

**Board of Appeals Meeting
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Meeting Materials

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AGENDA - Updated

CALL TO ORDER

BOARD ORGANIZATION

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APPEALS

Administrative Appeal – Troy Bryant – Map 35 Lot 27

Administrative Appeal – Jonathan Turgeon – Map 32 Lot 15

ADJOURNMENT

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CALL TO ORDER – Chairperson Mark Hyland called the meeting to order at 7:00pm with Members Gerard Bowes, Joseph Radziszewski, Jr, Lou Ann Lancaster, Code Enforcement Officer Scott Neal (CEO), and Recording Secretary Sarah Merrill are present.

Public Attendance: Michael Rosenthal, Stacy Sarno, Brian Beaulieu, Steve Lancaster, Michael Shapiro, John Conway, and Scott Grundin.

MINUTES – October 3, 2018 – Member Bowes Moved to approve the minutes. Member Lancaster seconded the motion. Discussion: None 3-yes 0-no 1 abstained (Member Radziszewski, Jr abstained as he was absent from that meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS – None

APPEALS – Administrative Appeal – Marla Dodie Rosenthal and Michael Rosenthal – 45 Garland Swamp Road – Map 32 Lot 8

- **Chairperson Hyland went through the procedure to be followed by the Board of Appeals (Board) and participants.**
- **Michael Rosenthal is present and representing the interests of Marla Dodie Rosenthal, his daughter.**
- **Conflict of interest among Board Members:** Chairperson Hyland asked if any members of the Board have a conflict on interest. The Board members all said they don't have any conflicts of interest.
- **Right, Title, or Interest by the Applicant:** Member Radziszewski, Jr moved to approve that the applicant has right, title, or interest in the property by way of the deed presented. Member Bowes seconded the motion.
Discussion: None Vote: 4-yes 0-no
- **Standing:** Member Radziszewski, Jr moved to approve that Ms. Rosenthal has standing because there is a permit denied by the Code Enforcement Officer. Member Lancaster seconded the motion. Discussion: None Vote: 4-yes 0-no
- Mr. Rosenthal presented his case to the Board: Good evening Board Members and thank you for being here this evening to hear our appeal regarding our application for a dock on Tripp Lake. My family has owned our camp, situated at 45 Garland Swamp Road, since 1952. I grew up at our camp and spent every summer there from 1953 until I graduated from college in 1975. Upon graduation,

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I was married in 1975, and my wife and I spent summers at our camp thereafter. Our daughter Marla, the current owner of the camp, was born in 1982. My wife and daughter used our camp virtually every summer through the late 1990's and I joined them sporadically over the years. My wife, my daughter, and I utilized our camp on an intermittent basis thereafter. Our camp has an eight foot (8') right of way pursuant to our 1952 deed that permits us access to Tripp Lake. For more than forty (40) years, beginning in 1953 when our camp was remodeled, our family had a dock situated by our right of way. My family used the dock to dock our boats during these years. I retired recently and decided that I would spend summers back at our camp. This summer I filed the application for a dock permit which was denied.

- Chairperson Hyland – Mr. Rosenthal tell me. So, you have an eight foot (8') right of way. How much shore frontage is there? How many people have a right of way down to this particular spot?
- Mr. Rosenthal – Just our family.
- Chairperson Hyland – Alright is there an eight foot (8') section of shoreline that belongs to you and then there's camps on either side? How does that work?
- Mr. Rosenthal – It does not belong to us per se. We just have a right of way to the lake from our property. We have what you call the back camp, our neighbors at 49 Garland Swamp Road, have the front camp. They have a right of way over our property that's ten feet (10') wide to get down to their camp and we have an eight foot (8') right of way over their property to get down to the lake.
- Chairperson Hyland – Questions from the Board?
- Member Bowes – Who is the owner of the right of way?
- Mr. Rosenthal – The fee simple owner of the right of way is Stacy Sarno.
- Member Bowes – And how many feet of frontage is on the lake in total?
- Mr. Rosenthal – I don't know for certain, but I would say it's certainly less than one hundred and fifty feet (150').
- Member Bowes – Did I read sixty nine feet (69') in the package?
- CEO Neal – Yes

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- Member Bowes – So it's sixty nine feet (69'). I also read that if it's under two hundred feet (200') a dock can't be permitted on a beach especially if there's already an existing dock. To Ms. Sarno – You have a dock?
- Ms. Sarno – Yes. We own a dock.
- Member Bowes – So as the owner you own a dock. Okay. So, your reason for denying the permit, one of them, was because it was less than two hundred feet (200'), there was already a dock and there can't be more than one.
- CEO Neal – Right.
- Member Bowes – That's the ordinance, right?
- CEO Neal – Yes
- Mr. Rosenthal – Would you like me to explain why I have a different view?
- Member Bowes – Sure
- Mr. Rosenthal – After the Officer Neal in his email to me, of July 29, 2019 states and I quote "I can't approve a dock on a right of way unless the deed is written to say that you may install a dock". Officer Neal's reason for denying the dock based upon the fact that our 1952 deed does not specifically state that we are entitled to have a dock with our right of way is contrary to a Maine statute that is directly on point. Title 43 Maine Revised Statutes, Section 459, paragraph two enacted in 2017 provides and I quote as follows "Easements or right of way established on or after January 1, 2018. The only other easement or right of way leading to or touching a water body does not have the right by implication to construct a dock on the easement or right of way or use the easement or right of way to facilitate the construction of a dock on the water body if the easement or right of way if the easement or right of way is originally established in a written instrument on or after January 1, 2018 and the instrument granting or reserving the easement or right of way does not expressly include the right to construct a dock on the easement or right of way to use the easement or right of way to facilitate the construction of a dock on the water body".
- Mr. Conway – I have copies of that for everyone. This is state statute.
- Mr. Rosenthal – Section 459, paragraph two, of Title 33 Maine Revised Statutes is the controlling law on this issue. The first point of emphasis regarding section 459 is the fact that the legislature grandfathered in people who had rights of way that were created prior to January 1, 2018. As I'm sure you know this is common

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practice in legislation so as not to prejudice the rights of persons who are relying on the law as it existed prior to the change. In other words, to prevent the new law from retroactively changing existing legal rights. Our deed granting the right of way was granted in 1952. So, we would be grandfathered in and section 459 would not disallow our proposed dock. Furthermore, the language of section 459 paragraph two provides that the owner of an easement or right of way does not have quote "right by implication to construct a dock". The words "by implication" are very significant. The legislature included in the statute "by implication" to make it clear that existing law in Maine is that a person with a right of way to a lake had a right "by implication" of the right of way to build a dock so as to be able to obtain the full intended benefit of the right of way. See the leading Maine case on this superior court case *Sleeper v. Loring*, June 17, 2015. It of course makes good sense that a person with a right of way to access a lake would expect that the right of way would grant by implication the right to build a dock so as to get the full benefit of lake access. Officer Neal justifies his denial of the dock application in his letter of July 31, 2019 under the authority of Chapter 5 of the Town of Poland Comprehensive Land Use Code contending that we would need to have at least two hundred feet (200') of lake frontage with our right of way in order to be able to have a dock. As I'm sure all members of the Board are aware nearly every camp with frontage on the lake has a dock and virtually none of these camps has two hundred feet (200') of lake frontage. Yet, in spite of not meeting the two hundred foot (200') frontage requirement, which I understand came into effect by the Town of Poland code in 2001, even though our dock had been in existence for nearly forty years prior to that. All of these people with less than two hundred feet (200') of frontage have docks. To deny my family the right to have a dock based upon the two hundred foot (200') frontage rule is in my opinion unfair and unjust in view of the fact that other land owners have less than two hundred feet (200') of frontage and they are permitted to have docks. Officer Neal also cites Poland code Chapter 5 section 508.27 D.1 as justification of the dock permit. This provision is inapplicable as it was intended to prevent a single person from having two docks on his or her property unless that person had double the lake frontage needed for one dock. That provision was not intended to apply to a right of way situation. Under Officer Neal's interpretation of that code provision no person with a right of way would ever qualify to have a dock unless the right of way had two hundred feet (200') of frontage if the owner of the lakefront property already had a dock which is virtually always the case. With all due courtesy and respect to Officer Neal, I respectfully submit that his interpretation of the code is contrary to the plain meaning and intent of the Maine Legislature as set forth in Title 33 Maine Revised Statutes, section 459, paragraph two which was enacted in 2017 which is sixteen years after the code provision was put into effect. So, the Maine Legislature would take notice of the fact that the Poland code provision was already in effect. The dock that we have applied to construct is only eight feet (8') long. It is likely the smallest dock application ever filed with the Town of Poland. In applying for such a small dock, we were being sensitive to the needs of our neighbors as well as

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being environmentally sensitive. It is for these reasons that I respectfully request that you grant our application to construct the eight foot (8') dock at the end of our right of way. Thank you very much for your time and consideration of our appeal.

- Member Bowes – You had discussed this with the Town Attorney before you issued the denial? Was the Town Attorney aware of this state thing?
- CEO Neal – Yes.
- Member Bowes – So does our local ordinance supersede the state? or how does that work?
- CEO Neal – I would have to refer to her. It was my understanding that that was only for new deeds created after 2018.
- Mr. Conway (Here with Mr. Rosenthal) – The other part, and a very persuasive argument made, another part of this is that this is a legally existing nonconforming use. This was clearly here long before the ordinance was ever in effect. I don't think there's any dispute as to that. Clearly the right of way was established long before there was an ordinance and the ordinance specifically allows for uses which were in effect at the time the ordinance came into effect to continue in effect as long as they don't become more nonconforming in fashion. There's nothing here, no evidence, I think you've heard very clearly from Mr. Rosenthal there's been no change in the use and the dock, we only have a picture on a phone, but we could show you that the dock is two four foot (4') section sitting and isn't even attached to the land. It sits in the water below the low water mark which may be another issue, but I don't think this Board needs to reach that. Seeing the Code Enforcement Officer's denial, I didn't see any discussion regarding grandfathering and why it was that a legally nonconforming use could somehow be eliminated based on an ordinance that came into effect forty years after that use began. Clearly that's not the case on any other nonconforming use you have in Town and I don't see anything in the ordinance that, in this particular ordinance, that's being cited that says that somehow it overrides the provisions of the ordinance regarding nonconforming uses.
- Member Bowes – When you're using the term grandfathering do you have any history, how many years ago you had a dock in that right of way?
- Mr. Conway – He just testified that there's been a dock there since 1953 he says.
- Member Bowes – Every year?

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- Mr. Conway – Every year. That’s been there all the time that he’s used the dock and that he put the dock in there. Beyond going and finding out from the Town’s Attorney whether this state statute might preempt some of the local statute you can look to your own ordinance, and I think as the Chairman expressed at the beginning of the meeting that’s really the duty of this Board. To look at the ordinances and look and see what the interpretation is because that’s pretty much what governs the Town of Poland and the use. I think it’s well established that uses that were in place prior to the adoption of an ordinance can remain. In fact, they can be replaced, you can put in new ones that aren’t more nonconforming, you can actually expand them in certain cases. Your ordinance deals with them on a somewhat lengthy basis as to how they can be dealt with and it wouldn’t do that if they disappeared when they drafted the ordinance. The reason all of that’s in there is because the ordinance needs to deal with those uses and explain how to continue with those uses with how they’re allowed. There’s no argument her that there’s no expansion or any change in the use of it which would require Mr. Rosenthal to then get a permit for it. In fact, there may be a discussion about whether he even needs to get a permit, we’re not raising that at this point, but ... If you have a nonconforming building on a lot the Town doesn’t go to it and say “you’ve got to go get a permit now”, it’s been there for forty years but now you’ve got to go get a building permit. That’s the whole point of it. The ordinance itself says that uses which are new uses which come into play after the ordinance is adopted require permits pursuant to the ordinance. Thank you.
- Chairperson Hyland – Any other questions for Mr. Conway?
- Member Lancaster – Were there ever two docks on this property?
- Mr. Rosenthal – Not to my knowledge.
- Mr. Conway – When you say on the property, I think we should be clear and clarify for everyone. Do you mean on the right of way?
- Member Lancaster – On the right or way and or the sixty nine feet (69’) of frontage.
- Mr. Conway – Well the sixty nine feet (69’) of frontage is what we call in legal terms the servient estate. That’s the land that – the land under the eight feet (8’) Mr. Rosenthal’s daughter – they don’t own the actual ground. They just have the right to use that eight feet (8’). The case law that we’ve shown you is that the courts have said that one of the things that’s implied when you have a right to get to the water is to be able to put a dock there to be able to use the water. And then the statue was probably somebody went to the Legislature and said we’d like to clean this up a little bit so that everybody can’t show up and have a right to do it. There has to be ... someone has to tell you you’ve got a right to do it before you can do

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it. They did that because the implication is that you have a right. So, the eight feet (8') is the only piece of property that Mr. Rosenthal has a right to use. And that's where that dock has been, within that eight feet (8').

- Mr. Rosenthal – I'd like to clarify with respect to the question that you asked. I wasn't sure that I understood it correctly. At one point in time my family owned the front camp and the back camp. Of course, during that period of time there was only one dock because we owned both the front camp and the back camp. Prior to the time when we owned both camps, being the front camp and the back camp, there was a family, the Free family, was there for fifteen or twenty years and they had their own dock and we had our dock. So, there was one dock on our right of way and one by their property.
- Chairperson Hyland – When was the front camp sold?
- Mr. Rosenthal – Initially it was in my dad's estate and ... he died in 1975 so I would think, I don't know exactly, sometime in the early Eighties it was sold initially and then it was resold to Ms. Sarno, I believe, in 2016.
- Chairperson Hyland – Okay. So, during the time when you owned the front camp there was one dock on the water?
- Mr. Rosenthal – That's correct.
- Chairperson Hyland – And then when you sold the front camp what you're saying is you placed a dock on the right of way and whoever the new owner was put a dock wherever they were going to put a dock?
- Mr. Rosenthal – I want to make sure I understand you exactly. Basically, somebody had a dock on their property before my father bought it. There was somebody before my parents bought the front camp that had their dock there and we had our dock by our right of way. And then when my parents purchased that property, must have been in the late Sixties perhaps, when my parents purchased that and we owned both pieces of property ... then when we owned both pieces of property we didn't have a need for two docks.
- Chairperson Hyland – Any other questions for Mr. Rosenthal? Code Enforcement Officer do you have any other questions?
- CEO Neal – Nope.
- Chairperson Hyland – Anybody else in the audience have a question for Mr. Rosenthal? At this point just a question? Okay. Other people who are in support

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of Mr. Rosenthal's request for an appeal of the Code Enforcement Officer's decision. People opposed to Mr. Rosenthal's. Okay. Come forward.

- Ms. Sarno – Good evening everybody my name is Stacy Sarno. I'm the owner of 49 Garland Swamp Road shown as lot nine on the assessor's map thirty two. My lot is behind the Rosenthal's lot eight. Lot eight as you are aware has an eight foot (8') right of way over my lot to access Tripp Pond per our deeds. Whether Mr. Rosenthal is asserting a right to install a dock over the right of way or as he did this summer a few inches from my sure I assert that he does not have the legal right to install a dock at either location. Rosenthal's argument that he has a right to install a dock because his family had once owned both properties and has done so in the past is not an argument supported by law. It is true that Rosenthal's family had once owned both lots eight and nine, however lot eight and nine were under common ownership of Dodie Rosenthal and then Marty Rosenthal beginning sometime in the Sixties until the early Eighties when both lots were conveyed to different owners. Pursuant to the doctrine of merger an easement is terminated if the owner of the dominant estate obtains title to the servient estate. The land that is burdened by easement is known as a servient estate and the land that is benefitted is known as the dominant estate. The basic principle of the right of way easement is the right to pass through the land of another and you do not need the right to cross your own land. The Rosenthal family at this time of common ownership did not have the restrictions we face today on the right of ways since there was no right of way in existence due to unity of title. There is no legal argument for historical use or prescriptive easement when the land is under common ownership. And I cited some case references in my Exhibit A. I have sixty nine feet (69') of water frontage, however I only have about twenty five square feet (25 sq. ft.) of natural beach area. You can fit about two beach chairs in this area. A portion of this area is off of the right of way. This is the only natural beach area we have on our property and the only area where my daughter plays in the sand, where we swim off the shore, and where we sit on the beach. As you are aware it is against Town of Poland code to install a dock that interferes with existing, developed, or natural beach areas. And per code we do not have enough frontage to install two docks. An added dock on my shore would restrict my family of the full use and enjoyment of our property. I put pictures on the Exhibit B of the beach area. It's very small. And pictures of the dock that was installed. And the blocks and bricks there. Rosenthal created a hazard situation for my family, especially my three year old by installing a dock off our shore and leaving bricks and a cinder block in the water. Even when required to move by code he left a dock pole and a cinder block in the water, which is also on Exhibit B. A grant of a right of way does not give Rosenthal a fee in the land. I am the fee owner of the eight foot (8') right of way. I pay the taxes on the land, not lot eight. A grant of a right of way does not exclude the servient estate from the use nor enjoyment of the eight foot (8') right of way or the shore. My property borders the water, not Rosenthal's and the riparian rights go to the owner of the land that abuts the water. Common law

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principles of riparian rights generally include the right to install a dock and as I mentioned Rosenthal does not have any riparian rights. 45 Garland Swamp lot eight does not abut the water, nor does the grant of a right of way grant anything other than a right to pass. There is no other language in the deed that would suggest any other rights other than ingress and egress. As defined by Black's Law Dictionary a right of way would suggest any other rights other than ingress and egress is limited to the right to pass through the property of another. The Maine courts have ruled that a dominant estate which has been granted only an easement interest over riparian land of the servient estate by means of gaining access to the water does not thereby become entitled to exercise such riparian rights that are pertinent to the servient riparian land. In Rand Court V. Town of Glenburn, the Maine Supreme Judicial Court stated that a deed granting a right of ingress and egress alone did not indicate a right to place a dock at the right of way existed. See Exhibit A for case law. I would also like to mention that I've read Sleeper and there's a big difference between Sleeper and the rulings that have said you couldn't install a dock on a right of way. The difference is that I own to the low water mark. In Sleeper they owned to the high water mark so there's that intertidal land. So basically, there was no fee ownership in the land. The Supreme Court ruled that when you own to the low water mark, without express language in your deed, you don't have a right. The dominant estate, lot eight, in this instance has no right to engage in any of these activities on the shore without the permission of the shoreland owner. I am not granting any such permissive use to the Rosenthal's. In Merrill v. Parson the Court rejected the plaintiff's claim of the right to use the beach for recreational purposes. The Court noted the servient estate includes the beach and unfettered right to use the beach would directly impact the owner of the land. I am the fee owner of the beach area not lot eight. In closing I request that the Board affirms Code Enforcement Officer Scott Neal's decision.

- Member Radziszewski, Jr – I'm confused. How many people have right of way?
- Ms. Sarno – I own lot nine and Mr. Rosenthal's family has the house behind me, and they have an eight foot (8') right of way, just them have an eight foot (8') right of way to cross our property per our deeds.
- Member Radziszewski, Jr – So they're crossing your land?
- Ms. Sarno – They're crossing my land to get to the water. That's the plain language in the deed of ingress and egress nothing furthermore.
- Member Radziszewski, Jr – And that's changed to that when you bought the property?

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- Ms. Sarno – What do you mean changed?
- Member Radziszewski, Jr – Well listening to what he was saying they've had those properties all along.
- Ms. Sarno – Well no they were under common ownership with his family until the early Eighties. The easements were terminated when they're under common ownership. So, when in 1983 his father Steve sold off my lot to I think it was the Begins and then Michael (Rosenthal) received lot eight and then he later gifted it to his daughter. To my understanding from the person I bought the property from, she owned my property for sixteen years and there's never been two docks on the property, I've owned the property for four years. I believe a representative from their family is hear today too. Lot eight has been ... Maine calls it a hazardous building, I believe it's called, since 2013 and the Rosenthal family hasn't been to that property since the Nineties from what something Mr. Rosenthal once said and from the neighbors. So, I don't know about what they're talking about being more than one dock with anyone other than the owners of lot nine.
- Member Radziszewski, Jr – So has there been a dock there every year since you've owned it?
- Ms. Sarno – We just installed our dock last summer. We got a permit. And for sixteen years that Kathy owned it - do you know if she had had a dock on there (Ms. Sarno asked this question of an audience member. He confirmed this.) So, for over twenty years.
- Comment from an audience member not at a microphone.
- Chairperson Hyland – Sir could you let us know who you are.
- Mr. Grundin – My name is Scott Grundin and I am Kathy Carroll's son-in-law, she's the owner of 43 garland Swamp Road.
- Ms. Sarno – She's our neighbor. Her property is also ... she's lot ten.
- Mr. Grundin – Kathy owns property 43 Garland Swamp Road and she owned property 45 and sold property 45 to the Sarno's a couple years ago. There was never a dock on that property since the early... she purchased it in the early Eighties I believe. There wasn't a dock on that property then. There's never been a dock in the right of way.
- Chairperson Hyland – Any other questions from the Board?

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- Member Bowes – Yeah. So, Mr. Rosenthal’s testimony here tonight said that every single summer they had a dock on that right of way, if I heard you right that’s what you said.
- Mr. Rosenthal – I said when we owned both properties there was only one dock on the property. Prior to that when the property was owned by the (garbled) family for a period of time and the people who owned it before which is 1953 to when my parents bought the front property, which was I believe sometime in the late Sixties or early Seventies. During the period of time from 1953 to late Sixties or early Seventies there were two docks. That predates what Ms. Carroll who acquired the property in 1982. So, she wouldn’t know what the situation was prior to the time when she purchased it in 1982.
- Member Bowes – During your ownership did he ever have a dock there up until this year?
- Ms. Sarno – No. The property has been abandoned for a long time.
- Member Radziszewski, Jr – And how long have you had the property?
- Ms. Sarno – Since 2016. And prior to that the previous owner had it for sixteen years.
- Member Bowes – Which he just testified that during your sister’s ownership there was never a dock on the right of way.
- Mr. Grundin – My mother-in-law. No there was never a dock on the right of way.
- Ms. Sarno – And like I said the doctrine of merger applies when you’re under common ownership. You can do whatever you want when your property is under one ownership. You don’t need permission from the right of way holder because there’s not in existence. When the two properties are under common ownership the right of way’s are severed. So, lot eight and lot nine were under common ownership there’s no right of way it’s terminated by operation of law. I would just like to point out that we are the fee owners in the land. We own the beach area. We’re the riparian owners. There’s no other grant in the deeds that grant fee ownership or riparian rights to the Rosenthal’s or a right to construct a dock. And even because the 2018 statute doesn’t mean that you’re grandfathered in. The courts were looking at language in the deeds to determine if a right existed not relying on the statutes for 2018 going forward. What the courts are looking at, their taking extrinsic evidence, outside of the grant in your deed. So, if the grant doesn’t have it and you’re not the fee owner of the land then you’re not getting it.

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- Member Radziszewski, Jr – Okay. I have one follow up question. For how many years was there not a dock from '18 back? From '19 back?
- Mr. Grundin – The whole time.
- Member Radziszewski, Jr – For how many years though? Back to the Eighties?
- Mr. Grundin – I only know after the Eighties.
- Member Radziszewski, Jr – Alright from the Eighties up there has not been a dock in the right of way?
- Mr. Grundin – On any of the properties.
- Member Radziszewski, Jr – On any of the properties. Okay. Thank you.
- Mr. Grundin – Can I say something? In my opinion opening this door to allowing docks on right of ways – what would stop multiple people who have rights of way. There are many rights of way that more than one person or property owner has the right of way. Well, are they going to share a dock? Are we putting multiple docks out there? Where he put his dock is basically right, in our view and in their view, where we would try to go to the water, where they would try to go to the water. And it was never there before.
- Ms. Sarno – We have a very small beach area. Very tiny beach area.
- Mr. Grundin – For thirty years or almost thirty years we've been there, and he has not been there.
- Chairperson Hyland – So Mr. Grundin are we talking about the same property? Is there more than one person on the right of way there?
- Mr. Grundin – (Garbled) Kathy Carroll owned the Sarno's property and she sold to them and she also owns number 43 (lot ten). Right next to the Sarno's.
- Ms. Sarno – She abuts both properties. She abuts both lots eight and nine.
- Chairperson Hyland – Okay. Where's the right of way in relation to eight and nine? Or nine and ten?
- Mr. Grundin – We're on the right side of it and he's on the left side of it.

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- Chairperson Hyland – So the right of way goes down between lots nine and ten?
- Mr. Grundin – Yes. (Board members conferring over this).
- Chairperson Hyland – But the right of way is all on your property?
- Ms. Sarno – Yes. I'm fee owner.
- Member Lancaster – Mr. Rosenthal's deed still states the fact it hasn't been altered at all of the fact that there was a right of way established back at the point in time it was to be transferred forevermore.
- Ms. Sarno – Well actually I think the right of ways were terminated by the operation of law and I think that there was a change in the right of ways when his father died. I think the attorneys were probably aware of that and changed the right of way to be ten feet (10') on one of the portions.
- Member Lancaster – (Garbled) that wasn't changed in the deed. The deed still states (garbled).
- Ms. Sarno – (Garbled) The deed changed. It didn't change the location of the right of way, but it changed the width of one of the right of ways.
- Chairperson Hyland – Okay. Anything else? Anyone else have anything in opposition to the appeal?
- Mr. Grundin – Did you receive a letter from my mother-in-law?
- Chairperson Hyland – yes.
- Mr. Grundin – okay. Is that something you could read? Or did you read?
- The Board confirmed they had it and had read it.
- Chairperson Hyland – Okay. Mr. Rosenthal is there anything you'd like to rebut?
- Mr. Conway – I understand there's a letter, but my client's never seen it. So, if there were letters that were sent to the Board, I'm wondering why...
- Chairperson Hyland showed Mr. Conway the two letters that were submitted to the Board.

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- Mr. Rosenthal – First of all the argument regarding merger is inapplicable and let me explain why. Our family owned both pieces of property. That means that the Sarno owned right of way over our property, she has a ten foot (10') right of way over our property. That means her right of way merged as well. That means she has landlocked property that she can't get to under the doctrine of merger. It was never intended that it merged and that's why the deed in 1982 makes it very clear that the right of way is in existence. It's disingenuous to say that our right of way has now merged out of existence and their right of way over our property which they need to get to their property stays in existence. That's the first point. To make that argument is quite short sighted if the Board were to accept it. With respect to the existence of docks I have been there from 1953 and through 1975 when I graduated from college and thereafter periodically, we had a dock at least until the early Eighties. Where prior to that there were always two docks. And for Mr. Grundin to try and talk about what was in existence prior to his mother-in-law acquiring the property, that's just not the case. And the reason there wasn't a dock there for the other years is we weren't living there. Had we been living there and using the camp we would have had a dock. I can tell you that every year that we were there for any substantial amount of time we had a dock. It was either in the right of way or where the Sarno dock is now. To argue that because we weren't living there, and we therefore didn't have a dock that means we somehow waived our dock privileges.
- Member Radziszewski, Jr – I have a question for you though. How is their property landlocked?
- Mr. Rosenthal - I can draw you a very simple diagram. This is their property, this is our property, this is the road. Our property is in between. They have a ten foot (10') right of way to go from the road over our property to their property. We have an eight foot (8') right of way over their property to get to the lake. If you applied the doctrine of merger as Ms. Sarno suggests saying that our right of way merged because of the merger of title, then their right of way merged as well. Which means they can't go over our property to get to their property. That was clearly never the case in the deed in the 1980's makes it very clear that they grant the right of way to them and the right of way exists for our daughter.
- Member Radziszewski, Jr – So the bottom line is you both have a right of way. So that they can get over your property and you can get over their property.
- Mr. Rosenthal – That's correct. And to contend that the Maine Supreme Court case that Ms. Sarno cited somehow applies but the much later 2015 case in Sebago Lake doesn't apply is absolutely wrong. As a matter of law the court has held that a person who has a right of way to go to a lake, it's implied, it's an implication that one of the rights that goes with the right of way to get to the lake to enable the person to have full enjoyment of their right of way in access to the lake is to have

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a dock. To not have a dock would basically make the right of way much less valuable than the grantor and the grantee expected when the right of way was created. That's what the case that we cited stands for. Thank you.

- Mr. Conway – A couple things – a number of the allegations or claims made by Ms. Sarno were incorrect. First of all, the right of way does run to the low water mark as you can see in the deed there. The language says it runs to the low water mark. She made a distinction between cases where they run to the high water mark or the low water mark, the right of way. So, that was incorrect. Additionally, the idea of merger is a red herring here. It's thrown out and I just want to make sure it's clear at the time when the two properties were owned there is a doctrine of merger that says if you own the servient estate and the dominant estate then they merge together. But when they were re-separated those rights of way were once again created. That was back in the 1980's so I'm not clear what relevance that would have to this case. This was still long before this ordinance had taken affect so I'm really unclear as to what relevance that would have in this case. I'm not disputing what she said necessarily it just doesn't really have any affect here.
- Member Bowes – I don't think she said that the right of way doesn't exist, she repeatedly said that the right of way is for ingress and egress to the water.
- Mr. Conway – That's not what the language in the deed says. You have the deed in front of you. It just says that it's a right of way that runs to the water. Okay? The statute which you've been shown and the case law which you've seen is clear in Maine that if you have a right of way to the water that includes, another case as well I can show it's a supreme court case in the state of Maine, that unless you don't have the right to put in a dock you have the right to put in a dock. Unless you can show by some other evidence that you don't have that right or you're going to interfere with someone else's use of the right of way in some fashion then you would have that right. Someone can come in and show you that. They can come and say look here's the situation we – we never intended for them, I'm the one who gave them the right of way I never intended for them to have a dock. You can go court and say that and if that's the case then the court might say fine. The reason the statute you saw is there is because it's addressing what Maine law is not common law, not Black's Law Dictionary, which is certainly not an authority of any kind, but what Maine law is. Maine law is the reason that statutes there it was put in to more or less, it switched the burden it now said it used to be that if you had a right to the water then by implication you had a right to put in a dock. For whatever reason and I didn't do the legislative history and I didn't hear from the prior speaker that there was any legislative history law. But for some reason someone decided that we were going to switch that burden we were going to make it so that the right of way says that you have a right of way to the dock when it's established after January 1, 2018. So now it flips it. Before that it was the opposite. If you had a right

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of way to the water by implication you were allowed to put a dock, there. And if you want to let someone have a dock you write it right in the easement you give them.

- Member Bowes – But the reason we're here is there's no debate about the right of way ingress and egress exists. The reason we're here is a dock was installed without a local permit. He applied for local permit; Code Enforcement Officer cited a couple of different things that it didn't meet the criteria to have a dock installed there. So even though the right of way exists the local authorities because there's sixty nine feet (69') of frontage, there's already an existing dock, and there's a natural beach it's not allowed.
- Mr. Conway – It is if it's grandfathered in there. If it's there before the ordinance it is.
- Member Bowes – I don't see it in the deed. I don't see anything in this deed that says a dock is allowed in the right of way.
- Mr. Conway – It's not a matter of whether it says it in the deed.
- Member Bowes – You just said that. (Talking over each other) it is written that says it the dock has to be, can be installed, but it's not there.
- Mr. Conway – That's after 2018. No. It's for right of ways that were established after 2018. That's not a shrug. That's what the statute says. What that says is that it doesn't apply to any rights of way which were established before 2018. Do you understand? This one clearly established well before whether it was in '52 and it merged for some period of time and then was reestablished in the early 1980's it's still long before 2018. It's a use that is there and has been there prior to the ordinance and therefore it's a legal nonconforming use. On that point I want to make one other point because I have now had a chance to see a letter which was referred to by Mr. Grundin that is apparently from his mother-in-law and this doesn't say anything about there not being any docks there. In fact, it indicates that there was a dock there. In fact, it indicates that there was a dock there and the pole has been left in and there's a block that's bene left there.
- Multiple Board members corrected Mr. Conway saying that this letter is in reference to what Mr. Rosenthal left in the water from his dock.
- Mr. Conway – But it doesn't say anything about there not being other docks there. He came here to testify that his mother owns this property. This letter which is from the person who apparently lives there or at least has rights to be there doesn't say anything about that. This is the person who's apparently the eyewitness and it

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doesn't say anything about that. I heard that there was this letter that you guys were getting that was refuting it.

- Chairperson Hyland – Help me out with right of ways Mr. Conway. It seems to me and I think my betters had this very same problem on Hyland Lake in Falmouth and that is does a right of way allow you access and egress to the water?
- Mr. Conway – A right of way actually allows you the use of a specific piece of property for many different uses. So, it can change.
- Chairperson Hyland – Let's be more specific. Can I set up a boat shed on my right of way?
- Mr. Conway – On your right of way?
- Chairperson Hyland – Yes. Could Mr. Rosenthal set up a boat shed to keep his lawn chairs and things like that?
- Mr. Conway – I it was there prior to the ordinance being established, yes.
- Chairperson Hyland – Well that's kind of not what Sleeper v. Loring says. It says that if you store property there that's not what a right of way is. A right of way does not allow you to store property.
- Mr. Conway – But that, but there's no argument in there that it was a legally nonconforming before the ordinance. You're mixing two things up here, I think. There's two different ways of looking at it. If the ordinance ... if the easement was granted after the ordinance was passed, then it has to comply with whatever the rule may be. If it's before it or if you go around the lakes now for instance, you'll see that there are boat houses and they're right on the water and they're actually in the water.
- Chairperson Hyland – But they're not in the right of way.
- Mr. Conway – But they're in the water. But I'm just giving that as an example that talks about how nonconformance works. This is a little different. You couldn't do that now.
- Chairperson Hyland – What I'm saying though is that a right of way allows you passage. It doesn't allow you to store your stuff and do lots of things like you own the property.

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- Mr. Conway – it may not. It's an interpretation of the ordinance. You could have a right of way that says that you could park cars on the right of way for instance, you could, we're not suggesting this does. You could have a right of way that allows you to drive a car across it which apparently people do have. So, there's different ones. That's not the issue here though. The issue is whether when you have a right of way to the water whether it allows you to put a dock there. And the case law in Maine is pretty clear that it says that prior to 2018 what the new statute said there was an implication that you can. Now the owner of the servient estate could come in and say 'No. No. No. We never told them they could do that. We have evidence we did.' You can make that argument against it if that were the case. There's no argument here about that because obviously the rights of way were established long before the people here were involved in it.
- CEO Neal – Where does it say in 459 that anything established before 2018 would get a dock?
- Mr. Conway – It doesn't say that. It says that if it's before 2018 it's by implication there's a right to have a dock. If you read it. It says it in the negative. It says that if it's established after that then you can't have an implication because, unless, it can't be by implication it has to be expressed. That's the purpose of the statute. The flip side of that is anyone before that can establish a dock by implication. Like I said it's not an absolute. It doesn't say you absolutely can have it, but the argument is that it can be implied within the right of way to the water. In this case I don't think that that really though matters because we're here with a right of way that's been used in this fashion prior to the ordinance even being established.
- CEO Neal – Well that use was also abandoned for how many years before the code came into place.
- Mr. Conway – Well, I think we have evidence here that it wasn't abandoned or that there may have been a sporadic loss...
- CEO Neal – (garbled) was abandoned before the code came into place.
- Mr. Conway – how do you know that?
- CEO Neal – I think we've heard enough people say that they were there before. I mean he says he hasn't been here since the Nineties.
- Mr. Conway – He never said that. I don't know what you heard. I never heard him say that.

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- Member Bowes – I heard Mr. Grundin say that the whole time his mother-in-law owned the property there was never a dock in the right of way.
- Mr. Conway – We've had... That's what he said and I'm just pointing out his mother sent a letter and never even thought to mention that.
- Mr. Grundin – She was never asked to say that. I'm here representing her to speak for that and she will absolutely send a letter saying there wasn't one there if that's a big deal. I'm here to testify on that. I was asked to speak by the Sarno's about what was there, and I said what was there. I've been there now since the early Eighties, so I know exactly what was there. Beside what Mr. Conway said. I'm saying there wasn't one there and that's my testimony.
- Mr. Conway – Understood. I don't think anybody challenged that. All I'm saying is that ...
- Mr. Grundin – You did.
- Mr. Conway – Excuse me...
- Chairperson Hyland – Guys. Guys. Mr. Grundin please.
- Mr. Conway – All I'm saying is that the person wrote the letter without any of that in it.
- Chairperson Hyland – We actually have heard from Mr. Rosenthal that they have not put a dock in there in at least twenty years.
- Member Radziszewski, Jr – Right. He said that.
- Mr. Rosenthal – First of all my family has continuously owned the property since 1952. So, to contend that we didn't own the property so we couldn't put in a dock that's absolutely untrue. What I said was that whenever we were there when we were living in the property for any substantial period of time, we had a dock on the property. In the early 1980's when the property was split up and Ms. Carroll ended up acquiring the property thereafter, we didn't have a dock except at sporadic periods of time, for very short periods of time. For a few years during that period, that I will submit, that for a substantial period of time that after 19 say '83, '84, '85 we did not have a dock there. But the only reason we didn't have a dock there was because nobody was living there. Whenever anyone was living there, we had a dock. It didn't make any sense to us if we weren't living there to keep a dock.

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- Chairperson Hyland – Okay. Thank you. Umm. Yup.
- Ms. Sarno – I just wanted to bring up the doctrine of merger again. The reason that I brought that up. I wasn't trying to say that his right of way was extinguished and mine wasn't. I was trying to bring up a point that common ownership does sever the right of way. It was later revived. However, the point was that you can't claim historical use on you having a dock when you're under common ownership and the right of ways were terminated. You owned one parcel. The parcels weren't considered to be separated under common ownership. So, it was to refute the argument that there was historical use, when you can't have historical use on something when your right of way was terminated.
- Chairperson Hyland – Okay. But we have a deed from 1987 so we know from at least from then on.
- Ms. Sarno – Okay. I think his father's estate went through a trust, so I think on '83 they were revived.
- Chairperson Hyland – Okay. Thank you. Anyone else? For or against? Sir?
- Mr. Beaulieu – Yeah. There hasn't been anyone there for thirty years so there hasn't been... so there is no historical use. Plus, you can't put a dock on a beach area. And that's a Maine law. That's where my daughter plays. It's a beach. His right of way goes right down to it and it's just very small. So, if they go and put a dock there how am I going to get to the water? And what is she going to do? Smash her head off the thing when she's down at the beach? There was never one there and I just don't see it. You know?
- Chairperson Hyland – Unfortunately it doesn't extinguish the ability to use the property. Even though it's not been used.
- Mr. Beaulieu – There was never one there. It's a right of way. The right of way is to the water and then disperse. It doesn't say anything about a dock.
- Ms. Sarno – It just restricts our use as fee owners in the land. The cases that they're bringing up where they allow docks, they weren't the fee owners of the land. Some of the case law where they owned to the high water, basically it's that intertidal area, when you have high tide and low tide. It's like they didn't own this, so they allowed them to put a dock because the servient estate didn't own that. But we own the beach. Our boundary line is to the low water mark of the water. So, allowing someone that has just an eight foot (8') right of way just to pass to obstruct our property is just not right. And the 2018 statute doesn't mean that it's grandfathered in automatically. It means that the courts look at it. And the courts

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decided that you have a fee ownership in the beach area you don't have a right to install a dock.

- Comment from Mr. Conway that's not clear.
- Chairperson Hyland – Yeah and we've gone back and forth. Any other things that anyone wants to say at this point? Last chance. Any questions of any of the people you've heard testify so far? Mr. Neal do you have any questions?
- CEO Neal – Nope.
- Chairperson Hyland – Okay. Then I'll close this part of the hearing.
- Member Radziszewski, Jr – What about, do you close it before...
- Chairperson Hyland – Oh no. If you've got testimony, then we certainly want to hear it.
- CEO Neal – No. Everything I needed to say was on record already.
- Chairperson Hyland – Okay. So, the reason... So, let's ask you some questions then. So, when you went to Town Attorney with some of this.
- CEO Neal – Yes.
- Chairperson Hyland – Under Title 33 Chapter 7 it seems to me that this right of way has been there for a long time, it's probably been used, it's probably had a dock on it. That we don't have the people here that granted the right of way in the first place, so we don't know what their intent was. It seems to me that we have to look at this broadly and say yeah, they didn't restrict it. They didn't say no docks. So, I'm uncomfortable with the idea that every right of way can have a dock. That means that the lake is just covered with docks.
- CEO Neal – That's what we're opening up.
- Chairperson Hyland – On the other hand I'm reluctant to extinguish someone's use of their property or their right of way that there's historic use of.
- CEO Neal – I mean we can call it historic use, but ...
- Chairperson Hyland – Oh I know. It's old historic use.

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- CEO Neal – We're talking Eighties here. Which predated this zoning. So, if it's been gone that long does it not require a new permit?
- Chairperson Hyland – We currently give permits for every dock that goes in the water?
- CEO Neal – Every new dock.
- Chairperson Hyland – Every new dock. Okay.
- Member Bowes – I'm hung up on this last paragraph of this 459. It says, this is dated 2017 which is pre '18, the instrument granting or reserving the easement of right of way does not expressly include the right to construct a dock on the easement of a right of way or the right of the easement of the right of way to facilitate the construction of a dock on the body of water. That's what you gave us.
- Mr. Conway – But you're missing the context. If I could explain it.
- Member Bowes – Sure.
- Mr. Conway – First of all I won't bore you with my law school education. But the first thing they told us was you should start at the beginning when you're reading something, and you should read it all the way to the end. Because, picking one thing out is hard to clarify. So, if you look at this entire section what it says is that the owner of an easement or right of way leading to or touching upon a water body does not have the right by implication to construct a dock on the easement or right of way or use the easement or right of way to facilitate the construction of the dock on the water body if and then it has two conditions. Those two conditions are joined by an and so they both have to be true. So, you don't have those rights if the easement or right of way is originally established in a written instrument executed on or after January 1, 2018. Clearly, we don't fall within it because we're outside of that. And then the instrument granting or reserving the easement or right of way does not expressly... so if you get an easement after January 1, 2018 in order to get a dock on it it has to expressly say you can have a dock. Before 2018 it's saying you don't have to have that in there.
- Member Bowes – I get it. I'll go back to my earlier comment that the deed just says the right of way to pass to the water. There's no language about construction of a dock.
- Mr. Conway – Cause, you don't need it before 2018. It's by implication.

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- Member Bowes – (garbled) the ordinance.
- Mr. Conway – I understand. That’s a different piece. I just wanted to go back over that.
- Ms. Sarno – One more thing. I actually have a deed here that does have restrictions. It was originally granting the right of way that restrict encumbrances on the property on the right of ways. So that would show intent. See if I can pull it up here. Alright I don’t have it here. I can pull up the original right of way deed. I thought I had it here, but I don’t have it here.
- Chairperson Hyland – Okay.
- Member Radziszewski, Jr – Okay I have a question for the Code Enforcement Officer. Isn’t our ordinance it has more restrictions than state law.
- CEO Neal – We can be more restrictive; we can’t be less restrictive.
- Member Radziszewski, Jr – Right. So, this thing from the state we can be more restrictive and that’s allowable according to the state.
- CEO Neal – That’s my understanding.
- Mr. Conway – Actually the way it works is that (garbled)
- Mr. Dulberg – Please go to a mic.
- Mr. Conway – I’m not saying that’s never true. Okay. And I don’t want to make any blanket statements, but generally if state law governs a certain area then unless it expressly says that local laws can be more restrictive, they probably can’t be. They’re preempted by that law. Now I’m not trying to tell you...
- Chairperson Hyland – Zoning laws can be more...
- Member Radziszewski, Jr – Right. Because I’ve heard it here...
- Mr. Conway – If the state law says it and in many cases the state law does say it, they’ll say right in them, if you look at shoreland zoning laws they’ll often say that local can be more restrictive or local law can do this. But it’s specific to the law that they can do that. I’m not sure that matters in this particular case because what that simply says is by implication you can have docks on right of ways.

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- Member Radziszewski, Jr – I think that it has meaning here because you throw out a state law and it overrides our zoning laws.
- Mr. Conway – That's I don't think the argument so much that we're trying to make is that the use has been in place long before the statute was in place. And that's what really ... so what your ordinance says is that is there's a use in place at the time the ordinance is passed the ordinance can't get rid of it. Can't just say it's no good. Can't just put a restriction on it that gets rid of it. It has to allow that to happen. But if you file after the ordinance is in place then you have to meet all of the restrictions of the ordinance. That's the crucial point is was the use in place prior to the ordinance in place. And you have a whole section in your ordinance about nonconformance for that reason so that because obviously the slate isn't wiped clean when you put a zoning ordinance in. There's a whole town here. There's a whole, people are living here, everything's going on all of a sudden you put restrictions on it many of those prior uses couldn't meet the restrictions. But zoning ordinances in order to be constitutional have to have that nonconformance language in them. Because otherwise you'd be taking people's use of their property away by passing a law. Okay. Which the constitution limits that.
- Chairperson Hyland – Let me ask Mr. Conway while you're still here. Our ordinance says that no more than one pier, dock, or wharf, or similar structure located in the high water line of a water body is allowed on a single lot. So, this is a single lot and there's an easement across that lot, but it's still a single lot, right? We're not talking about having two lots here.
- Mr. Conway – Nope. It's an easement across a lot. That's correct.
- Chairperson Hyland – Okay. So then why is a second dock allowed? Because the ordinance says only one dock per lot.
- Mr. Conway – Well we go back to the same thing. If the use was allowing docks, there prior to the ordinance being passed then that wouldn't restrict it. It would only (garbled) after the easement was put on.
- Chairperson Hyland – So you're saying that the second dock is a nonconforming use?
- Mr. Conway – Yes.
- Chairperson Hyland – Okay.

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- CEO Neal – So if that was a use our ... under nonconforming uses if that was discontinued for a period of a year then it was no longer conforming.
- Mr. Conway – No. What the argument is the claim is that the right of way is for the right to use the water. The dock is using the water. It's the use of the water.
- CEO Neal – You're using the argument of history here where that presumption of use.
- Mr. Conway – They used the water. That's the argument that the right of way goes to the water, it wouldn't go to the water and this is where the implication comes in, easements wouldn't go to the water unless it was implied that you could use the water. You don't get a right of way to go to the water so that you can stand on the shore and look at the water. The idea is that you get a chance to use the water. That's what the cases have said, that's what the cases we've provided to you said is that that's what the courts have said is that when you get to the water it's implied that you can use it. And you can make use of the water.
- Member Bowes – What people typically do is use the right of way to moor a boat out on the lake so they can access their boat without having a dock there.
- Mr. Conway – I can guarantee you that there are hundreds of docks on rights of way currently in the Town of Poland. Hundreds. And they're on rights of way on land of other people that have docks on their property. There may be that many on Tripp Lake alone. This isn't breaking new law here. This is something that is common throughout this Town and with all due respect to the Code Enforcement Officer because I think he hopes that everybody has a permit for their dock I'm guessing that ...
- CEO Neal – No. I know they don't. new docks. Anything since 2001 should, but I understand that there are historical docks in this lake that don't.
- Mr. Conway – Right. And there's more than one dock on many properties as well. And that's because of rights of way and because some people put two docks on their own property. That's been known to happen too. I'm not sure that's the argument that everybody wants because someone else did it everyone else gets to do it, but certainly rights of way for use for docks is not something new. Courts have dealt with it and the Town of Poland has seen it for years.
- Member Radziszewski, Jr – So, to your knowledge how is it that we have two docks that we're talking about? All I've been hearing about is the dock that couldn't go in. Where's this two dock thing.

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- Mr. Conway – The two docks comes from the fact that what we have here is a parcel of land which is called the servient estate, okay for easement purposes, that's the Sarno's who own the land, the dirt, they own it. Granted over that land is an eight foot (8') strip to get to the water. That's the right of way. The two docks would be on the one lot because the servient estate lets the dominant estate use that eight foot (8') right of way doesn't give them the land itself. It's still on one lot. So, if they have a dock and they have a dock there's two docks on that one lot. That leads to two docks on the lot. That's how it would happen with a right of way across property.
- Mr. Beaulieu – So he said we had to prove it. We just proved it. For thirty years there's no dock there. You just said you have to prove it. He just said his mother-in-law owned the both of them. There wasn't anything there for thirty years plus you can't put a dock on an established beach area.
- Chairperson Hyland – Well you can put a dock on established beach area. There's nothing that prevents you from doing that. I understand that things are tight on your lot.
- Mr. Beaulieu – It's more than tight. It's the only place my daughter plays. It's our only way to get in the water. And you want to put a dock there, so she smashes her head off of it. It just doesn't make any sense.
- Chairperson Hyland – Okay. Thank you. So, there's a couple of things here from what I've heard tonight. There's a couple of different ways of dealing with this. It sounds like historically the right of way has had a dock on it. Off and on. Not recently. Not anything recently, but certainly in the past. It's a right of way of long standing. It's not something that was recently created. The ordinance is pretty clear that you're allowed one dock per lot. Well this is one lot. So, in theory it shouldn't have two docks on it. But there is historic use of the right of way for a dock. So, the questions then becomes, and then Mr. Conway agreed, that the dock is a nonconforming use based on our ordinance. And Mr. Neal pointed out that at some point a nonconforming use gets extinguished if it's not used. Usually that's a year. So that's where you are. We're left with a couple of different problems. You're left with the problem of this is a right of way that's been there a long time and there's historic use with a dock on it. Not recent use but certainly historic use. So, that's where we are. I'm not sure what the best approach is because I don't think we're going to solve anybody's problem either way.
- Member Bowes – I think you just summed it all up though.
- Chairperson Hyland – Well that's two different decisions. One is to say we affirm the use of the right of way, it's been used like that in the past, it continues to be

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used like that and a dock can be placed on it. Or we say, the ordinance is clear only one dock per lot and the nonconforming use of two docks on this lot has been extinguished by no use over the last twenty years. Frankly that would be a court fight either way.

- Member Bowes – And there’s opposition from the landowners that pay the taxes on it.
- Chairperson Hyland – Well. Yeah. People fight over rights of way all the time.
- Ms. Sarno found the historical deed she was looking for on her phone and shows her phone to the Board. She says that there’s restrictions that rights of ways are not to be encumbered with vehicles or any other manner. So, it’s basically saying that there shouldn’t be a structure on the surface of the right of way. This is the original grant.
- Mr. Conway – Excuse me, but we’re all here. You could go to the microphone so we can all hear.
- Chairperson Hyland – Do you have a way of sending that so we can get a written copy of that somehow.
- Ms. Merrill – I can go get it if you send it...
- CEO Neal – Stacy if you send it to me.
- Chairperson Hyland – We should all benefit from seeing what this says.
- Member Bowes – You never saw this before?
- CEO Neal – No. Not this one. No.
- Member Bowes – I wonder why it’s not attached to the deed.
- CEO Neal – This is probably a historical deed. They get shortened over time.
- Chairperson Hyland – So you see the problem Scott. You’ve taken the approach that the ordinance says one dock per lot and that if we assume that the second dock is a nonconforming use then it’s been extinguished from being a nonconforming use by the fact that it hasn’t been used in the last twenty years.

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- CEO Neal – Plus.
- Chairperson Hyland – And that’s okay. But the other side of that is there are court cases that say that if you have a right of way there’s an assumption, notwithstanding new law, that you can use it to put a dock on it.
- CEO Neal – But there are also court cases ...
- Chairperson Hyland – Yeah. They go both ways. And it’s all based on intent in the end. Landowner intent.
- CEO Neal – If we use the historical fact that it was there, we’re going to open up right of ways to...
- Chairperson Hyland – Well yeah, I know.
- Mr. Conway – I might add to that if you go to removing every dock that’s on a right of way, you’re going to open up a bigger can of worms. Because I don’t think this is being enforced currently in this town. So that is the message then I think that would also have a very significant effect on water and who has rights to use water.
- Member Bowes – I recall a case back in ’14 on Range Pond something similar to this. So, we have been enforcing it. This isn’t the first time.
- Mr. Conway – I’m not saying it is. I’m saying (garbled)
- Mr. Grundin – I’d like to say that it is possible that there are docks on right of ways and I’m wondering if the people who own the property that the right of way is on are okay with that? Obviously, they’re not okay with that.
- Chairperson Hyland – Well no it’s a mixed bag. It’s not a factor if the right of way was granted by a previous owner. The new owners don’t really have a say.
- Ms. Sarno – (garbled) Then she goes over previously heard testimony. It became a free for all by people in the audience speaking over each other without being on microphone.
- Member Lancaster – There was testimony that at one time there were two docks on that property.
- Chairperson Hyland – Right. So, you were going to email that to...

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- Ms. Sarno – I did.
- CEO Neal – Sarah’s going to print it out. She’s printing it up now.
- Ms. Merrill returned and gave the copies to the Board.
- Chairperson Hyland – Okay. Ms. Sarno what you’re suggesting here is in this deed is that a dock is the same as parked vehicle?
- Ms. Sarno – or in any other manner so you can imply that it’s a structure on the surface of the right of way. Parked cars or any other manner. So parked cars is a vehicle, it’s an encumbrance, it’s a structure. Or any other manner you can imply that they’re referring to a structure on the top of the right of way.
- Mr. Conway – If I might respond. There’re two distinctions to be made. One is first of all the dock is not on the right of way. It’s at the end of the right of way. It’s actually in the water below the low water mark is where the dock sits in the water. That’s number one. Number two. Well I think there’s three actually. Number two I don’t think that when you refer to a parked vehicle you in any way imply that it wouldn’t allow a dock. But even in any other manner. If they didn’t a dock on there and it’s a right of way that runs to the water, it seems clear that they easily could have just said no parked cars or docks are allowed in the right of way. Third though is the argument that they have made all night long and that is this is in 1952. Subsequent to this the easements merged. And then they were reestablished without this language in there. So, it’s really irrelevant in this matter.
- Ms. Sarno – If it’s irrelevant then why are they looking at historic use then?
- Chairperson Hyland – Well I assume that the Rosenthal’s reestablished the right of way and so the language is not the same. Okay. So, I will close the public part of this hearing and we’ll open up for discussion by board members.
- Mr. Beaulieu – Where does our daughter swim? (garbled).
- Chairperson Hyland – I know that it’s troubling. You’ve made your point sir.
- **Member Lancaster moved to close the hearing to the public. Member Bowes seconded. Discussion: None Vote: 4-yes 0-no**
- Chairperson Hyland – We’ll move into the decision making part of this. Say what you think. It’s not an easy one.

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- Member Radziszewski, Jr – I've got a couple observations here. If Mr. Rosenthal was using docks all the way up through the last twenty five years, thirty years, it's one thing. He hasn't had a dock on there for quite some time. All of a sudden that pops up. We have an ordinance that says one dock. I guess you have a dock too. You have sixty nine feet (69') of property. He's got a dock over here and you've got a dock over here, that's my assumption. But I have a problem with trying to use it as historical and we're talking about things back in the Fifties, and then there's a break, and then for thirty years or whatever no use, and then all of a sudden you pop up and want to put a dock on it and there's another dock there. I have real issues with that. And the ordinance says one dock. That's the biggest issue I have with it. And you know we have these zoning ordinances and the reason I brought the thing up with overriding the state, which is probably the wrong term from the lawyers point of view, but you know they said that local can be more restrictive. And we happen to be more restrictive. So, I have a real problem with passing this. That's my observation.
- Member Bowes – I'm pretty much with you. In addition to Scott consulting with the Town Attorney and supported him by denying the permit.
- Chairperson Hyland – I think there's two right answers here. And it's difficult for me to extinguish historic use on a right of way. The deed doesn't say no docks. So, we're kind of left with it did have a dock on it for a period of time and then it did not for many years. Now it's got a dock on it again. I don't think you want to be real restrictive of rights of way. And try and interpret those. Because every property association and things like that in this town has got different rights of way and things like that. It's a problem. On the other hand, you can likewise say that the ordinance is clear only one dock per lot, and that the second dock is a nonconforming use, but the nonconforming use has been extinguished because it hasn't been used in many years. So, now they're down to one dock. So, I think you can parse this one either way you want. I don't think there's one right answer here.
- Member Radziszewski, Jr – I don't either. But there is one other thing and it was brought up earlier we want to be careful precedentting how we handle this. Because it opens up the whole Town of Poland with this issue.
- Chairperson Hyland – Yeah. If we take a rigorous approach to the ordinance we'll be meeting more often, and Scott will be very busy.
- Member Lancaster – I think the same way that if we extinguish the rights, we'll be opening up...
- Chairperson Hyland – Yeah. We could be.

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- Member Lancaster – It could be a big problem. And it wouldn't be just stopping here.
- Chairperson Hyland – It would be. Scott would be busy for a long time.
- Member Bowes – Well, If the dock was in place every single year up until today. That's one thing. But where it hadn't been in in over thirty years. It was installed, a report was reported, our ordinance supports only one dock on one lot unless it's two hundred feet (200'). They still have rights to the lake. No one's denying that.
- Member Lancaster – But that right of way did have a dock at one point in time. And there was at one point in time two docks on that piece of property.
- Member Bowes – That was probably pre our ordinance.
- Member Lancaster – Sure.
- Member Bowes – And I'll add one more thing. Even though you've only owned it for a couple of years when you purchased the property you didn't have any docks on that property.
- Ms. Sarno – No. We didn't have a boat yet.
- Member Bowes – You didn't have a boat and the right of way dock wasn't there either. So, in your minds you never thought that would be a problem. You never saw that coming until you saw he installed it.
- Chairperson Hyland – Yes. Let's not go back and forth with the...Does everyone know what they're going to do? The Board said they did. Okay. Then you should make your motion positive and it's got to be made... So, does that mean we've got to affirm, to approve the appeal of the code enforcement officer's decision. Okay.
- Ms. Merrill – And then you vote for or against that.
- **Member Bowes – I make a motion to vote for the appeal of the code enforcement's decision in this matter.**
- Ms. Merrill – For recording purposes I would like clarification of what that means exactly. Because I'm confused. Are you...

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- Chairperson Hyland – You’ve got to approve the appeal of Mr. Rosenthal to grant his permit for a dock.
- Ms. Merrill – That’s not what I heard so that’s why I asked for, that’s not what he said so that’s why I asked for clarification.
- Member Radziszewski, Jr – No. Just make that correction. We’re making it in a positive fashion.
- Ms. Merrill – Right.
- Chairperson Hyland – So we’re going to grant the appeal.
- Member Radziszewski, Jr – So we’re going to grant Mr. Rosenthal’s appeal.
- Chairperson Hyland – His administrative appeal.
- Ms. Merrill – Thank you. I just need that, we need that on the record, and we need to record it that way so that we’re clear.
- **Member Lancaster seconded the motion. Discussion: None**
Vote: 2-yes 2-no Appeal is Denied
- Chairperson Hyland – Oh that’s a good one. That’s one I haven’t seen in a long time. Just so you know the way this works is that we’ve voted two – two and in order to sustain a successful appeal it takes three members voting in the affirmative. So, what we’ve done is denied the appeal. We’ve upheld the Code Enforcement Officer’s denial of the permit. That means we get to go through the
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- Ms. Merrill – You usually use page 213.
- Chairperson Hyland – is that the one I’m using?
- Mr. Conway – Will you be drafting a Conclusions of Fact and Findings of Law?
- Chairperson Hyland – Correct.
- Ms. Merrill – We’re going to do that right now.
- Mr. Conway – and then sent to us.

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- Ms. Merrill – Correct.
- Chairperson Hyland – And you have 45 days to appeal that.

A. FINDINGS OF FACT:

1. Name of Applicant: Michael Rosenthal
2. Mailing Address: P.O. Box 15
3. City or Town: West Poland State: ME Zip: 04291
4. Telephone:
5. Name of Property Owner (if different from applicant): Marla Rosenthal, 109 Mariners Walk, Milford, CT 06460
6. Location of property for which variance is requested (street/road address): 45 Garland Swamp Road, Poland, ME 04274
7. Zoning district in which property is located: Rural Residential 2, Aquifer protection Overlay 1, and Limited Residential District.
8. Tax map and lot number of subject property: Map 32 Lot 8
9. The applicant has demonstrated a legal interest in the subject property by providing a copy of a deed.
10. The applicant proposes to establish a four foot by eight foot (4'x8') dock at the end of the eight foot by eighty-six foot (8' x 86') right of way.
11. The completed application was submitted on July 29, 2019 and the Code Enforcement Officer denied the application on July 31, 2019. The Application for Administrative Appeal was received on September 17, 2019.
12. A public hearing was held on October 16, 2019.
13. The relevant sections of the Poland Comprehensive Land Use Code are: §303.1, §303.2. C., §508.27. D.1., §508.27. D.3., §508.27. E., §504.4. B.
14. The other relevant factors are as follows:

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- a. The lot contains sixty-nine feet (69') of shore frontage which is less than the minimum two hundred feet (200') of shore frontage. The ordinance, §508.27. D.1., is clear that only one dock per lot for shore frontage of that size.
- b. We heard testimony from Mr. Rosenthal that the right of way had a dock on it in the eighties and maybe the early nineties. We heard testimony from Mr. Grondin that there has not been a dock on the right of way for more than twenty years. Mr. Rosenthal from his testimony confirmed that. §504.4. B of the ordinance prohibits the resumption of a non-conforming use that has been discontinued after 1 year.
- c. Mr. Bealieu's testimony stated that the dock interfered with a natural beach area in violation of the Town's ordinance §508.27. D.3.

B. CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:

Based on the above stated facts and the provisions of the ordinance cited, the Board concludes that the deed of the right of way does not prohibit the use of a dock. However, the shore frontage for the lot is sixty-nine feet (69') and the ordinance does not allow for more than one dock per lot for a shore frontage of that nature. A second dock on that lot was a nonconforming use and that nonconforming use was extinguished more than twenty years ago because a dock has not been placed on the lot in the last twenty years. Also, the ordinance does not allow a dock to interfere with an existing developed or natural beach area.

C. DECISION:

Based on the above findings of fact and conclusion, the Town of Poland Board of Appeals votes to deny your application for administrative appeal. If you are unhappy with this decision you may request a reconsideration by the Board within thirty (30) days of the date of this decision. You may file an appeal in the Superior Court within forty-five (45) days of the date of this decision.

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ANY OTHER BUSINESS – Officers – It has been more than two years since a new chair has been picked.

Member Radziszewski, Jr moved to approve Jerry Bowes as Chairperson. Member Hyland seconded the motion. Discussion: None Vote: 3-yes 0-no 1-abstained

Member Radziszewski, Jr moved to approved Mark Hyland as Vice Chairperson. Member Lancaster seconded the motion. Discussion: None Vote: 3-yes 0-no 1-abstained

Vice Chairperson Hyland moved to approve Joe Radziszewski, Jr as Secretary. Chairperson Bowes seconded the motion. Discussion: None Vote: 3-yes 0-no 1-abstained.

In each of these votes the member being nominated from the position is the party that abstained from voting.

ADJOURN – Chairperson Bowes moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:12 pm. Member Lancaster seconded the motion. Discussion: None Vote: 4-yes 0-no

Recorded by: Sarah Merrill

Board of Appeals

Mark Hyland, Chairperson

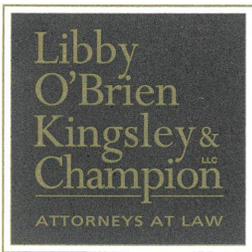
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KEITH P. RICHARD, ESQ.
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June 5, 2020

Poland Zoning Board of Appeals
1231 Maine Street
Poland, ME 04274

Re: Appeal from CEO denial of Shoreland Project Permit (# 20200132)/Bryant

Dear Board:

I represent Troy Bryant. We appeal pursuant to Poland, Me. Land Use Code § 304.3 (April 6, 2019) from an erroneous denial of a shoreland project permit application by your code enforcement officer dated May 21, 2020 (enclosed). I also enclose relevant documents to the application and appeal.

Mr. Bryant owns a deeded right of way to Range Pond that includes "shore privileges." Under controlling Maine law, and as intended by the parties to the original grant, "shore privileges" includes the right to install a dock. The CEO denied the permit on the basis that the property burdened by the right of way, Parcel 0035-0027, is in the same ownership (Lappin and Debartolo) as an adjoining parcel, Parcel 0034-0001. The CEO therefore concluded that pursuant to Section 504.5(C), the two parcels owned by Lappin and Debartolo are "combined" for purposes of the ordinances, and because they have installed a dock on Parcel 0034-0001, that a second dock cannot be installed on Parcel 0035-0027. This is an erroneous, absurd, and unlawful interpretation of your Ordinance, as well as an unlawful, unconstitutional attempt to take away Mr. Bryant's deeded property rights, which he relied upon in purchasing his property.

Mr. Bryant asserts the following grounds for the appeal:

- A dock has been installed and used for years by Mr. Bryant's predecessors-in-interest. Section 504.5(C) does not apply to Mr. Bryant's dock application because the use is a preexisting nonconforming use that predates the adoption and effective date of the ordinance. Pursuant to 504.2, Mr. Bryant has a legal right to continue the use, and Section 504.5(C) does not apply.
- Even if the ordinance did apply (which it does not), the interpretation of Section 504.5C is contrary to the plain language and intent and is accordingly based upon an error of law.

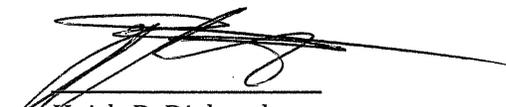
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- Section 504.5C regulates principle structures on vacant, undeveloped lots, not sheds, garages, and similar accessory uses. A dock is such an accessory use, not a principal structure, and thus combining the lots for the purposes of the permit application was an error of law.
- Section 504.5C is intended to regulate multiple structures by the same owners on nonconforming lots; it is not intended to apply here, to the rights of third parties with no relationship of rights in the existing structures on the adjoining parcel. The purpose of the ordinance is to preclude owners like Lappin and Debartolo from installing multiple docks where they already have one to provide access. It does not apply to deny citizens like Mr. Bryant his deeded rights, where he has no other interest in either of the erroneously combined parcels.
- The decision is arbitrary, capricious, and pretextual because the reasons given to Mr. Bryant for why he cannot install a dock have changed over time.
- The denial of the permit and interpretation of the ordinance is an unconstitutional taking of his property without just compensation, a denial of due process, and an unreasonable exercise of discretion and police power by the municipality.

Mr. Bryant reserves the right to present additional arguments and evidence. We ask that this decision be reversed expeditiously and without the need for recourse to Superior Court.

Sincerely,



Keith P. Richard

Town of Poland, Maine
Board of Appeals
1231 Maine Street
Poland, Maine 04274

Application for Administrative Appeal

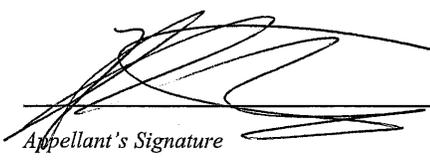
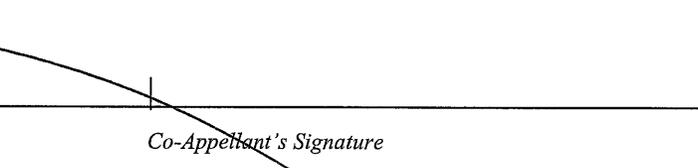
Appellant(s): <u>Troy Bryant c/o Keith Richard, Esq</u>		
Mail Address: <u>62 Portland Rd. Suite 17</u>	Work Phone: <u>985-1815</u>	
Town/State/Zip: <u>Kennebunk, ME 04043</u>	Home Phone: <u> </u>	
Road Location: <u>Watson Rd.</u>		
Map # <u>0035</u>	Lot # <u>0027</u>	Sub-lot # <u> </u>

An Administrative Appeal is being sought for the relief from the decision, or lack of a decision, of the Code Enforcement Officer or the Planning Board in regard to an application for a permit or use approval. The undersigned believes that: (check one)

- An error was made in the denial of a permit or use.
- The denial was based on a misinterpretation of the ordinance.
- There has been a failure to approve or deny a permit or use within a reasonable period of time.
- (Other – please specify) _____

1. Attach a copy of any relevant papers (applications, site drawings, decisions, etc.) concerning the decision by the Code Enforcement Officer or Planning Board.
2. Attach copy of deed, sales agreement, or contract that gives you title, right, or interest in this appeal.
3. Indicate what section(s) of the ordinance that you believe is/are relevant to your appeal:
SEE ATTACHMENTS AND COVER LETTER
4. Attach a statement describing the facts concerning your filing an appeal.

I hereby acknowledge that I have read this application and pertinent sections of the ordinances, and state that the information in this document is to the best of my knowledge true and accurate.

		<u>6/5/20</u>
Appellant's Signature	Co-Appellant's Signature	Date



Code Enforcement Office

1231 Maine Street, Poland, Maine 04274
(207) 998-4604 sneal@polandtownoffice.org

Troy Bryant
151 Watson Rd.
Poland, Maine 04274

May 21, 2020

Parcel ID: 0005-0016C

Located At: 151 Watson Rd.

Zoning District: Rural Residential-2, Limited Residential, and Aquifer Protection Overlay 1.

Certified Mail # 91 7199 9991 7033 5025 5631

Dear Mr. Bryant,

You applied for a Shoreland Project Permit (# 20200132) for a dock on parcel number 0035-0027 on which you have a right of way. Accompanied with your application was the following:

- A letter from Keith P. Richard ESQ. from the firm of Libby, O'Brien, Kingsley, and Champion.
- A deed from Keystone Investments Group LLC to Troy J. Bryant dated February 4, 2020.
- A deed from the Stepp Living Trust to Keystone Investment Group LLC dated June 21, 2019.
- A property disclosure dated December 4, 2019.
- An electronic Shoreland Project Permit Application.

The parcel on which you would like to install a dock (parcel number 0035-0027) is a legal nonconforming lot with twenty (20') feet of lake frontage. The Town Attorney has researched the ownership of parcel number 0035-0027. Based on her research and a corrective deed from the Stepp Living Trust to David and Sheila Baker (Book 10111 Pages 305-308 dated June 21, 2019) the property of your right of way is now owned by Amy R. Lappin and John M. Debartolo. Because Ms. Lappin and Mr. Debartolo own the abutting property (parcel number 0034-0001) in the same name these properties are now combined per Chapter 5 §504.5.C Contiguous Lots-Vacant or Partially Built of the Town of Poland Comprehensive Land Use Code (CLUC). The combined properties of Ms. Lappin and Mr. Debartolo have shore frontage of approximately one hundred and fifty eight feet (158') and one dock is already installed on that parcel. A second dock is not allowed on that parcel per Chapter 5 §508.27, D. 1 of the CLUC.

7. That the expansion/change of use of the nonconforming use will not encroach further on the required setbacks;
 8. Should the expansion/change of use of the nonconforming use require Site Plan Review, approval shall be obtained prior to any expansion/change of use;
 9. Notwithstanding Paragraphs 1 through 8, above, a residential structure located in the General Purpose Districts may be expanded without Planning Board review provided such expansion complies with all other applicable standards of this Code; and
 10. An accessory structure to a nonconforming residential use may be allowed provided such accessory structure complies with all other applicable standards of this Code.
- B. Resumption Prohibited - A lot, building or structure in or on which a legal nonconforming use is discontinued for a period exceeding one (1) year, or which is superseded by a conforming use, may not again be devoted to a nonconforming use except that the Planning Board may, for good cause shown by the applicant, grant up to one (1) year extension to that time period. This provision shall not apply to the resumption of a use of a residential structure provided that the structure has been used or maintained for residential purposes at any time during the preceding five (5) year period.
- C. Change of Use - An existing legal nonconforming use may be changed to another nonconforming use provided that the proposed use has no greater adverse impact on the subject and adjacent properties and resources than the former use, as determined by the Planning Board. The determination of no greater adverse impact shall be made according to the criteria in Section 504.4.A Paragraphs 1 through 8, above.

504.5 Nonconforming Lots

- A. Undeveloped Nonconforming Lots - An undeveloped legal nonconforming lot of record as of the effective date of this Code or amendment thereto may be built upon, without the need for a variance, provided that such lot is in separate ownership and not contiguous with any other lot in the same ownership, and that all provisions of this Chapter except lot size and road frontage can be met.
- B. Contiguous Built Lots - If two contiguous lots or parcels are in a single or joint ownership of record at the time of adoption of this Code, if all or part of the lot does not meet the dimensional requirements of this Chapter, and if a principal use or structure, which principal structure is not a shed, garage or similar accessory structure, exists on each lot, the nonconforming lots may be conveyed separately or together, provided that the State Minimum Lot Size Law and State of Maine Subsurface Wastewater Disposal Rules are complied with.

If two or more principle uses or structures, which principal structure is not a shed, garage or similar accessory structure, existed on a single lot of record on the effective date of this Code, each may be sold on a separate lot except in the Shoreland Area provided that the above referenced law and rules are complied with. When such lots are divided, each lot thus created must be as conforming as possible to the dimensional requirements of this Chapter.

- C. Contiguous Lots-Vacant or Partially Built - If two or more contiguous lots or parcels are in single or joint ownership (owned by the same person or persons) of record at the time of or since adoption or amendment of this Code, if any of these lots do not individually meet the

dimensional requirements of this Code or subsequent amendments to the same, and if one or more of the lots are vacant or contain no principal structure the lots shall be combined. This Section shall not be interpreted to require two or more legally conforming lots of record, owned by the same person or persons, on or before the effective date of this Code, that become nonconforming by adoption of this Code or subsequent amendments, to be combined.

505 DISTRICTS

505.1 Purposes

- A. To implement the Town of Poland Comprehensive Plan policies and Future Land use Plan;
- B. To provide for a separation of land uses that might otherwise be incompatible;
- C. To protect the natural resources of the Municipality and those it shares with adjacent Municipalities from degradation;
- D. To provide for an orderly future growth pattern; and
- E. To provide for the health, welfare, and safety of the public and for the environmental quality and economic wellbeing of the Municipality.

505.2 Specific Districts

- A. Village Districts - To preserve, enhance and continue existing mixed use development patterns that are characteristic of New England Village Centers; to allow for additional residential development; to allow non-residential development that is compatible with residential neighborhoods and village settings; to allow development that is consistent with historical land use patterns; to encourage the preservation of historically significant structures; to preserve the primarily residential nature of the Town's existing Villages; and to reflect the differing needs and varying conditions of Poland's Villages.
- B. Historic Districts - To encourage the continuation, enhancement, and preservation of historically significant sites and structures in Poland; to enhance structures designated on the National Register of Historic Places; to encourage land uses which are compatible with the integrity and use of historic places and structures; and to recognize the diversity and differing needs of various historic areas.
- C. Rural Residential Districts - To provide areas throughout Poland specifically for low density residential development where such development would not place an undue burden on the Town to provide a transitional area between more intensively used Village Districts and Farm and Forest Districts; and to recognize the diverse needs and varying resource conditions in Poland.
- D. Farm and Forest Districts - To preserve the rural character of the Town by encouraging the retention of existing farmland, forest land and open space; to encourage and promote agricultural and forest management activities and provide land areas within Poland where agriculture and forestry can co-exist with limited residential development; to allow business related to agriculture and forestry; and to recognize the diverse conditions, needs and resource limitations of Poland's rural areas.

(3) Only native species may be used to establish the buffer area;

(4) A minimum buffer width of 15 feet, horizontal distance, is required, measured perpendicularly to the normal high-water line or upland edge of a wetland; and

(5) A footpath not to exceed the standards in Section 508.27.M.2.a may traverse the buffer.

C. Multiple Principal Structures - If more than one principal structure is constructed on a single parcel of land, the "minimum lot area" requirement shall apply to each structure, and each structure shall meet the front, side and rear setback and road frontage requirements.

Each structure shall be so situated and constructed to be capable of being sold or transferred separately with a conforming lot except as may be allowed in Section 504.5.

D. Piers, Docks, Wharves, Bridges, and Other Structures and Uses Extending Over or below the Normal High-water Line of a Water Body or Within a Wetland.

1. No more than one pier, dock, wharf or similar structure extending or located below the normal high-water line of a water body or within a wetland is allowed on a single lot; except that when a single lot contains at least twice the minimum shore frontage as specified in Section 507.2 a second structure may be allowed and may remain as long as the lot is not further divided.

2. Access from shore shall be developed on soils appropriate for such use and constructed so as to control erosion.

3. The location shall not interfere with existing developed or natural beach areas.

4. The facility shall be located so as to minimize adverse effects on fish, wildlife and waterfowl habitats.

5. The facility shall be no larger in dimension than necessary to carry on the activity and be consistent with the surrounding character and uses of the area. The maximum width for residential facilities shall be no greater than six (6) feet in width and no greater than twelve (12) feet in width for commercial.

6. No new structure shall be built on, over or abutting a pier, wharf, dock or other structure extending beyond the normal high-water line of a water body or within a wetland unless the structure requires direct access to the water body or wetland as an operational necessity, said structures shall not exceed twenty (20) feet in height.

7. No existing structure built on, over or abutting a pier, dock, wharf or other structure extending beyond the normal high-water line of a water body or within a wetland shall be converted to a residential dwelling unit in any district.

8. Permanent structures projecting into or over water bodies shall require a permit from the Maine Department of Environmental Protection pursuant to the Natural Resource Protection Act. Permanent structures projecting into or over water bodies shall not be allowed, with the exception of structures relating to existing dams and bridges.

a) Vegetation may be removed in excess of the standards in Section 508.27.M of this ordinance in order to conduct shoreline stabilization of an eroding shoreline, provided that a permit is obtained from the Planning Board. Construction equipment must access the shoreline by barge when feasible as determined by the Planning Board.

a. When necessary, the removal of trees and other vegetation to allow for construction equipment access to the stabilization site via land must be limited to no more than 12 feet in width. When the stabilization project is complete the construction equipment access way must be restored.

b. Revegetation must occur in accordance with Section 508.27.P.

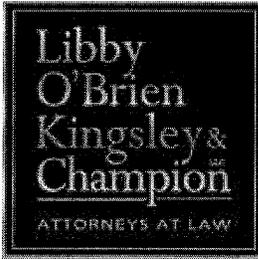
E. Individual Private Campsites - Individual, private campsites not associated with campgrounds are permitted provided the following conditions are met:

1. One (1) campsite per lot existing on the effective date of this Code or thirty thousand (30,000) sq. ft. of lot area within the Shoreland Area, whichever is less, may be permitted.
2. When an individual private campsite is proposed on a lot that contains another principal use and/or structure, the lot must contain the minimum lot dimensional requirements for the principal structure and/or use, and the individual private campsite separately.
3. Campsite placement on any lot, including the area intended for a recreational vehicle or tent platform, shall be set back a minimum of one hundred (100) feet horizontal distance, from the normal high-water line of a Great Pond, and seventy-five (75) feet horizontal distance from the normal high-water line of other water bodies, tributary streams, or the upland edge of a wetland. Camping units plus canopies must meet side, road and shoreline setback requirements.
4. Only one recreational vehicle shall be allowed on a campsite. The recreational vehicles shall not be located on any type of permanent foundation except for a gravel pad, and no structure(s) except a canopy shall be attached to the recreational vehicle.
5. The clearing of vegetation for the sitting of the recreational vehicle, tent or similar shelter in the Shoreland Area shall be limited to one thousand (1,000) sq. ft. Section 508.27.M may also apply.
6. A written Sewage Disposal Plan describing the proposed method and location of sewage disposal shall be required for each campsite and shall be approved by the Local Plumbing Inspector. Where disposal is off-site, written authorization from the receiving facility or land owner is required.
7. When a recreational vehicle, tent or similar shelter is placed on-site for more than one hundred twenty (120) days per year, all requirements for residential structures shall be met including the installation of a Subsurface Wastewater Disposal System in compliance with the State of Maine Subsurface Wastewater Disposal Rules unless served by public sewage facilities.

F. Parking Areas

1. The shoreline setback requirements for all parking areas and those serving public boat launching facilities shall be a minimum of one hundred (100) feet, horizontal distance, from the normal high water line or upland edge of a wetland.
2. Parking areas shall be adequately sized for the proposed use and shall be designed to prevent storm water runoff from flowing directly into a water body, and where feasible, to retain all runoff on-site.

G. Roads and Driveways - The following standards shall apply to the construction of roads and/or driveways and drainage systems, culverts and other related features. For the purpose of this section maintenance, repair, and paving of existing driveways is not considered as construction nor is the maintenance and repair of private roads. Paving of private roads is however considered to be construction.



May 5, 2020

Code Enforcement Officer
Town of Poland
1231 Maine St.
Poland, ME 04274

Re: Application of Troy Bryant to install dock in connection with right-of-way

Dear Code Enforcement Officer:

I represent Troy Bryant of 151 Watson Road. Based upon preliminary discussions with you and/or your office, Mr. Bryant has been led to believe that he cannot obtain a permit for a dock because he does not own the waterfront parcel. I write to make clear to your office that Mr. Bryant has the right to install a dock, and denying him a permit would be legal and factual error. If you believe that he lacks the requisite right, title, or interest, please make this determination in writing and the legal and factual basis for it so that we can immediately appeal to the Zoning Board of Appeals pursuant to Section 3-104.3 of the Town's ordinances.

Mr. Bryant's deed from the Bakers (as members of Keystone Investment Group) references the right-of-way as follows: "also conveyed . . . is a right of way and *shore privileges* so-called . . . to the westerly shore of Range Pond. (emphasis added)" Mr. Bryant's right-of-way can be traced to the original grantors, the Stepps, who conveyed to the Bakers by the following language: "Also conveyed herein and appurtenant to the premises hereinbefore described is a right of way and shore privileges so-called, over a strip of land leading from the right of way as delineated upon the Plan prepared for Allen D. Watson herein recorded . . ." It is my understanding that Mr. Bryant's predecessors installed a dock in connection with their use of the right-of-way, and that other surrounding properties did so as well. I enclose the Bryant and Stepp deeds for your reference.

It is established law in the State of Maine that a right of way to a water body may include the right to install a dock if that was granted by the language of the deed or

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intended by the parties to the conveyance. *See, e.g., Badger v. Hill*, 404 A.2d 222, 224 (Me. 1979) (“a pedestrian right of way or foot-path, being six (6) feet in width,” over defendant's land “to the York River” may include the right to install a dock); *Sleeper v. Loring*, 2013 ME 112, ¶ 19, 83 A.3d 769 (a right of way “to the shore of [Sebago] Lake” may include the right to install a dock).

To interpret whether a deed right-of-way comes with the right to install a dock, the courts consider the language of the deed, the purposes of the easement, the circumstances at the time the rights were deeded, “as well as use of the easement and acts acquiesced to during the years shortly after the original grant.” *Sleeper v. Loring*, 2013 ME 112, ¶ 19, 83 A.3d 769. Notable is that in neither *Badger* nor *Sleeper* did the easement include “shore privileges” or a description of rights once the holder reached the water. Nonetheless, the Maine Supreme Court reversed trial court decisions that concluded that a right of way is insufficient right, title, or interest to install a dock. In other words, concluding a right of way does not allow a dock is an error of law.

Based upon both the language of the deed granting “shore privileges,” and the actual use of the right-of-way, it is clear that Mr. Bryant has the right, title, or interest to install a dock. To the extent you believe otherwise, this is not what was intended by the parties to the deed and is more broadly inconsistent with Maine law, which we would bring to the attention of the Zoning Board of Appeals in an administrative appeal.

Please issue a permit or a written determination of the basis for denial within seven (7) days of the filing of this application or we will proceed to file an appeal with the Zoning Board of Appeals. *See* Section 3-103.2 (requiring CEO to grant or deny a permit application no later than seven days after submitted).

Sincerely,

/s/Keith Richard
Keith P. Richard

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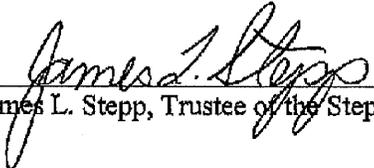
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DEED OF TRUSTEE

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS: That JAMES L. STEPP, as TRUSTEE of the STEPP LIVING TRUST, with a mailing address of PO Box 118, South Casco, Maine 04077, by the power conferred by law, and every other power, for consideration paid, grants to KEYSTONE INVESTMENT GROUP, LLC, a Maine Limited Liability Company with a mailing address of PO Box 943, Raymond, ME 04071, with WARRANTY COVENANTS, a certain lot or parcel of land situated in the Town of Poland, County of Androscoggin and State of Maine, more particularly described as follows:

See Exhibit A attached hereto and incorporated herein.

Executed this 21st day of June, 2019.

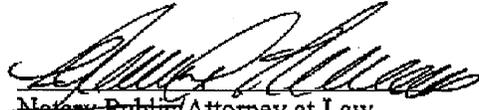
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James L. Stepp, Trustee of the Stepp Living Trust

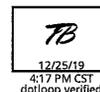
STATE OF MAINE
CUMBERLAND, ss.

June 21, 2019

Then personally appeared before me the said James L. Stepp, Trustee of the Stepp Living Trust, and acknowledged the foregoing to be his voluntary act and deed in his said capacity.


Notary Public/Attorney at Law
Name and Commission expiration:
Jennifer E. Thomas
Attorney-at-Law
Maine Bar #9616

After recording return to Beagle, Thomas & Ridge, LLC, PO Box 1815, Standish, Maine 04084
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EXHIBIT A

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A certain lot or parcel of land with any buildings thereon, situated in Poland, Androscoggin County, Maine, bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point on the Westerly side of a certain right of way so-called Watson Road leading from the premises herein conveyed to the Cleve Tripp Road, so-called a public highway in the Town of Poland, which marks the Northeast corner of land sold by Alan Watson to Willis Stepp in the year 1965, duly recorded in Androscoggin County Registry of Deeds; thence in a Northerly course on the Westerly side of said right of way, one hundred (100) feet to a point and corner; thence at right angles and in a Westerly course two hundred (200) feet to another point and corner; thence in a Southerly course parallel to the right of way aforesaid one hundred (100) feet to the Northwest corner of said Stepp's lot; thence in an Easterly course on Stepp's Northerly boundary, two hundred (200) feet to the point of beginning.

Together with a right of way in common with others from the premises herein described over the Watson Road, so-called hereinbefore mentioned, as now laid out and established from the premises herein described to the Cleve Tripp Road, so-called, as public highway in the Town of Poland aforementioned.

Meaning and conveying the same premises conveyed to Willis L. Stepp and Pauline E. Stepp, Trustees for the Stepp Living Trust by Warranty Deed dated May 6, 1997 from David G. Carr and Elizabeth J. Carr and recorded in the Androscoggin County Registry of Deeds in Book 3770, Page 211.

ANOTHER certain lot or parcel of land, with any buildings thereon, situated in Poland, Androscoggin County, Maine, bounded and described as follows:

Beginning on the Southwesterly side of the Cleve Tripp Road leading from the public highway to Upper Range Pond, which marks the boundary line of the land formerly of D. Cleveland Tripp and the premises herein conveyed and identified by a stone wall there existing; thence in Southeasterly course on the said D. Cleveland Tripp land one hundred fifty (150) feet, more or less to a point and corner; thence in an Easterly course on the line of land formerly known as the Keene property, to another point and corner; thence in a generally Southwesterly course on the Keene line to another point and corner marking the line of land of one, Tiny Davis; thence in a generally Southerly course on the line of said Davis land, to a brook there situated; thence Southeasterly on said brook to the corner of land now or formerly of one, Shackleton; thence in a Northeasterly course on the Northwesterly side of said Shackleton line and continuing on to the line of land now or formerly of one, Stepp, and land now or formerly of one, Laroche, to Laroche's Northerly corner; thence in a Southeasterly course on the Northeasterly side of said Laroche's land to a camp road there existing; thence in a Northeasterly course on said camp road to the corner of the



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Cleve Tripp Road aforementioned; thence in a Northwesterly course on the Cleve Tripp Road aforementioned to the point of beginning.

Together with a small plot of land situated at the intersection of the Cleve Road Tripp Road and the camp road aforementioned, being surrounded by said roads and short cuts as there made.

Excepting and serving from the within transfer a certain right of way conveyed by Allan Watson to George P. Lahey by deed duly recorded in Androscoggin County Registry of Deeds.

Together with a right of way in common with others over a 20-foot strip of land running from the right of way hereinbefore mentioned to Upper Range Pond between another lot of land of now or formerly owned by Willis L. Stepp and Pauline E. Stepp and lot of land conveyed to George Chaison et als, duly recorded in said Registry; also granting herein is a further right of way from the premises herein described over the roadway hereinbefore mentioned as now laid out and established from the premises herein described to the Cleve Tripp Road, a public highway in the Town of Poland aforementioned.

Excepting and reserving from the within transfer that portion of the premises previously conveyed to David G. Carr and Elizabeth J. Carr by Warranty Deed dated May 6, 1997 from Willis L. Stepp and Pauline E. Stepp and recorded in the Androscoggin County Registry of Deeds in Book 3770, Page 221.

Meaning and conveying the balance of the premises conveyed to Willis L. Stepp and Pauline E. Stepp, Trustees for the Stepp Living Trust by Warranty Deed dated December 29, 1993 from Willis L. Stepp and Pauline E. Stepp and recorded in the Androscoggin County Registry of Deeds in Book 3195, Page 87.

ANOTHER certain lot or parcel of land, with any buildings thereon, situated in Poland, Androscoggin County, Maine, bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point on the Northwesterly side of the road leading from the Town Road, called the Cleve Tripp Road, past the premises herein conveyed as now laid out and established, said point being the most Easterly corner of the premises now or formerly of Harold C. Shackleton et al; thence N 49° 20' W on the Shackleton line two hundred (200) feet to a point and corner; thence N 24° 19' E, one hundred (100) feet to another point and corner; thence S 49° 20' E, two hundred (200) feet, more or less, to the Northwesterly side of the right of way as aforesaid; thence in a general Southerly course on the Northwesterly side of said right of way, one hundred (100) feet to the point of beginning.

Together with a right of way leading from the Town Road, known as the Cleve Tripp Road, to the premises herein conveyed over the land of this grantor, as now laid out and established.



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Also conveyed herein and appurtenant to the premises hereinbefore described is a right of way and shore privileges so-called, over a strip of land leading from the right of way as delineated upon the Plan prepared for Allen D. Watson herein recorded in Androscoggin County Registry of Deeds, Book of Plans, Book 15, Page 37, to the westerly shore of Range Pond, bounded and described as follows: Beginning at an iron stake driven in the ground on the Westerly shore of said Pond as aforesaid, at a point twenty (20) feet Northeasterly of the Northeast corner of land now for formerly owned by Willis F. Stepp and Pauline E. Stepp; thence in a generally Northeasterly course on the Westerly shore of said Pond, a distance of twenty feet to another stake there driven, thence in a generally Westerly course to the Northeasterly side of a right of way there existing at a point marked by a stake forty-five feet Northeasterly of the Northwest corner of the strip of said Stepp; thence in a generally Southerly course on the Easterly side of said right of way twenty feet to a point marked by an iron stake; thence in a generally Easterly course to the point of beginning.

Meaning and conveying the same premises conveyed to Meaning and conveying the balance of the premises conveyed to Willis L. Stepp and Pauline E. Stepp, Trustees for the Stepp Living Trust by Warranty Deed dated January 5, 1994 from Willis L. Stepp and Pauline E. Stepp and recorded in the Androscoggin County Registry of Deeds in Book 3195, Page 94.



PROPERTY LOCATED AT: 151 Watson Road Poland Maine

PROPERTY DISCLOSURE

Under Maine Law, certain information must be made available to buyers prior to or during preparation of an offer. This statement has been prepared to assist prospective buyers in evaluating this property. This disclosure is not a warranty of the condition of the property and is not part of any contract between Seller and any Buyer. Seller authorizes the disclosure of the information in this statement to real estate licensees and to prospective buyers of this property. The Seller agrees to provide prompt notice of any changes in the information and this form will be appropriately changed with an amendment date. Inspections are highly recommended.

DO NOT LEAVE ANY QUESTIONS BLANK. STRIKE, WRITE N/A OR UNKNOWN IF NEEDED.

SECTION I - WATER SUPPLY

TYPE OF SYSTEM: Public Private Seasonal Unknown
 Drilled Dug Other

MALFUNCTIONS: Are you aware of or have you experienced any malfunctions with the (public/private/other) water system?

Pump (if any): N/A Yes No Unknown
Quantity: Yes No Unknown
Quality: Yes No Unknown

If Yes to any question, please explain in the comment section below or with attachment.

WATER TEST: Have you had the water tested? Yes No
If Yes, Date of most recent test: _____ Are test results available? .. Yes No
To your knowledge, have any test results ever been reported as unsatisfactory or satisfactory with notation? Yes No
If Yes, are test results available? Yes No
What steps were taken to remedy the problem? _____

IF PRIVATE: (Strike Section if Not Applicable):

INSTALLATION: Location: _____
Installed by: _____
Date of installation: _____
USE: Number of persons currently using system: _____
Does system supply water for more than one household? Yes No Unknown

Comments: None

Source of Section I information: Seller

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SECTION II - WASTE WATER DISPOSAL

TYPE OF SYSTEM: Public Private Quasi-Public _____ Unknown

~~IF PUBLIC OR QUASI-PUBLIC (Strike Section if Not Applicable):
Have you had the sewer line inspected?..... Yes No
If Yes, what results: _____
Have you experienced any problems such as line or other malfunctions? Yes No
What steps were taken to remedy the problem? _____~~

IF PRIVATE (Strike Section if Not Applicable):
Tank: Septic Tank Holding Tank Cesspool Other: _____
Tank Size: 500 Gallon 1000 Gallon Unknown Other: _____
Tank Type: Concrete Metal Unknown Other: _____
Location: Back of Property OR Unknown
Date installed: 1997 Date last pumped: 5/22/19 Name of pumping company: Archie Rodgers
Have you experienced any malfunctions? Yes No
If Yes, give the date and describe the problem: _____

Date of last servicing of tank: N/A Name of company servicing tank: Unknown
Leach Field: Yes No Unknown

If Yes, Location: _____
Date of installation of leach field: 1997 Installed by: Unknown
Date of last servicing of leach field: unknown Company servicing leach field: unknown
Have you experienced any malfunctions? Yes No
If Yes, give the date and describe the problem and what steps were taken to remedy: _____

Do you have records of the design indicating the # of bedrooms the system was designed for? Yes No
If Yes, are they available? Yes No
Is System located in a Shoreland Zone? Yes No Unknown
Is System located in a Coastal Shoreland Zone?..... Yes No Unknown

Comments: None
Source of Section II information: Seller

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SECTION III - HEATING SYSTEM(S)/HEATING SOURCE(S)

Heating System(s) or Source(s)	SYSTEM 1	SYSTEM 2	SYSTEM 3	SYSTEM 4
TYPE(S)	<u>0. Baseboard Hot Water</u>			
Age of system(s) or source(s)	<u>21 years</u>			
Name of company that services system(s) or source(s)	<u>Marietta Blake Titus Plumbing</u>			
Date of most recent service call	<u>12/20/18</u>			
Annual consumption per system or source (i.e., gallons, kilowatt hours, cords)	<u>846 gallons</u>			
Malfunction per system(s) or source(s) within past 2 years	<u>None</u>			
Other pertinent information		<u>1/28/19 New Hot Water Tank installed</u>		

- Are there fuel supply lines? Yes No Unknown
- Are any buried? Yes No Unknown
- Are all sleeved? Yes No Unknown
- Chimney(s): Yes No
 - If Yes, are they lined: Yes No Unknown
 - Is more than one heat source vented through one flue? Yes No Unknown
 - Had a chimney fire: Yes No Unknown
 - Has chimney(s) been inspected? Yes No Unknown
 - If Yes, date: _____
 - Date chimney(s) last cleaned: _____
- Direct/Power Vent(s): Yes No Unknown
- Has vent(s) been inspected? N/A Yes No Unknown
- If Yes, date: _____

Comments: None

Source of Section III information: Seller

SECTION IV - HAZARDOUS MATERIAL

The licensee is disclosing that the Seller is making representations contained herein.

- A. UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANKS** - Are there now, or have there ever been, any underground storage tanks on the property? Yes No Unknown
- If Yes, are tanks in current use? Yes No Unknown
- If no longer in use, how long have they been out of service? N/A
- If tanks are no longer in use, have tanks been abandoned according to DEP? Yes No Unknown
- Are tanks registered with DEP? Yes No Unknown
- Age of tank(s): _____ Size of tank(s): _____
- Location: N/A

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What materials are, or were, stored in the tank(s)? N/A

Have you experienced any problems such as leakage: N/A Yes No Unknown

Comments: None

Source of information: Seller

B. ASBESTOS -- Is there now or has there been asbestos:

As insulation on the heating system pipes or duct work? Yes No Unknown

In the ceilings? Yes No Unknown

In the siding? Yes No Unknown

In the roofing shingles? Yes No Unknown

In flooring tiles? Yes No Unknown

Other: Yes No Unknown

Comments: None

Source of information: Seller

C. RADON/AIR - Current or previously existing:

Has the property been tested? Yes No Unknown

If Yes: Date: 7/30/18 By: AiL Laboratory

Results: 11 pCi/L

If applicable, what remedial steps were taken? _____

Has the property been tested since remedial steps? Yes No Unknown

Are test results available? No Yes No

Results/Comments: None

Source of information: Seller

D. RADON/WATER - Current or previously existing:

Has the property been tested? Yes No Unknown

If Yes: Date: _____ By: _____

Results: _____

If applicable, what remedial steps were taken? None

Has the property been tested since remedial steps? N/A Yes No Unknown

Are test results available? Yes No

Results/Comments: None

Source of information: Seller

E. METHAMPHETAMINE - Current or previously existing:

Comments: None Yes No Unknown

Source of information: Seller

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Seller

PROPERTY LOCATED AT: _____

F. LEAD-BASED PAINT/PAINT HAZARDS — (Note: Lead-based paint is most commonly found in homes constructed prior to 1978)

Is there now or has there ever been lead-based paint and/or lead-based paint hazards on the property?
..... Yes No Unknown Unknown (but possible due to age)

If Yes, describe location and basis for determination: NK

Do you know of any records/reports pertaining to such lead-based paint/lead-based paint hazards: Yes No

If Yes, describe: _____

Are you aware of any cracking, peeling or flaking paint? Yes No

Comments: _____

Source of information: None Seller

G. OTHER HAZARDOUS MATERIALS - Current or previously existing:

TOXIC MATERIAL: Yes No Unknown

LAND FILL: Yes No Unknown

RADIOACTIVE MATERIAL: Yes No Unknown

Other: None

Source of information: Seller

Buyers are encouraged to seek information from professionals regarding any specific issue or concern.

SECTION V — GENERAL INFORMATION

Is the property subject to or have the benefit of any encroachments, easements, rights-of-way, leases, rights of first refusal, life estates, private ways, trails, homeowner associations (including condominiums and PUD's) or restrictive covenants? Yes No Unknown

If Yes, explain: Row to Water across street

Source of information: seller

Is access by means of a way owned and maintained by the State, a county, or a municipality over which the public has a right to pass? Yes No Unknown

If No, who is responsible for maintenance? Watson Road Association

Road Association Name (if known): Watson Road Maintenance

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Are there any tax exemptions or reductions for this property for any reason including but not limited to: Tree Growth, Open Space and Farmland, Veteran's, Homestead Exemption, Blind, Working Waterfront?.....
 Yes No Unknown

If Yes, explain: N/A

Is a Forest Management and Harvest Plan available?..... Yes No Unknown

Is house now covered by flood insurance policy (not a determination of flood zone) Yes No Unknown

Equipment leased or not owned (including but not limited to, propane tank, hot water heater, satellite dish, water filtration system, photovoltaics, wind turbines): Type: N/A

Year Principal Structure Built: 1997

What year did Seller acquire property? 2018

Roof: Year Shingles/Other Installed: 1997

Water, moisture or leakage: None

Comments: None

Foundation/Basement:

Is there a Sump Pump? Yes No Unknown

Water, moisture or leakage since you owned the property: Yes No Unknown

Prior water, moisture or leakage? Yes No Unknown

Comments: None

Mold: Has the property ever been tested for mold? Yes No Unknown

If Yes, are test results available? N/A Yes No

Electrical: Fuses Circuit Breaker Other: _____ Unknown

Has all or a portion of the property been surveyed? Yes No Unknown

If Yes, is the survey available? Yes No Unknown

Manufactured Housing - Is the residence a:

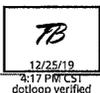
Mobile Home Yes No Unknown

Modular Yes No Unknown

KNOWN MATERIAL DEFECTS about Physical Condition and/or value of Property, including those that may have an adverse impact on health/safety: None known

Source of Section V information: Seller

Buyer Initials _____



Seller Initials DB SKB

Ken Seller

PROPERTY LOCATED AT: 151 Watson Road Bland ME,
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SECTION VI - ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

None

ATTACHMENTS EXPLAINING CURRENT PROBLEMS, PAST REPAIRS OR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IN ANY SECTION IN DISCLOSURE: Yes No

Seller shall be responsible and liable for any failure to provide known information regarding known material defects to the Buyer.

Neither Seller nor any Broker makes any representations as to the applicability of, or compliance with, any codes of any sort, whether state, municipal, federal or any other, including but not limited to fire, life safety, building, electrical or plumbing.

As Sellers, we have provided the above information and represent that all information is correct. To the best of our knowledge, all systems and equipment, unless otherwise noted on this form, are in operational condition.

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SELLER DATE SELLER DATE

[Signature] 12-4-19
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I/We have read and received a copy of this disclosure, the arsenic in wood fact sheet, the arsenic in water brochure, and understand that I/we should seek information from qualified professionals if I/we have questions or concerns.

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Code Enforcement Officer Scott Neal's
Response to Troy Bryant Administrative
Appeal 7.22.2020



Code Enforcement Office

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(207) 998-4604 sneal@polandtownoffice.org

July 1, 2020

Town of Poland Board of Appeals
1231 Maine St.
Poland, Maine 04274

RE: Troy Bryant Administrative Appeal
151 Watson Rd.
Poland, Maine 04274

Map: 0005 Lot: 0016C

To the Board of Appeals,

On May 5, 2020, this office received an application from Troy Bryant for a dock on a right of way on parcel 0035 - 0027. All records in the town office indicated that parcel 0035-0027 was owned by the Town of Poland. After research by the Town Attorney Natalie Burns and the Town Office Staff a corrective deed dated June 21, 2019, from the Stepp Living Trust to David and Sheila Baker was found. The deed to the Bakers showed the land of parcel 0035-0027 was owned by them and not the Town of Poland. Because parcel 0035-0027 and the adjoining property of the Bakers, parcel 0034 – 0001, are in the same name on the deed dated June 21, 2019, they were joined at that time per Chapter 5 §504.5.C Contiguous Lots-Vacant or Partially Built of the Town of Poland Comprehensive Land Use Code (CLUC). Chapter 5 §504.5.C Contiguous Lots-Vacant or Partially Built states “If two or more contiguous lots or parcels are in single or joint ownership (owned by the same person or persons) of record at the time of or since adoption or amendment of this Code, if any of these lots do not individually meet the dimensional requirements of this Code or subsequent amendments to the same, and if one or more of the lots are vacant or contain no principal structure the lots shall be combined. This Section shall not be interpreted to require two or more legally conforming lots of record, owned by the same person or persons, on or before the effective date of this Code, that become nonconforming by adoption of this Code or subsequent amendments, to be combined.” The Baker property, parcels 0035-0027 and 0034-0001, has since been transferred to Amy Lappin and John Debartolo.

On May 21, 2020, it was determined that property now owned by Ms. Lappin and Mr. Debartolo of which Mr. Bryant has a right of way to the water already had one dock. Chapter 5 §508.27.D.1 states “No more than one pier, dock, wharf or similar structure extending or located below the normal high-water line of a water body or within a wetland is allowed on a single lot; except that when a single lot contains at least twice the minimum shore frontage as specified in Section 507.2 a second structure may be allowed and may remain as long as the lot is not further divided.” Because the shore frontage



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of the lot is approximately one hundred and fifty eight feet (158') another dock cannot be installed. Chapter 5 §507.2.A.3 states "The minimum Shore Frontage shall be (200) feet". Based on the above CLUC sections and conversations with the Town Attorney the application was denied, and a letter was sent to Mr. Bryant.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Scott Neal', written in a cursive style.

Scott Neal
Code Enforcement Officer

Application and Accompanying Documents
Submitted by Troy Bryant

Town of Poland
Shoreland Project Permit Application

Owner / Contractor

Owner Name:	BRYANT, TROY J.	Contractor Name:	
Address:	41 RIVERSIDE DRIVE	Mailing Address:	
City, State, Zip:	MECHANIC FALLS, ME 04256	City, State, Zip:	, ,
Phone:	577-6112	Phone:	
Fax:	[ownerfax]	Fax:	
Email:	troy.bryant84@yahoo.com	Email:	
Contractor (if unable to find on the web form):		DEP Certification:	

Project

Project Address:	151 WATSON RD.	Estimated	1500
City, State, Zip:	, ,	Cost:	
Parcel ID #:	0005-0016C	Current Use:	Nothing in Place at this time, I just moved into Residence in Feb
		Proposed Use:	Install a dock for boat use

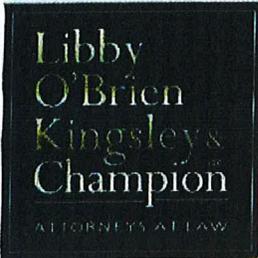
Please Describe Your Project: Installing 4'x20' new aluminum dock
Dock

I hereby certify that I am the Owner of Record of the named property, or that the owner of record authorizes the proposed work, and I have been authorized by the owner to make this application as his/her authorized agent. I agree to confirm to all applicable laws of this jurisdiction. In addition, if a permit for work described in this application is issued, I certify that the Code Officials shall have the authority to enter all areas covered by this permit at any reasonable hour to enforce the provisions of the codes applicable to this permit.

Troy Bryant
Applicant Signature

05/05/2020
Date

KEITH P. RICHARD, ESQ.
krichard@lokllc.com



May 5, 2020

Code Enforcement Officer
Town of Poland
1231 Maine St.
Poland, ME 04274

Re: Application of Troy Bryant to install dock in connection with right-of-way

Dear Code Enforcement Officer:

I represent Troy Bryant of 151 Watson Road. Based upon preliminary discussions with you and/or your office, Mr. Bryant has been led to believe that he cannot obtain a permit for a dock because he does not own the waterfront parcel. I write to make clear to your office that Mr. Bryant has the right to install a dock, and denying him a permit would be legal and factual error. If you believe that he lacks the requisite right, title, or interest, please make this determination in writing and the legal and factual basis for it so that we can immediately appeal to the Zoning Board of Appeals pursuant to Section 3-104.3 of the Town's ordinances.

Mr. Bryant's deed from the Bakers (as members of Keystone Investment Group) references the right-of-way as follows: "also conveyed . . . is a right of way and *shore privileges* so-called . . . to the westerly shore of Range Pond. (emphasis added)" Mr. Bryant's right-of-way can be traced to the original grantors, the Stepps, who conveyed to the Bakers by the following language: "Also conveyed herein and appurtenant to the premises hereinbefore described is a right of way and shore privileges so-called, over a strip of land leading from the right of way as delineated upon the Plan prepared for Allen D. Watson herein recorded . . ." It is my understanding that Mr. Bryant's predecessors installed a dock in connection with their use of the right-of-way, and that other surrounding properties did so as well. I enclose the Bryant and Stepp deeds for your reference.

It is established law in the State of Maine that a right of way to a water body may include the right to install a dock if that was granted by the language of the deed or

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intended by the parties to the conveyance. *See, e.g., Badger v. Hill*, 404 A.2d 222, 224 (Me. 1979) (“a pedestrian right of way or foot-path, being six (6) feet in width,” over defendant’s land “to the York River” may include the right to install a dock); *Sleeper v. Loring*, 2013 ME 112, ¶ 19, 83 A.3d 769 (a right of way “to the shore of [Sebago] Lake” may include the right to install a dock).

To interpret whether a deed right-of-way comes with the right to install a dock, the courts consider the language of the deed, the purposes of the easement, the circumstances at the time the rights were deeded, “as well as use of the easement and acts acquiesced to during the years shortly after the original grant.” *Sleeper v. Loring*, 2013 ME 112, ¶ 19, 83 A.3d 769. Notable is that in neither *Badger* nor *Sleeper* did the easement include “shore privileges” or a description of rights once the holder reached the water. Nonetheless, the Maine Supreme Court reversed trial court decisions that concluded that a right of way is insufficient right, title, or interest to install a dock. In other words, concluding a right of way does not allow a dock is an error of law.

Based upon both the language of the deed granting “shore privileges,” and the actual use of the right-of-way, it is clear that Mr. Bryant has the right, title, or interest to install a dock. To the extent you believe otherwise, this is not what was intended by the parties to the deed and is more broadly inconsistent with Maine law, which we would bring to the attention of the Zoning Board of Appeals in an administrative appeal.

Please issue a permit or a written determination of the basis for denial within seven (7) days of the filing of this application or we will proceed to file an appeal with the Zoning Board of Appeals. *See* Section 3-103.2 (requiring CEO to grant or deny a permit application no later than seven days after submitted).

Sincerely,

/s/Keith Richard
Keith P. Richard

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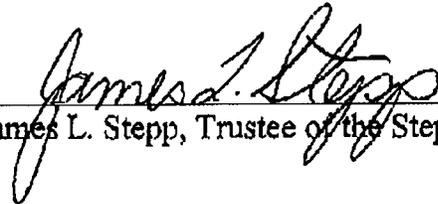
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DEED OF TRUSTEE

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS: That JAMES L. STEPP, TRUSTEE of the STEPP LIVING TRUST, with a mailing address of PO Box 118, South Casco, ME 04077, by the power conferred by law, and every other power, for consideration paid, grant KEYSTONE INVESTMENT GROUP, LLC, a Maine Limited Liability Company with a mailing address of PO Box 943, Raymond, ME 04071, with WARRANTY COVENANTS, a certain lot or parcel of situated in the Town of Poland, County of Androscoggin and State of Maine, more particularly described as follows:

See Exhibit A attached hereto and incorporated herein.

Executed this 21st day of June, 2019.

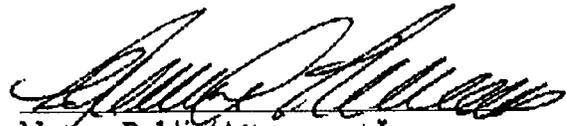
Stepp Living Trust


James L. Stepp, Trustee of the Stepp Living Trust

STATE OF MAINE
CUMBERLAND, ss.

June 21, 2019

Then personally appeared before me the said James L. Stepp, Trustee of the Stepp Living Trust and acknowledged the foregoing to be his voluntary act and deed in his said capacity.



Notary Public/Attorney at Law
Name and Commission expiration:
Jennifer E. Thomas
Attorney-at-Law
Maine Bar #9516

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EXHIBIT A

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A certain lot or parcel of land with any buildings thereon, situated in Poland, Androscoggin Co
Maine, bounded and described as follows: L
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Beginning at a point on the Westerly side of a certain right of way so-called Watson Road leading
the premises herein conveyed to the Cleve Tripp Road , so-called a public highway in the Town of Pol
which marks the Northeast corner of land sold by Alan Watson to Willis Stepp in the year 1965,
recorded in Androscoggin County Registry of Deeds; thence in a Northerly course on the Westerly
of said right of way, one hundred (100) feet to a point and corner; thence at right angles and in a Wes
course two hundred (200) feet to another point and corner; thence in a Southerly course parallel to
right of way aforesaid one hundred (100) feet to the Northwest corner of said Stepp's lot;
thence in an Easterly course on Stepp's Northerly boundary, two hundred (200) feet to the poi
beginning.

Together with a right of way in common with others from the premises herein described over the We
Road, so-called hereinbefore mentioned, as now laid out and established from the premises he
described to the Cleve Tripp Road, so-called, as public highway in the Town of Poland aforementior

Meaning and conveying the same premises conveyed to Willis L. Stepp and Pauline E. Stepp, Tru
for the Stepp Living Trust by Warranty Deed dated May 6, 1997 from David G. Carr and Elizabeth J.
and recorded in the Androscoggin County Registry of Deeds in Book 3770, Page 211.

ANOTHER certain lot or parcel of land, with any buildings thereon, situated in Poland, Androsco
County, Maine, bounded and described as follows:

Beginning on the Southwesterly side of the Cleve Tripp Road leading from the public highway to U
Range Pond, which marks the boundary line of the land formerly of D. Cleveland Tripp and the pren
herein conveyed and identified by a stone wall there existing; thence in Southeasterly course on the
D. Cleveland Tripp land one hundred fifty (150) feet, more or less to a point and corner; thence i
Easterly course on the line of land formerly known as the Keene property, to another point and co
thence in a generally Southwesterly course on the Keene line to another point and corner marking the
of land of one, Tiny Davis; thence in a generally Southerly course on the line of said Davis land,
brook there situated; thence Southeasterly on said brook to the corner of land now or formerly of
Shackleton; thence in a Northeasterly course on the Northwesterly side of said Shackleton line
continuing on to the line of land now or formerly of one, Stepp, and land now or formerly of one, Larc
to Laroche's Northerly corner; thence in a Southeasterly course on the Northeasterly side of said Laro
land to a camp road there existing; thence in a Northeasterly course on said camp road to the corner o

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Cleve Tripp Road aforementioned; thence in a Northwesterly course on the Cleve Tripp
aforementioned to the point of beginning.

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Together with a small plot of land situated at the intersection of the Cleve Road Tripp Road and the
road aforementioned, being surrounded by said roads and short cuts as there made.

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Excepting and serving from the within transfer a certain right of way conveyed by Allan Watson to G
P. Lahey by deed duly recorded in Androscoggin County Registry of Deeds.

Together with a right of way in common with others over a 20-foot strip of land running from the rig
way hereinbefore mentioned to Upper Range Pond between another lot of land of now or formerly o
by Willis L. Stepp and Pauline E. Stepp and lot of land conveyed to George Chaison et als, duly rec
in said Registry; also granting herein is a further right of way from the premises herein described ove
roadway hereinbefore mentioned as now laid out and established from the premises herein describ
the Cleve Tripp Road, a public highway in the Town of Poland aforementioned.

Excepting and reserving from the within transfer that portion of the premises previously convey
David G. Carr and Elizabeth J. Carr by Warranty Deed dated May 6, 1997 from Willis L. Stepp
Pauline E. Stepp and recorded in the Androscoggin County Registry of Deeds in Book 3770, Page 2

Meaning and conveying the balance of the premises conveyed to Willis L. Stepp and Pauline E. S
Trustees for the Stepp Living Trust by Warranty Deed dated December 29, 1993 from Willis L. Stepp
Pauline E. Stepp and recorded in the Androscoggin County Registry of Deeds in Book 3195, Page 8

ANOTHER certain lot or parcel of land, with any buildings thereon, situated in Poland, Androsc
County, Maine, bounded and described as follows:

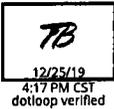
Beginning at a point on the Northwesterly side of the road leading from the Town Road, called the C
Tripp Road, past the premises herein conveyed as now laid out and established, said point being the
Easterly corner of the premises now or formerly of Harold C. Shackleton et al; thence N 49° 20' W o
Shackleton line two hundred (200) feet to a point and corner; thence N 24° 19' E, one hundred (100'
to another point and corner; thence S 49° 20' E, two hundred (200) feet, more or less, to the Northwes
side of the right of way as aforesaid; thence in a general Southerly course on the Northwesterly si
said right of way, one hundred (100) feet to the point of beginning.

Together with a right of way leading from the Town Road, known as the Cleve Tripp Road, to the prer
herein conveyed over the land of this grantor, as now laid out and established.

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Also conveyed herein and appurtenant to the premises hereinbefore described is a right of way and s privileges so-called, over a strip of land leading from the right of way as delineated upon the Plan prep for Allen D. Watson herein recorded in Androscoggin County Registry of Deeds, Book of Plans, E 15, Page 37, to the westerly shore of Range Pond, bounded and described as follows: Beginning at an stake driven in the ground on the Westerly shore of said Pond as aforesaid, at a point twenty (20) Northeasterly of the Northeast corner of land now for formerly owned by Willis F. Stepp and Paulir Stepp; thence in a generally Northeasterly course on the Westerly shore of said Pond, a distance of tw feet to another stake there driven, thence in a generally Westerly course to the Northeasterly side of a of way there existing at a point marked by a stake forty-five feet Northeasterly of the Northwest corn the strip of said Stepp; thence in a generally Southerly course on the Easterly side of said right of twenty feet to a point marked by an iron stake; thence in a generally Easterly course to the pair beginning.

Meaning and conveying the same premises conveyed to Meaning and conveying the balance of premises conveyed to Willis L. Stepp and Pauline E. Stepp, Trustees for the Stepp Living Trus Warranty Deed dated January 5, 1994 from Willis L. Stepp and Pauline E. Stepp and recorded in Androscoggin County Registry of Deeds in Book 3195, Page 94.



PROPERTY LOCATED AT: 151 Watson Road Poland Maine

PROPERTY DISCLOSURE

Under Maine Law, certain information must be made available to buyers prior to or during preparation of a This statement has been prepared to assist prospective buyers in evaluating this property. This disclosure warranty of the condition of the property and is not part of any contract between Seller and any Buyer. authorizes the disclosure of the information in this statement to real estate licensees and to prospective bu this property. The Seller agrees to provide prompt notice of any changes in the information and this fo be appropriately changed with an amendment date. Inspections are highly recommended.

DO NOT LEAVE ANY QUESTIONS BLANK. STRIKE, WRITE N/A OR UNKNOWN IF NEE

SECTION I - WATER SUPPLY

TYPE OF SYSTEM: Public Private Seasonal Unk
 Drilled Dug Other

MALFUNCTIONS: Are you aware of or have you experienced any malfunctions with the (public/private/other) water system?
Pump (if any): N/A Yes No Unk
Quantity: Yes No Unk
Quality: Yes No Unk

If Yes to any question, please explain in the comment section below or with attachment

WATER TEST: Have you had the water tested? Yes No
If Yes, Date of most recent test: _____ Are test results available? .. Yes No
To your knowledge, have any test results ever been reported as unsatisfactory or satisfactory with notation? Yes No
If Yes, are test results available? Yes No
What steps were taken to remedy the problem? _____

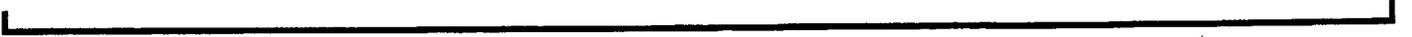
~~IF PRIVATE: (Strike Section if Not Applicable):~~

~~INSTALLATION: Location: _____
Installed by: _____
Date of Installation: _____~~

~~USE: Number of persons currently using system: _____
Does system supply water for more than one household? Yes No Unk~~

Comments: None

Source of Section I information: Seller



PROPERTY LOCATED AT: 151 Watson Road Poland Maine

SECTION II - WASTE WATER DISPOSAL

TYPE OF SYSTEM: Public Private Quasi-Public Unk

~~IF PUBLIC OR QUASI-PUBLIC (Strike Section if Not Applicable):
Have you had the sewer line inspected?..... Yes |
If Yes, what results: _____
Have you experienced any problems such as line or other malfunctions? Yes |
What steps were taken to remedy the problem? _____~~

IF PRIVATE (Strike Section if Not Applicable):
Tank: Septic Tank Holding Tank Cesspool Other: _____
Tank Size: 500 Gallon 1000 Gallon Unknown Other: _____
Tank Type: Concrete Metal Unknown Other: _____
Location: Back of Property OR Unl
Date installed: 1997 Date last pumped: 5/22/19 Name of pumping company: Archie
Have you experienced any malfunctions? Yes |
If Yes, give the date and describe the problem: _____

Date of last servicing of tank: N/A Name of company servicing tank: Unknown
Leach Field: Yes No Unl
If Yes, Location: _____
Date of installation of leach field: 1997 Installed by: Unknown
Date of last servicing of leach field: Unknown Company servicing leach field: Unknown
Have you experienced any malfunctions? Yes |
If Yes, give the date and describe the problem and what steps were taken to remedy: _____

Do you have records of the design indicating the # of bedrooms the system was designed for? Yes |
If Yes, are they available? Yes |
Is System located in a Shoreland Zone? Yes No Unk
Is System located in a Coastal Shoreland Zone?..... Yes No Unk

Comments: None
Source of Section II information: Seller

PROPERTY LOCATED AT: 151 Watson Road Poland, A

SECTION III – HEATING SYSTEM(S)/HEATING SOURCES(S)

Heating System(s) or Source(s)	SYSTEM 1	SYSTEM 2	SYSTEM 3	SYST
TYPE(S)	<u>01/ Baseboard Hot Water</u>			
Age of system(s) or source(s)	<u>21 years</u>			
Name of company that services system(s) or source(s)	<u>Marietta Blaske Titus Plumbing</u>			
Date of most recent service call	<u>12/20/18</u>			
Annual consumption per system or source (i.e., gallons, kilowatt hours, cords)	<u>~846 gallons</u>			
Malfunction per system(s) or source(s) within past 2 years	<u>None</u>			
Other pertinent information		<u>1/28/19 New Hot Water Tank installed</u>		

Are there fuel supply lines? Yes No Unk

Are any buried? Yes No Unk

Are all sleeved? Yes No Unk

Chimney(s): Yes No

 If Yes, are they lined: Yes No Unk

 Is more than one heat source vented through one flue? Yes No Unk

 Had a chimney fire: Yes No Unk

 Has chimney(s) been inspected? Yes No Unk

 If Yes, date: _____

 Date chimney(s) last cleaned: _____

Direct/Power Vent(s): Yes No Unk

 Has vent(s) been inspected? N/A Yes No Unk

 If Yes, date: _____

Comments: None

Source of Section III information: Seller

SECTION IV – HAZARDOUS MATERIAL

The licensee is disclosing that the Seller is making representations contained herein.

A. UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANKS - Are there now, or have there ever been, any underground storage tanks on the property? Yes No Unk

If Yes, are tanks in current use? Yes No Unk

If no longer in use, how long have they been out of service? N/A

If tanks are no longer in use, have tanks been abandoned according to DEP? Yes No Unk

Are tanks registered with DEP? Yes No Unk

Age of tank(s): _____ Size of tank(s): _____

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What materials are, or were, stored in the tank(s)? N/A

Have you experienced any problems such as leakage: N/A Yes No Unk

Comments: None

Source of information: Seller

B. ASBESTOS -- Is there now or has there been asbestos:

As insulation on the heating system pipes or duct work? Yes No Unk

In the ceilings? Yes No Unk

In the siding? Yes No Unk

In the roofing shingles? Yes No Unk

In flooring tiles? Yes No Unk

Other: Yes No Unk

Comments: None

Source of information: Seller

C. RADON/AIR - Current or previously existing:

Has the property been tested? Yes No Unk

If Yes: Date: 7/30/18 By: AiL Laboratory

Results: 11 pCi/L

If applicable, what remedial steps were taken?

Has the property been tested since remedial steps? Yes No Unk

Are test results available? No Yes No

Results/Comments: None

Source of information: Seller

D. RADON/WATER - Current or previously existing:

Has the property been tested? Yes No Unk

If Yes: Date: By:

Results:

If applicable, what remedial steps were taken? None

Has the property been tested since remedial steps? N/A Yes No Unk

Are test results available? Yes No

Results/Comments: None

Source of information: Seller

E. METHAMPHETAMINE - Current or previously existing:

Comments: None Yes No Unk

Source of information: Seller

PROPERTY LOCATED AT: _____

F. LEAD-BASED PAINT/PAINT HAZARDS — (Note: Lead-based paint is most commonly found in structures constructed prior to 1978)

Is there now or has there ever been lead-based paint and/or lead-based paint hazards on the property? ..
..... Yes No Unknown Unknown (but possible due to ..

If Yes, describe location and basis for determination: None

Do you know of any records/reports pertaining to such lead-based paint/lead-based paint hazards: Yes

If Yes, describe: _____

Are you aware of any cracking, peeling or flaking paint? Yes

Comments: None

Source of information: seller

G. OTHER HAZARDOUS MATERIALS - Current or previously existing:

TOXIC MATERIAL: Yes No Un

LAND FILL: Yes No Un

RADIOACTIVE MATERIAL: Yes No Un

Other: None

Source of information: seller

Buyers are encouraged to seek information from professionals regarding any specific issue or concern.

SECTION V -- GENERAL INFORMATION

Is the property subject to or have the benefit of any encroachments, easements, rights-of-way, leases, right of first refusal, life estates, private ways, trails, homeowner associations (including condominiums and PUD's) or restrictive covenants? Yes No Unk

If Yes, explain: ROW to water across street

Source of information: seller

Is access by means of a way owned and maintained by the State, a county, or a municipality over which the public has a right to pass? Yes No Unk

If No, who is responsible for maintenance? Watson Road Association

Road Association Name (if known): Watson Road Maintenance

PROPERTY LOCATED AT: 151 Watson Road Parcel 1

Are there any tax exemptions or reductions for this property for any reason including but not limited to: Tree Growth, Open Space and Farmland, Veteran's, Homestead Exemption, Blind, Working Waterfront?.....

..... Yes No Un

If Yes, explain: N/A

Is a Forest Management and Harvest Plan available?..... Yes No Un

Is house now covered by flood insurance policy (not a determination of flood zone) Yes No Un

Equipment leased or not owned (including but not limited to, propane tank, hot water heater, satellite water filtration system, photovoltaics, wind turbines): Type: N/A

Year Principal Structure Built: 1997

What year did Seller acquire property? 2018

Roof: Year Shingles/Other Installed: 1997

Water, moisture or leakage: None

Comments: None

Foundation/Basement:

Is there a Sump Pump? Yes No Un

Water, moisture or leakage since you owned the property: Yes No Un

Prior water, moisture or leakage? Yes No Un

Comments: None

Mold: Has the property ever been tested for mold? Yes No Un

If Yes, are test results available? Yes No

Electrical: Fuses Circuit Breaker Other: _____ Un

Has all or a portion of the property been surveyed? Yes No Un

If Yes, is the survey available? Yes No Un

Manufactured Housing - Is the residence a:

Mobile Home Yes No Un

Modular Yes No Un

KNOWN MATERIAL DEFECTS about Physical Condition and/or value of Property, including those that have an adverse impact on health/safety: None known

Source of Section V information: Seller

PROPERTY LOCATED AT: 151 Watson Road Bland Mo
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SECTION VI - ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

None

ATTACHMENTS EXPLAINING CURRENT PROBLEMS, PAST REPAIRS OR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IN ANY SECTION IN DISCLOSURE: Yes

Seller shall be responsible and liable for any failure to provide known information regarding known n defects to the Buyer.

Neither Seller nor any Broker makes any representations as to the applicability of, or compliance with, any of any sort, whether state, municipal, federal or any other, including but not limited to fire, life safety, b electrical or plumbing.

As Sellers, we have provided the above information and represent that all information is correct. To the our knowledge, all systems and equipment, unless otherwise noted on this form, are in operational conditi

[Signature] 12-4-19
SELLER DATE SELLER

[Signature] 12-4-19
SELLER DATE SELLER

I/We have read and received a copy of this disclosure, the arsenic in wood fact sheet, the arsenic in brochure, and understand that I/we should seek information from qualified professionals if I/we have qu or concerns.

BUYER DATE BUYER 1

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Reference is made to a plan entitled "Boundary Survey 151 Watson Road Poland, Maine for: Keystone Investment Group, LLC" dated January 2020 by Survey Inc.

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Also conveyed herein and appurtenant to the premises hereinbefore described is a right of way and shore privileges so-called, over a strip of land leading from the right of way as delineated upon the Plan prepared for Allen D. Watson herein recorded in Androscoggin County Registry of Deeds, Book of Plans, Book 15, Page 37, to the westerly shore of Range Pond, bounded and described as follows: Beginning at an iron stake driven in the ground on the Westerly shore of said Pond as aforesaid, at a point twenty (20) feet Northeasterly of the Northeast corner of land now for formerly owned by Willis F. Stepp and Pauline E. Stepp; thence in a generally Northeasterly course on the Westerly shore of said Pond, a distance of twenty feet to another stake there driven, thence in a generally Westerly course to the Northeasterly side of a right of way there existing at a point marked by a stake forty-five feet Northeasterly of the Northwest corner of the strip of said Stepp; thence in a generally Southerly course on the Easterly side of said right of way twenty feet to a point marked by an iron stake; thence in a generally Easterly course to the point of beginning.

Together with and subject to any and all easements, rights and restrictions of record.

Meaning and intending to convey and conveying a portion of the real property described in a deed to Keystone Investment Group, LLC by virtue of a deed from James L. Stepp, as Trustee of the Stepp Living Trust dated June 21, 2019 and recorded in the Androscoggin County Registry of Deeds at Book 10111, Page 315.

Witness our hands and seals this February 4, 2020.

Witness:

Keystone Investment Group, LLC
By: [Signature]
David Baker, Member
By: [Signature]
Sheila Baker, Member

STATE OF MAINE
COUNTY OF ANDROSCOGGIN, ss.

February 4, 2020

Personally appeared on the above date, the above-named David Baker and Sheila Baker, Members of said Keystone Investment Group, LLC, and acknowledged the foregoing to be their free act and deed in their said capacity and the free act and deed of said KeyStone Investment Group, LLC.

Before me,

[Signature]
Notary Public/Attorney at Law
Print name: michelle A-Mcwilliams

NICHELLE A. McWILLIAMS
Notary Public, State of Maine
My Commission Expires 05/07/2024

Maine Real Estate Transfer Tax Paid
TINA M. CHOUINARD, REGISTER

Emails between CEO Neal and Town Attorney for
Bryant Permit 2020

Scott Neal

From: Natalie L. Burns <nburns@JBGH.com>
Sent: Monday, May 18, 2020 11:52 AM
To: Scott Neal
Cc: Matt Garside
Subject: RE: Dock Permit Application

Scott,

Could you send me the tax information that you have? For example, is there a prior name in the tax records? If there is, I might be able to track down a deed reference. As to the Town's title, it is based upon the recording of the tax lien and the sending of the automatic foreclosure notice. If we could figure out the prior owner's name, then we can easily find the tax lien in the Registry records. Otherwise, we would have to search the Town, which will have hundreds of hits, especially if we don't know exactly when the tax lien was filed or who the prior owner was. Also, the tax lien itself may not have deed information; it may only have the tax map and lot number, but at least it will have the prior owner's name.

Even if we can't track down a deed, we might be able to figure out the configuration of the parcel acquired, which would in turn support an opinion that there is not sufficient water frontage to support a dock on the parcel.

Thanks,

Natalie

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From: Scott Neal <sneal@polandtownoffice.org>
Sent: Monday, May 18, 2020 8:55 AM
To: Natalie L. Burns <nburns@JBGH.com>
Cc: Matt Garside <mgarside@polandtownoffice.org>
Subject: RE: Dock Permit Application

Natalie,

We have tried to do some research on the deed but we have not had any luck. Our tax database shows we acquired this parcel in 2014. Is there a way we can get proof the Town owns this property? As it stand right now from your last email I'm going to deny this application on right title and interest as well as the lack of frontage on the property. There is not a

natural beach area or any vegetation just rocks at the end of the right of way. Could you also write me a letter contesting any points made by the applicants attorney that would make our case on right title and interest. Finally would installing a dock on that property infringe on the rights of the other homeowners who also use that as a right of way?

Thank you.

Scott Neal
Code Enforcement Officer
Town of Poland
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From: Natalie L. Burns <nburns@JBGH.com>
Sent: Friday, May 8, 2020 4:17 PM
To: Scott Neal <sneal@polandtownoffice.org>
Cc: Matt Garside <mgarside@polandtownoffice.org>
Subject: RE: Dock Permit Application

Scott,

This will confirm our discussion concerning this dock permit application. There are two separate issues concerning this application. The first is whether the applicant can demonstrate sufficient right, title or interest to pursue the application. As I understand it, the Town has acquired the title to the underlying fee of the 20-foot wide ROW through foreclosure of a tax lien. The foreclosure of the lien did not eliminate the rights of property owners who had easements allowing them to utilize the ROW. The law is not entirely clear about whether people with easements to the water have the right to also install docks; the statute was recently changed to address this issue, but the changes do not apply to rights that were created prior to the enactment, as is the case here. You indicated that there are several property owners who have the right to utilize the easement. It would not be possible for all of them to have a dock and the installation of a dock by one person means no one else can under Sec. 508.27.D.1; it also could interfere with the rights of the others to exercise their right to access the water. However, that also does not answer the question of whether there is sufficient right, title or interest to pursue the application. Under Maine law, a property owner does not have to make a strong showing to support a claim of right, title or interest. Typically a deed would make a sufficient showing. There is the additional issue here, though, of the Town's ownership of the lot; the placement of a private dock could interfere with any public rights in this case.

However, the issue of whether there is sufficient right, title or interest to pursue an application is only the first question. The second is whether the proposal meets zoning standards. Section 507.1.E requires a minimum shoreland lot frontage of 200 feet, which cannot be met here. The second issue is whether there is any claim that this lot can be developed under the nonconforming lot provisions in Section 504.5. It is my opinion that it cannot. A nonconforming lot of record can be built upon without the need for a variance as long as all provisions of the chapter other than lot size and road frontage are met. There are other lot requirements that cannot be met.

It is also possible that other requirements of Section 508.7.D cannot be met by this application, such as the location not interfering with existing developed or natural beach areas, or appropriate soils for construction. Regardless of those issues, it is my opinion that the application does not meet applicable zoning requirements.

Thanks,

Natalie

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From: Scott Neal <sneal@polandtownoffice.org>
Sent: Wednesday, May 6, 2020 10:56 AM
To: Natalie L. Burns <nburns@JBGH.com>
Cc: Matt Garside <mgarside@polandtownoffice.org>
Subject: Dock Permit Application

Natalie,

I received an application for a dock on a Town owned right of way. I have attached the application, a map of the property, two deeds supplied by the applicant, and a letter from the applicants attorney. We talked about this right of way last year when I got a complaint about a dock that was installed there without a permit (see attached Farrington Dock Letter). Thanks for taking a look at this if I need to get you some more information please contact me.

Scott Neal
Code Enforcement Officer
Town of Poland
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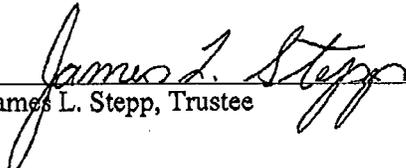
DLN: 1001940061409 CORRECTIVE DEED OF TRUSTEE

JAMES L. STEPP, as TRUSTEE of the STEPP LIVING TRUST, with a mailing address of PO Box 118, South Casco, Maine 04077, by the power conferred by law, and every other power, for consideration paid, grants to DAVID W. BAKER and SHEILA M. BAKER, of Raymond, Maine, as JOINT TENANTS, the real property in Poland, Androscoggin County, Maine, described in Exhibit A attached hereto.

The purpose of this corrective deed is to correct the legal description to include parcels and an easement omitted from the Deed of Trustee dated March 15, 2019 and recorded in the Androscoggin County Registry of Deeds in Book 10049, Page 252.

Witness my hand and seal this 21st day of June, 2019.

Stapp Living Trust

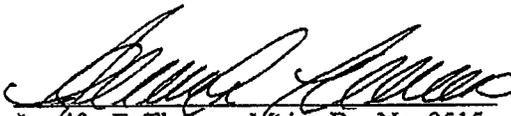

James L. Stepp, Trustee

STATE OF MAINE
CUMBERLAND, ss.

June 21, 2019

Personally appeared before me James L. Stepp in his capacity as Trustee of the Stepp Living Trust and acknowledged the foregoing instrument to be his free act and deed.

Before me,


Jennifer E. Thomas, Maine Bar No. 9515
Attorney at Law

After recording return to Beagle, Thomas & Ridge, LLC, PO Box 1815, Standish, Maine 04084
File #26776

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May 20, 2020

VIA EMAIL

Scott Neal, Code Enforcement Officer
Town of Poland
1231 Maine Street
Poland, Maine 04274

Re: Troy Bryant/151 Watson Road

Dear Scott:

You have asked that I review and respond to the May 5, 2020 letter from Attorney Keith Richard to you concerning an application made by Troy Bryant to install a dock on a right-of-way. Attorney Richard's letter sets forth the position that Mr. Bryant has sufficient right, title or interest to acquire the permit for the dock based upon rights created in his deed. The deed includes the right to utilize a 20-foot wide right-of-way running to Range Pond, in common with other owners. While such an easement might be sufficient to demonstrate sufficient right, title or interest to support an application for a dock, there are other issues in this case that lead to the conclusion that the applicant cannot build a dock on this property.

1. **Easement rights held by Troy Bryant.** According to the information that you have provided, Mr. Bryant's easement runs over land described in a deed from David W. Baker and Sheila M. Baker to Amy R. Lappin and John M. Debartolo, Jr., dated January 30, 2020 and recorded in the Androscoggin County Registry of Deeds in Book 10293, Page 236. The Bakers acquired the property from James L. Stepp as Trustee of the Stepp Living Trust, as described in a Corrective Deed of Trustee, dated June 21, 2019 and recorded in the Androscoggin County Registry of Deeds in Book 10111, Page 305. Initially there was some thought that the Town had acquired the fee interest in the 20-foot wide parcel underlying the Byrant easement, but it appears that fee title to the easement area is in fact as set forth above. I do not disagree with Attorney Richard's opinion that the easement granted to Mr. Bryant could be sufficient evidence of right, title or interest to support an application for a dock. However, this is only the first step in the inquiry of whether a permit for a dock can be issued.

~ Over 60 Years of Service ~

Jensen Baird
Gardner Henry

May 20, 2020
Page 2

2. **Zoning requirements.** According to the information that you have provided, the Lappin/DeBartolo parcel currently has a dock located on it. Section 508.27.D of the Comprehensive Land Use Code states that only one dock is allowed on a single lot, unless the lot has at least twice the minimum shore frontage required by Section 507.2. Lots in the shoreland zoning districts are required to have two hundred feet of shore frontage under Section 507.2 of the Code. According to the deed, this lot does not meet that requirement and so no additional dock is allowed on the property, including in the easement area.

Sincerely,



Natalie L. Burns

cc: Matt Garside, Town Manager

Copy of Denied Permit and Denial Letter

Building Permit

Town of Poland
 Code Enforcement Department
 1231 Maine Street, 04274
 Tel: (207) 998-4604
 Fax: (207) 998-2002



Building Permit Number: 20200132

Address: 151 WATSON RD.
City, State Zip ,
Parcel ID: 0005-0016C
Permit Type: Zoning
App. Date: 05/05/2020
Use Group: Residential
Zone: R-2 AQ1 LR WL

State ID: 0
Lot Size: [Square Feet]
Type of Construction: Shoreland Project
Shoreland: Yes
Flood Zone: No
Setback-Front: N/A
Setback-Rear: N/A
Setback-Side: N/A
Shoreland Setback: N/A

Job Description: Installing 4'x20' new aluminum dock

Contractor:

Owner:
 BRYANT, TROY J.
 41 RIVERSIDE DRIVE
 MECHANIC FALLS, ME 04256
 577-6112

Fees	Amount	Payment	Type	Received	Paid
Total Fee: \$0.00		Total Paid: \$0.00			

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| 1. This permit application does not preclude the Applicant(s) from meeting applicable State and Federal Rules. | 2. Building permits do not include plumbing, septic or electrical work. | 3. Building permits are void if work is not started within six (6) months of the date of issuance. False information may invalidate a building permit and stop all work. |
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CERTIFICATION

I understand that this permit is valid only for the use specified above. Any changes must be approved by the permitting Authority. I hereby acknowledge that I have read this application and STATE that the above information is correct, and AGREE to comply with ALL Municipal Ordinances and State Laws regulating activities covered by this permit.

 Applicant Signature

 Date

This permit is approved on the basis of information provided by the applicant regarding his ownership and boundary locations. The applicant has the burden of ensuring that they have legal right to use the property and that they are measuring required setbacks from the legal boundary lines of the lot. The approval of this permit in no way relieves the applicant of this burden nor does this permit approval constitute a resolution in favor of the applicant of any issues regarding the property boundaries, ownership, or similar title.

Denied 5-21-20 SN.

 Issued By Code Enforcement Officer

05/21/2020

 Date

ALL STRUCTURES MUST MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE MAIN UNIFORM BUILDING AND ENERGY CODE. Construction must be substantially started within six months of permit being issued or permit becomes void.

Town of Poland
Shoreland Project Permit Application

Owner / Contractor

Owner Name: BRYANT, TROY J.
Address: 41 RIVERSIDE DRIVE
City, State, Zip: MECHANIC FALLS, ME
04256
Phone: 577-6112
Fax: [ownerfax]
Email: troy.bryant84@yahoo.com
Contractor (if
unable to find on
the web form):

Contractor Name:
Mailing Address:
City, State, Zip:
Phone:
Fax:
Email:
DEP Certification:

Project

Project Address: 151 WATSON RD.
City, State, Zip:
Parcel ID #: 0005-0016C

Estimated 1500
Cost:
Current Use: Nothing in Place at this time, I just
moved into Residence in Feb
Proposed Use: Install a dock for boat use

Please Describe Your Project: Installing 4'x20' new aluminum dock
Dock

I hereby certify that I am the Owner of Record of the named property, or that the owner of record authorizes the proposed work, and I have been authorized by the owner to make this application as his/her authorized agent. I agree to confirm to all applicable laws of this jurisdiction. In addition, if a permit for work described in this application is issued, I certify that the Code Officials shall have the authority to enter all areas covered by this permit at any reasonable hour to enforce the provisions of the codes applicable to this permit.

Troy Bryant
Applicant Signature

05/05/2020
Date



Code Enforcement Office

1231 Maine Street, Poland, Maine 04274
(207) 998-4604 sneal@polandtownoffice.org

Troy Bryant
151 Watson Rd.
Poland, Maine 04274

May 21, 2020

Parcel ID: 0005-0016C

Located At: 151 Watson Rd.

Zoning District: Rural Residential-2, Limited Residential, and Aquifer Protection Overlay 1.

Certified Mail # 91 7199 9991 7033 5025 5631

Dear Mr. Bryant,

You applied for a Shoreland Project Permit (# 20200132) for a dock on parcel number 0035-0027 on which you have a right of way. Accompanied with your application was the following:

- A letter from Keith P. Richard ESQ. from the firm of Libby, O'Brien, Kingsley, and Champion.
- A deed from Keystone Investments Group LLC to Troy J. Bryant dated February 4, 2020.
- A deed from the Stepp Living Trust to Keystone Investment Group LLC dated June 21, 2019.
- A property disclosure dated December 4, 2019.
- An electronic Shoreland Project Permit Application.

The parcel on which you would like to install a dock (parcel number 0035-0027) is a legal nonconforming lot with twenty (20') feet of lake frontage. The Town Attorney has researched the ownership of parcel number 0035-0027. Based on her research and a corrective deed from the Stepp Living Trust to David and Sheila Baker (Book 10111 Pages 305-308 dated June 21, 2019) the property of your right of way is now owned by Amy R. Lappin and John M. Debartolo. Because Ms. Lappin and Mr. Debartolo own the abutting property (parcel number 0034-0001) in the same name these properties are now combined per Chapter 5 §504.5.C Contiguous Lots-Vacant or Partially Built of the Town of Poland Comprehensive Land Use Code (CLUC). The combined properties of Ms. Lappin and Mr. Debartolo have shore frontage of approximately one hundred and fifty eight feet (158') and one dock is already installed on that parcel. A second dock is not allowed on that parcel per Chapter 5 §508.27. D. 1 of the CLUC.



Code Enforcement Office

1231 Maine Street, Poland, Maine 04274
(207) 998-4604 sneal@polandtownoffice.org

The following are the sections of the CLUC on which this decision is based:

Chapter 3 §303.2. C - No Building Permit for a building, structure or use on any lot shall be issued except to the owner of record thereof, or the owner's authorized agent, until the proposed construction or alteration of a building or structure shall comply in all respects to this Code or with a decision rendered by the Board of Appeals or Planning Board.

Chapter 5 §508.27. D. 1 - No more than one pier, dock, wharf or similar structure extending or located below the normal high-water line of a water body or within a wetland is allowed on a single lot; except that when a single lot contains at least twice the minimum shore frontage as specified in Section 507.2 a second structure may be allowed and may remain as long as the lot is not further divided.

Chapter 5 §507.2. D. 3 - The minimum Shore Frontage shall be (200) feet.

In conclusion and pursuant to Chapter 3 §303.2. C, Chapter 5 §508.27. D. 1, Chapter 5 §508.27. D. 3, and Chapter 5 §507.2. D. 3 of the CLUC, I regret to inform you that this office has denied your permit application. You have the right to appeal this decision to the Board of Appeals within forty five (45) business days of the date of this letter pursuant to Ch. 3, §304.3 of the CLUC.

Sincerely,

Scott Neal
Code Enforcement Officer

CC: Matthew Garside, Town Manager

ENC: Administrative Appeal Application

Copy of Corrected Deed

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Plan prepared for Allen D. Watson herein recorded in Androscoggin County Registry of Deeds, Book of Plans, Book 15, Page 37, to the westerly shore of Range Pond, bounded and described as follows: Beginning at an iron stake driven in the ground on the Westerly shore of said Pond as aforesaid, at a point twenty (20) feet Northeasterly of the Northeast corner of land now for formerly owned by Willis F. Stepp and Pauline E. Stepp; thence in a generally Northeasterly course on the Westerly shore of said Pond, a distance of twenty feet to another stake there driven, thence in a generally Westerly course to the Northeasterly side of a right of way there existing at a point marked by a stake forty-five feet Northeasterly of the Northwest corner of the strip of said Stepp; thence in a generally Southerly course on the Easterly side of said right of way twenty feet to a point marked by an iron stake; thence in a generally Easterly course to the point of beginning.

Google Earth Maps of 152 Watson Road from may
2010 to May 2018

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152 Watson Rd

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May 2012

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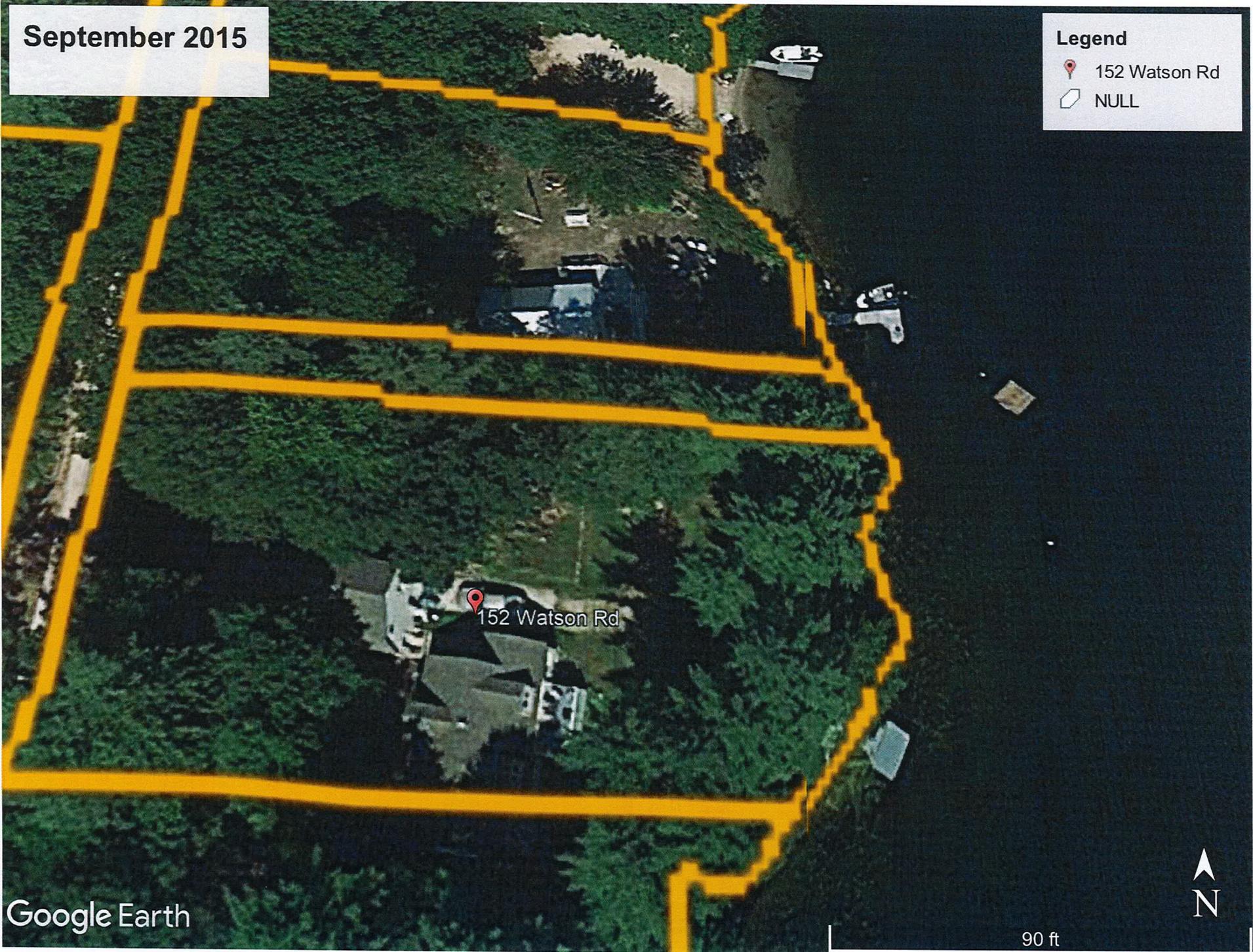
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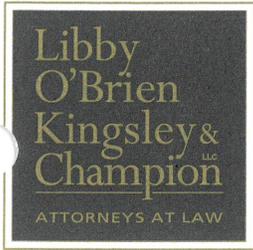
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Additional Information from Troy Bryant



KEITH P. RICHARD, ESQ.
krichard@lokllc.com

July 17, 2020

Poland Zoning Board of Appeals
1231 Maine Street
Poland, ME 04274

Re: Appeal from CEO denial of Shoreland Project Permit (# 20200132)/Bryant

Dear Board:

As you know, I represent Troy Bryant. We are appealing pursuant to Poland, Me. Land Use Code § 304.3 (April 6, 2019) from an erroneous denial of a shoreland project permit application by your code enforcement officer dated May 21, 2020. I previously submitted a letter initiating the appeal on June 5 and we are scheduled to be heard on July 22.

Although it was our intention to present a PowerPoint presentation and materials to the Board, I understand that is not possible due to facility limitations at Town Hall, so this letter is to provide further detail and information for the Board's consideration, and is intended to explain and focus the issues that we intend to present July 22.

Mr. Bryant owns a deeded right of way to Upper Range Pond that includes the right to install a dock. This right of way was initially created by conveyances dating back to the 1950s and reflected in a subdivision plan approved by your Planning Board in 1961. The rights have existed for over 60 years and the dock use of the parcel is grandfathered.

The CEO denied the permit on the basis that the property burdened by the right of way, Parcel 0035-0027, is in the same ownership (Lappin and Debartolo) as an adjoining parcel, Parcel 0034-0001. The CEO therefore concluded that pursuant to Section 504.5(C), the two parcels owned by Lappin and Debartolo are "combined" for purposes of the ordinances, and because they have installed a dock on Parcel 0034-0001, that a second dock cannot be installed on Parcel 0035-0027 (the combined lots do not meet shore frontage requirements to install two docks pursuant to Section 508.27(D)).

As a factual matter, the tax records indicate that the Town of Poland owns Parcel 0035-0027, so the decision is based on a factual error that Lappin and Debartolo own the strip (tax information and tax card data attached hereto). Mr. Bryant disputes that Lappin and Debartolo own the strip and the title to the strip is ambiguous at best given the Town's inconsistent positions and taxation. Furthermore, there is no dock on Parcel 0034-0001, so a dock would not be precluded even if the ordinance applied. The CEO denied the permit

based on two factual errors, either would be sufficient to grant the appeal and order the permit granted.¹

As a legal matter, this is a tortured, absurd, and unlawful interpretation of Section 504.5(C), which does not apply to the parcel at issue or to accessory uses and structures like docks, was not intended to apply, and in any event does not control here because the dock rights at issue are grandfathered. To uphold this interpretation by your CEO would effectively declare that a 2019 deed can take away deeded property rights that existed for over fifty years. This is simply not the law. Such an interpretation raises a whole host of legal problems and would expose the Town to a lawsuit.

We ask that this Board reverse the CEO and order the CEO to grant the dock permit.

I. A docking system on Parcel 0035-0027 existed for decades, prior to the adoption of the ordinance, and prior to the purported conveyance to Lappin and Debartolo in 2019 and is therefore grandfathered, regardless of whether Section 504.5(C) applies.

The historic ownership and uses of the right-of-way by property owners dating back decades establishes, without question, that even if Section 504.5(C) applies, the docking use is a pre-existing non-conforming (“grandfathered”) structure and use² that is a protected property right.

It is grandfathered in two respects: (1) the right of way and dock use and dock structures predated the adoption of the Poland land use ordinances that regulate docks and require applications for a permit; and (2) the dock use long predates the 2019 deed purporting to convey title to Parcel 0035-0027 to Lappin and Debartolo.

The following ordinances provisions apply:

504.2 General A. Transfer of Ownership - Legal nonconforming structures, lots, and uses may be transferred, and the new owner may continue the nonconforming use or continue to use the nonconforming structure or lot, subject to the provisions of this Code.

¹ The primary focus of this letter assumes for the purpose of legal analysis that even if Lappin and Debartolo owned 0035-0027, the denial of the permit was legal error. Mr. Bryant is separately challenging the factual issue of ownership and will present evidence.

² A dock is both a “structure” and a “use.” A dock meets the broad definition of a “structure,” defined in the Code as “Anything temporary or permanently located built . . .” as well as a “Functionally Water-Dependent Uses” defined as “uses that require, for their primary purpose, location on submerged lands or that require direct access to, or location in, inland waters and that cannot be located away from these waters. The uses include but are not limited to . . . waterfront dock facilities.” Code Chapter 1402, Definitions.

504.3 Nonconforming Structures A. Expansions - All new principal and accessory structures, excluding functionally water-dependent uses, must meet the water body, tributary stream, or wetland setback requirements contained in Section 508.27.B.1.

504.4 Nonconforming Uses A. Expansions -

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10. An accessory structure to a nonconforming residential use may be allowed provided such accessory structure complies with all other applicable standards of this Code.

A dock has been installed and used for years by Mr. Bryant's predecessors-in-interest, as well as other holders of the same right of way over the same Parcel. The rights have their origin in conveyances in the 1950s and are reflected on the Watson subdivision plan approved by the Town Planning Board in 1961.³ Mr. Bryant may assert the prior use and installation of structures pursuant to Section 504.2, notwithstanding his recent purchase and transfer of ownership. Section 504.3 makes clear that functionally water dependent uses, including docks, are exempt from setback requirements. Section 504.4 makes clear that an accessory structure, include a dock, is permitted even if attached to an otherwise nonconforming parcel.

The right-of-way at issue over Parcel 0035-0027 was created long before the adoption of your Code in 2001. The dock structures were also installed prior to adoption of the code in 2001, were in existence at the time of the purported conveyance to Lappin and Debartolo, and remained up until 2019 when Code Enforcement ordered Adam Farrington (another right-of-way holder) to remove the dock. Mr. Farrington will testify that his family first installed and maintained a dock over this right-of-way back in the early 1990s. Enclosed are pictures of the dock dating to the 1990s—prior to the 2001 adoption of the code.

Because a dock existed at the time that Parcel 0035-0027 was allegedly transferred to Debartolo and Lappin, and predates the adoption of your Code, the dock structure and use is grandfathered. The Maine Supreme Court recently said the following about a grandfathered dock use in the Town of Belgrade:

Grandfathering clauses are "designed to strike a balance between a municipality's interest in abolishing nonconformities and *the interests of property owners in maintaining land uses that were allowed when they purchased their property.*" *Id.* In sum, grandfathering clauses such as those in the Town's Ordinances *allow landowners to continue the reasonable investment-backed expectations they had when they bought their properties*, but they do not to permit expansions or changes to nonconforming conditions indefinitely.

Grant v. Town of Belgrade, 2019 ME 160, ¶ 24, 221 A.3d 112 (emphasis added).

³ I enclose herein the so-called Watson Plan, which is referenced in the deeds.

Section 504.5(C) does not apply to Mr. Bryant's dock application because the use is a preexisting nonconforming structure and use that predates the adoption and effective date of the ordinance. The accessory use complies with all ordinance provisions that apply to docks. Section 504.4(A)(10). Mr. Bryant is not asking to expand, change, or alter the dock, but rather to continue the same use that has existed and that he relied upon in purchasing his property. His grandfathered rights have been endorsed by the Maine Supreme Court in *Grant* and your ordinance.

To the extent there is any lingering question as to whether installing a dock requires a fee ownership interest in the parcel to which the dock will be attached, the Maine Supreme Court has conclusively held that a right of way is adequate right, title, and interest to install a dock as a matter of law. *See, e.g., Sleeper v. Loring*, 2013 ME 112, ¶ 19, 83 A.3d 769; *Badger v. Hill*, 404 A.2d 222, 224 (Me. 1979).⁴

Pursuant to 504.2, Mr. Bryant has a protected legal right to install a dock.

II. Even if not grandfathered (which it is), Section 504.5C does not apply to a pre-existing accessory use installed by a third party that does not own the nonconforming lot or the adjoining lot.

Section 504.5C combines lots when in the same ownership to limit structures and uses by the *same owner*, not by third parties that are unrelated to the owners of the contiguous lots.

It is a fundamental rule of ordinance interpretation that provisions must be viewed as a whole, considering the entire scheme, and not any one provision in isolation. *See Priestly v. Town of Hermon*, 2003 ME 9, ¶ 7, 814 A.2d 995 ("The terms or expressions in an ordinance are to be construed reasonably with regard to both the objectives sought to be obtained and the general structure of the ordinance as a whole."). An interpretation must be reasonable, and avoid "absurd," "illogical," or inconsistent results. *Fryeburg Trust v. Town of Fryeburg*, 2016 ME 174, ¶ 5, 151 A.3d 933 ("We construe the terms of an ordinance reasonably, considering its purposes and structure and to avoid absurd or illogical results.").

The Town of Poland Code allows "one . . . dock . . . on a single lot." Ordinance section 508.27(D) ("D. Piers, Docks, Wharves, Bridges, and Other Structures and Uses Extending Over or below the Normal High-water Line of a Water Body or Within a Wetland. 1. No more than one pier, dock, wharf or similar structure extending or located below the normal highwater line of a water body or within a wetland is allowed on a single lot."). There is presently no dock on Parcel 0035-0027 (although there was one until 2019) and thus Parcel

⁴ To the extent that the CEO has relied upon 33 M.R.S. § 459 (enclosed) in construing Mr. Bryant's deed, that statute applies to a right of way created on or after the January 1, 2018 effective date. It does not apply to a right of way created in the 1950s. The letter to the CEO dated May 5, 2020 is incorporated herein by reference.

0035-0027 is a “single lot” on which a dock can be installed in conformance with Section 508.27(D).

However, the CEO concluded that because Parcel 0035-0027 is in the same ownership as the adjoining parcel, Parcel 0034-0001, pursuant to Section 504.5(C), the two parcels are “combined.” Because, according to the CEO, Parcel 0034-0001 already has a dock,⁵ a second dock is not allowed by Section 508.27(D)(1). This interpretation is unreasonable and unsupported by the language of the ordinances and Maine law.

Section 504.5(C) provides:

C. Contiguous Lots-Vacant or Partially Built - If two or more contiguous lots or parcels are in single or joint ownership (owned by the same person or persons) of record at the time of or since adoption or amendment of this Code, if any of these lots do not individually meet the dimensional requirements of this Code or subsequent amendments to the same, and if one or more of the lots are vacant or contain no principal structure the lots shall be combined. This Section shall not be interpreted to require two or more legally conforming lots of record, owned by the same person or persons, on or before the effective date of this Code, that become nonconforming by adoption of this Code or subsequent amendments, to be combined.

Reading Section 504.5(A), (B), and (C) as a whole, as this Board is legally obligated to do, subsection (C) applies neither to docks nor this parcel and thus the CEO erred for two reasons.

First, Section 504.5(C) applies to principal structures, not accessory structures like a dock, see Section 504.5(A) (“An undeveloped legal nonconforming lot . . . may be *built upon*”), and Section 504.5(B) (“if a principal use or structure, which principal structure is *not a shed, garage or similar accessory structure*, exists on each lot”), and 504.5(C) (defining “vacant” by exclusion of principle structures, thereby categorizing lots with accessory structures as “vacant”).

Second, Section 504.5C is plainly intended to **regulate multiple structures by the same owners on nonconforming lots**; it is not intended to restrict or eliminate the rights of third parties with no relationship of rights in the existing structures on the adjoining parcel. **Section 504.5 only limits what Lappin and Debartolo may construct on the lots, how they can convey the lots, and what uses they can put their contiguous lots.** Nothing in Section 504.5 indicates that it limits the rights of third parties, and a simple hypothetical illustrates why this is an absurd, illogical, and unlawful interpretation.

There is **no dispute** that if Lappin and Debartolo conveyed Parcel 0035-0027, then there would be no basis to combine the lots, and the permit application should have been

⁵ There is no dock on that lot.

granted. This is the definition of an absurd result because the owner of a parcel subject to a right of way has no bearing on owners that hold the right of way and dock rights—any waterfront owner takes the lot *subject* to those rights. It is plainly unfair to Mr. Bryant and the holders of the right-of-way that their dock access would be precluded, while owners in the same position but holding a right-of-way over a nonconforming lot, that is not owned by the adjoining neighbor, can have a dock. This makes no sense. It is not what the ordinance intends.

The purpose of the ordinance is to preclude owners like Lappin and Debartolo from installing multiple docks where they already have one to provide access. It does not apply to deny citizens like Mr. Bryant his deeded rights, where he has no other interest in either of the parcels.

III. The decision is arbitrary, capricious, and pretextual because the reasons given to Mr. Bryant for why he cannot install a dock have no basis in law and have changed over time.

The Code Enforcement Office has given various explanations for why a dock cannot be installed on Parcel 0035-0027. For example, the CEO has stated that dock permits cannot be issued on parcels in Town ownership (which may relate to the Town's previous or current ownership of Parcel 0035-0027). There is no such policy that has been enacted in your ordinance, and thus this legal statement has no basis in law. Ownership has no bearing on the easement rights at issue—any owner takes the strip subject to Mr. Bryant's rights.

The contorted interpretation of the combined parcel provision is curious. It appears that the Town is justifiably wary of intense and complex conflict around docks. But if political headaches and disputes are trying to be avoided, this is the wrong way to accomplish that objective. Ultimately, it is not the Town's place to insert itself in what is a potential dispute between the holders of the right-of-way and the waterfront owners.

The Town should not voluntarily inject itself in a private landowner dispute based upon an illegal interpretation of your ordinances, particularly one that purports to take away rights that existed for decades.

IV. The denial of the permit and interpretation of the ordinance is an unconstitutional taking of Mr. Bryant's property without just compensation, a denial of due process, and an unreasonable exercise of discretion and police power by the municipality.

Finally, denying the permit and taking away Mr. Bryant's right to install a dock on his right of way amounts to an unlawful taking of his property rights. *Bell v. Wells*, 557 A.2d 168, 176 (Me. 1989). This violates his reasonable investment-backed expectations when he purchased his property. It does not respect long-established legal principles of grandfathering and is based on a distorted interpretation of your ordinances. It simply cannot stand.

July 17, 2020

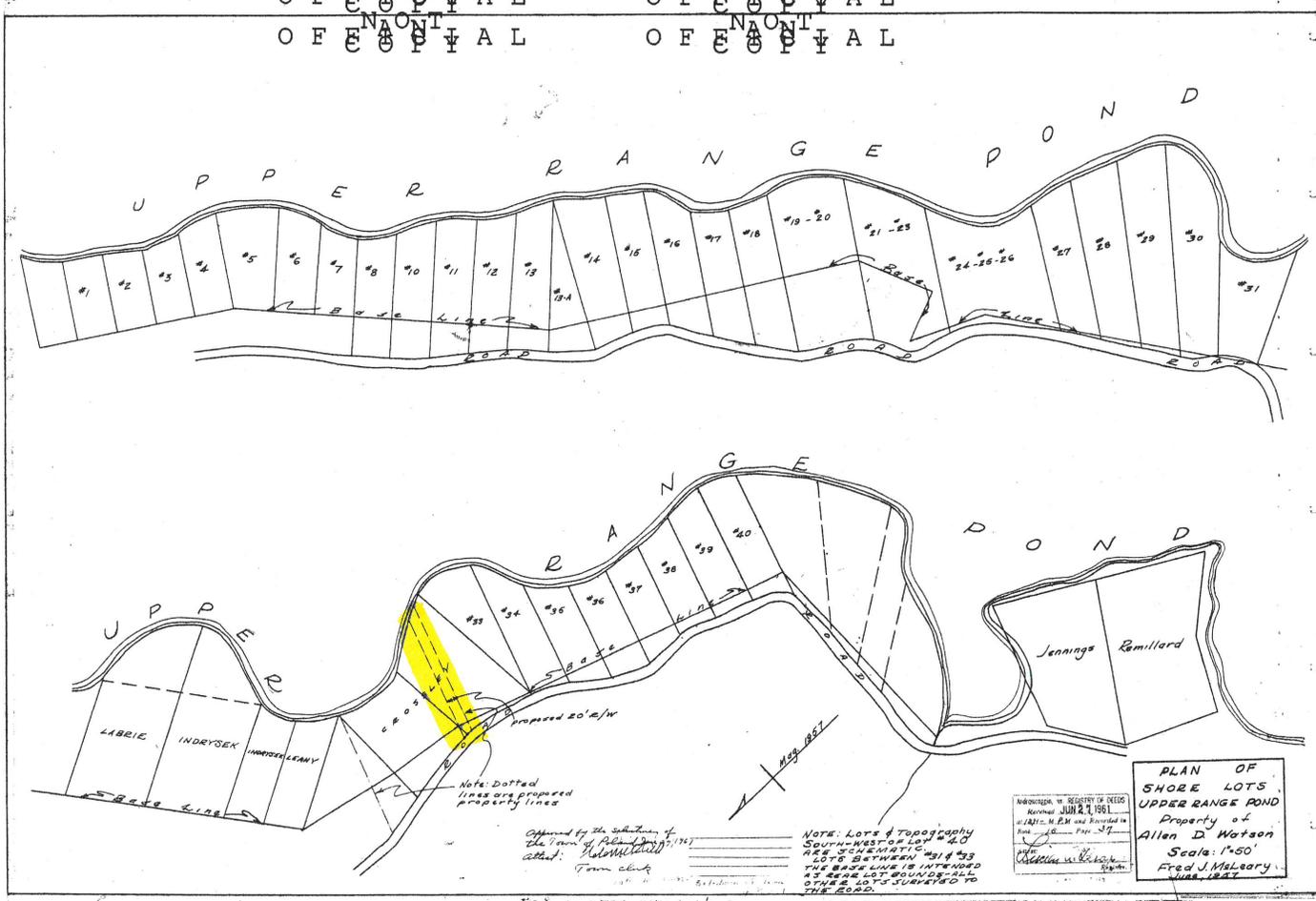
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The use is clearly grandfathered. Any ordinance provision enacted after the dock use came into existence, e.g., minimum frontage, does not apply. There is no lawful basis to “combine” parcels that would preclude a dock. This Board should grant the appeal and order the CEO to issue the permit.

Sincerely,

/s/Keith P. Richard

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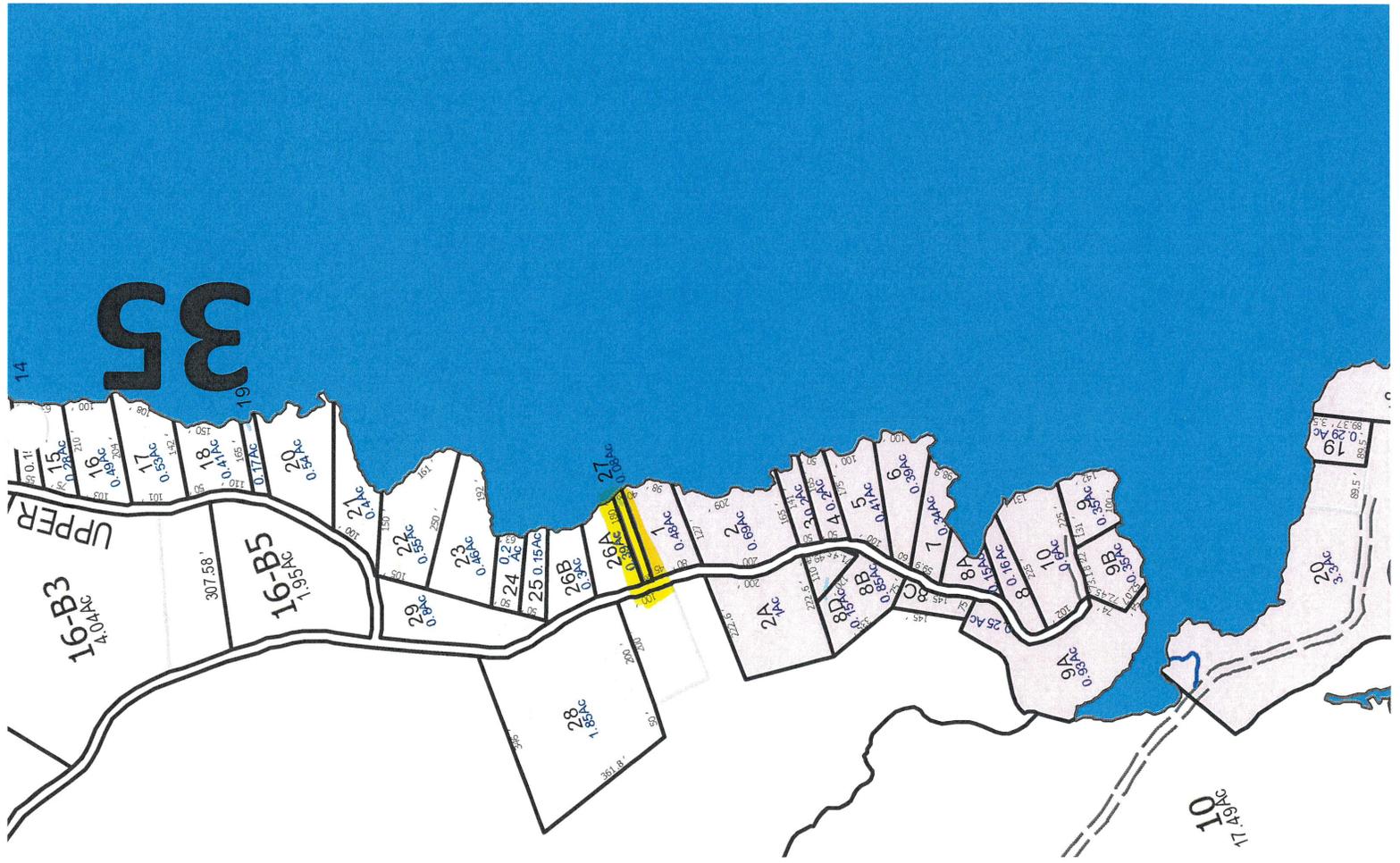


PLAN OF
 SHORE LOTS
 UPPER RANGE POND
 Property of
 Allen D. Watson
 Scale: 1"=50'
 Fred J. McLeary
 June 1947

ANDREWS & COMPANY, INC.
 REGISTRY OF DEEDS
 RECORD JUN 22 1947
 11 1871-11 22 1947 and recorded in
 Book 188 Page 27
 1947
 Fred J. McLeary
 Surveyor

Offered by the selection of
 the Town of...
 at the...
 Town clerk

NOTE: Lots & Topography
 South-West of Lot #40
 are schematic.
 Lots between #31 & #33
 the base line is intended
 as base lot bounds - all
 other lots situated to
 the east.



§459. Easements and rights-of-way; installation of docks

1. Definitions. As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

A. "Dock" means a platform used for access to a water body or to secure, protect and provide access to a boat or ship. The platform may extend from a shore over the water body or may be a floating platform attached to a mooring. [PL 2017, c. 194, §1 (NEW).]

B. "Easement or right-of-way" means the right of a person to pass over the land of another person. [PL 2017, c. 194, §1 (NEW).]

C. "Water body" means all inland and coastal waters, including but not limited to all ponds, great ponds, lakes, rivers, streams and coastal waters. [PL 2017, c. 194, §1 (NEW).]
[PL 2017, c. 194, §1 (NEW).]

2. Easements or rights-of-way established on or after January 1, 2018. The owner of an easement or right-of-way leading to or touching upon a water body does not have the right by implication to construct a dock on the easement or right-of-way or use the easement or right-of-way to facilitate the construction of a dock on the water body if:

A. The easement or right-of-way is originally established in a written instrument executed on or after January 1, 2018; and [PL 2017, c. 194, §1 (NEW).]

B. The instrument granting or reserving the easement or right-of-way does not expressly include the right to construct a dock on the easement or right-of-way or the right to use the easement or right-of-way to facilitate the construction of a dock on the water body. [PL 2017, c. 194, §1 (NEW).]

[PL 2017, c. 194, §1 (NEW).]

SECTION HISTORY

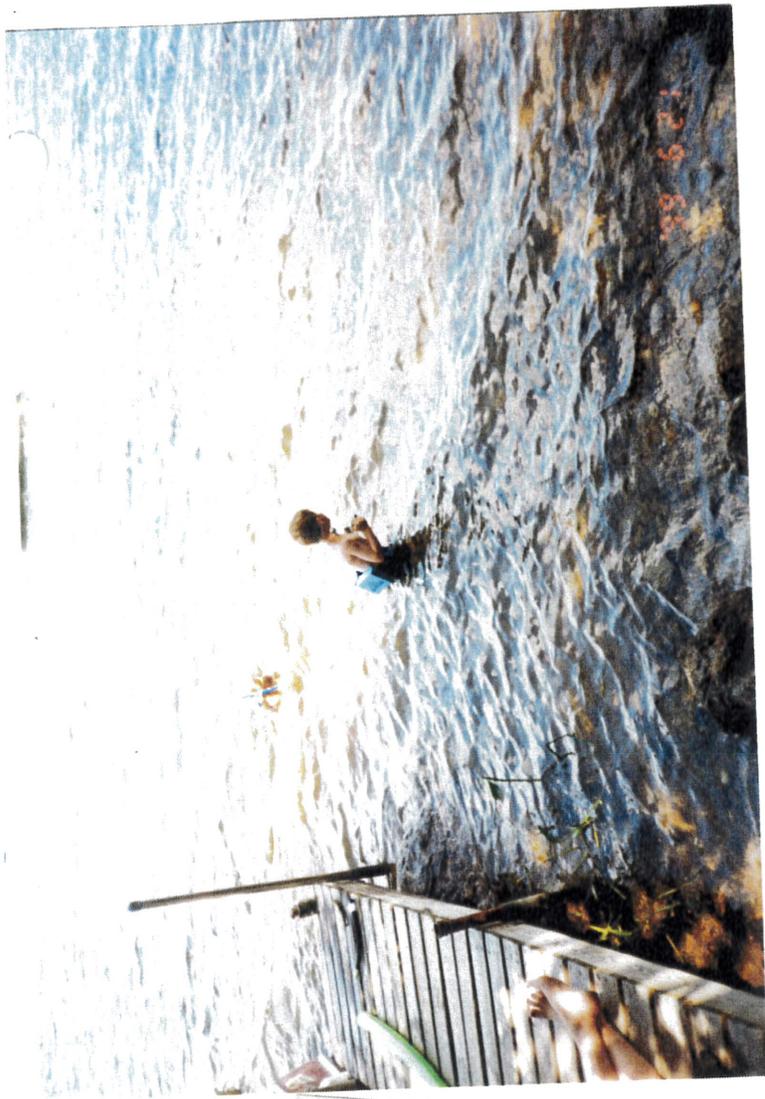
PL 2017, c. 194, §1 (NEW).

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Additional Information from an Abutter of Troy Bryant



**ANDREW HILL
LEGAL LLC**

July 28, 2020

Poland Zoning Board of Appeals
1231 Maine Street
Poland, ME 04274

RE: Bryant Shoreland Project Permit (#20200132)

Dear Board Members:

I am writing on behalf of abutters Holly Kerr and Lynne Ford to voice their support for the Code Enforcement Officer's decision to deny the Shoreland Permit Application of Troy Bryant. The Appellant's materials misinterpret the clear language of Poland's Comprehensive Land Use Code (hereinafter "Code") and Mr. Bryant's application was properly denied.

1. Section 504.2 does not apply to allow construction of a new dock.

While 504.2 does allow preexisting nonconforming uses, structures and lots to continue, there are limitations. Regardless of whether you refer to the dock as a use or structure¹, continuation is dependent on receiving a permit for a replacement within 1 year of destruction². Any preexisting dock usage that could possibly allow for a new non-conforming dock had been removed with no permit within 1 year.

My clients' parents acquired what is now Map 34, Lot 2 in the late 1950's and can provide insight into the use of the Right of Way going back decades. They note that there has been no dock on that right of way until in 2019 there was a dock with 3 boats installed. I understand the town is quite familiar with this situation as it was the source of some controversy and was ultimately removed on town's orders.

If there was a dock located on this property prior to the 2019 situation, it has since been removed and a permit was not issued for a replacement within one-year. Because of this, the installation of the dock does not meet the requirements to be a legal non-conforming use/structure as described in Section 504.2.

¹ See 504.3 for Nonconforming Structures or 504.4 for Nonconforming Uses.

² 504.3(D) refers to structures destroyed "regardless of cause", which would include removal.

2. Section 504.5(C) does apply to combine the two lots in question.

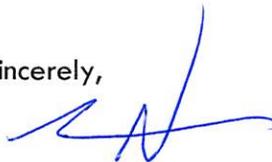
Contrary to the position of Appellant, 504.5(C) (titled *Nonconforming Lots*) does apply because one of the lots in questions is vacant and contains no principal structure. 504.5(C) regulates nonconforming *lots*, it does not regulate structures as indicated by Appellant. It may sound like a minor distinction, however, in this case, the distinction between nonconforming lot and nonconforming structure matters.

The language of 504.5(C) clearly refers to *lots* that do not meet the dimensional requirements of the ordinance. A prerequisite to the application of this provision is having two abutting *lots* under the same ownership that do not meet the dimensional requirements of the code. The clear language of the ordinance refers to multiple nonconforming lots with one or more being vacant with no principal structure. Because these two nonconforming lots are owned by the same owner, it is the exact situation to apply 504.5(C) to merge the lots. Upon the application of this provision to combine the lots, you're left one lot which already has a permitted dock located on it and insufficient frontage to support another under the Code³.

Further, Appellant ignores the plain language of the ordinance by reading in an exception to 504.5(C) for secondary interests by stating the ordinance "is intended to regulate multiple structures by the same owners." Section 504.5(C) makes no reference to this exception. If we are going to reading in exceptions for third party interests, then we must consider the multiple other landowners with interests in this exact right of way. Under the appellant's reading, every single owner of easement rights on this parcel would have a right to install their own dock on this lot.

Because the plain language of the ordinance is clear, Mr. Bryant's application to build a dock on the right of way must be denied. Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

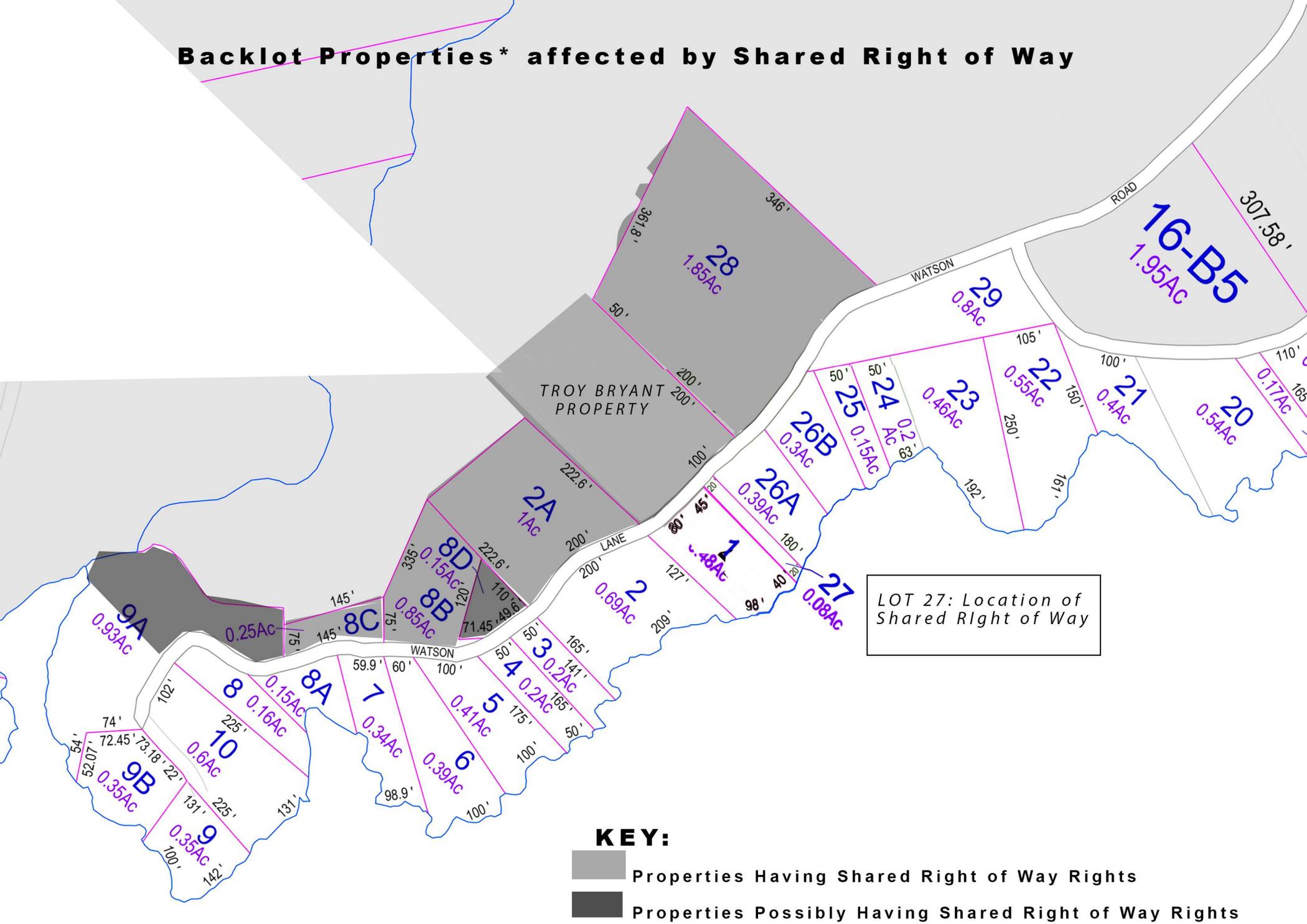
Sincerely,



Andrew C. Hill, Esq.

³ Section 508.27D.1 allows a second dock if there is twice the required frontage. Section 507.2.A3 set minimum shore frontage at 200 feet.

Backlot Properties* affected by Shared Right of Way



LOT 27: Location of Shared Right of Way

*Note: Actual Backlot Property Lines Not to Scale

Index of Pictures

Picture Number	Date of Picture	Status of Dock for ROW (Lot 27, Map 35)	Status of Dock for Stepp/Baker-Keystone* (Lot 1, Map 34)
#1	07/21/2017	No Dock	No Dock
#2	05/23/2018	No Dock	Unknown
#3	06/06/2018	No Dock	Stepp's Dock Stored at Their Waterfront
#4	08/03/2019	Motorboat Moored at Dock on ROW	New Dock Installed by Baker/Keystone
#5	08/07/2019	Dock Installed on ROW for 1 st time. Ordered by Town of Poland to be Removed in Same Year.	N/A
#6	09/02/2005	No Dock	Stepp's Traditional Dock
#7	06/29/2018	N/A (ROW not visible)	Traditional Location of Stepp's Dock
#8	08/03/2019	No Dock	New Dock Installed by Baker/Keystone

***Former Owners of Lot 1, Map 34**



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July 21, 2017

ROW



May 23, 2018

ROW



June 06, 2018

ROW



August 03, 2019

ROW



August 07, 2019

ROW



September 02, 2005 Stepp's



June 29, 2018

Stepp's



September 02, 2018

Stepp's

Town of Poland, Maine
Board of Appeals
1231 Maine Street
Poland, Maine 04274

Application for Administrative Appeal

Appellant(s): <u>JONATHAN TURGEON</u>		
Mail Address: <u>20 GARLAND SWAMP Rd</u>	Work Phone: <u>207-576-8736</u>	
Town/State/Zip: <u>POLAND ME 04274</u>	Home Phone: _____	
Road Location: _____		
Map # <u>0032</u>	Lot # <u>0015</u>	Sub-lot # _____

An Administrative Appeal is being sought for the relief from the decision, or lack of a decision, of the Code Enforcement Officer or the Planning Board in regard to an application for a permit or use approval. The undersigned believes that: (check one)

- An error was made in the denial of a permit or use.
- The denial was based on a misinterpretation of the ordinance.
- There has been a failure to approve or deny a permit or use within a reasonable period of time.
- (Other – please specify) _____

1. Attach a copy of any relevant papers (applications, site drawings, decisions, etc.) concerning the decision by the Code Enforcement Officer or Planning Board.
2. Attach copy of deed, sales agreement, or contract that gives you title, right, or interest in this appeal.
3. Indicate what section(s) of the ordinance that you believe is/are relevant to your appeal: Section 508.27. A.16
4. Attach a statement describing the facts concerning your filing an appeal.

I hereby acknowledge that I have read this application and pertinent sections of the ordinances, and state that the information in this document is to the best of my knowledge true and accurate.

		<u>6/10/20</u>
<i>Appellant's Signature</i>	<i>Co-Appellant's Signature</i>	<i>Date</i>

Code Enforcement Office

Town of Poland
 1231 Maine Street, 04274
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Residential Building Permit

Parcel ID 0032-0015	Permit # BP 2019-101
Road Location 19 GARLAND SWAMP RD.	Permit Type Shoreland Project

Land Owner	TURGEON, JONATHAN	Phone: 576-8736
Mailing Address	811 MAIN ST, LEWISTON, ME 04240	
Application/Contractor Name:	Homeowner	
Contractor Address:	Phone	

Proposed Project Description:
 Install a temporary dock with one 3'6" x 16' section and two 8' long x 6' wide sections.

Certificate of Occupancy is required before use of any structure may begin.

Appl. Date	06/10/2019	Cost of Work	Permit Rates	Required Setbacks
Est. Cost	\$0.00	Up to \$1,00	\$20.00	N/A
Lot Size	0.22	Add'l \$1,000	\$5.00 / 100	
Use Group	Docks	Detached Structure Under 200 Ft:	\$20.00 / Structur	Permit Fee \$25.00
Type Const.	Docks			Under 200 Ft:
Zone	RR2, LR, APO1			Planning Board
Shoreland	Yes			
Flood Zone	No			

1. This permit application does not preclude the Applicant(s) from meeting applicable State and Federal Rules.
2. Building permits do not include plumbing, septic or electrical work.
3. Building permits are void if work is not started within six (6) months of the date of issuance. False information may invalidate a building permit and stop all work.

CERTIFICATION

I understand that this permit is valid only for the use specified above. Any changes must be approved by the permitting Bitmap authority. I hereby acknowledge that I have read this application and STATE that the above information is correct, and AGREE to comply with ALL Municipal Ordinances and State Laws regulating activities covered by this permit.

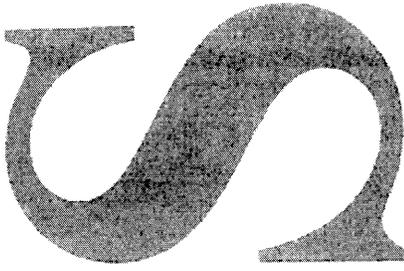
SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

DATE

This permit is approved on the basis of information provided by the applicant regarding his ownership and boundary locations. The applicant has the burden of ensuring that he has legal right to use the property and that he is measuring required setbacks from the legal boundary lines of the lot. The approval of this permit in no way relieves the applicant of this burden nor does this permit approval constitute a resolution in favor of the applicant of any issues regarding the property boundaries, ownership, or similar title.

Permit Issued By: 6-11-19
Code Enforcement Officer

ALL STRUCTURES MUST MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE MAINE UNIFORM BUILDING AND ENERGY CODE. Construction must be substantially started within six months of permit being issued or permit becomes void.



Permit Number: 2019-101

Land Owner TURGEON, JONATHAN
Parcel ID 0032-0015
Road Location 19 GARLAND SWAMP RD.
Contractor Name Homeowner

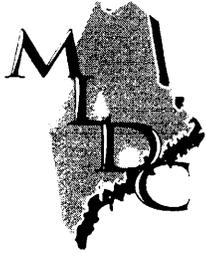
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06/11/2019

Date

Scott Neal
Code Enforcement Officer



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June 8, 2020

Scott Neal
Code Enforcement Officer
Poland Town Office
1231 Maine Street
Poland, ME 04274

SUBJECT: Appeal of the Denial of Building Permit #20200169 – Deck Structure in the Shoreland Zone for Jonathan Turgeon - 19 Garland Swamp Road, Parcel ID 0032-0015

Dear Mr. Neal and Members of the Appeals Board:

Main-Land Development Consultants, Inc. has been retained by Jonathan Turgeon to assist him in the preparation of this Administrative Appeal of the decision of the Poland Code Enforcement Officer (CEO), in a letter dated May 20, 2019 (though I believe it was actually 2020).

The CEO has based his decision on the fact that the Town of Poland has essentially ruled the structure on the lot to be of no value. The applicant does not dispute this fact. The applicant also does not dispute the fact that reconstruction of the former structure would not be allowed.

However, the applicant is not asking for reconstruction or replacement of the structure on this lot. The structure was a camp – a residence. The applicant is requesting the use of the existing structure, currently on the property, as an accessory to the already-permitted dock on the site.

The argument seems to be that, since there is no taxable value in the current camp, then there is no structure. But there is a structure on site, whether the Town thinks there is taxable value or not, the structure exists. Which brings us to the Shoreland section of the Code (Section 508.27). In Table 508.27.A, there is a Land Use that would allow for the proposed deck.

In this Table, Land Use #16 calls for On Site Structures Accessory to Allowed Uses. This Land Use allows the Code Enforcement Officer to review and issue a permit for this On-Site Structure.

The applicant is NOT requesting, as the CEO seems to be indicating, a reconstruction or a replacement of the old, dilapidated structure, but instead, a re-use of a portion of this structure, as an accessory structure, as allowed in this Table.

APPEALS LETTER TO POLAND CEO
JONATHAN TURGEON, POLAND, MAINE

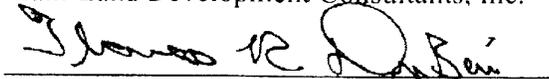
We submit that the existing On-Site Structure, the old, dilapidated camp structure, can be essentially removed, with the exception of its foundation and first floor (removing walls and roof). The "first floor" of this structure can then be rehabilitated into the deck structure that would be an accessory to the Temporary Dock already permitted. Storage space under the deck would also be created, as shown in the permit application package previously submitted.

This scenario allows for the removal of the building that seems to be in everyone's best interests, including the Town, the neighbors, and the applicant. It also allows the applicant to recapture at least some of the value of this shorefront lot, but with a much less intensive use than a residence, and without any further non-conformance.

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns with this application, please do not hesitate to call or write.

Sincerely,

Main-Land Development Consultants, Inc.



Thomas R. DuBois, PE
Senior Engineer





Code Enforcement Office

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(207) 998-4604 sneal@polandtownoffice.org

Jonathan Turgeon
20 Garland Swamp Rd.
Poland, Maine 04274

May 20, 2019

Parcel ID: 0032-0015

Located At: 19 Garland Swamp Rd.

Zoning District: Rural Residential-2, Limited Residential, and Aquifer Protection Overlay 1

Certified Mail # 91 7199 9991 7033 5025 5624

Dear Mr. Turgeon,

You applied for a Building Permit (# 20200169) to allow you to replace an existing structure with a deck with storage at 19 Garland Swamp Rd. You asked for no expansion, foundation changes, or relocation. The cover letter from Main-Land Development Consultants, Inc asked that this replacement be allowed based on Chapter 5 §508.27, Table 508.27.A #16 Onsite and Offsite Structures accessory to allowed uses, of the Town of Poland Comprehensive Land Use Code (CLUC). Main-Land Development Consultants, Inc states that this new deck will be an accessory to the allowed use of a temporary dock. Accompanied with your application was the following:

- A cover letter describing your project from Main-Land Development Consultants, Inc.
- A check #1435 to the Town of Poland in the amount of \$90.00.
- A plot plan showing the existing building and setbacks.
- An elevation and floor plan from Maine Residential Design dated April 18, 2019.
- Letters from abutting property owners Debra Lapre, Donald Whitelaw, Domenic LaRosa, Vickie and Peter Polombo, and Matt New.
- The deed for your property.

Main-Land Development Consultants, Inc has asked on your behalf that the replacement of the existing structure be allowed based on Chapter 5 §508.27 Table 508.27.A #16 of the CLUC, Onsite and Offsite Structures accessory to allowed uses. They state in their letter "This land use allows the Code Enforcement Officer to review and issue a permit for this onsite structure". While it is true the Code Enforcement Officer is allowed to permit onsite accessory structures, you would also have to follow all rules of Chapter 5 §508.27.B Principal and Accessory Structures of the CLUC. Your application does not show that you can meet the criteria to allow an accessory structure in Chapter 5 §508.27.B of the CLUC.



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Because of the extensive damage to the existing structure this replacement falls under Chapter 5 § 504.3.D of the CLUC, Reconstruction or Replacement - In no case shall a structure be reconstructed or replaced so as to increase its nonconformity.

1. Structures in Shoreland Zoning Districts

- a. Any nonconforming structure which is located less than the required setback from a water body, tributary stream, or wetland and which is damaged or destroyed, regardless of cause, by more than fifty percent (50%) of the market value of the structure before such damage or destruction, may be reconstructed or replaced provided a permit is obtained within one (1) year of the date of damage or destruction, and provided such reconstruction or replacement is in compliance with the water body, tributary stream or wetland setback requirement to the greatest practical extent as determined by the Planning Board or its designee in accordance with the purpose of this Code. When determining the setback to the greatest practical extent the Planning Board may allow for reduced setbacks from front and side lines in conformance with Section 504.3.E

On August 21, 2009, the Town of Poland gave this structure a zero value and has only taxed the property to this date. A permit for reconstruction would have had to be issued within a year at that point.

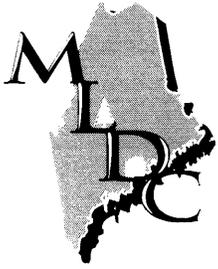
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Sincerely,

Scott Neal
Code Enforcement Officer

CC: Matthew Garside, Town Manager

ENC: Administrative Appeal Application, Check #1435 in the amount of \$90.00.



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May 1, 2020

Scott Neal
Code Enforcement Officer
Poland Town Office
1231 Maine Street
Poland, ME 04274

SUBJECT: Shoreland Zoning Application for Jonathan Turgeon - 19 Garland Swamp Road, Parcel ID 0032-0015

Dear Mr. Neal:

Main-Land Development Consultants, Inc. has been retained by Jonathan Turgeon to assist him in the permitting of a deck on his property located at 19 Garland Swamp Road.

As I am sure you recall, Mr. Turgeon had requested a similar permit last year, but was denied. The original application appeared to have been assessed utilizing the Non-Conforming Structures provision in the Comprehensive Land Use Code of the Town of Poland. Because the existing structure had lost more than 50% of its value, more than one year before this permit was filed, this provision of the Code was no longer available to Mr. Turgeon. Therefore, this permit application was denied.

We believe, however, that in the Shoreland section of the Code (Section 508.27), in Table 508.27.A, there is a Land Use that would allow for the proposed deck that had been previously requested.

In this Table, Land Use #16 calls for On Site Structures Accessory to Allowed Uses. This Land Use allows the Code Enforcement Officer to review and issue a permit for this On-Site Structure. In the case of this project, The Allowed Use is the Temporary Dock that has already been permitted for Mr. Turgeon, by the Town of Poland.

We submit that the existing On-Site Structure, the old, dilapidated camp structure, can be essentially removed, with this exception of its foundation and first floor (removing walls and roof). The "first floor" of this structure can then be rehabilitated into the deck structure that would be an accessory to the Temporary Dock already permitted. Storage space under the deck would also be created, as shown in the attached permit application package.

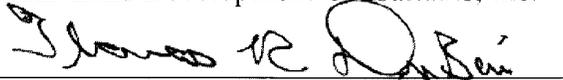
LETTER TO POLAND CEO
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If you have any questions, comments or concerns with this application, please do not hesitate to call or write.

Sincerely,

Main-Land Development Consultants, Inc.



Thomas R. DuBois, PE
Senior Engineer



WARRANTY DEED

Maine Statutory Short Form

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS that I, **Elizabeth Turgeon**, of Auburn, Androscoggin County, State of Maine, for consideration paid, grant to **Jonathan Turgeon**, having a mailing address of 811 Main Street, Lewiston, Maine 04240, with **WARRANTY COVENANTS**, the land in Poland, in the County of Androscoggin and State of Maine, described as follows:

A certain lot or parcel of land with any buildings thereon, being Lot 15, Map 32 as shown on a certain Plan of Land entitled "Boundary Survey of Land in Poland, Maine showing Lot 15 Map 32 Drawn for Ronald J. Bregoli, 28 Bregoli Lane, Braintree, ME 02184 Survey, Inc., PO Box 210, Windham, ME 04062" and recorded at Plan Book 51, Page 59 of the Androscoggin County Registry of Deeds.

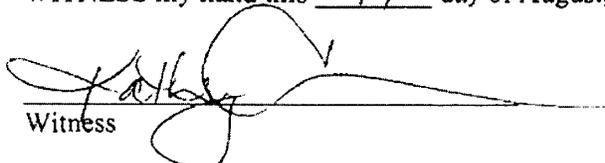
See also Affidavit concerning Plan Book 51, Page 59 recorded at Book 9281, Page 220 of the said Androscoggin County Registry of Deeds.

Being a portion of the premises conveyed in a deed from Frank C. Goudreau to Jonathan Turgeon and Elizabeth Turgeon dated November 23, 2016 and recorded in the Androscoggin County Registry of Deeds in Book 9501, Page 187.

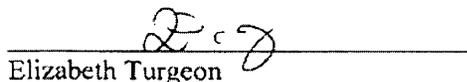
The premises are conveyed subject to any easements and restrictions of record, and together with all rights, easements, privileges and appurtenances belonging to the premises described herein.

TITLE NOT SEARCHED, DESCRIPTION NOT VERIFIED, BY PREPARER OF THIS DEED.

WITNESS my hand this 14 day of August, 2017.



Witness



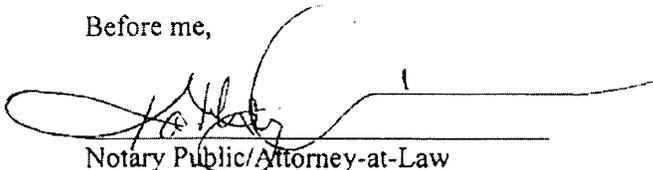
Elizabeth Turgeon

STATE OF MAINE
COUNTY OF ANDROSCOGGIN

August 14, 2017

Personally appeared the above named Elizabeth Turgeon and acknowledged the foregoing instrument to be her free act and deed.

Before me,



Notary Public/Attorney-at-Law

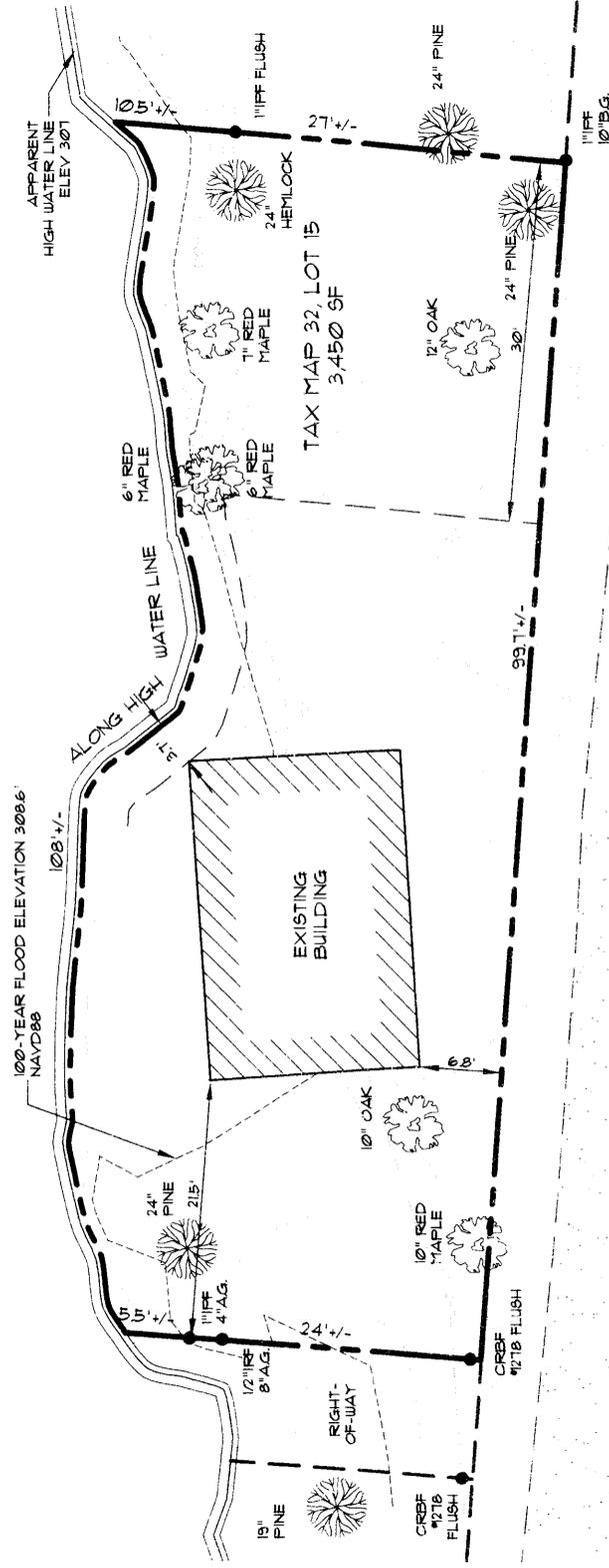
KATHRYN CORTES
Notary Public - State of Maine
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ANDROSCOGGIN COUNTY
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REGISTER OF DEEDS

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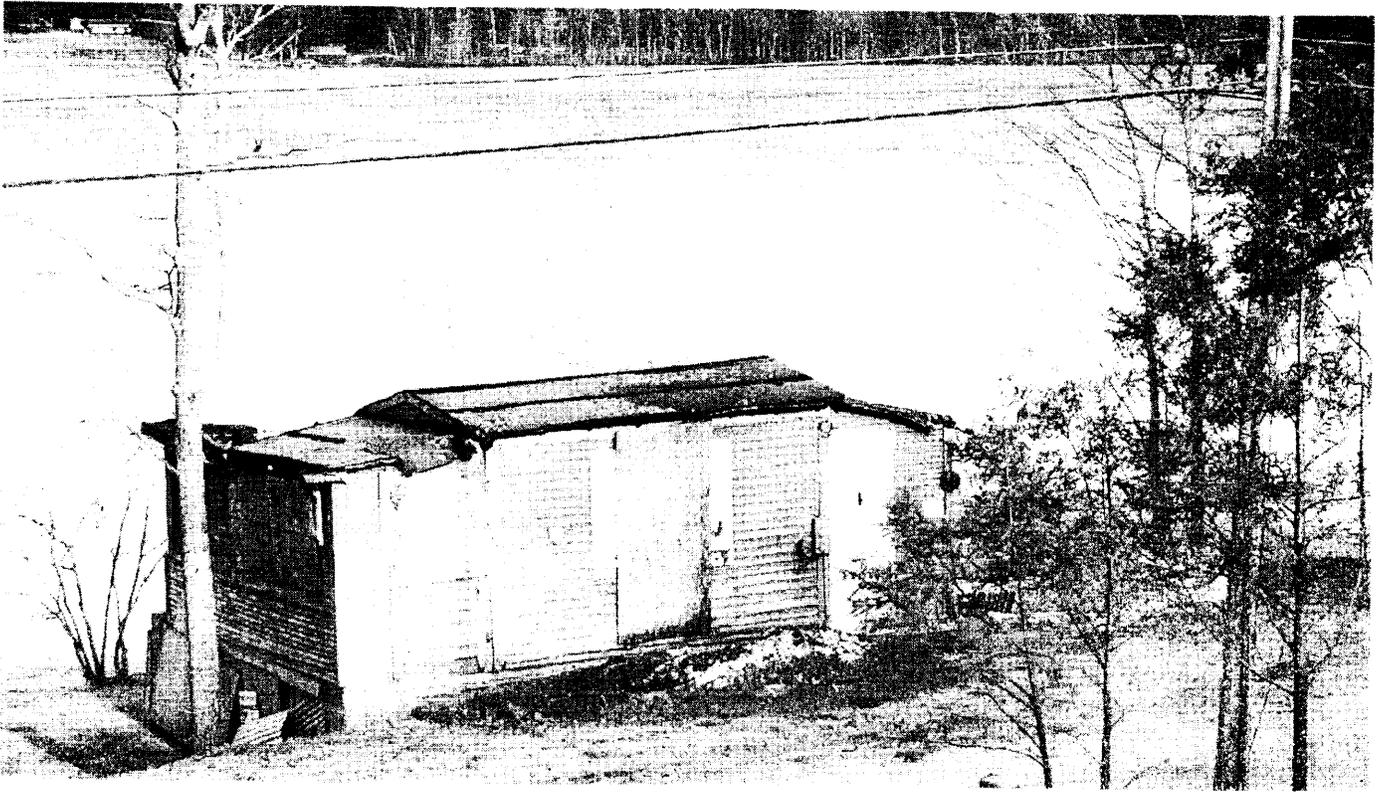


TRIPP LAKE



SKETCH PLAN
 6/6/19
 SCALE: 1" = 10'

GARLAND SWAMP ROAD



**Gregory & Nancy Morin
59 Jordan Shore Drive
Poland Maine 04274**

April 9th, 2020

To: Town of Poland
Code Enforcement Office

For: Jonathan & Elizabeth Turgeon
19 Garland Swamp Rd
Poland Maine 04274

RE: Parcel # 0032-0015
Existing Shoreline Structure/Tripp Lake

To whom it may concern,

Please accept this letter as acknowledgement that we are Tripp Lake shoreland property owners and that we concur with the proposed plan that Jonathan and Elizabeth have explained to us.

Plan being removal of existing structure and retaining existing foundation at shoreline , rebuild decking on existing footprint and use existing foundation as storage.

We feel this is a great alternative use of the structure and would certainly improve lakeside function and appeal.

Thank you for your consideration,

Gregory & Nancy Morin

May 30, 2020

James and Constance Purdy

224 Bakerstown Road

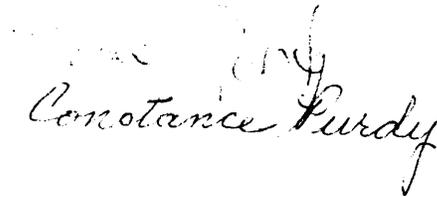
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To Whom it may concern,

We own a small lot next to John Turgeon's on Tripp Lake shore. On his lot there is an old tumbledown green camp that has no use to anyone. It's an eyesore! He wants to tear that down and build a deck. We can only imagine how much better Garland Swamp Road and the shoreline would look! We can't understand why his request would be denied.

Sincerely,

James and Constance Purdy

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Constance Purdy". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the typed name "James and Constance Purdy".



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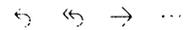
Green Dilapidated building

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Debra Lapre <lapre33@comcast.net>

Mon 5/4/2020 2:22 PM

You



The green dilapidated building two houses down from us is an eyesore. When we were looking at the property to build we were told that we would have to remove that building in order to build across the street. This information was provided to us by the previous CEO Nick. Nick told us we could then put a platform on the same spot as the old building. I'm not sure what's happening with this dilapidated building but I would like to see it removed. It is only bringing down the value of the properties around it. It is in serious deterioration and it should be removed for safety reasons.

Warmly,

Debra Lapre
29 Garland Swamp Rd.

Sent from my iPhone



May 4th, 2020

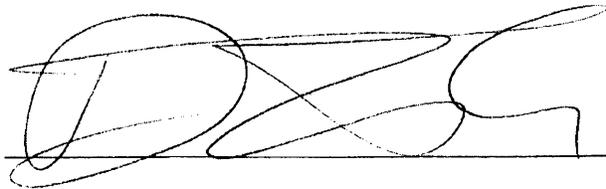
To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Domenic LaRosa, I own the property at 25 Garland Swamp Road, Poland, ME. I give full permission to Jonathan Turgeon to demolish the existing waterfront structure on his property (19 Garland Swamp Road, Parcel ID 0032-0015) and build a deck with storage underneath.

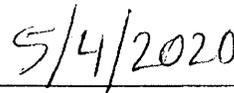
Please contact me with any further questions. 603.401.7034

Thank you,

Domenic LaRosa

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Domenic LaRosa', written over a horizontal line.

Signature

A handwritten date '5/4/2020' in black ink, written over a horizontal line.

Date

To Who It may Concern

My name is Donald Whitelaw; I own a home at 17 Garland Swamp Rd. My neighbor Jon Turgeon is looking for a building permit to remove a structure and replace it with a deck at 19 Garland Swamp Rd Parcel 0032-0015.

I'm writing this letter in hopes that you will grant him permission to remove this building. I'm concerned for the safety of everyone. Not only my kids, but anyone walking on the road is in close proximity to this building.

The building is beyond repair. The roof is falling in, boards are hanging off and paint chips are peeling and blowing off.

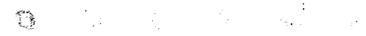
This building is an eye soar and quite dangerous. At its current condition the only safe thing to do is remove it. By installing a deck and grassing everything else in would be great improvement to the road and to the safety of all the residents.

Thank in advance for your consideration in this matter. I can always be reached at 603 630 3587 or at donny@dweci.com

Sincerely

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Matt New <matt.new@ekmangroup.com>
Tue 5/5/2020 9:57 AM



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To: You

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Jon

I wanted to send an email as a follow up to our conversation in reference to your property. As a property owner on Tripp Lake I would think it would be in the best interest for all of us to have you tear down the existing structure that is on the lake side of your property and replace it with a deck. The paint is peeling off, the roof is falling apart and given the runoff when it rains I am confident it is not contributing to the water quality that we want for the lake. As we discussed building a deck that is considered a pervious surface with a storage facility underneath will be a much better solution for that piece of property instead of the current building.

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Nice talking with you and please let me know if there is anything I can do to help.

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Condemned Camp Lot 0032-0015 on Garland Swam Rd

- Flag for follow up. Start by 5/6/2020. Due by 5/6/2020.
- You replied on Wed 5/6/2020 12:32 PM

Peter Polombo <polombo@verizon.net>
 Wed 5/6/2020 12:13 PM
 To: You
 Cc: Peter Polombo



The condemned camp on Lot 0032-0015 is an eye soar for anyone driving down Garland Swamp Rd. It also may provide a potential danger to young children playing in the area since the structure itself is in a dilapidated condition. We believe it would be in the best interest of everyone living on Garland Swamp Rd if Jon Turgeon was allowed to update the dilapidated structure to a safe and useful form.

Regards
 Vickie and Peter Polombo
 13 Garland Swamp RD



Well, here we all sit in a quagmire of Coronavirus/Covid-19 in Poland and around the globe. Many of us have been quarantined, myself included, since mid-March. I'd love to be able to hug my children and grandchildren, but these are the rules created by the powers that be to keep us safe & healthy. Family is important to all of us and we are following the rules that have been set up. I'm curious, tho', as to why some rules don't seem to apply to Jonathan Turgeon and his family. He was told several years ago when he built his home on Garland Swamp Road that he would be able to remove the shack directly across from them and put in a deck. This "shack" is an eyesore! It has been sitting there for years and years from way back when I was in middle school in McFalls and it should be taken down before it collapses into the lake and creates a serious problem. It hasn't been used for years! I feel sure that the Turgeon's will make every effort to remove it very carefully during that process.

Thanking you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Susan A. Barry
5 Garland Swamp Road
Poland, ME 04274
998-2580

Petition - 19 Garland Swamp Road, Poland, Maine

Do you favor the removal of the existing dilapidated camp structure, and the placement of a deck on the old foundation, with storage underneath the deck?

Name: (Print then sign)

Address:

Shellic Howe

67 Jordan Shore Drive

Christine Johnson
Christina Johnson

83 Jordan Shore Drive

A. Christina Hank

164 Jordan Shore Dr.

Jan and Karen Pelletier

166 Jordan Shore Dr.

Greg & Nancy Moir

59 Jordan Shore Dr.

Amelie Jutra's Amelie Jutra

5 Jordan Shore Dr.

Mike Timenty

245 Bakerstown Rd

W

51 Garland Swamp RD

Mike Winston

235 Bakerstown

Julia Bernard

289 N. Raymond Rd

372 Bakerstown Road.

Susan Stee

78 Jordan Shore Drive

Andy [unclear]

85 Jordan Shore Drive

Petition - 19 Garland Swamp Road, Poland, Maine

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Name: (Print then sign)

Address:

Julie Emerson	241 Baker Street Rd
Don Marston	113 Tappan Lake Rd
Marjorie Leonard	275 Tappan Lake Rd
John D. C.	25 Garland Swamp Rd
Paula Pitt	27 Garland Swamp Rd
Walt Park	150 Jordan Shore Dr.
Frank Fiedler	275 Jordan Shore Drive
John J. Linn	249 Jordan Shore Drive
Gene Scott, Jr. & Janet	200 Jordan Shore Rd
Shirley Jenkinson	200 Jordan Shore Dr.
Kaycee Miller	18 Jordan Shore Dr.
Maureen Poirer	55 Jordan Shore Drive
Frank Spyranski	511 Baker Street Rd

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Name: (Print then sign)

Address:

TERRY HARRIS THURMAN 113 Garland Swamp Rd

Tina SA Harris 69 Garland Swamp Rd

John Cloutier 76 Brown Rd

Tyler & Julie Turso 8 Partridge Lane

JESSE FARIAS 18 JORDAN SHORE DR.

Evelyn Davis 33 Jordan Shore Dr.

Ron GETTHER 35 Jordan Shore Dr

Mary Cole 40 Jordan Shore Dr

Jacqueline Gasson 34 Jordan Shore Dr

JOHN MANNING 250 Jordan Shore Dr

Ron Carroll 44 Jordan Shore Dr

Lee ... 70 Jordan Shore Dr

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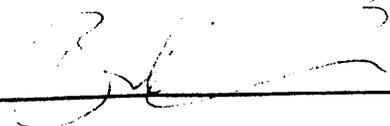
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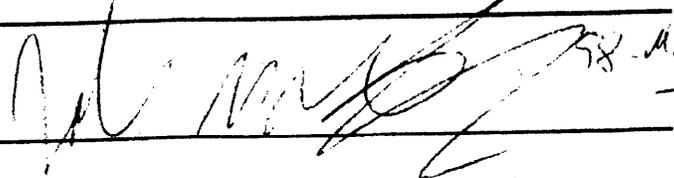
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Fancy Marley 10 MEGYON HILL

Peter Rickett 29 MEGYON HILL RD

Esther Tucker 38 MEGYON HILL RD

John McElroy  58 MEGYON

John E. Lusk 76 MEGYON HILL

Don White 17 Garland Swamp

Don White 20 MEGYON HILL RD

Elizabeth Fuller 49 MEGYON HILL RD Poland

William C. Baggs 588 BAKERSTOWN RD, POLAND

Robert Colburn 41 Taylor Brook Rd

Gene Hatfield 244 BAKERSTOWN RD, Poland, Me

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Name: (Print then sign)

Address:

Peter & Bernad 46 Trigg Lake Camp Rd.

Denis Ackroyd 261 Trigg Lake Jordan Shore

Robert Truss 521 Jordan Shore Drive

D Frost 157 Brooks Tavern Rd

John & Linda Beardslee Jordan Rd

Ray Thurston 150 Jordan Rd

John & Bernad 46 Trigg Lake

Patricia Sullivan 238 Meggner Hill Rd.

Eileen Denny 200 Meggner Hill Rd

Robert & Linda 257 Meggner Hill Rd

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Name: (Print then sign)

Address:

Brian Hamlin 100 Fernald Rd Poland

Erin Hamlin 27th 100 Fernald Rd Poland

Kelly Langdon 112 Fernald Rd Poland

Lori Perkins 27 Margorie Ln Poland

John Plambeck 30 Margorie Ln Poland

Bob Harkins 38 Westport Lane

Patricia Hutchins 40 Margorie Lane

Janice 37 Lane Rd Poland

John King 55 Birch Rd Poland

Justin Woodbury 780 Bakerstown Rd

Richard Abrams - 21 Pond Lane

Shelly 126 Dunn Rd Poland

Christopher Jones 425 White Oak Hill Rd

Petition - 19 Garland Swamp Road, Poland, Maine

Do you favor the removal of the existing dilapidated camp structure, and the placement of a deck on the old foundation, with storage underneath the deck?

Name: (Print then sign)

Address:

Jared Oldham 51 Simplicity Way

Jen Stanford 50 Simplicity Way

Myrtle 55 Simplicity Way

Bob O'Neil 64 Simplicity Way

Margaret Bartsley 265 Tripp Lake Rd.

Maldine Thompson 923 Empire Rd

Jessie T. Fink 9 Poland Drive

Gail M. Paul 14 Airport Dr.

Tom Hunt 4 Bailey Hill Rd

B. B. 45 Nether S Rd

Kathleen Fox 41 Pedersen Rd

Taylor Schinda 149 Hackett m. 4s Rd

Chris Keene 29 Wild & Turkey Way

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Address:

Derek Hawley

64 Range Road Poland, ME

Charles Fingert

195 Maple Ln Poland

Dave Cooper D.C.

405 Bailey Hill Rd

Joe Conley

16 Epsy St Poland

Daniel A. Chabot

89 Bailey Hill Rd Poland

Donald K. Langle

78 WHELETT M-66 RD Poland

Robert H. Coy

11 Aspenway Poland

Derek Farrell

96 Elm St. EXT.

Tom Caldwell

219 Dam Rd

Derek Lapsse

78 Simplicity Way

Coby Webster

512 Bakerstown Rd.

JASON KING

272 Range Hill Road

Ken Emerson

241 Bakers Town

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Address:

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Jim	1410 Bayview Lane
Paul M. Skye	33 Garland Swamp Rd
Beth Cummins	965 Bakerstown Rd
Jeff Sheppard	25 Jordan Shore
Ed Hughes	276 Jordan Shore
Tom Hill	211 Tom Hill
Bruce Pelletier	249 No. Raymond Rd.
Phil Henry	152 No. Raymond Rd.
Mike Brooks	151 Evergreen drive
Raymond	271 Maine St. Poland
Tom Mares	263 Maine St. Poland
Ed Hill	244 Bakerstown Rd

Petition – 19 Garland Swamp Road, Poland, Maine

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Address:

Robert Tiner Robert Quire 163 Range Hill Rd.

Henry Tully 168 Range Hill Rd

Geoffrey 357 Schellinguee Rd

Mike O'Leary - Mike 187 Schellinguee Rd

Peter Polomby 13 Garland Swamp Rd

20 GARLAND SWAMP RD

Code Enforcement Officer Scott Neal's
Response to Jonathan Turgeon
Administrative Appeal 7.22.2020



Code Enforcement Office

1231 Maine Street, Poland, Maine 04274
(207) 998-4604 sneal@polandtownoffice.org

June 30, 2020

Town of Poland Board of Appeals
1231 Maine St.
Poland, Maine 04274

RE: Jonathan Turgeon Administrative Appeal
19 Garland Swamp Rd.
Poland, Maine 04274

Map: 0032 Lot: 0015

To the Board of Appeals,

On June 26, 2019, I received an application from Jonathan Turgeon and his Attorney Michael S. Malloy. Their application to reconstruct the existing camp was based on the general upkeep and maintenance authorized in 504.2.B of the Town of Poland Comprehensive Land Use Code (CLUC). After researching the property, it was found that the building was deemed unsafe on March 13, 2006, by then Code Enforcement Officer (CEO) Arthur Dunlap. A follow up letter was sent by CEO Arthur Dunlap on September 8, 2008 and a reply from then owner Ronald J. Bregoli was sent on October 2, 2008. Mr. Bregoli asked for a list of permits needed and a list of local contractors. A note on Mr. Bregoli's letter states the information he needed was emailed on October 2, 2008. There were no permits issued to Mr. Bregoli and on August 21, 2009 the Town of Poland changed the assessed value of the structure to zero dollars where it remains today.

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(207) 998-4604 sneal@polandtownoffice.org

When the Town assessed this structure at a zero dollar value on August 21, 2009, a permit to reconstruct or replace would have to have been obtained on or before August 21, 2010. Therefore, on July 23, 2019, Mr. Turgeon's permit was denied. I encouraged him to apply for an Administrative Appeal; he did not file an appeal.

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Sincerely,

Scott Neal
Code Enforcement Officer

Application and Accompanying Documents
Submitted by Jonathan Turgeon for 2020 Permit



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May 1, 2020



Scott Neal
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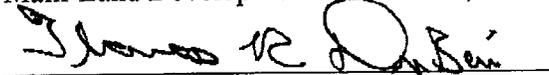
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If you have any questions, comments or concerns with this application, please do not hesitate to call or write.

Sincerely,

Main-Land Development Consultants, Inc.



Thomas R. DuBois, PE
Senior Engineer



TOWN OF POLAND

1231 Maine Street
Poland, ME 04274



Shoreland Project Permit Application

FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY

Date Received	5-8-20
Zoning	R-2, A01, LR
Property ID	0032-0015
Building Code	2015 IRC
Estimated Cost	8000
Permit Fee	
Receipt Number	
Reviewed By	S. H. Neal

Permit Number: 20200169

1. Please attach all required information detailed on the application check list.
2. If you have questions about what is required in order to obtain a permit, contact the Code Enforcement Office.
3. DEP Certification is required for projects in Shoreland Zoning.

Project Address:	19 GARLAND SWAMP RD Poland ME. 04274		
Parcel ID#:	0032-0015		
Estimated Cost:	8,000		
Current Use:	Cottage / Camp		
Proposed Use:	Deck		
Please Describe Your Project:	Deck		See Attached letter
	<input type="checkbox"/> Soil Disturbance	<input type="checkbox"/> Dock	<input type="checkbox"/> Tree Cutting <input type="checkbox"/> Other

Property Owner Information

Owner Name:	Jonathan Turgeon
Mailing Address:	20 GARLAND SWAMP RD Poland ME
Phone Number:	207-576-8736
Email Address:	jon.tur@comcast.net

Contractor or Applicant Information

Contractor Name:	Jonathan Turgeon
Mailing Address:	20 GARLAND SWAMP RD Poland ME
Phone Number:	207-576-8736
Email Address:	
DEP Certification:	

Please attach all of the information required on the permit checklist

I hereby certify that I am the Owner of Record of the named property, or that the owner of record authorizes the proposed work, and I have been authorized by the owner to make this application as his/her authorized agent. I agree to confirm to all applicable laws of this jurisdiction. In addition, if a permit for work described in this application is issued, I certify that the Code Officials shall have the authority to enter all areas covered by this permit at any reasonable hour to enforce the provisions of the codes applicable to this permit.

Applicant Signature:		Date:	5/7/20
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Condemned Camp Lot 0032-0015 on Garland Swam Rd

Inbox 33663

Flag for follow up. Start by 5/6/2020. Due by 5/6/2020.

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You replied on Wed 5/6/2020 12:32 PM

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Peter Polombo <polombo@verizon.net>
Wed 5/6/2020 12:13 PM



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To: You
Cc: Peter Polombo

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The condemned camp on Lot 0032-0015 is an eye soar for anyone driving down Garland Swamp Rd. It also may provide a potential danger to young children playing in the area since the structure itself is in a dilapidated condition. We believe it would be in the best interest of everyone living on Garland Swamp Rd if Jon Turgeon was allowed to update the dilapidated structure to a safe and useful form.

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Regards
Vickie and Peter Polombo
13 Garland Swamp RD

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19 Garland Swamp Road

Inbox 33625

🕒 Flag for follow up.

Junk Email 1158

MiN Matt New <matt.new@ekmangroup.com>
Tue 5/5/2020 9:57 AM
You ☾

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Jon

I wanted to send an email as a follow up to our conversation in reference to your property. As a property owner on Tripp Lake I would think it would be in the best interest for all of us to have you tear down the existing structure that is on the lake side of your property and replace it with a deck. The paint is peeling off, the roof is falling apart and given the runoff when it rains I am confident it is not contributing to the water quality that we want for the lake. As we discussed building a deck that is considered a pervious surface with a storage facility underneath will be a much better solution for that piece of property instead of the current building.

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Nice talking with you and please let me know if there is anything I can do to help.

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Thank you

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May 4th, 2020

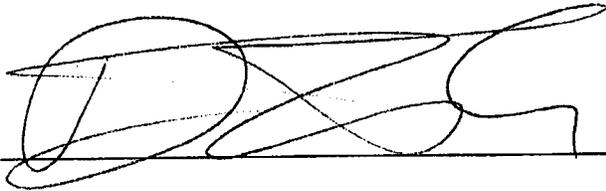
To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Domenic LaRosa, I own the property at 25 Garland Swamp Road, Poland, ME. I give full permission to Jonathan Turgeon to demolish the existing waterfront structure on his property (19 Garland Swamp Road, Parcel ID 0032-0015) and build a deck with storage underneath.

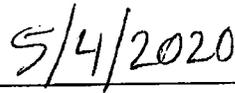
Please contact me with any further questions. 603.401.7034

Thank you,

Domenic LaRosa

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Domenic LaRosa', written over a horizontal line.

Signature

A handwritten date '5/4/2020' in black ink, written over a horizontal line.

Date

To Who It may Concern

My name is Donald Whitelaw; I own a home at 17 Garland Swamp Rd. My neighbor Jon Turgeon is looking for a building permit to remove a structure and replace it with a deck at 19 Garland Swamp Rd Parcel 0032-0015.

I'm writing this letter in hopes that you will grant him permission to remove this building. I'm concerned for the safety of everyone. Not only my kids, but anyone walking on the road is in close proximity to this building.

The building is beyond repair. The roof is falling in, boards are hanging off and paint chips are peeling and blowing off.

This building is an eye soar and quite dangerous. At its current condition the only safe thing to do is remove it. By installing a deck and grassing everything else in would be great improvement to the road and to the safety of all the residents.

Thank in advance for your consideration in this matter. I can always be reached at 603 630 3587 or at donny@dweci.com

Sincerely

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Green Dilapidated building

Inbox 33612

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Junk Email 1126

Debra Lapre <lapre33@comcast.net>



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Mon 5/4/2020 2:22 PM

You

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The green dilapidated building two houses down from us is an eyesore. When we were looking at the property to build we were told that we would have to remove that building in order to build across the street. This information was provided to us by the previous CEO Nick. Nick told us we could then put a platform on the same spot as the old building. I'm not sure what's happening with this dilapidated building but I would like to see it removed. It is only bringing down the value of the properties around it. It is in serious deterioration and it should be removed for safety reasons.

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Warmly,

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Debra Lapre
29 Garland Swamp Rd.

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WARRANTY DEED

Maine Statutory Short Form

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS that I, Elizabeth Turgeon, of Auburn, Androscoggin County, State of Maine, for consideration paid, grant to Jonathan Turgeon, having a mailing address of 811 Main Street, Lewiston, Maine 04240, with WARRANTY COVENANTS, the land in Poland, in the County of Androscoggin and State of Maine, described as follows:

A certain lot or parcel of land with any buildings thereon, being Lot 15, Map 32 as shown on a certain Plan of Land entitled "Boundary Survey of Land in Poland, Maine showing Lot 15 Map 32 Drawn for Ronald J. Bregoli, 28 Bregoli Lane, Braintree, ME 02184 Survey, Inc., PO Box 210, Windham, ME 04062" and recorded at Plan Book 51, Page 59 of the Androscoggin County Registry of Deeds.

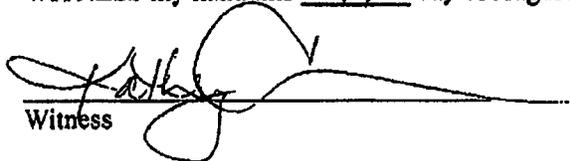
See also Affidavit concerning Plan Book 51, Page 59 recorded at Book 9281, Page 220 of the said Androscoggin County Registry of Deeds.

Being a portion of the premises conveyed in a deed from Frank C. Goudreau to Jonathan Turgeon and Elizabeth Turgeon dated November 23, 2016 and recorded in the Androscoggin County Registry of Deeds in Book 9501, Page 187.

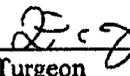
The premises are conveyed subject to any easements and restrictions of record, and together with all rights, easements, privileges and appurtenances belonging to the premises described herein.

TITLE NOT SEARCHED, DESCRIPTION NOT VERIFIED, BY PREPARER OF THIS DEED.

WITNESS my hand this 14 day of August, 2017.



Witness



Elizabeth Turgeon

STATE OF MAINE
COUNTY OF ANDROSCOGGIN

August 14, 2017

Personally appeared the above named Elizabeth Turgeon and acknowledged the foregoing instrument to be her free act and deed.

Before me,



Notary Public/Attorney-at-Law

KATHRYN CORTES
Notary Public - State of Maine
Commission Expires June 18, 2019

ANDROSCOGGIN COUNTY
TINA M CHOUINARD
REGISTER OF DEEDS

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O F F I C I A L Maine Statutory Form F O R M I C I A L

C O P Y C O P Y

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS that I, Frank C. Goudreau, of Lewiston, Androscoggin County, State of Maine, for consideration paid grant to Jonathan Turgeon and Elizabeth Turgeon, both having a mailing address of 274 Manley Road, Auburn, Maine, 04210, with **WARRANTY COVENANTS** as joint tenants, the land in Poland, in the County of Androscoggin and State of Maine, described as follows: **C O P Y**

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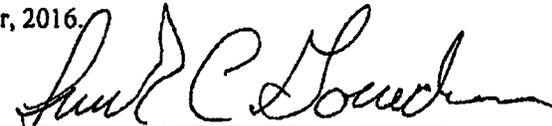
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For source of title reference is made to a deed from Ronald J. Bregoli to Frank C. Goudreau dated November 17, 2016 and recorded in the Androscoggin County Registry of Deeds in Book 9497, Page 81.

The premises are conveyed subject to any easements and restrictions of record, and together with all rights, easements, privileges and appurtenances belonging to the premises described herein.

TITLE NOT SEARCHED, DESCRIPTION NOT VERIFIED, BY PREPARER OF THIS DEED.

WITNESS my hand this 23 day of November, 2016.


Frank C. Goudreau

Witness

STATE OF MAINE
COUNTY OF ANDROSCOGGIN

November 23, 2016

Personally appeared the above named Frank C. Goudreau and acknowledged the foregoing instrument to be his free act and deed.

Before me,


Notary Public/Attorney-at-Law

ANDROSCOGGIN COUNTY
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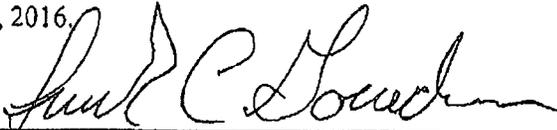
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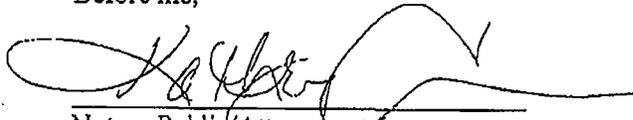
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Turgeon Permit 2020

Residential Building Permit

Town of Poland
 Code Enforcement Department
 1231 Maine Street, 04274
 Tel: (207) 998-4604
 Fax: (207) 998-2002



Building Permit Number: 20200169

Address: 19 GARLAND SWAMP RD.
City, State Zip ,
Parcel ID: 0032-0015
Permit Type:
App. Date: 05/08/2020
Use Group: Residential
Zone: R-2 AQ1 LR

State ID: 0
Lot Size: [Square Feet]
Type of Construction: Building
Shoreland: Yes
Flood Zone: Yes
Setback-Front: 20'
Setback-Rear: N/A
Setback-Side: 40'
Shoreland Setback: 100,

Job Description: 17' 8" x 26' 2" deck with storage underneath to replace a structure.

Contractor:
 Homeowner

Owner:
 TURGEON, JONATHAN
 20 GARLAND SWAMP RD.
 POLAND, ME 04274

Fees	Amount	Payment	Type	Received	Paid
Total Fee: \$0.00		Total Paid: \$0.00			

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| 1. This permit application does not preclude the Applicant(s) from meeting applicable State and Federal Rules. | 2. Building permits do not include plumbing, septic or electrical work. | 3. Building permits are void if work is not started within six (6) months of the date of issuance. False information may invalidate a building permit and stop all work. |
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CERTIFICATION

I understand that this permit is valid only for the use specified above. Any changes must be approved by the permitting Authority. I hereby acknowledge that I have read this application and STATE that the above information is correct, and AGREE to comply with ALL Municipal Ordinances and State Laws regulating activities covered by this permit.

 Applicant Signature

 Date

This permit is approved on the basis of information provided by the applicant regarding his ownership and boundary locations. The applicant has the burden of ensuring that they have legal right to use the property and that they are measuring required setbacks from the legal boundary lines of the lot. The approval of this permit in no way relieves the applicant of this burden nor does this permit approval constitute a resolution in favor of the applicant of any issues regarding the property boundaries, ownership, or similar title.

Denied 5/20/20 SN

 Issued By Code Enforcement Officer

05/20/2020

 Date

ALL STRUCTURES MUST MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE MAIN UNIFORM BUILDING AND ENERGY CODE. Construction must be substantially started within six months of permit being issued or permit becomes void.



Code Enforcement Office

1231 Maine Street, Poland, Maine 04274
(207) 998-4604 sneal@polandtownoffice.org

Jonathan Turgeon
20 Garland Swamp Rd.
Poland, Maine 04274

May 20, 2019

Parcel ID: 0032-0015

Located At: 19 Garland Swamp Rd.

Zoning District: Rural Residential-2, Limited Residential, and Aquifer Protection Overlay 1

Certified Mail # 91 7199 9991 7033 5025 5624

Dear Mr. Turgeon,

You applied for a Building Permit (# 20200169) to allow you to replace an existing structure with a deck with storage at 19 Garland Swamp Rd. You asked for no expansion, foundation changes, or relocation. The cover letter from Main-Land Development Consultants, Inc asked that this replacement be allowed based on Chapter 5 §508.27, Table 508.27.A #16 Onsite and Offsite Structures accessory to allowed uses, of the Town of Poland Comprehensive Land Use Code (CLUC). Main-Land Development Consultants, Inc states that this new deck will be an accessory to the allowed use of a temporary dock. Accompanied with your application was the following:

- A cover letter describing your project from Main-Land Development Consultants, Inc.
- A check #1435 to the Town of Poland in the amount of \$90.00.
- A plot plan showing the existing building and setbacks.
- An elevation and floor plan from Maine Residential Design dated April 18, 2019.
- Letters from abutting property owners Debra Lapre, Donald Whitelaw, Domenic LaRosa, Vickie and Peter Polombo, and Matt New.
- The deed for your property.

Main-Land Development Consultants, Inc has asked on your behalf that the replacement of the existing structure be allowed based on Chapter 5 §508.27 Table 508.27.A #16 of the CLUC, Onsite and Offsite Structures accessory to allowed uses. They state in their letter "This land use allows the Code Enforcement Officer to review and issue a permit for this onsite structure". While it is true the Code Enforcement Officer is allowed to permit onsite accessory structures, you would also have to follow all rules of Chapter 5 §508.27.B Principal and Accessory Structures of the CLUC. Your application does not show that you can meet the criteria to allow an accessory structure in Chapter 5 §508.27.B of the CLUC.



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Because of the extensive damage to the existing structure this replacement falls under Chapter 5 § 504.3.D of the CLUC, Reconstruction or Replacement - In no case shall a structure be reconstructed or replaced so as to increase its nonconformity.

1. Structures in Shoreland Zoning Districts

- a. Any nonconforming structure which is located less than the required setback from a water body, tributary stream, or wetland and which is damaged or destroyed, regardless of cause, by more than fifty percent (50%) of the market value of the structure before such damage or destruction, may be reconstructed or replaced provided a permit is obtained within one (1) year of the date of damage or destruction, and provided such reconstruction or replacement is in compliance with the water body, tributary stream or wetland setback requirement to the greatest practical extent as determined by the Planning Board or its designee in accordance with the purpose of this Code. When determining the setback to the greatest practical extent the Planning Board may allow for reduced setbacks from front and side lines in conformance with Section 504.3.E

On August 21, 2009, the Town of Poland gave this structure a zero value and has only taxed the property to this date. A permit for reconstruction would have had to be issued within a year at that point.

In conclusion and pursuant to Ch. 5, §504.3.D and §508.27.B of the CLUC, I regret to inform you that this office has denied your permit application. You have the right to appeal this decision to the Board of Appeals within forty five (45) days of the date of this letter pursuant to Ch. 3, §304.3 of the CLUC.

Sincerely,

Scott Neal
Code Enforcement Officer

CC: Matthew Garside, Town Manager

ENC: Administrative Appeal Application, Check #1435 in the amount of \$90.00.

Account Showing when Property Assessed at \$0

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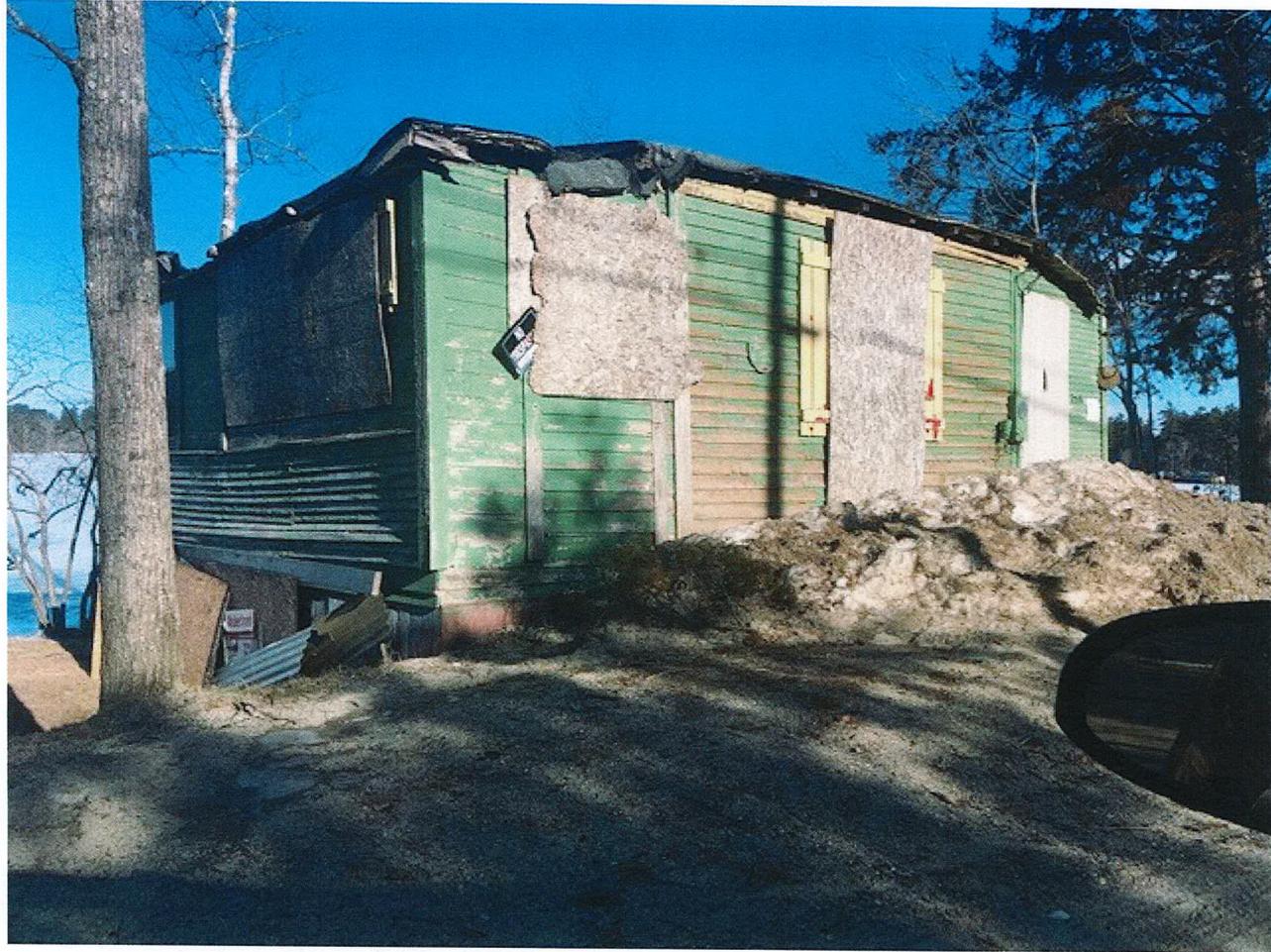
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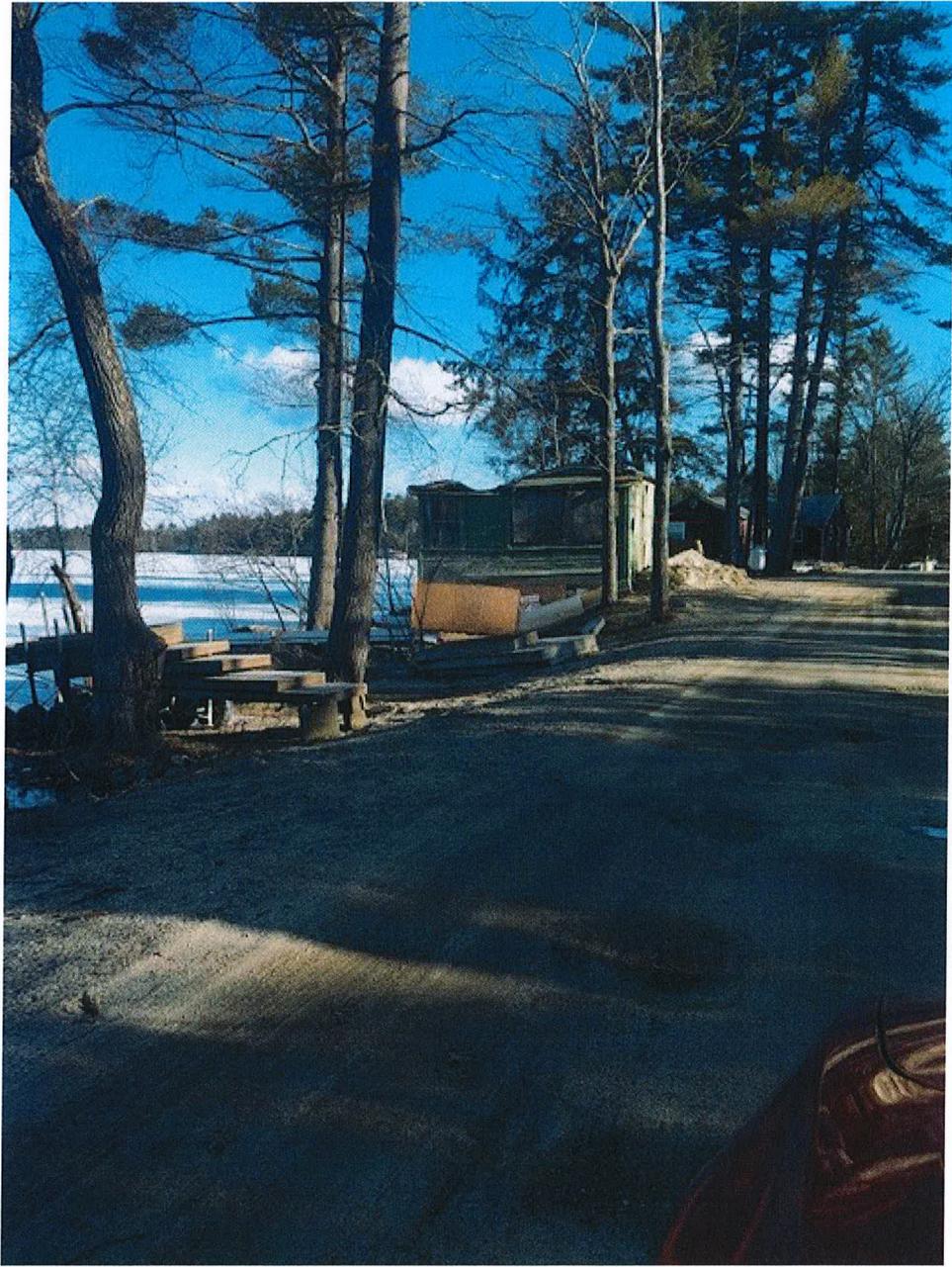
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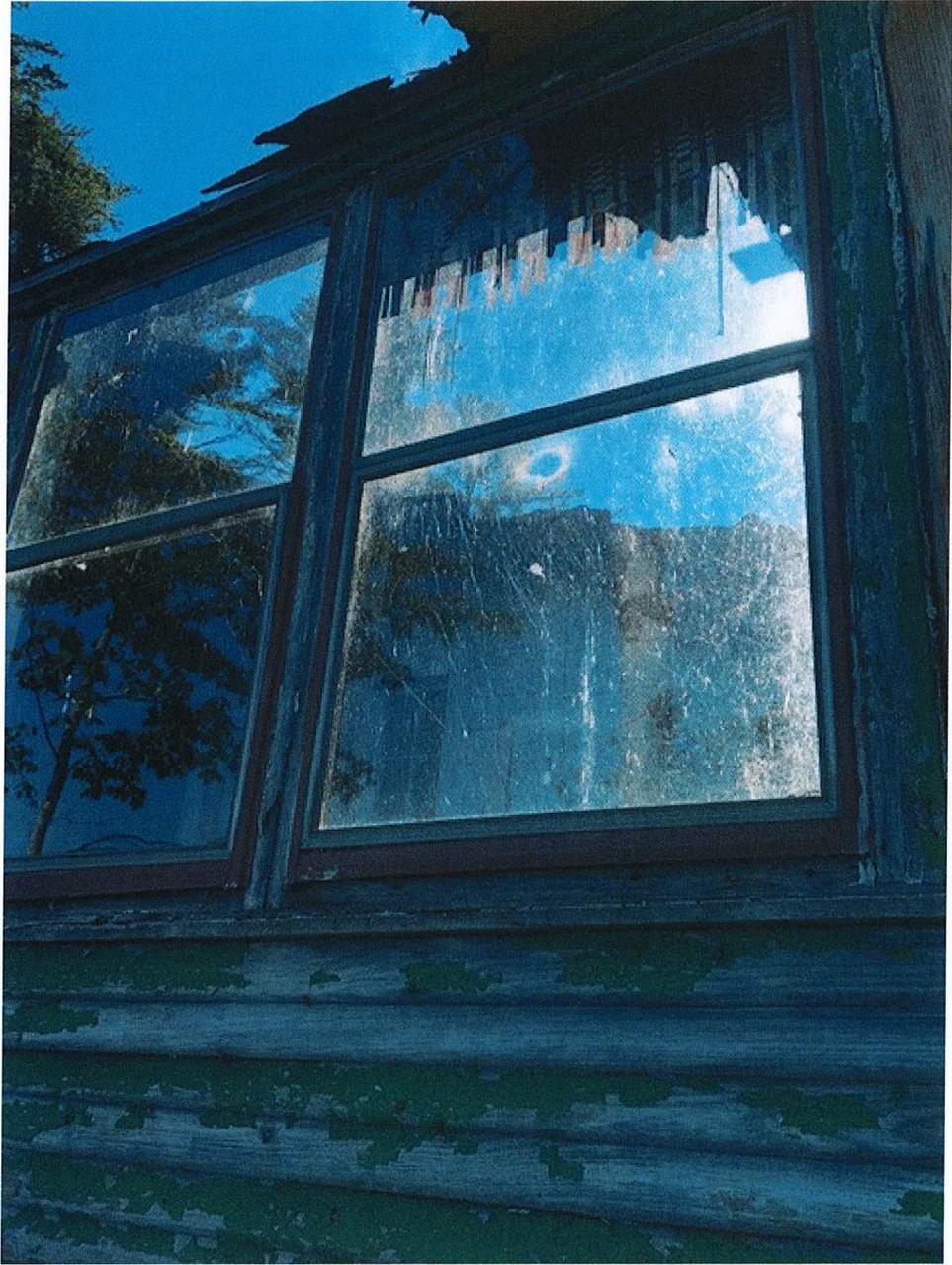
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Pictures of Property taken by CEO 2019







Copy of Permit Submitted in 2019 by Jonathan
Turgeon



TOWN OF POLAND

1231 Maine Street
Poland, ME 04274
(207) 998- 4604

Residential Building Permit Application

FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY	
Date Received	
Zoning	
Property ID	
Building Code	
Estimated Cost	
Permit Fee	
Receipt Number	
Reviewed By	

Permit Number: _____

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Please attach all required information detailed on the application check list. If you have questions about what is required in order to obtain a permit, contact the Code Enforcement Office. DEP Certification is required for projects in Shoreland Zoning. 	
Project Address:	19 Garland Swamp Road, Poland, ME 04274
Parcel ID#:	0032-0015
Estimated Cost:	\$15,0000
Current Use:	Bunkhouse/Storage
Proposed Use (i.e. single family):	Bunkhouse/Storage
Please Describe Your Project:	General Maintenance Upkeep See Attached Letter

Property Owner Information

Owner Name:	Jonathan Turgeon
Mailing Address:	20 Garland Swamp Road, Poland, ME 04274
Phone Number:	207-576-8736
Email Address:	jonsautomart@hotmail.com

Contractor or Applicant Information

Contractor Name:	Jonathan Turgeon
Mailing Address:	20 Garland Swamp Road, Poland, ME 04274
Phone Number:	207-576-8736
Email Address:	jonsautomart@hotmail.com
DEP Certification:	

Please attach all of the information required on the permit checklist

I hereby certify that I am the Owner of Record of the named property, or that the owner of record authorizes the proposed work, and I have been authorized by the owner to make this application as his/her authorized agent. I agree to confirm to all applicable laws of this jurisdiction. In addition, if a permit for work described in this application is issued, I certify that the Code Officials shall have the authority to enter all areas covered by this permit at any reasonable hour to enforce the provisions of the codes applicable to this permit.

Applicant Signature:		Date: 6/26/19
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**Jonathan Turgeon
20 Garland Swamp Road
Poland, ME 04274
(207) 576-8736**

June 26, 2019

Scott Neal, Code Enforcement Officer
Town of Poland, Maine
1231 Maine Street
Poland, ME 04274

Re: 19 Garland Swamp Road

Dear Mr. Neal:

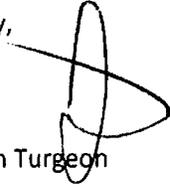
After much thought and consideration, I have decided to maintain and repair the current structure located at 19 Garland Swamp Road, Poland, Maine 04274, Parcel ID # 0032-0015.

Enclosed is a Residential Building Permit Application, together with a check for the permit filing fee in the amount of \$90.00. I am requesting a building permit for the following repairs to bring it back to its original state as a bunkhouse storage structure:

1. Repair roof, removing all rotted wood, stabilizing and replacing with new materials;
2. Remove and replace windows and doors;
3. Repair and replace flooring covering access way to basement;
4. Repair and replace siding.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter and I look forward to working with you on this project. If you need any additional details on the anticipated repairs, please do not hesitate to call me.

Sincerely,


Jonathan Turgeon

JT
Enc.



THE MALLOY FIRM

Attorney. Advisor. Advocate.

June 26, 2019

Town of Poland
1231 Maine Street
Poland, Maine 04274

Re: Residential Building Permit Application: 19 Garland Swamp Road

Dear Sir or Madam:

This firm represents Jonathan Turgeon of 20 Garland Swamp Road in connection with his application for a building permit. Mr. Turgeon seeks a permit to allow him to repair and replace the damage to his camp at 19 Garland Swamp Road, Parcel I.D. #0032-0015. No expansion rights are requested. Mr. Turgeon does not contemplate any foundation changes nor any relocation of the existing nonconforming structure. It will not be reconstructed or replaced so as to increase its nonconformity and no change in use is requested.

I have been informed that Mr. Turgeon has previously discussed alternative plans for the camp with the Town's code enforcement officials. His earlier plans have been revised and it is our position that the repairs and maintenance activities contemplated at this time fall within the general upkeep and maintenance authorized in Section 504.2(B) of the Town's Comprehensive Land Use Code.

Enclosed for your review are the following:

1. Completed building permit application.
2. Scaled plot plans showing lot lines. As no enlargement and no change in the camp location are contemplated, there are no proposed changes illustrated.
3. Floorplan and elevation drawing by main residential design of Casco, Maine.
4. Letter from Mr. Turgeon describing his proposed repairs to the structure.
5. Check for the building permit fee.
6. Proposed project budget.



Michael S. Malloy, Esq.
TEL 207-312-9239

178 Court Street
P.O. Box 3171
Auburn, ME 04212

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msm@malloyfirmmaine.com

Town of Poland
June 26, 2019
Page 2

7. Copies of the deeds showing Mr. Turgeon's ownership of the property.

I respectfully request that you grant Mr. Turgeon a building permit allowing him to conduct this work. My client is eager to return this property to a more appealing condition and to move past the uncertainty that has existed surrounding its future. If you have any questions or require further information, do not hesitate to contact me.

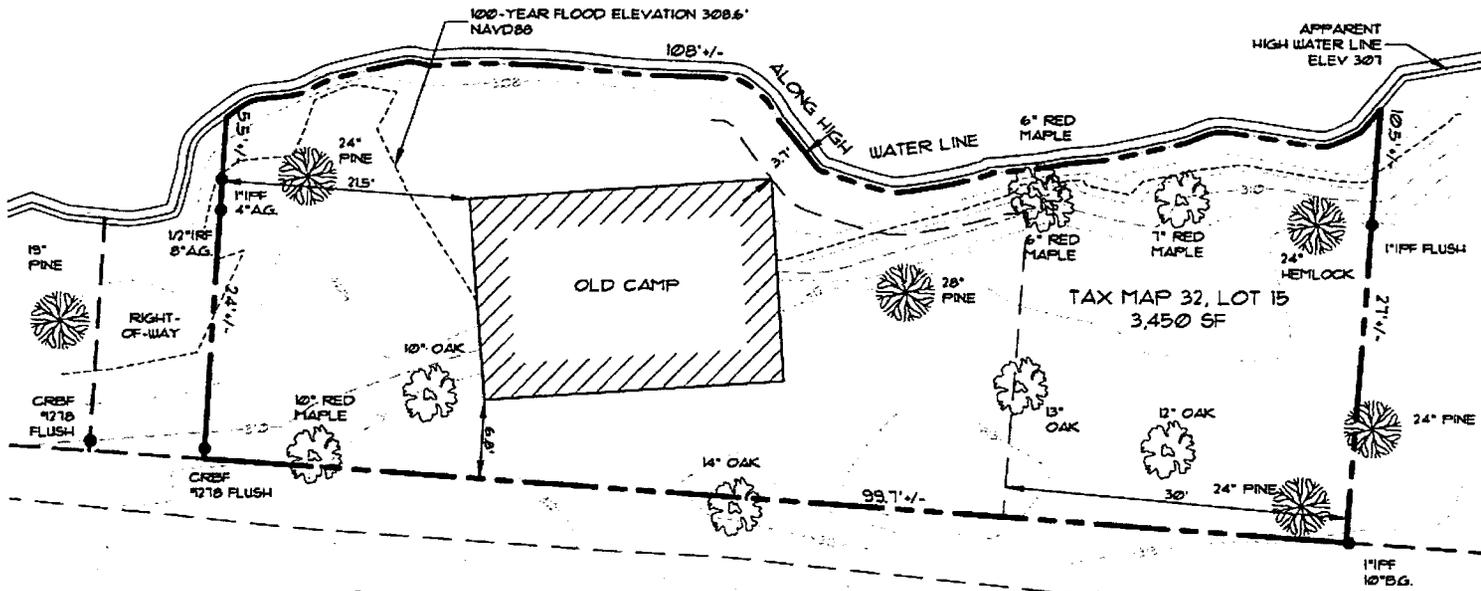
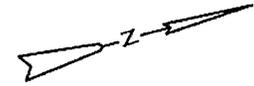
Very truly yours,



Michael S. Malloy

MSM:mec:
cc: Jonathan Turgeon
Enclosures

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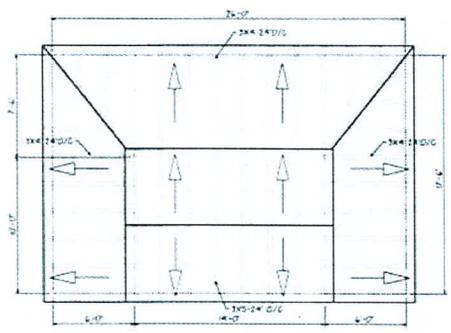
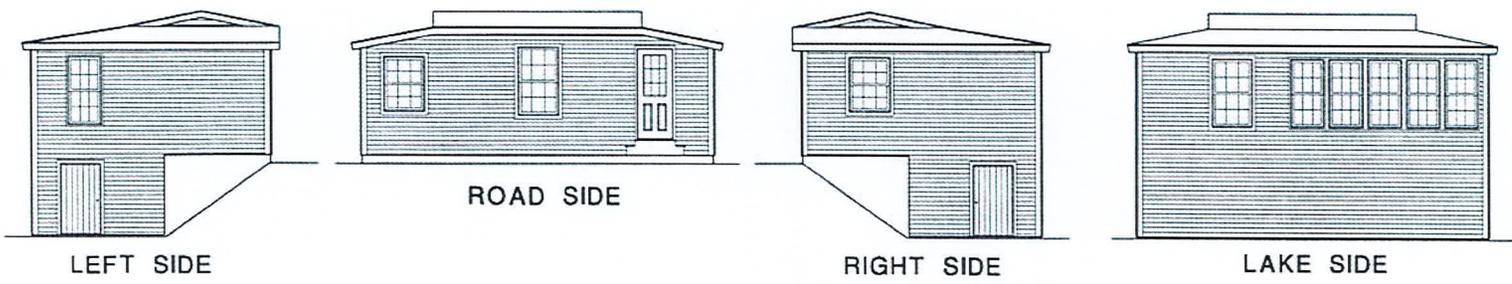


GARLAND SWAMP ROAD

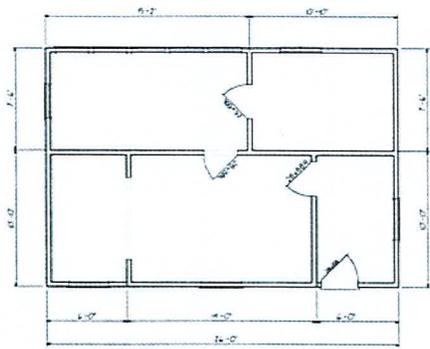
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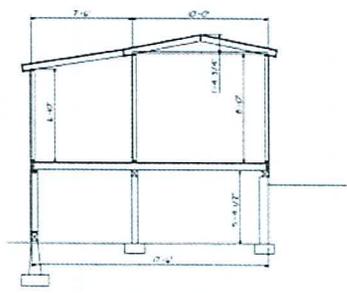
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ROOF PLAN



FLOOR PLAN



SECTION



MAINE RESIDENTIAL DESIGN		FILE NAME
CASCO, ME. 207-627-3362		
JOB	JON TURGENT	SCALE
DISCRIPTION	CAMP REPAIR PLAN	DATE: 04-10-10
		DRAWN BY: MJD
		APPROVED:

PROJECTED BUDGET

19 GARLAND SWAMP ROAD, POLAND, ME

\$3,800 Roof
\$2,000 Windows
\$1,000 Doors
\$3,500 Flooring
\$3,000 Siding/Trim
\$1,700 Misc.

\$15,000	Est. Total of Work
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Jonathan Turgeon

WARRANTY DEED

Maine Statutory Short Form

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS that I, Elizabeth Turgeon, of Auburn, Androscoggin County, State of Maine, for consideration paid, grant to Jonathan Turgeon, having a mailing address of 811 Main Street, Lewiston, Maine 04240, with WARRANTY COVENANTS, the land in Poland, in the County of Androscoggin and State of Maine, described as follows:

A certain lot or parcel of land with any buildings thereon, being Lot 15, Map 32 as shown on a certain Plan of Land entitled "Boundary Survey of Land in Poland, Maine showing Lot 15 Map 32 Drawn for Ronald J. Bregoli, 28 Bregoli Lane, Braintree, ME 02184 Survey, Inc., PO Box 210, Windham, ME 04062" and recorded at Plan Book 51, Page 59 of the Androscoggin County Registry of Deeds.

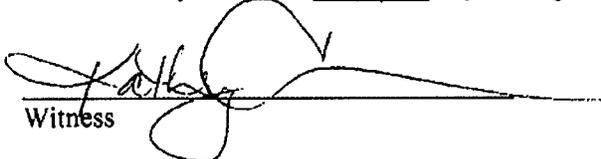
See also Affidavit concerning Plan Book 51, Page 59 recorded at Book 9281, Page 220 of the said Androscoggin County Registry of Deeds.

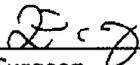
Being a portion of the premises conveyed in a deed from Frank C. Goudreau to Jonathan Turgeon and Elizabeth Turgeon dated November 23, 2016 and recorded in the Androscoggin County Registry of Deeds in Book 9501, Page 187.

The premises are conveyed subject to any easements and restrictions of record, and together with all rights, easements, privileges and appurtenances belonging to the premises described herein.

TITLE NOT SEARCHED, DESCRIPTION NOT VERIFIED, BY PREPARER OF THIS DEED.

WITNESS my hand this 14 day of August, 2017.


Witness

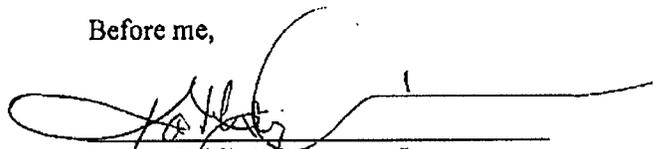

Elizabeth Turgeon

STATE OF MAINE
COUNTY OF ANDROSCOGGIN

August 14, 2017

Personally appeared the above named Elizabeth Turgeon and acknowledged the foregoing instrument to be her free act and deed.

Before me,


Notary Public/Attorney-at-Law

KATHRYN CORTES
Notary Public - State of Maine
Commission Expires June 18, 2019

ANDROSCOGGIN COUNTY
TINA M CHOUINARD
REGISTER OF DEEDS

NO MAINE R.E.
TRANSFER TAX PAID

N O W A R R A N T Y D E E D
A N JOINT TENANCY A N
O F F I C I A L M A I N E S T A T U T O R Y S H O R T F O R M I C I A L
C O P Y C O P Y

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS that I, Frank C. Goudreau, of Lewiston, Androscoggin County, State of Maine, for consideration paid grant to Jonathan Turgeon and Elizabeth Turgeon, both having a mailing address of 274 Manley Road, Auburn, Maine, 04210, with WARRANTY COVENANTS, as joint tenants, the land in Poland, in the County of Androscoggin and State of Maine, described as follows: C O P Y

A certain lot or parcel of land with any buildings thereon, being Lots 15 and 36, Map 32 as shown on a certain Plan of Land entitled "Boundary Survey of Land in Poland, Maine showing Lot 15 Map 32 Drawn for Ronald J. Bregoli, 28 Bregoli Lane, Braintree, ME 02184 Survey, Inc., PO Box 210, Windham, ME 04062" and recorded at Plan Book 51, Page 59 of the Androscoggin County Registry of Deeds.

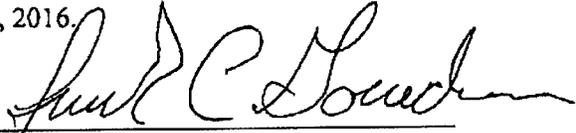
See also Affidavit concerning Plan Book 51, Page 59 recorded at Book 9281, Page 220 of the said Androscoggin County Registry of Deeds.

For source of title reference is made to a deed from Ronald J. Bregoli to Frank C. Goudreau dated November 17, 2016 and recorded in the Androscoggin County Registry of Deeds in Book 9497, Page 81.

The premises are conveyed subject to any easements and restrictions of record, and together with all rights, easements, privileges and appurtenances belonging to the premises described herein.

TITLE NOT SEARCHED, DESCRIPTION NOT VERIFIED, BY PREPARER OF THIS DEED.

WITNESS my hand this 23 day of November, 2016


Frank C. Goudreau

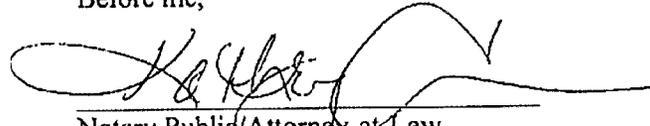
Witness

STATE OF MAINE
COUNTY OF ANDROSCOGGIN

November 23, 2016

Personally appeared the above named Frank C. Goudreau and acknowledged the foregoing instrument to be his free act and deed.

Before me,


Notary Public/Attorney at Law

ANDROSCOGGIN COUNTY
TINA M CHOUINARD
REGISTER OF DEEDS

KATHRYN CORTES
Notary Public - State of Maine
Commission Expires June 18, 2019

MAINE REAL ESTATE
TRANSFER TAX PAID



TOWN OF POLAND

1231 Maine Street
Poland, ME 04274

For the Fiscal Year July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019

OFFICE HOURS
Monday: 9:00am - 7:00pm
Tuesday thru Friday: 9:00am - 4:00pm
Telephone: (207) 998-4601

2019 REAL ESTATE TAX BILL

CURRENT BILLING INFORMATION

LAND VALUE	\$22,900.00
BUILDING VALUE	\$0.
TOTAL: LAND & BLDG	\$22,900.00
	\$0.00
	\$0.00
Machinery & Equipment	\$0.00
MISCELLANEOUS	\$0.00
TOTAL PER. PROP.	\$0.00
HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION	\$0.00
OTHER EXEMPTION	\$0.00
NET ASSESSMENT	\$22,900.00
TOTAL TAX	\$343.04
LESS PAID TO DATE	\$0.00
TOTAL DUE →	\$343.04

THIS IS THE ONLY BILL YOU WILL RECEIVE

TURGEON, JONATHAN
811 MAIN ST
LEWISTON ME 04240

FIRST HALF DUE: \$171.52
SECOND HALF DUE: \$171.52

MAP/LOT: 0032-0015
LOCATION: 19 GARLAND SWAMP RD.
ACREAGE: 0.22
ACCOUNT: 002419 RE

MIL RATE: \$14.98
BOOK/PAGE: B9673P75 08/24/2017

TAXPAYER'S NOTICE

INTEREST AT 8% PER ANNUM CHARGED BEGINNING 11/01/2018 AND 05/01/2019.

Without State Aid for Education, Homestead Exemption Reimbursement and State Revenue Sharing, your tax bill would have been 32% higher. Mil Rate at 14.98 per \$1,000 of taxable value.

This bill is for the current fiscal year only, any payment on past due amounts are not included. To determine past due amounts OR to receive information regarding payments, interest, cost changes and/or refunds, please contact the Treasurer's Office at (207) 998-4601. Under State law, the ownership and valuation of all real estate and personal property subject to taxation shall be fixed as of April 1st. For this tax bill, that date is April 1, 2018. **If you have sold your real estate since April 1, 2018, it is your obligation to forward this bill to the current property owner.**

As of June 30, 2018 the Town of Poland has outstanding bonded indebtedness in the amount of \$8,597,815.00. After eight months and no later than one year from the date of commitment, a lien will be placed on all real estate for which taxes remain unpaid. Any abatement requests must be made within **185 calendar days** from the date of commitment, for this tax bill. Please direct any abatement questions to the Assessor's Office at (207) 998-4651.

DO NOT LOSE OR DISCARD THIS BILL. YOU WILL NOT RECEIVE A BILL FOR THE SECOND PAYMENT.

CURRENT BILLING DISTRIBUTION

School	\$180.30	52.560%
Town	\$141.88	41.360%
Androscoggin County	\$20.86	6.080%
TOTAL	\$343.04	100.000%

REMITTANCE INSTRUCTIONS

Please make check or money order payable to
Town of Poland and mail to:

TOWN OF POLAND
1231 Maine Street
POLAND, ME 04274

If a receipt is desired, please send a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

TOWN OF POLAND, 1231 MAINE STREET, POLAND, ME 04274

ACCOUNT: 002419 RE
NAME: TURGEON, JONATHAN
MAP/LOT: 0032-0015
LOCATION: 19 GARLAND SWAMP RD.
ACREAGE: 0.22



INTEREST BEGINS ON 05/01/2019

DUE DATE	AMOUNT DUE	AMOUNT PAID
04/01/2019	\$171.52	

PLEASE REMIT THIS PORTION WITH YOUR SECOND PAYMENT

TOWN OF POLAND, 1231 MAINE STREET, POLAND, ME 04274

ACCOUNT: 002419 RE
NAME: TURGEON, JONATHAN
MAP/LOT: 0032-0015
LOCATION: 19 GARLAND SWAMP RD.
ACREAGE: 0.22



INTEREST BEGINS ON 11/01/2018

DUE DATE	AMOUNT DUE	AMOUNT PAID
10/01/2018	\$171.52	

PLEASE REMIT THIS PORTION WITH YOUR FIRST PAYMENT

Emails between CEO Neal and Town Attorney for
Turgeon Permit 2019

Scott Neal

From: Natalie L. Burns <nburns@JBGH.com>
Sent: Friday, June 28, 2019 6:06 PM
To: Scott Neal
Subject: Re: 19 Garland Swamp

Scott,

I agree that you should deny the permit on that basis.

Thanks,

Natalie

Sent from my iPhone

Natalie L. Burns, Esq.
Jensen Baird Gardner & Henry
P.O. Box 4510
Portland, ME 04112
(207) 775-7271

> On Jun 28, 2019, at 12:33 PM, Scott Neal <sneal@polandtownoffice.org> wrote:

>

> Natalie,

> Since we last talked about this property (19 Garland Swamp Rd.) the home owner withdrew his application to reconstruct. I received a new application yesterday with a cover letter from his Attorney (see attached). They are now calling this project "general upkeep and maintenance" allowed under 504.2(B). As you can see from the attached photos there is nothing "normal" about the repairs it would take to bring back this home. I also still feel that this property lost its legal non-conforming status when the Town stopped taxing the building on 8/21/09 and it wasn't rebuilt within a year. As we talked about before I feel the only thing I can do with this permit is to deny it based on 504.3(D).

>

> Scott Neal

> Code Enforcement Officer

> Town of Poland

> sneal@polandtownoffice.org

> (207) 998-4604

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: Natalie L. Burns <nburns@JBGH.com>

> Sent: Friday, April 5, 2019 1:41 PM

> To: Scott Neal <sneal@polandtownoffice.org>

> Subject: Re: 19 Garland Swamp

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> Scott,

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> While I agree with you that the existing building cannot be rebuilt, the basis for my opinion is a little different from yours. Because this is a non conforming structure, it is not subject to the 1-year abandonment provision that applies to non conforming uses. It is instead subject to Section 504.3. It is my opinion that the proposal would be subject to

Subsection 504.3.D, the provision that regulates the reconstruction or replacement of a non conforming structure. That provision allows the relocation or replacement with Planning Board review if a building is damaged or destroyed by more than 50% of its value and with CEO review if less than that percentage. In either case, the reconstruction must be done within one year of the damage. As you note, the Town completely wrote off the assessed value of this structure many years ago. For that reason, the property owner cannot seek permission to reconstruct or replace the building, even with a deck rather than a building, under those provisions of the Ordinance. Any proposal would be treated as a new building/structure and would have to meet the water setback and all other applicable provisions of the CLUC.

>
> Let me know if you have any questions.
>
> Thanks,
>
> Natalie
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> Sent from my iPad
>
> On Apr 4, 2019, at 11:31 AM, Scott Neal <sneal@polandtownoffice.org<mailto:sneal@polandtownoffice.org>> wrote:
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> Natalie,
> I received an application to replace a nonconforming structure with a deck using the existing foundation. I have attached some photos, a plot plan, and the last correspondence between the Town and the previous owner. On 8/21/2009 I assume after the homeowner at the time didn't repair the building it was given a zero value by the assessor and has not been taxed since then. It is my position that since it's been 10 years without being taxed and a permit was not obtained before 08/21/2010 to repair or rebuild the structure that it has lost its status as a non-conforming structure and must be removed. Once it's removed any new structure would have to meet current setbacks. Any help you can give me on this would be appreciated.
>
> Scott Neal
> Code Enforcement Officer
> Town of Poland
> sneal@polandtownoffice.org<mailto:sneal@polandtownoffice.org>
> (207) 998-4604
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Scott Neal

From: Clark, Colin A <Colin.A.Clark@maine.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, July 16, 2019 3:30 PM
To: Scott Neal
Subject: RE: Shoreland Zoning Question

Good afternoon Scott

Thank you for your patience as we researched this issue this is a very unique situation with local components that extend beyond the States Shoreland zoning laws with that in mind The AG's office and shoreland zoning staff have come up with the following:

Poland's SLZ allows for the reconstruction of non-conforming structures that have been damaged or destroyed by more than 50%, so long as the reconstruction occurs within 1 year of the damage. (Poland Ordinance section 5-104.3(C)(1)). Here, we don't have a single event, such as a storm or fire, but instead years of decay. However, if the Town has evidence that the structure has had zero value for over a year, then I don't see a problem with the Town taking the position that the requirements of 5-104.3(C)(1) were not met and thus no new structure can be built.

Like I mentioned how the Town has been taxing or assessing this property goes beyond SLZ rules but we feel the prior statements cover the issue but it will be the Towns position to take based on your ordinance and facts of the case.

Take care

*Colin A. Clark
Shoreland Zoning Coordinator in the Bureau of Land Resources
Maine Department of Environmental Protection
Tel (207) 441-7419
www.maine.gov/dep*

From: Scott Neal <sneal@polandtownoffice.org>
Sent: Friday, June 28, 2019 1:26 PM
To: Clark, Colin A <Colin.A.Clark@maine.gov>
Subject: FW: Shoreland Zoning Question

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Colin,

I sent you this email in April but I have not received a response yet. Any chance you could give me an opinion on this?

Scott Neal
Code Enforcement Officer
Town of Poland
sneal@polandtownoffice.org
(207) 998-4604

From: Scott Neal
Sent: Thursday, April 4, 2019 10:58 AM
To: Colin.A.Clark@maine.gov
Subject: Shoreland Zoning Question

Colin,
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Town of Poland
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Scott Neal

From: Clark, Colin A <Colin.A.Clark@maine.gov>
Sent: Monday, August 12, 2019 9:19 AM
To: Scott Neal
Cc: nburns@jbgh.com
Subject: RE: 19 Garland Swamp Rd.

I would be happy to meet but to be perfectly honest I am not sure I am going to be helpful I would think that having the town attorney there would be more useful than me. The basis for permit denial is due to the place being considered to have zero value and that extends well beyond state Shoreland Zoning rules. As we have stated in previous emails we concur with your finding on denying the permit application based on the valuation we just don't establish those values that is a town responsibility. Additionally I think the letter written by Former CEO's point out this position. So please consult with the town attorney to see if she is available to assist in dealing with this issue and if I can help out I am happy to do so.

Take care

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Shoreland Zoning Coordinator in the Bureau of Land Resources
Maine Department of Environmental Protection
Tel (207) 441-7419
www.maine.gov/dep

From: Scott Neal <sneal@polandtownoffice.org>
Sent: Wednesday, August 07, 2019 9:47 AM
To: Clark, Colin A <Colin.A.Clark@maine.gov>
Subject: RE: 19 Garland Swamp Rd.

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Colin,

I have contacted the Town Attorney multiple times on this property (see attached). I have denied the permit and I have encouraged Jonathan to start the appeals process. Because he had been told by previous Code Enforcement Officers that he may be able to do something if he can prove the value of the structure he is not giving up. I'm available all day Tuesday right now. Your input on the 50% rule may be helpful to get him to understand what he is up against. If you can meet on Tuesday I would appreciate it.

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From: Clark, Colin A <Colin.A.Clark@maine.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, August 7, 2019 8:56 AM

To: Scott Neal <sneal@polandtownoffice.org>

Subject: RE: 19 Garland Swamp Rd.

Good Morning

So I have Tuesday open at this point. To be honest I am not sure what I have to add to the situation. Have you spoken to the town attorney about the building being un taxed for all these years and the letters requesting it be removed? Those are the key issues at this point and they don't really involve SLZ.

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From: Scott Neal <sneal@polandtownoffice.org>

Sent: Tuesday, August 06, 2019 4:09 PM

To: Clark, Colin A <Colin.A.Clark@maine.gov>

Subject: 19 Garland Swamp Rd.

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Colin,

With the exception of Wednesday afternoon and Friday afternoon my schedule for next week is wide open to meet with Mr. Turgeon.

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Scott Neal

From: Natalie L. Burns <nburns@JBGH.com>
Sent: Friday, April 5, 2019 1:41 PM
To: Scott Neal
Subject: Re: 19 Garland Swamp

Scott,

While I agree with you that the existing building cannot be rebuilt, the basis for my opinion is a little different from yours. Because this is a non conforming structure, it is not subject to the 1-year abandonment provision that applies to non conforming uses. It is instead subject to Section 504.3. It is my opinion that the proposal would be subject to Subsection 504.3.D, the provision that regulates the reconstruction or replacement of a non conforming structure. That provision allows the relocation or replacement with Planning Board review if a building is damaged or destroyed by more than 50% of its value and with CEO review if less than that percentage. In either case, the reconstruction must be done within one year of the damage. As you note, the Town completely wrote off the assessed value of this structure many years ago. For that reason, the property owner cannot seek permission to reconstruct or replace the building, even with a deck rather than a building, under those provisions of the Ordinance. Any proposal would be treated as a new building/structure and would have to meet the water setback and all other applicable provisions of the CLUC.

Let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,

Natalie

Sent from my iPad

On Apr 4, 2019, at 11:31 AM, Scott Neal <sneal@polandtownoffice.org<mailto:sneal@polandtownoffice.org>> wrote:

Natalie,

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Copy of Denied Permit and Denial Letter for
Turgeon 2019

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7-23-2019

Residential Building Permit

Parcel ID	0032-0015	Permit #	BP 2019-133
Road Location	19 GARLAND SWAMP RD.	Permit Type	Building

Land Owner	TURGEON, JONATHAN	Phone:	576-8736
Mailing Address	811 MAIN ST, LEWISTON, ME 04240		
Application/Contractor Name:	Homeowner		
Contractor Address:		Phone	

Proposed Project Description:
 Reconstruct and replace the structure using 504.2.B Repair and maintenance. See letter dated 06/26/2019 from The Malloy Firm.

Certificate of Occupancy is required before use of any structure may begin.

Appl. Date	07/01/2019	Cost of Work	Permit Rates	Required Setbacks
Est. Cost	\$0.00	Up to \$1,00	\$20.00	N/A Existing Building
Lot Size	0.22	Add'l \$1,000	\$5.00 / 100	
Use Group		Detached Structure		Permit Fee Under 200 Ft: Planning Board
Type Const.		Under 200 Ft:	\$20.00 / Structur	
Zone	LR,RR2, APO1			
Shoreland	Yes			
Flood Zone	No			

1. This permit application does not preclude the Applicant(s) from meeting applicable State and Federal Rules.
2. Building permits do not include plumbing, septic or electrical work.
3. Building permits are void if work is not started within six (6) months of the date of issuance. False information may invalidate a building permit and stop all work.

CERTIFICATION

I understand that this permit is valid only for the use specified above. Any changes must be approved by the permitting Bitmap authority. I hereby acknowledge that I have read this application and STATE that the above information is correct, and AGREE to comply with ALL Municipal Ordinances and State Laws regulating activities covered by this permit.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

DATE

This permit is approved on the basis of information provided by the applicant regarding his ownership and boundary locations. The applicant has the burden of ensuring that he has legal right to use the property and that he is measuring required setbacks from the legal boundary lines of the lot. The approval of this permit in no way relieves the applicant of this burden nor does this permit approval constitute a resolution in favor of the applicant of any issues regarding the property boundaries, ownership, or similar title

Permit Issued By: _____

Code Enforcement Officer

ALL STRUCTURES MUST MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE MAINE UNIFORM BUILDING AND ENERGY CODE.
 Construction must be substantially started within six months of permit being issued or permit becomes void.



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Jonathan Turgeon
20 Garland Swamp Rd.
Poland, Maine 04274

July 23, 2019

Parcel ID: 0032-0015

Located At: 19 Garland Swamp Rd.

Zoning District: Rural Residential-2, Limited Residential, and Aquifer Protection Overlay 1

Dear Mr. Turgeon,

You applied for a Building Permit (# 2019-133) to allow you to repair and replace the damage to your camp at 19 Garland Swamp Rd. In your application you asked for no expansion, foundation changes, or relocation stating that it will not be reconstructed or replaced to increase its nonconformity and no change of use is requested. The cover letter from The Malloy Firm asked that this reconstruction be allowed based on §504.2.B Repair and Maintenance, of the Town of Poland Comprehensive Land Use Code (CLUC). Included with your application were the following:

- A cover letter describing your project from Michael Malloy of The Malloy Firm.
- Check #1435 to the Town of Poland in the amount of \$90.00.
- A plot plan showing the existing building and setbacks.
- An elevation and floor plan from Maine Residential Design.
- A cover letter from Jonathan Turgeon.
- A projected budget.
- A copy of the deed for your property

You have asked that this reconstruction be allowed based on §504.2.B of the CLUC, Repair and Maintenance. This Chapter allows the normal upkeep and maintenance of legal nonconforming uses and structures including repairs or renovations which do not involve expansion of the nonconforming use or structure, and such other changes in a nonconforming use or structure as Federal, State, and local building and safety Codes may require. Such repair and maintenance shall comply with the Town of Poland Building Code.

However, because of the extensive damage to the structure these repairs fall under §504.3.D of the CLUC, Reconstruction or Replacement - In no case shall a structure be reconstructed or replaced so as to increase its nonconformity.



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D. Reconstruction or Replacement - In no case shall a structure be reconstructed or replaced so as to increase its nonconformity.

1. Structures in Shoreland Zoning Districts

- a. Any nonconforming structure which is located less than the required setback from a water body, tributary stream, or wetland and which is damaged or destroyed, regardless of cause, by more than fifty percent (50%) of the market value of the structure before such damage or destruction, may be reconstructed or replaced provided a permit is obtained within one (1) year of the date of damage or destruction, and provided such reconstruction or replacement is in compliance with the water body, tributary stream or wetland setback requirement to the greatest practical extent as determined by the Planning Board or its designee in accordance with the purpose of this Code. When determining the setback to the greatest practical extent the Planning Board may allow for reduced setbacks from front and side lines in conformance with Section 504.3.E

On August 21, 2009 the Town of Poland found the structure to be damaged or destroyed to the extent that it holds no tax value. In accordance with the CLUC a permit for reconstruction or replacement would have had to have been issued within a year of the damage or destruction. Also, since the structure was deemed to have no tax value the owner of the land parcel has only been taxed on the value of the land.

In conclusion and pursuant to Ch. 5, §504.3.D of the CLUC, I regret to inform you that this office has denied your permit application. You have the right to appeal this decision to the Board of Appeals within forty five (45) days of the date of this letter pursuant to Ch. 3, §304.3 of the CLUC.

Sincerely,

Scott Neal
Code Enforcement Officer

CC: Matthew Garside, Town Manager

ENC: Administrative Appeal Application; Check #1435

History of Property between Previous CEO and Previous Landowner

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Code Enforcement Office

1231 Maine Street,
Poland, Maine 04274-7328

Monday, March 13, 2006
Certified Mail # 7011 2510 0005 6302 3353

Ronald J. Bregoli
24 Crescent Avenue
Braintree, MA 02184-7028

Dear Mr. Bregoli:

This letter is to inform you that I was asked by Dep. Dennis Sampson of the Androscoggin County Sheriff's Office to do an inspection of your property at 19 Garland Swamp Road, Poland, Maine. This is the lot identified by the Tax Assessor's Office as Map 32, Lot 15 on Tripp Lake. An attempt to talk to you by telephone was made by searching Braintree town records, White Pages directories of Braintree, and calls to Directory Assistance without any success.

It appears that vandals have broken into your building located at this address and have broken windows and doors. The building is now unsecured because of the broken doors and windows. The roof shows signs of severe rot and the basement wall on the waterfront side is leaning outward. Dep. Sampson showed me where the vandals had been burning candles on a kitchen table and that there were personal belongings in the structure that belong to minors attending the local schools. Based on this and the requirements of Section 115 of the *International Building Code - 2000* adopted by the municipality as the building code standards, your dwelling is considered unsafe. The following is a copy of Section 115 of this Code:

IBC – 2000, SECTION 115

"UNSAFE STRUCTURES AND EQUIPMENT

115.1 Conditions.

Structures or existing equipment that are or hereafter become unsafe, unsanitary or deficient because of inadequate means of egress facilities, inadequate light and ventilation, or which constitute a fire hazard, or are otherwise dangerous to human life or the public welfare, or which involve illegal or improper occupancy or inadequate maintenance, shall be deemed an unsafe condition. Unsafe structures shall be taken down and removed or made safe, as the building official deems necessary and as provided for in this section. A vacant structure that is not secured against entry shall be deemed unsafe.

115.2 Record.

The building official shall cause a report to be filed on an unsafe condition. The report shall state the occupancy of the structure and the nature of the unsafe condition.

115.3 Notice.

If an unsafe condition is found, the building official shall serve on the owner, agent or person in control of the structure, a written notice that describes the condition deemed unsafe and specifies the required repairs or improvements to be made to abate the unsafe condition, or that requires the unsafe structure to be demolished within a

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stipulated time. Such notice shall require the person thus notified to declare immediately to the building official acceptance or rejection of the terms of the order.

115.4 Method of service.

Such notice shall be deemed properly served if a copy thereof is (a) delivered to the owner personally; (b) sent by certified or registered mail addressed to the owner at the last known address with the return receipt requested; or (c) delivered in any other manner as prescribed by local law. If the certified or registered letter is returned showing that the letter was not delivered, a copy thereof shall be posted in a conspicuous place in or about the structure affected by such notice. Service of such notice in the foregoing manner upon the owner's agent or upon the person responsible for the structure shall constitute service of notice upon the owner.

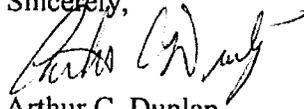
115.5 Restoration.

The structure or equipment determined to be unsafe by the building official is permitted to be restored to a safe condition. To the extent that repairs, alterations or additions are made or a change of occupancy occurs during the restoration of the structure, such repairs, alterations, additions or change of occupancy shall comply with the requirements of Section 105.2.2 and Chapter 34."

This letter is to officially let you know of the "unsafe" condition of your building. It shall be re-secured from unauthorized entry within forty-eight (48) hours receipt of this letter. I will also need to hear from you by March 24, 2006 as to your intentions and plans for this structure. I will need to know if you will be tearing it down or making repairs to put it back in a safe condition. I will also need a preliminary time table for either decision. Repairs may require Planning Board approval prior to the start of the repairs.

If I do not hear from you by then, a default condition will declare the building a hazardous structure, a Violation Notice will be issued to demolish the building, and you will be required to properly dispose of all debris from the site. This Violation would limit any future building replacement on this lot and the lot may become unbuildable. My address, phone number and e-mail are on the letterhead. I would hope that we could come to a friendly mutual resolution to this problem.

Sincerely,



Arthur C. Dunlap
Code Enforcement Officer

CC: Dep. Dennis Sampson
Willie Rice, *Poland Fire Chief*
Richard Chick, *Town Manager*

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Monday, September 08, 2008

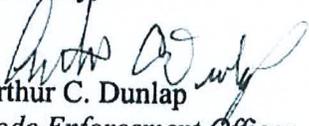
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Dear Mr. Bregoli:

I wrote to you about the condition of your dwelling at 19 Garland Swamp Road on March 13, 2006. In that letter you were told that the building was unsafe and that vandals had broken into the building. In that letter you were told that the building needed to be re-secured as soon as possible and to contact this office about repairing or removing the structure for its long term use.

You have secured the building by boarding up the doors and windows and posting the lot for no trespassing. However, the building appears to have had no repairs since the 2006 inspection, and neither permits nor Planning Board approvals have been issued for repairs. If I do not hear from you by September 30, 2008, a Citation Notice will be issued and it will contain fines and/or penalties. I am not looking for detailed final plans by the end of the month, but I will want to know your initial ideas for what you plan to do. Those plans will need to be agreed upon by this office and followed through by you to a sound solution to the repair or removal of the structure. Do not hesitate to give me a call at the phone number listed above; I am in my office for walk-ins Monday through Thursday 9 AM until 12:30 PM and appointments can be made for other times of the work week.

Sincerely,


Arthur C. Dunlap

Code Enforcement Officer

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Ronald J. Bregoli

321 Plain Street
Braintree, MA 02184
781-843-9178



October 2nd, 2008

Mr. Arthur C. Dunlap
Code Enforcement Office
1231 Maine Street
Poland, Maine 04274-7328

Dear Mr. Dunlap:

In response and follow-up respectively to your letter dated 9/08/08 and our conversation on 9/11/08, I would like to gather some preliminary information to further determine the best course of action for the dwelling at 19 Garland Swamp Road. Would you kindly provide information regarding building codes and permits, or direct me to who would best handle this request? I am also interested in obtaining a list, if one exists, of contractors and architects that handle this type of repair work and those that handle structure removal. Once I have this information I will be able to move forward with a plan to either restore or remove the said structure above.

Thank you for your time & help. I will be in touch shortly to further discuss the details of this letter. I can be reached at 339-235-0314.

Respectfully yours,
Ronald J. Bregoli
Ronald J. Bregoli

*Sent
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10-2-08
with list*