Annette Roylos

By Michael Roylos as Executor of Estate

25 Sims Avenue Portsmouth, NH 03801

1/14/2025

Portsmouth Planning Department City Hall -1 Junkins Avenue Portsmouth, NH 03801

RE: Request for Involuntary Merger Reversal - 25 Sims Avenue, Portsmouth, NH 03801

Dear Planning Board Members:

I am writing pursuant to NH RSA 674:39-aa to request the restoration of our previously and involuntarily merged lots to their premerger status as Executor of the property located at 25 Sims Avenue in Portsmouth, New Hampshire, identified as Tax Map 233, Lot 71.

These lots were involuntarily merged by municipal action without the consent of the previous owner. Based on our research and property records, this involuntary merger occurred after the 12/01/81 Property Assessment Record which is attached .The property originally comprised 3 separate lots as evidenced by the attached documentation.

In accordance with RSA 674:39-aa, we are submitting the following documentation to support this request:

- 1. Current deed showing our ownership
- 2. Chain of title documentation
- 3. Historical tax records showing the involuntary merger timeline
- 4. Original subdivision plans/surveys
- 5. Current plot plan showing existing conditions
- 6. Tax cards showing lot history

We affirm that:

- These lots were involuntarily merged prior to September 18, 2010
- No owner of the lots took any action to voluntarily merge these lots
- The merger was conducted by the municipality for tax/assessment purposes without owner consent

We understand that upon approval, we will need to record the restoration at the Rockingham County Registry of Deeds. Please contact us if any additional information is needed to process this request.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Michael Roylos

Phone: 207-432-4492 Email: Mike@qrpucks.com

Attachments:

- 1. Certificate of Appointment for Michael Roylos
- 2. Death Certificate for Annette Roylos
- 3. Tax Map 233
- 4. 25 Sims Ave Current Tax Valuation
- 5. Historical Property Residential Record Cards 1973-2017 Showing merged properties
- 6. Historical Property Assessment Records of Lots 42,43,44
- 7. Historical Property Assessment Records of Lot 71 Showing 2 lots- 1981
- 8. Copy of 1918 Daniels Park Map showing lots 44,43,42
- 9. Copy of Deed conveying lots 42 & 43 on 5/17/1962
- 10. Copy of Deed conveying lot 44 on 5/15/1965

-----Original Message-----From: QR Pucks.com <mike@qrpucks.com> Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2025 5:48 PM To: Peter M. Stith <pmstith@portsmouthnh.gov> Cc: Rosann Maurice - Lentz <rlentz@portsmouthnh.gov> Subject: Re: 25 Sims Ave

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Hi Peter, Thanks again for your help with this. I trust this will clarify the request.

Annette Roylos By Michael Roylos as Executor of Estate 2/11/2025

25 Sims Avenue Portsmouth, NH 03801

Portsmouth Planning Department City Hall -1 Junkins Avenue Portsmouth, NH 03801

RE: Updated Request for Involuntary Merger Reversal - 25 Sims Avenue, Portsmouth, NH 03801

Dear Planning Board Members:

I am updating my previous request pursuant to NH RSA 674:39-aa and clarifying the restoration of the property located at 25 Sims Avenue in Portsmouth, New Hampshire, identified as Tax Map 233, Lot 71 as discussed.

I am seeking to unmerge lot 44 only. Lots 42 and 43 were deemed merged when the dwelling was built straddling the lot line but lot 44 was purchased two years later and merged involuntarily.

Based on our research and property records, this involuntary merger occurred after the 12/01/81 Property Assessment Record which is attached .In accordance with RSA 674:39-aa, I have previously submitted the following documentation to support this request:

- 1. Current deed showing ownership
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#### Hi Peter,

I will have a supplement to your email address by Wednesday morning. Thanks very much for your help and swift guidance on this. It's greatly appreciated.

Mike

On Tue, Mar 11, 2025, 11:13 AM Peter M. Stith cpmstith@portsmouthnh.gov<mailto:pmstith@portsmouthnh.gov</pre>

#### Mike,

Attached is your cover letter. If you can provide a supplemental letter clarifying your intent, I can include it in the Planning Board packet.

Thank you,

Peter Stith, AICP Planning Manager Planning & Sustainability Department City of Portsmouth 1 Junkins Avenue Portsmouth, NH 03801 603.610.4188 www.portsmouthnh.gov <a href="https://mailtrack.io/">https://mailtrack.io/</a>

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-----Original Message-----

From: QR Pucks.com <mike@qrpucks.com <<u>mailto:mike@qrpucks.com</u>>> Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2025 11:04 AM To: Peter M. Stith <pmstith@portsmouthnh.gov <<u>mailto:pmstith@portsmouthnh.gov</u>>> Cc: Rosann Maurice - Lentz <rlentz@portsmouthnh.gov <<u>mailto:rlentz@portsmouthnh.gov</u>>> Subject: 25 Sims Ave

Hi Peter,	

Rosann suggested I get in touch with you so I can move this forward.Do you need another letter asking for the unmerging of just Lot 44?

For some reason, I can't find my original letter for this property.

Could you forward it to me or a link where I can find it?

Thanks very much,

Mike

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Telephone: 1-855-212-1234 TTY/TDD Relay: (800) 735-2964 https://www.courts.nh.gov

## CERTIFICATE OF APPOINTMENT

(Letter of Appointment)

Case Name: Estate of Annette Roylos

Case Number: 318-2024-ET-00773

On June 27, 2024, the following person(s) was/were appointed to administer the estate of Annette Roylos. The named executor(s) accepted this responsibility.

Executor(s)

Michael R Roylos

18 Loraine Street Portland ME 04103 Home: 2074324492

This document, when signed under seal, certifies that this appointment did occur as stated and remains in effect as dated below.

June 27, 2024

/s/ Kathleen E. Tripp Clerk of Court State of New Hampshire Rockingham County

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This electronic certification stamp meets the statutory requirement for certified or attested documents pursuant to Supplemental Rules of the Circuit Court of New Hampshire for Electronic Filing.

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## CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

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PLACE OF DISPOSITION

DATE OF DISPOSITION MANNER OF DEATH MARGINAL NOTES

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THIS IS A TRUE COPY ISSUED FROM THE OFFICIAL RECORDS ON FILE AT THIS OFFICE AND SHALL BE RECEIVED AS EVIDENCE WITH THE SAME EFFECT AS THE ORIGINAL.

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STATE/CITY/TOWN OF:

STATE/LOCAL REGISTRAR:

Registrar

PORTSMOUTH

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PBN			Assessment	\$652,900
Appraisal	\$652,900		PID	30437

Building Count 1

#### **Current Value**

	Appraisal		
Valuation Year	Improvements	Land	Total
2024	\$279,800	\$373,100	\$652,900
	Assessment		
Valuation Year	Improvements	Land	Total
2024	\$279,800	\$373,100	\$652,900

#### **Owner of Record**

Owner	ROYLOS SOPHIE C	Sale Price	\$0
Co-Owner	ROYLOS ANNETTE	Certificate	
Address	18 LORAINE ST	Book & Page	1589/0296
	PORTLAND, ME 04103	Sale Date	06/30/1961

#### **Ownership History**

Ownership History					
Owner	Sale Price	Certificate	Book & Page	Sale Date	
ROYLOS SOPHIE C	\$0		1589/0296	06/30/1961	

#### **Building Information**

#### **Building 1 : Section 1**

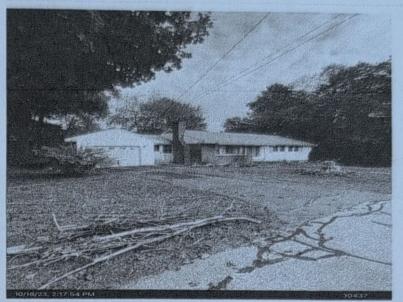
Year Built:	1962
Living Area:	1,336
Replacement Cost:	\$388,635
Building Percent Good:	72

#### **Replacement Cost**

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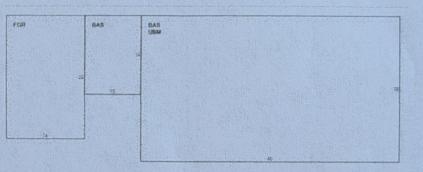
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Roof Structure:	Gable/Hip			
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Interior FIr 2				
Heat Fuel	Oil			
Heat Type:	Hot Water			
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Extra Openings	0			
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#### **Building Photo**



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#### **Building Layout**



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Building Sub-Areas (sq ft) Legend			
Code	Description	Gross Area	Living Area
BAS	First Floor	1,336	1,336
FGR	Garage, Attached	308	0
UBM	Basement, Unfinished	1,196	0
		2,840	1,336

#### Extra Features

Extra Features

Legend

No Data for Extra Features

#### Land Use

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No

#### Land Line Valuation

Size (Acres)	0.34
Frontage	
Depth	
Assessed Value	\$373,100
Appraised Value	\$373,100

#### Outbuildings

Outbuildings	Legend
No Data for Outbuildings	

#### Valuation History

Appraisal					
Valuation Year	Improvements	Land	Total		
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To have and to hold the said granted premises, with all the privileges and appurtenances, thereunto belonging, to Sophie C. Roylos and Annette Roylos the said grantees, as joint tenants, with right of survivorship, the survivor of them, and his or her heirs and assigns, to their own use and behoof forever.

And we the said grantors/and for our heirs, executors and administrators, do hereby covenant, grant and agree, to and with the said grantees, the survivor of them, and his or her heirs and assigns, that until the delivery hereof we are the lawful owners of the said premises, we are seized and possessed thereof in our own right in fee simple; and have full power and lawful authority to grant and convey the same in manner aforesaid; that the said premises are free and clear from all and every incumbrance whatsoever;

and that we and our heirs, executors and administrators, shall and will marrant and **defend** the same to the said grantees, the survivor of them, and his or her heirs and assigns, against the lawful claims and demands of any person or persons whomsoever.

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And K We, Frederick J. and Glenna A. Brown, being husband and wife aktheredick

for the consideration aforesaid, do hereby release to the said grantees,/may rights of/DOULIET in the before mentioned premises.

And we do each of us hereby release all rights of **homestrad** secured to us, or either of us under and by virtue of any law of the State of New Hampshire and all other rights and interest therein.

In mitness whereof We have hereunto set <u>our</u> hands and seals, this sixteenth day of October in the year of our Lord 19 62.

Signed, sealed and delivered in presence of

Studiotog Brown. Glenna a Brown

The State of

New Hampshire ...... Bockingham, BB

October 16th A.D. 19 62

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Personally appeared the above named ... Frederick J. Brown and Glenna A. Brown

and acknowledged the foregoing to be their voluntary act and deed - Before me:

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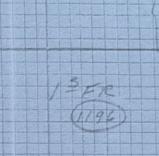
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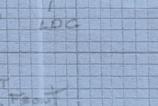
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## Know all men by these presents

that We, Frederick J. Brown and Glenna A. Brown both of Greenland, County of Rockingham, and State of New Hampshire,

for and in consideration of the sum of -----One Dollar-----One Dollar-----

to us in hand, before the delivery hereof, well and truly paid by Sophie C. Roylos and Annette Roylos both of Portsmouth, County of Rockingham,

and State of New Hampshire,

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as joint tenants, with right of survivorship, the survivor of them, and his or her heirs and assigns forever.

Being lots numbered 42 and 43, with the buildings thereon, on a plan of Daniels' Park made by C. A. Thayer, C. E., dated June, 1918 and recorded in Rockingham County Registry of Deeds, Book of Plans No. 1, Page 166, in which reference may be made for a more particularldescription.

Being the same premises which we acquired by Warranty Deed of Sophie C. Roylos and Annette Roylos, dated May 17, 1962, recorded in Rockingham County Registry of Deeds, Book 1627, Page 74.



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## Know all men by these presents

THAT. We, Raymond L. Miller and Virginia D. Miller both

of

Portsmouth

Rockingham

New Hampshire, for consideration paid, grant to Sophie C. Roylos and Annette Roylos both

Rockingham Portsmouth of County, State of and not as tenants in common, New Hampshire, as joint tenants, with rights of survivorship/ , with WARRANTY COVENANTS,

A certain tract of land, situate on the northeasterly side of Simes Avenue in Portsmouth, County of Rockingham, and State of New Hampshire, more particularly bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point on the southwesterly side of Simes Avenue at the westerly corner of land now or formerly of Warren O. Teague, etal; thence in a general north-westerly direction by Simes Avenue, fifty (50) feet to land now or formerly of Bernard F. Woods; thence in a general northeasterly direction by land of Woods, one hundred (100) feet to a point at land now or formerly of Michael Zymaris, etal; thence turning and running in a general southeasterly direction by land of Michael Zymaris, fifty (50) feet, more or less, to a point at land now or formerly of said Teague; thence turning and running in a general southwesterly direction by land of said Teague, one hundred (100) feet, more or less, to the point of beginning.

Said tract of land is otherwise identified as Lot #uh on Plan 58 of the Portsmouth City Assessor's Plans.

Being the same premises which we acquired by Warranty Deed of Henry J. Robbins, dated February 17, 1958, recorded in Rockingham County Registry of Deeds, Book 1459, Page 195.



We, Raymond L. and Virginia D. Miller, being husband and wife, white concentration of the con our respective release to said Granteesall/rights of curtesy and homestead and other interest therein. hand s and seal s this 15 day of May , 1965 WITNESS our Witness: Baymond L. Meller Chine Jon The (GATA) rquia D. Mel The State of New Hampshire Rockingham, may 15 88. 19 65 Then personally appeared the above named Raymond L. Miller and Virginia D. Miller and acknowledged the foregoing instrument to be their voluntary act and deed, before me REC'D & RECORDED MAY 1 71965 9:38 Am Cinch 1 2mg / Notary Public Justice of the Peace.



## **CITY OF PORTSMOUTH**

#### **Assessors Office**

Municipal Complex 1 Junkins Avenue Portsmouth, New Hampshire 03801 Tel: (603) 610-7249 – Fax: (603) 427-1579

10:	Rick Cheliman, Chair Planning Board
Cc:	Karen S. Conard, City Manager Rosann Lentz, City Assessor Mandun 5
From:	Rosann Lentz, City Assessor Rhamking
Date:	March 10, 2025
RE:	City Council Referral- Request of Restoration of Involuntarily Merged Lots to pre-merger status at 25 Sims Ave

At its meeting on March 3, 2025, the City Council considered a request from Michael Roylos, Executor of the Estate of Annette Roylos, requesting the restoration of involuntarily merged lots located at 25 Sims Avenue to their pre-merger status pursuant to NH RSA 674:39-aa. These lots are represented as historical lot numbers 42, 43, and 44 on Tax Map 58. The Council voted to refer to the Planning Board and Assessor for a report back.

#### Description

Current assessment records identify 25 Sims Aveanue as having .34 acres with a three-bedroom single family dwelling built around 1962 located on the parcel. Older assessment records dating back to the 50's identified the parcels as Tax Map 58 Lots 42, 43, and 44; these remained separately assessed until 1971. A map for reference purposes only identifies the three lots (see Attachment 1)

#### History

<u>Deeds:</u> Deeds were researched back to 1962 and 1965. Book 1646 page 245 dated October 17, 1962, identifies two lots; 42 and 43. Book 1766 page 84 dated May 15, 1966 identifies lot 44.

#### **Property Assessment Records:**

In 1972 the assessor merged all three lots and to date, these three lots have been assessed as one individual parcel now known as Tax Map 233 Lot 71 (see Attachment 2).

**Historical Building Inspection and Planning Files:** Typically, this office does research on historical permits and planning files for building permits, plot plans, surveys etc., showing the placement of dwellings and any conditions needing to be met for permitting and zoning approvals over the years. No historical research could be completed as no files exist for 25 Sims Avenue.

#### Map Geo 2020 Ariel

When viewing the ariel photo on the City Website through Map Geo, it is clear the dwelling is situated on the property line of lots 42 and 43. Lot 44 appears to have no structures (see Attachment 3).

#### **Court Decisions**

Upon review of various New Hampshire court decisions concerning the denial of restorations of lots, the courts have held that the conveyance of multiple lots in a single deed does not, standing alone, support a voluntary merger Roberts v. Town of Windham, 165 N.H. 186,192 (2013).

Additionally, court decisions also looked at the use of the property in its entirety by reviewing a lots physical characteristics and the overt actions that occurred over time to the placement of buildings, driveways, outbuildings etc. These decisions, citing totality of changes, can reasonably support that lots by predecessors or current owners were voluntarily merged when facts show the primary and accessory buildings, access, etc. work as a unit. Robillard v. Town of Hudson, 120 N.H. 477,416 (1980); Town of Newbury v. Landrigan, 165 N.H.236,241 (201); and Roberts v. Town of Windham, 165 N.H. 186 (2013).

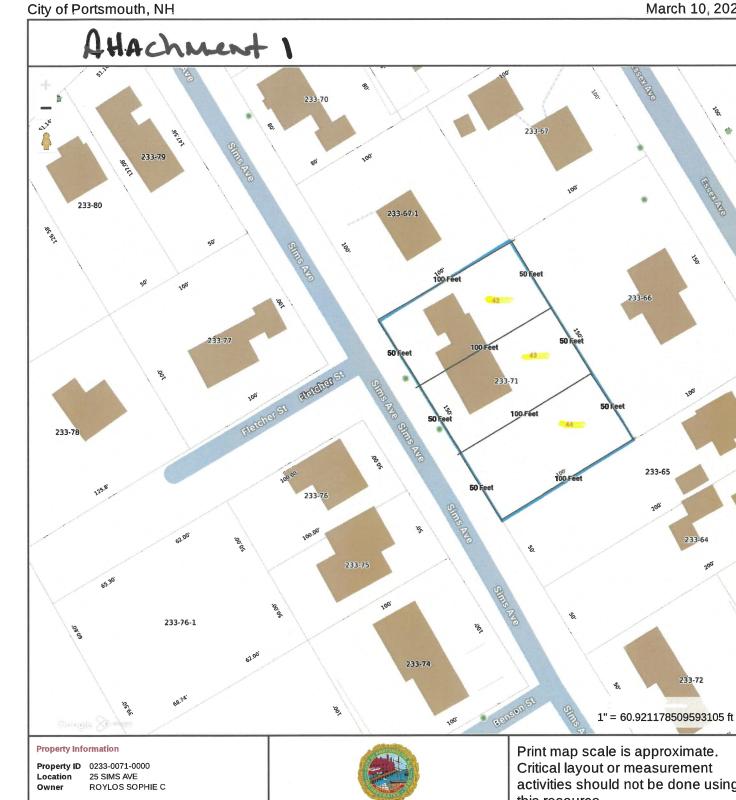
#### Summary

No written request for a voluntary merger was found and upon review of lots 42 and 43 from the Map Geo 2024 ariel (Attachment 2), it is a reasonable conclusion these lots were merged overtly when looking at the use of the property and the building straddling the lot line.

Lot 44 was purchased sometime after the construction of the dwelling and no apparent overt actions have been taken to suggest the three lots support the use of the property in its entirety.

Based upon the request of Mr. Roylos that all three lots be unmerged to their pre-merger status, it is recommended this request be denied.

Attachments:



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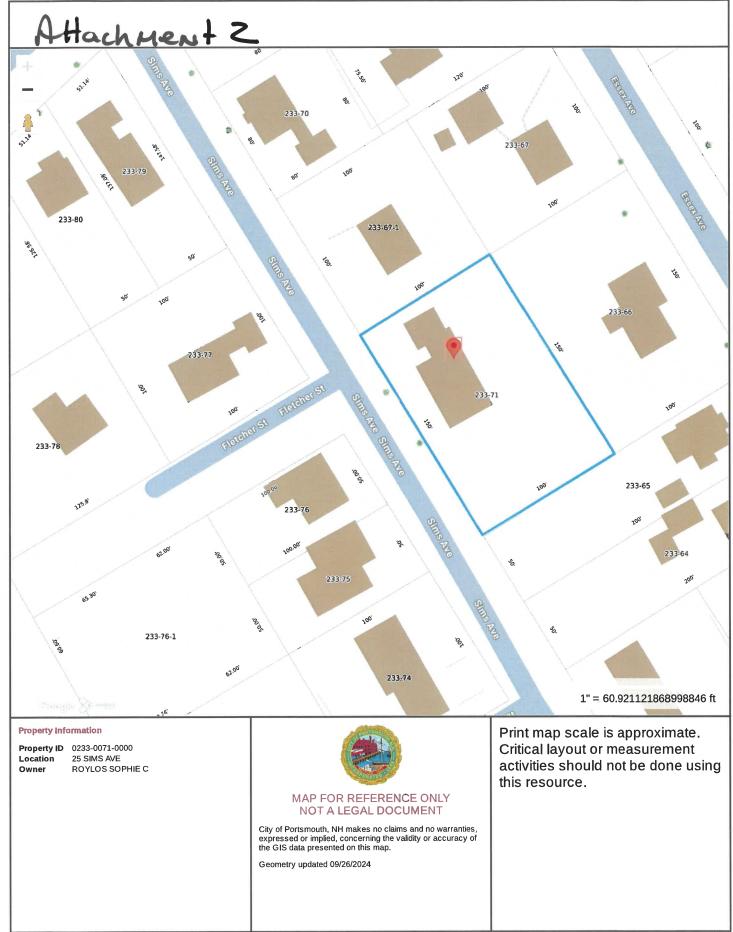
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#### **Property Information**

 Property ID
 0233-0071-0000

 Location
 25 SIMS AVE

 Owner
 ROYLOS SOPHIE C



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То:	Rick Chellman, Chair Planning Board
Cc:	Karen S. Conard, City Manager
From:	Rosann Lentz, City Assessor
Date:	March 12, 2025
RE:	City Council Referral- Request of Restoration of Involuntarily Merged Lots to pre-merger status at 25 Sims Ave – Amendment

On March 12, 2025, Michael Roylos as Executor for the Estate of Annette Roylos, amended his request to unmerge lot 44 only.

#### Lots 42 & 43

Due to the placement of the single-family dwelling straddling Lots 42 and 43, the use of these lots would not qualify them to be restored to their pre-merger status.

#### Lot 44

Lot 44 was purchased two years after the construction of the dwelling. Case law looks at the use of the property and any overt actions that occurred over time to the placement of buildings, driveways, outbuildings, etc. Lot 44 appears to have had no overt taken actions over time causing this lot to be part of the use property in its entirety.

#### Recommendation

In reviewing RSA 674:39-aa and case law, it is recommended the request be approved to restore Lot 44 to its pre-merger status.