, without further changes, for public comment. After hearing public comment regarding the short-term rental bylaw, the Board voted to include the bylaw on the warrant for the Town's upcoming Town Meeting. The bylaw was passed at the June 6 Annual Town Meeting.

DISCUSSION

The Open Meeting Law was enacted "to eliminate much of the secrecy surrounding the deliberations and decisions on which public policy is based." Ghiglione v. School Board of Southbridge, 376 Mass. 70, 72 (1978). To that end, the Open Meeting Law requires "[e]xcept in an emergency, in addition to any notice otherwise required by law, a public body shall post notice of every meeting at least 48 hours prior to such meeting excluding Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays." G.L. c. 30A, § 20(b). Additionally, the Open Meeting Law requires that, unless lawfully convened in executive session, all meetings of a public body must be open to the public. G.L. c. 30A, § 20(a).

The Open Meeting Law applies only to public bodies. <u>See</u> G.L. c. 30A, §§ 18-25. The law defines "public body" as "a multiple-member board, commission, committee or subcommittee . . . however created, elected, appointed or otherwise constituted, established to serve a public purpose[.]" G.L. c. 30A, § 18. A subcommittee is a "multiple-member body

created to advise or make recommendations to a public body." G.L. c. 30A, § 18. Whether a public body created a subcommittee is a fact-intensive inquiry and our analysis hinges on the public body's actions and whether it intended to create a multiple-member body. Compare, e.g., OML 2017-111 (finding that no subcommittee was created where a single volunteer was sought to work on a matter and another board member thereafter, on their own initiative, volunteered to assist), with OML 2018-23 (finding that a subcommittee was created where multiple volunteers were sought to work on a matter and after two individuals volunteered, the public body, by consensus, formally agreed to the arrangement).

The complaints allege that the Board created a subcommittee tasked with revising the draft short-term rental bylaw in order to present a new proposed bylaw to the Board for its consideration. The complaints further allege that this subcommittee did not post notice of its meetings or hold its meetings open to the public. The Board does not specifically deny that Chair Bannon, Vice Chair Davis, and Mr. Rembold met to review and revise the draft short-term rental bylaw, nor does the Board assert that any such meetings were properly posted and open to the public. Instead, the Board asserts that the group was not a subcommittee because during the Board's March 7 meeting "[t]here was no vote of the Board[;] [t]here was no statement regarding creation of a subcommittee[;] and there was no delegation or grant of any authority to the chair and Selectwoman Davis." Furthermore, the Board appears to assert that the group was not "created to advise or make recommendations to" the Board, stating that the draft bylaw presented to the Board on May 23 "was for the purpose of, and subject to, the Board's discussion and approval; it was not a recommendation." Finally, the Board compares the facts of the case at hand to the facts presented in OML 2017-111 in which we found a subcommittee had not been created where a single volunteer was sought to work on a matter and another board member thereafter, on their own initiative, volunteered to assist.

We disagree with the Board's characterization of the events that took place during its March 7 meeting. Although the Board did not take a formal vote and did not use the word "subcommittee," the Board discussed at length having two members work with Mr. Rembold to revise the proposed short-term rental bylaw and bring a new version of the bylaw to the Board for further consideration. After discussion of which and how many Board members should work with Mr. Rembold on this effort, the Board agreed that Chair Bannon and Vice Chair Davis would be the two members to do so. Although it may be the case that the Board did not literally intend to create a subcommittee, based on the facts presented in this case, we find that the Board's actions during its March 7 meeting clearly created a subcommittee and that the subcommittee failed to post notice of its meetings or to hold its meetings open to the public. See OML 2019-93; OML 2018-23; OML 2021-78.

CONCLUSION

For the reasons stated above, we find that the Board created a subcommittee to revise a proposed short-term rental bylaw and that this subcommittee failed to comply with the Open Meeting Law. We order the Board's and Subcommittee's immediate and future compliance with the Open Meeting Law and caution that future similar violations may be considered evidence of

³ Open Meeting Law determinations may be found at the Attorney General's website, www.mass.gov/ago/openmeeting.

intent to violate the Law. With the understanding that any meetings of the Subcommittee occurred sometime ago, we order the Subcommittee to create minutes for any meetings it held, to the best of its ability, using any means available, including notes, records, and the recollections of those in attendance at such meetings. Although we order the Subcommittee to create minutes to the best of its ability, we acknowledge the potential infeasibility of accurately capturing the substance of discussions that occurred approximately one year ago during meetings that the Subcommittee mistakenly believed were not subject to the Open Meeting Law; we remind the Subcommittee that minutes must accurately capture what was actually discussed during a meeting. Within 30 days of receipt of this letter, the Subcommittee shall certify to our office that it has complied with this order by creating minutes for any meetings it held. If the Subcommittee is unable to create accurate minutes for its meetings, it must, within 30 days of receipt of this letter, explain to this office in writing what efforts it made to create meeting minutes. Furthermore, if the Subcommittee communicated via email regarding the short-term rental bylaw, we order the Subcommittee to publicly release all such emails, either by reading them aloud at an open meeting, or by attaching the emails to the minutes of an open meeting.

Finally, we decline to order the remedy requested in the complaints—nullifying the Board's May 23 vote to include the short-term rental bylaw on the Annual Town Meeting warrant and thereby nullifying the action taken at the Annual Town Meeting. There is no suggestion that the Board's May 23 meeting did not comply with the Open Meeting Law. Additionally, by the time the complaints were filed the Annual Town Meeting had already occurred. See OML 2013-195; OML 2013-92.

We now consider the complaints addressed by this determination to be resolved. This determination does not address any other complaints that may be pending with the Board, the Subcommittee, or with our office. Please feel free to contact our office at (617) 963-2540 if you have any questions regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Carnes Flynn Assistant Attorney General

Division of Open Government

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SELECTBOARD

March 27, 2023

Office of the Attorney General Attn: Elizabeth Carnes Flynn- AAG One Ashburton Place Boston, MA 02108

RE: Town Response to OML Complaint 2023-32

Dear Assistant Attorney General Flynn,

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For this Chapter, the following terms shall have the definitions indicated.

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Regulations.

No dwelling unit or part thereof may be offered as a Short-Term Rental within the Town of Great Barrington unless it is registered annually with the Town through an application process approved by the Selectboard and in accordance with this Chapter, and registered with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Revenue in accordance with applicable laws.

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Up to two bedrooms in a dwelling unit or an entire secondary unit on the same parcel may be registered and rented as a Short-Term Rental by right. The registered Short-Term Rental may be rented for an unlimited number of days per year, provided that the Owner is residing in one of the dwelling units on

premises at the time of the rental. In cases where the Owner is not on-residing on premises at the time of the rental, no unit or portion thereof may be rented more than 150 days per year.

A Short Term Rental duly registered with the Town may be rented for an unlimited number days per calendar year.

Short-Term Rentals are prohibited in dwelling units owned by a corporation. Short-Term Rentals are permitted in dwelling units owned by an LLC or Trust only when every shareholder, partner, or member of the legal entity is a natural person, as established by documentation provided by the applicant at the time of registration.

Short-Term rentals are prohibited in dwelling units designated as affordable or otherwise income-restricted, which are subject to affordability covenants or are otherwise subject to housing or rental assistance under local, state, or federal programs or law.

An Owner shall not register or offer a rental unit subject to a long term lease as a Short-Term Rental, nor shall a tenant offer his/her/their rental unit as a Short-Term Rental.

Requirements for Short-Term Rental Operations:

- 1. An Owner shall post in any Short-Term Rental unit the following information in a conspicuous place:
 - a. the Owner's certificate of registration with the Town;
 - b. Short-Term Rental street address:
 - c. Contact information for the Operator and whom to call in an emergency;
 - d. Instructions for recycling and waste disposal;
 - e. Notice that dogs must be leashed when outdoors if not in a securely fenced enclosure;
 - f. Notice that no excessive noise shall occur after 8:00 PM or earlier than 8:00 AM.
- 2. Each unit shall contain functional smoke detectors, carbon monoxide alarms, and a properly maintained and charged multi-purpose fire extinguisher.
- 3. A Short-Term Rental is not allowed on any property with outstanding violations of Building, Fire, Health codes, and/or Town Bylaws.
- 4. Events that include amplified music or tents which would customarily require a license or permit are prohibited.
- 5. Signs on the property advertising the Short-Term Rental are prohibited.

Inspection.

Short-Term Rentals may be subject to inspection by the Great Barrington Health Department, Fire Department, and/or the Building Inspector. Short-Term Rental Owners are required to provide access for the purpose of conducting safety inspections when necessary. Failure to provide access to an inspector upon request and after proper notice will invalidate the license to operate a Short-Term Rental until an inspection by the appropriate authority has been conducted, and all violations have been addressed to the satisfaction of the Department and/or the Town. Failure to comply with orders to correct deficiencies may result in fines or refusal to allow license renewal.

Owners can appeal a written violation within 21 days of notice in accordance with M. G. L. Ch. 40 § 21D.

In the event that there are three or more violations within a twelve-month period, Short-Term Rental Registrations may be revoked and permanently denied by a vote of the Selectboard.

Penalties.

If any Owner violates any provision of this bylaw, the Owner may be subject to a civil penalty in accordance with M. G. L. Ch. 40 § 21D, with the following:

\$100 1st Offense \$200 2nd Offense \$300 3rd Offense and each subsequent offense

Each day that a violation exists constitutes a separate offense.

Selectboard Authority. The Selectboard shall have the authority to create a registration application form, set registration fees, and adopt rules, regulations, policies or procedures to implement the provisions of this Chapter. The registration process shall require an Owner to include the address of the unit to be registered, to list the names of all organization members if owned by a legal entity, and to provide verifiable documentation of the owners or members of that legal entity.

Severability. If any provision in this section shall be held to be invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, then such provision shall be considered separately and apart from the remaining provisions, which shall remain in full force and effect.

Effective Date. The provisions of this Bylaw "Short-Term Rental of Residential Properties" shall take effect on January 1, 2023.

Selectboard Meeting Packet for March 7, 2022 Item 6. a. Continued Discussion on the Proposed Short Term Rental Bylaw

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Definitions

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General Requirements For Short-Term Rentals:

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- A Short-Term Rental is not allowed on any property with outstanding violations of Building, Fire, Health codes, and/or Town Bylaws.
- An Owner shall expressly prohibit tenants from offering all or part of the dwelling unit for Short-Term Rental use
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Short-Term Rental of Rooms and Secondary Units.

Up to two bedrooms in a dwelling unit or a secondary unit on the same parcel may be rented year-round by right, provided that the Resident-Owner is occupying the dwelling unit at the time of the rental.

Commented [R1]: Discussion of what "commercial interests" means. Come to a clear understanding.

Commented [R2]: Re-word so renters are respectful, no need to post the entire ordinance or have a decibel meter

Selectboard Meeting Packet for March 7, 2022 Item 6. a. Continued Discussion on the Proposed Short Term Rental Bylaw

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An entire dwelling unit may be rented up to 90 days per calendar year by right.

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Registration.

By obtaining a Short-Term Rental license, a Resident-Owner can offer two separate entire dwelling units for Short-Term Rental use, providing one of the dwelling units is their primary residence. A non-resident or part-year resident can offer only one dwelling unit for Short-Term Rental use. All Owners shall register annually with the Selectboard to receive a Short-Term Rental License. A formatted application approved by the Selectboard will be available. Upon approval of an application, the applicant will be given a registration number to be displayed in all listings and at the Short-Term Rental property. An Owner may hire a property management company to list and manage Short-Term Rentals, provided the license is in the Owner's name. A married couple may have only one license. The licensing process requires an Owner to include the addresses of unit(s) to their license and list the names of all organization members if owned by a legal entity.

Adoption of Regulations.

The Selectboard may adopt and amend regulations in furtherance of the implementation of this bylaw.

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Commented [R3]: Notes: This distinguishes between second home and primary homes. Should be up in the regulations section. NB: the 90 days applies to either/all(?) STR is not banned in either case, just limited to 90 days.

Chris Rembold

From: Leigh Davis

Sent: Monday, March 21, 2022 3:35 PM

To: Chris Rembold

Cc: Steve Bannon; Mark Pruhenski Subject: Re: STR discussion next week?

I believe it was Jonathan Hankin who told me people have LLCs for other personal reasons(?) and it should be allowed in the bylaw (he said this while it was being discussed as part of housing subcommittee)- I never understood this though. I'm fine with no LLCs! Pls change if it makes sense. (But trusts will still be allowed, yes?)

On Mar 21, 2022, at 1:15 PM, Chris Rembold <crembold@townofgb.org> wrote:

No problem.

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On another item, and we can discuss more on Wednesday, why we would allow LLCs? It seems to me the only reason to have an LLC is to separate investment risk and liability from one's personal life. To me an LLC seems to be a corporate interest, by definition.

By the way, about 10% of the 200+ STRs registered with the state are LLCs (not counting hotels and B&Bs).

Chris

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To: Chris Rembold <crembold@Townofgb.org>

Cc: Steve Bannon <sbannon@Townofgb.org>; Mark Pruhenski <MPruhenski@Townofgb.org>

Subject: Re: STR discussion next week?

Ho Chris -

Thank you. I wasn't aware that a special permit can only be done via a zoning bylaw.

With that said, I would like to suggest revising section re: Registration to say instead one license =one STR (with clarification if needed as onlined in my the previous email) -delete two STR operation language and mention of distinction between full time and part time residents)

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Thank you! Steve?

On Mar 21, 2022, at 10:42 AM, Chris Rembold crembold@townofgb.org wrote:

Thanks Leigh, I'll review all of these emails. As for a special permit, I strongly advise against this, UNLESS you want to make this a zoning bylaw (and that's too late for this year) like Lenox.

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Hey Chris -

I'm dictating this on my phone from a soccer field in Fitchburg so sorry for the grammar-(or lack of!)

Steve I spoke earlier today and would like us to please consider these possibilities below

Would you please incorporate this in your draft proposal and /or offer comments /point out strengths/weaknesses in these ideas-

- 1) An owner may only have one STR license
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**Important caveat **:

Criteria to APPLY for special permit:

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On Mar 17, 2022, at 12:32 PM, Chris Rembold crembold@townofgb.org wrote:

Shall we say 6:00 or 6:30 Wed. by zoom then?

I will try to send something this weekend but cannot guarantee it.

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Sent: Thursday, March 17, 2022 11:08 AM
To: Leigh Davis <LDavis@Townofgb.org>

Cc: Chris Rembold <crembold@Townofgb.org>; Mark Pruhenski

<MPruhenski@Townofgb.org>

Subject: Re: STR discussion next week?

I will be available after 6 PM on Wednesday. We can do a phone /Zoom conversation if everyone else is available.

Sent from my iPhone Stephen Bannon 413 -446 -6957

On Mar 17, 2022, at 10:57 AM, Leigh Davis <LDavis@townofgb.org> wrote:

Wednesday from 6pm on I'm available but before then I will be traveling starting this Sunday morning. Would you

please send us something before then so we can begin the process of discussion? I'm worried that we will run out of time for due diligence and we need to have some thing for the packet for next Friday. Thanks

On Mar 17, 2022, at 9:37 AM, Steve Bannon <sbannon@townofgb.org> wrote:

Wednesday is best for me. Otherwise Tuesday and Thursday would have to be after 4 PM

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> On Mar 17, 2022, at 9:18 AM, Chris Rembold <<u>crembold@townofgb.or</u> g> wrote:

Hi Steve and Leigh, would you like to meet / Zoom next week Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday?

I hope to be able to work on this on Monday, and send something to you by the end of Monday for consideration.

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Christopher Rembold, AICP

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