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March 16, 2021

Peter Stith, Principal Planner City of Portsmouth 1 Junkins Avenue Portsmouth, NH 03801

Re:

Spaulding Group, LLC 180 Spaulding Turnpike Portsmouth NH

Portsmouth, NH Tax Map 236, Lot 39 Variance Application

Dear Peter:

On behalf of the Spaulding Group, LLC, please find the original and ten (10) copies of the following documents in support of the request for variances by Spaulding Group, LLC. A complete application has been uploaded to the City of Portsmouth's online application center. We request that the enclosed application be considered by the Zoning Board at its April 20, 2021 meeting.

- 1) Variance Application
- 2) Landowner Letter of Authorization
- 3) Memorandum and Exhibits in support of Variances
- 4) Exhibits:
 - A. Ambit Engineering Plan Set, last revised February 23, 2021.
 - Cover Sheet
 - Existing Conditions Plan
 - Variance Plan
 - B. ChangeUp, Inc. Plans (the Mazda design firm), dated February 2021.
 - Exterior Rendering
 - Exterior Elevations
 - 1st Floor Plan
 - 2nd Floor Plan
 - C. Photographs of Existing Site Conditions.
 - D. Tax Map 236, Lot 39 (Seacoast Mazda Property).

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- E. Photograph of Property taken March 4, 1961, Opening Day.
- F. Letter from Bow Street Commercial Brokerage dated February 22, 2021.

Please let me know if you have any questions or comments. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

Mark E. Beliveau

MEB/dls Enclosure

Cc: Timothy Ackerman, Spaulding Group, LLC

Ambit Engineering, Inc. Port One Architects

MEMORANDUM

TO:

City of Portsmouth Zoning Board of Adjustment ("ZBA")

FROM:

Mark E. Beliveau, Esq., Pierce Atwood LLP

Attorney for Spaulding Group, LLC (the "Applicant")

DATE:

March 16, 2021

RE:

Spaulding Group, LLC Application for Variances at 180 Spaulding Turnpike

(Map 236, Lot 39) (the "Application").

Dear Chairman Rheaume and Members of the Board:

On behalf of Timothy Ackerman, Manager and Member of Spaulding Group, LLC and owner of Seacoast Mazda, we are pleased to provide this Memorandum in support of the requested variances. The variances sought will allow for the following (i) the demolition of the Seacoast Mazda showroom and customer service area and their reconstruction within the existing footprint, (ii) the addition of a new second floor office and storage space over a portion of the showroom, and (iii) the expansion of the building to convert the existing outdoor customer service drive-up area to an indoor customer service and customer drive-in area. The proposed new showroom, customer service and customer drive-in areas will align with the front, side and rear of the current building and, thereby, maintain the same setbacks from property boundaries that exist today.

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I. Property Description

Spaulding Group, LLC is the owner of the property at 180 Spaulding Turnpike (the "Property"), the home of Seacoast Mazda. Tim Ackerman has owned and operated Seacoast Mazda at the Property for the past 18 years. An automobile dealership has continuously operated at the Property since March 4, 1961 when Seacoast Motors, Inc. opened with Volkswagen and Porsche dealerships. See Exhibit E. As you can observe from comparing the photographs of existing site conditions (Exhibit C) with the photo from 1961, the Property has changed little in 60 years. The Property is located within the General Business District ("GBD") and consists of 1.2485 acres. Sales and service of motor vehicles is permitted in the GBD.

The Property is improved with a single story building consisting of a small automobile showroom, offices and customer service area in the front and 10 automobile service bays in the rear. The parcel frontage is along the Spaulding Turnpike, with sidelines along Farm Lane and property of New England Marine and Industrial, Inc. ("NE Marine"), another commercial business. The rear property line also abuts the NE Marine property. A 300' wide Public Service Company of New Hampshire transmission line easement with multiple poles, towers and wires crosses the NE Marine property running parallel to the northeast boundary of Seacoast Mazda. The PSNH easement abuts the Property and encumbers the full width of the NE Marine property extending to the nearest residence on Farm Lane. This part of the NE Marine property is within the Single Residence B District ("SRB").

The Property is situated within a narrow strip of the GBD. In fact, the northeast boundary of the Property also serves as the common boundary for the GBD and SRB. As shown on the Existing Conditions Plan, the 100' setback for structures from the SRB and 30' front yard setback leaves approximately 20' of buildable area on the Property. As a result, if the building at the Property were to be reconstructed for practically any of the 41 permitted uses in the GBD, variances would be needed. Moreover, the 200' use setback from the SRB for the sale of motor vehicles consumes all of the Property extending into the Spaulding Turnpike.

II. Proposed Project

As a Mazda automobile dealer franchisee, Seacoast Mazda has been directed by Mazda North America to seek all the necessary approvals to build a new showroom and customer service area. While clean and well maintained, the existing showroom and customer service area are in need of updating to provide a more functional, efficient and welcoming space.

The proposed project involves demolishing the existing showroom, offices and service area and building a new showroom and connected customer service area within the existing footprint, adding a second floor over a portion of the showroom for offices and storage space and expanding the showroom to include an enclosed customer service and customer drive-in area. The enclosed customer service and customer drive-in area will be in the same location as the existing outdoor customer service drive-up area. The proposed new showroom, customer service and customer drive-in areas will align with the front, side and rear of the current building and thereby maintain the same setbacks from property boundaries that exist today. There will be no other changes to the Property. See Exhibits A and B for survey plans and design plans.

The proposed project will increase the footprint of the existing building by approximately 2,410 GSF. This increase is largely represented by the conversion of the existing outdoor customer service drive-up area to an indoor customer service and customer drive-in area. The proposed second floor office and storage space is approximately 1,710 GSF resulting in a total increase of 4,120 GSF. The estimated cost of construction is approximately \$2,500,000.

The height of the existing showroom from floor elevation is approximately 12'- 8". The height of the rear portion of the building from floor elevation is approximately 17'. The roof height of the proposed new two-story showroom will be approximately 25'-6". The roof height of the proposed one-story service wing will be approximately 18'. These heights are well below the maximum permitted structure height in the GBD of 60'.

Seacoast Mazda and its project team have worked hard to create a design that fits the Property, is attractive and results in functional and welcoming space that is consistent with modern standards.

III. Required Variances from Portsmouth Zoning Ordinance

- A variance from <u>Section 10.531</u> to allow a fifteen foot (15') rear yard setback where fifty feet (50') is required.
- A variance from <u>Section 10.591</u> to allow a structure to be setback fifteen feet (15') from a parcel in the SRB where one hundred feet (100') is required.
- A variance from <u>Section 10.592.20</u> to allow the sale, rental, leasing, distribution and repair of vehicles adjacent to the SRB where a minimum distance of two hundred feet (200') is required.
- A variance from <u>Section 10.321</u> to allow a nonconforming building to be extended, reconstructed or enlarged without conforming to the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance.

IV. Prior Application and Fisher v. Dover Analysis

In 2000, a prior owner of the Property applied to the ZBA for variances to construct improvements that were substantially similar to what is being proposed in the current Application. The earlier application was denied under the *Governor's Island Club v. Gilford* hardship standard which required that the applicant show a deprivation "so great as to effectively prevent the owner from making any reasonable use of the land." 124 N.H. 126, 130 (1983) (the "*Prior Application*").

It is well established in New Hampshire that successive variance proposals must show either (a) material changes in the proposed use of the land, or (b) material changes in the circumstances affecting the merits of the application. *Fisher v. City of Dover*, 120 N.H. 187

(1980). While the Applicant is not proposing a materially different project from that which was proposed in 2000, the law concerning variances has fundamentally changed since 2000, particularly concerning the unnecessary hardship standard, and the New Hampshire Supreme Court has found that this change in standard constitutes a "material change in circumstances affecting the merits of [an] application" requiring that a zoning board consider a subsequent variance application under the new law. *Brandt Development Co. of N.H. v. City of Somersworth*, 162 N.H. 553 (2011).

Ironically, just one year after the Prior Application was denied, the New Hampshire Court in *Simplex Technologies v. Town of Newington*, 145 N.H. 727 (2001), recognized that its restrictive approach to granting variances was contrary to the constitutional rights of property owners and overruled *Governor's Island*. In *Brandt*, the Court said that "*Simplex* established a new standard that is markedly more favorable to property owners seeking variances than was the standard under *Governor's Island*." *Brandt*, 162 N.H. at 597 (citing *Simplex*, 145 N.H. at 731-32).

Simplex was followed by *Boccia v. City of Portsmouth*, 151 N.H. 85 (2004), which made further significant changes to how "area" variances were to be determined.

Then, in 2010, the New Hampshire legislature established a uniform unnecessary hardship standard for both use and area variances that is substantially similar to the test the Court adopted in *Simplex*. Now, "unnecessary hardship" means that owing to special conditions of the property that distinguish it from other properties in the area (i) no fair and substantial relationship exists between the general public purposes of the ordinance provision and the specific application of that provision to the property; and (ii) the proposed use is a reasonable one. RSA 674:33(I)(b)(1).

Thus, the unnecessary hardship standard under which this Application would be reviewed is materially and fundamentally different than the standard under which the Prior Application was denied. In *Brandt*, the Supreme Court confirmed that the doctrinal changes in the unnecessary hardship standard create a "reasonable possibility" of a different outcome for a zoning variance application, which is sufficient under *Fisher* to obtain a second review of a previously denied variance application. The Court further noted that, "Although the other four criteria of the variance test under RSA 647:33 have not changed to the same degree as the unnecessary hardship criterion, they have been refined and clarified since 1994", citing cases that were decided after 2000. *Brandt*, 162 N.H. at 559.

Based on the changes in the law concerning the unnecessary hardship standard and other criteria, there is a reasonable possibility of a different outcome for the Application and, pursuant to the Court's holding in *Brandt*, the ZBA should consider the Application.

Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully requests that the Zoning Board find that a material change of circumstances has occurred since the Prior Application and, therefore, will give the Application full consideration.

V. Five Criteria Must be Met to Obtain Approval of a Variance

An applicant seeking a variance must demonstrate that;

- (A) The variance will not be contrary to the public interest;
- (B) The spirit of the ordinance will be observed;
- (C) Substantial justice will be done;
- (D) The values of surrounding properties will not be diminished;
- (E) Literal enforcement of the provisions of the ordinance would result in an unnecessary hardship.

NH RSA 674:33(I)(a)(2). As set forth below, the Application meets each of the criteria for the approval of the variances.

- A. The variances are not contrary to the public interest; and
- B. The spirit of the Ordinance is observed.

The New Hampshire Supreme Court has observed that "[t]he requirement that the variance not be contrary to the public interest is related to the requirement that the variance be consistent with the spirit of the ordinance" and, therefore, the Court considers these criteria together. *Malachy Glen Assocs. v. Town of Chichester*, 155 N.H. 102, 105 (2007). The analysis of these criteria begins by examining the applicable ordinance. However, the Court has acknowledged that because 'the provisions of the ordinance represent a declaration of public interest, any variance would in some measure be contrary thereto." *Harborside Assocs. v. Parade Resident Hotel*, 162 N.H. 508, 514 (2011).

Accordingly, to determine whether a variance is not contrary to the public interest and is consistent with the spirit of the Ordinance, it must be determined whether granting the variance would "unduly and in a marked degree" conflict with the Ordinance such that "it violates the ordinance's basic zoning objectives." *Harborside Assocs. v. Parade Resident Hotel*, 162 N.H. 508, 514 (2011). Determining whether a variance violates the Ordinance's basic zoning objectives involves evaluating "whether granting the variance would alter the essential character of the neighborhood or threaten public health, safety or welfare." *Id.*

Granting the variances presented in the Application will neither alter the essential character of the neighborhood nor threaten public health, safety or welfare. The Property is located in the GBD where the sale of motor vehicles is permitted. In addition, the property abuts the Spaulding Turnpike and is surrounded by commercial uses. The GBD along the Spaulding Turnpike where the Property is located is heavily commercial and, as such, is consistent with the purpose of the GBD, which is "to provide for a wide range of retail and commercial uses in areas with excellent regional highway access." City of Portsmouth, N.H., Zoning Ordinance § 10.410.

The proposal of the Applicant is to continue the same permitted use that has been made of the Property for 60 years but conduct a much needed renovation of the showroom and customer service area working within the existing footprint, the addition of a second floor office and storage space over a portion of the showroom and expanding the showroom to include an enclosed customer service and customer drive-in area. These improvements will modernize the existing space allowing for a more functional and comfortable environment for employees and customers. Importantly, the improvements do not represent an expansion of operations. For example, the service bays will not be changing and neither will the vehicle display area.

Furthermore, the purpose and spirit of the setback provisions will be observed if the variances are granted. First, the new construction will not be any closer to property lines than what already exists at the Property. And, second, the existing transmission line easement creates a 310' setback of the Property from the nearest residence in SRB. As a result, in actuality, the required setbacks from the SRB for which we seek a variance are met and exceeded today and that will not change if the variances are granted.

C. Substantial justice will be done.

With respect to this criterion, the Court has said that "perhaps the only guiding rule . . . is that any loss to the individual that is not outweighed by a gain to the general public is an injustice." *Malachy*, 155 N.H. at 107 (citing 15 P. Loughlin, *New Hampshire Practice*, *Land Use Planning and Zoning*, § 24.11, at 308 (2000)).

The building at the Property is in need of renovation. Not granting the variances will result in a substantial loss for the Applicant especially in light of the fact that any attempt to reconstruct the building at the Property for any other permitted use in the GBA will also require variances. Plainly, the loss to the Applicant will not be outweighed by a gain to the general public. The general public gains nothing from keeping the Property in its current condition. Indeed, the general public will benefit from the increased property tax revenue that is realized as a result of the new construction.

Approving the variances will allow the Applicant to rehabilitate an out-of-date building and continue a business in more functional and comfortable space that has operated at the Property for 60 years. There is no benefit to the general public that outweighs the burden and hardship to the Applicant if the variances are denied. Approving the requested variances will achieve substantial justice.

D. Granting the variances will not diminish surrounding property values.

The proposed improvements will not diminish the value of surrounding properties. The Property is located in the GBD where the sale of motor vehicles is permitted. In addition, the property abuts the Spaulding Turnpike and commercial uses surround the Property. The GBD along the Spaulding Turnpike where the Property is located is heavily commercial and includes retail, hotels, restaurants and automobile dealerships. The use of the Property is consistent with

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the uses of other nearby properties within the GBD. The proposed improvements will not diminish the value of the surrounding commercial uses.

The nearest residential property is over 300 feet away. A substantial 300' wide Public Service Company of New Hampshire transmission line easement with numerous poles, towers and wires separates the Property from the residential homes on Farm Lane. Moreover, the proposed improvements do not represent an expansion of operations but only an opportunity to renovate a building that has not changed since it was built 60 years ago. We believe that the enclosure of the drive-up customer service area will be an added benefit as it will bring that transition area inside. In addition, the building will not be any closer to the lot line than the existing building. Furthermore, there is a limited amount of glass proposed for the right side of the building minimizing any new interior light that might be visible from enclosing the drive-up customer service area. In any event, the substantial distance that separates the Property from the nearest residential property provides a significant buffer. The exterior lighting for the Property will not change from what is present today.

In support of this criterion, the Applicant has provided the opinion of Margaret O'Brien, Principal Broker with Bow Street Commercial Brokerage. A copy is attached hereto as Exhibit F. Ms. O'Brien has worked as a commercial real estate broker in the Portsmouth area for more than 23 years. In her letter report, she cites to recent nearby strong residential sales of property that are closer to the Spaulding Turnpike and Port City Nissan than any residential properties are to Seacoast Mazda. Her professional opinion is that the proposed improvements will be viewed positively by both the commercial and residential marketplace and will in no way diminish surrounding property values.

E. Literal enforcement of the provisions of the Ordinance would result in an unnecessary hardship.

An unnecessary hardship exists when "[o]wing to special conditions of the property that distinguish it from other properties in the area (A) no fair and substantial relationship exists between the general public purposes of the ordinance provision and the specific application of that provision to the property, and (B) the proposed use is a reasonable one. RSA 674:33(I)(b)(1).

The size and width of the Property are the special conditions that distinguish it from other properties in the area. The property is one of the smallest and most narrow strips of land among all of the commercially zoned properties in the GBD and other districts that exist along the Spaulding Turnpike from the Portsmouth Traffic Circle to the Newington town line.

These conditions that characterize 180 Spaulding Turnpike are compounded by the fact that the SRB district boundary is the northeast boundary of the Property resulting in setbacks that engulf the Property. A major mitigating factor, however, and the reason that no fair and substantial relationship exists between the purpose of the setbacks and their application to the Property, is the existence of the transmission line easement that encumbers the abutting SRB property for more than 300'. This easement has the effect of creating a buffer between the

commercially zoned Seacoast Mazda property and the residences on Farm Lane that is greater than the required setbacks. Accordingly, there is no reason to apply the literal requirements of the setbacks in question to the Property.

The Applicant's proposed use of the Property is reasonable. As stated above, motor vehicle sales and service is permitted in the GBD. The proposed new showroom, customer service area and customer service drive-in area will align with the front, side and rear of the current building and, as a result, maintain the same setbacks from property boundaries that exist today. The increased height of the showroom is well-below the allowed maximum height for structures. Significantly, any attempt to reconstruct the building at the Property for practically any other permitted use in the GBA will also require variances.

For these reasons, literal enforcement of the Ordinance would result in an unnecessary hardship to the Applicant under RSA 674:33(I)(b)(1).

VI. Conclusion

Based on all of the reasons discussed herein, the Applicant respectfully requests that the Zoning Board grant the variances. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

Spaulding Group, LLC

By: Mark E. Beliveau, Esq.

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SITE DEVELOPMENT SEACOAST MAZDA 180 SPAULDING TURNPIKE

OWNER AND APPLICANT:

SPAULDING GROUP, LLC

180 SPAULDING TURNPIKE PORTSMOUTH, N.H. 03801 TEL. (603) 436-6811

CIVIL ENGINEER & LAND SURVEYOR:

AMBIT ENGINEERING, INC.

200 GRIFFIN ROAD, UNIT 3 PORTSMOUTH, N.H. 03801 TEL. (603) 430-9282 FAX (603) 436-2315

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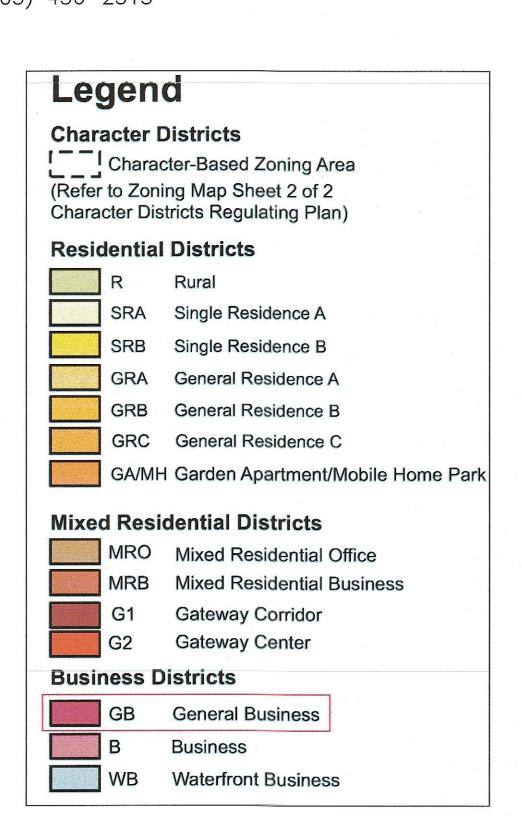
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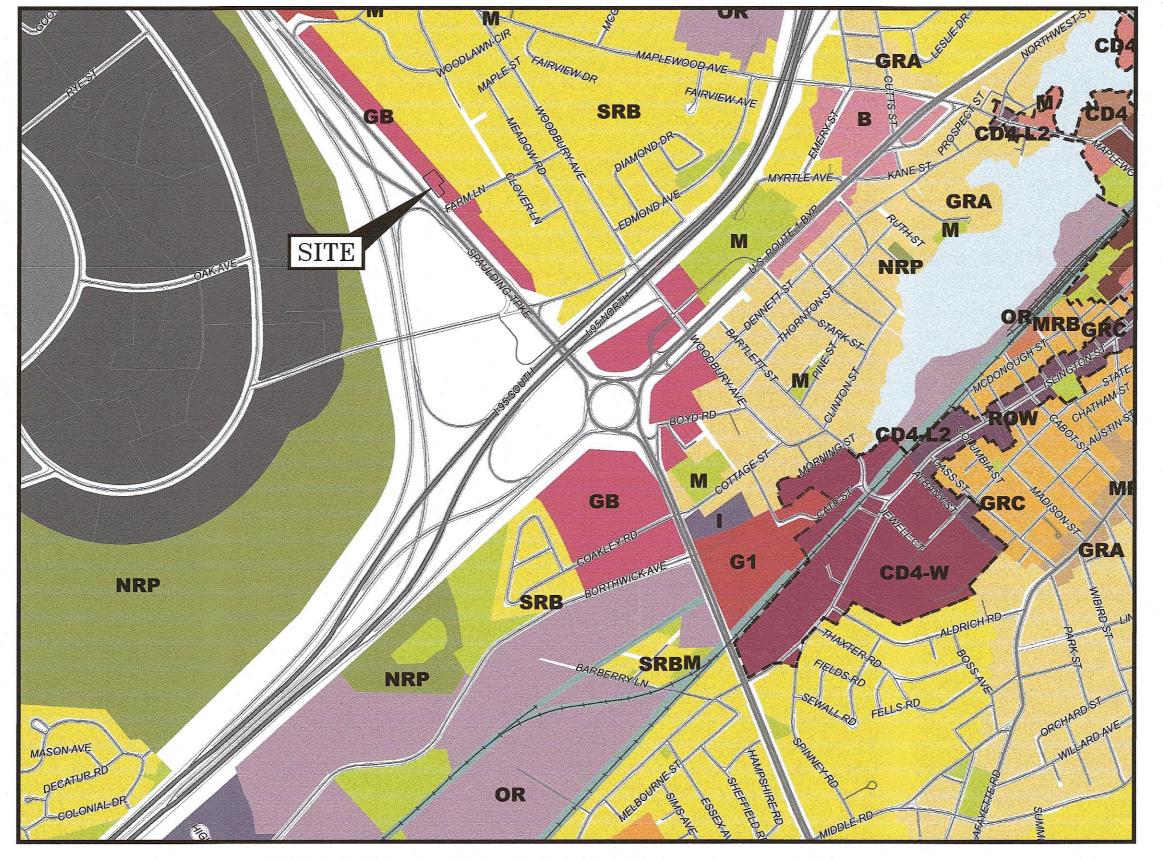
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2056 BYERS ROAD DAYTON, OH TEL. (844) 804-7700



PORTSMOUTH NEW HAMPSHIRE ZBA PLANS





PORTSMOUTH ZONING MAP

ELECTRIC: EVERSOURCE

SEWER & WATER:

680 PEVERLY HILL ROAD

PORTSMOUTH, N.H. 03801

Tel. (603) 427-1530

ATTN: JIM TOW

1700 LAFAYETTE ROAD PORTSMOUTH, N.H. 03801 Tel. (603) 436-7708, Ext. 555.5678 ATTN: MICHAEL BUSBY, P.E. (MANAGER)

PORTSMOUTH DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

COMMUNICATIONS: CONSOLIDATED COMMUNICATIONS JOE CONSIDINE 1575 GREENLAND ROAD CABLE: COMCAST 155 COMMERCE WAY PORTSMOUTH, N.H. 03801 Tel. (603) 679-5695 (X1037) ATTN: MIKE COLLINS

INDEX OF SHEETS DWG No.

EXISTING CONDITIONS PLAN VARIANCE PLAN

PORTSMOUTH APPROVAL CONDITIONS NOTE: ALL CONDITIONS ON THIS PLAN SET SHALL REMAIN IN EFFECT IN PERPETUITY PURSUANT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE CITY OF PORTSMOUTH SITE PLAN REVIEW REGULATIONS.

APPROVED BY THE PORTSMOUTH ZONING BOARD

CHAIRMAN

UTILITY CONTACTS

NATURAL GAS: 325 WEST ROAD PORTSMOUTH, N.H. 03801 Tel. (603) 294-5144 ATTN: DAVE BEAULIEU

> GREENLAND, N.H. 03840 Tel. (603) 427-5525

SITE DEVELOPMENT **SEACOAST MAZDA** 180 SPAULDING TURNPIKE PORTSMOUTH, N.H.

TBD

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Exhibt A

LEGEND:

PROPERTY LINE

CONTOUR

GATE VALVE

CATCH BASIN

SEWER MANHOLE

DRAIN MANHOLE

PARKING METER

LANDSCAPED AREA

TO BE DETERMINED

DUCTILE IRON PIPE

VITRIFIED CLAY PIPE

EDGE OF PAVEMENT

TEMPORARY BENCH MARK

FINISHED FLOOR

SLOPE FT/FT

WINDOW WELL

POLYVINYL CHLORIDE PIPE

REINFORCED CONCRETE PIPE ASBESTOS CEMENT PIPE

CAST IRON PIPE

COPPER PIPE

ELEVATION

INVERT

TYPICAL

TELEPHONE MANHOLE

PARKING SPACE COUNT

HYDRANT

SPOT ELEVATION UTILITY POLE

ELECTRIC HANDHOLD

SHUT OFFS (WATER/GAS)

WALL MOUNTED EXTERIOR LIGHTS

TRANSFORMER ON CONCRETE PAD

PROPOSED



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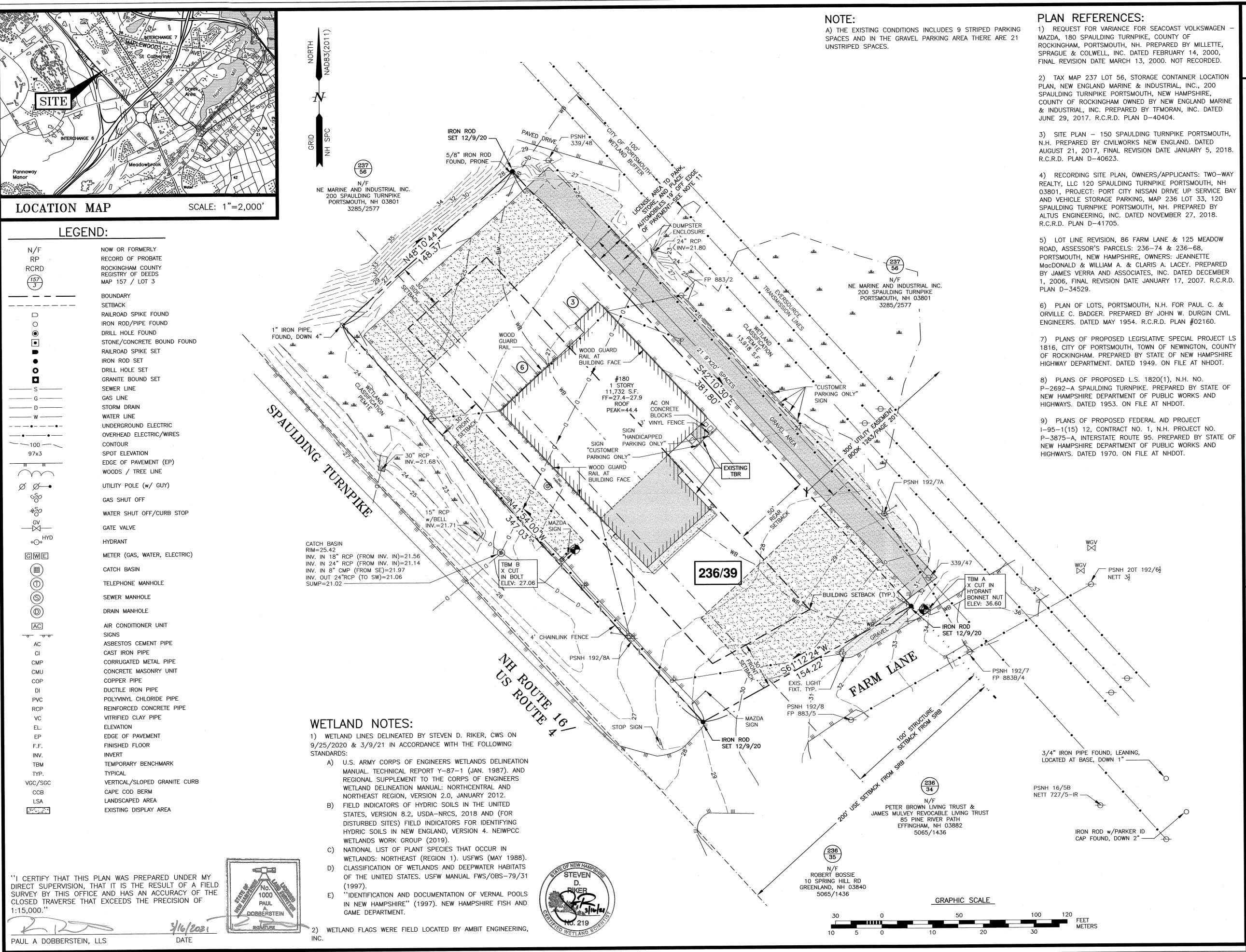
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AMBIT ENGINEERING, INC. Civil Engineers & Land Surveyors

200 Griffin Road - Unit 3 Portsmouth, N.H. 03801-7114 Tel (603) 430-9282

PLAN SET SUBMITTAL DATE: 23 FEBRUARY 2021





AMBIT ENGINEERING, INC.

Civil Engineers & Land Surveyors

200 Griffin Road - Unit 3
Portsmouth, N.H. 03801-7114
Tel (603) 430-9282

VIOTES.

1) PARCEL IS SHOWN ON THE PORTSMOUTH ASSESSOR'S

TAX MAP 236 AS LOT 39.
2) OWNERS OF RECORD:

SPAULDING GROUP, LLC 180 SPAULDING TURNPIKE PORTSMOUTH, NH 03801 5886/1774 PLAN REFERENCE 1

Fax (603) 436-2315

3) PARCEL IS NOT IN A SPECIAL FLOOD HAZARD AREA AS SHOWN ON FIRM PANEL 33015C0260F. EFFECTIVE 1/29/2021.

4) EXISTING LOT AREA: 54,384 S.F.

1.2485 ACRES

5) PARCEL IS LOCATED IN THE GENERAL BUSINESS (GB) ZONING DISTRICT.

6) DIMENSIONAL REQUIREMENTS: MIN. LOT AREA:

FRONTAGE: 200 FEET

SETBACKS: FRONT 30 FEET

SIDE 30 FEET

43,560 SF

REAR 50 FEET
MAXIMUM STRUCTURE HEIGHT: 60 FEET
MAXIMUM BUILDING COVERAGE: 30%
MINIMUM OPEN SPACE: 20%

7) THE PURPOSE OF THIS PLAN IS TO SHOW THE EXISTING CONDITIONS ON ASSESSOR'S MAP 236 LOT 39 IN THE CITY OF PORTSMOUTH.

8) VERTICAL DATUM IS NAVD88. BASIS OF VERTICAL DATUM IS REDUNDANT RTN GNSS OBSERVATIONS (±0.2').

9) PARCEL IS SUBJECT TO AN EASEMENT FOR INGRESS AND EGRESS FOR LAND NOW OF NEW ENGLAND MARINE AND INDUSTRIAL, INC. IN AS MUCH AS IT IS STILL IN EFFECT, LOCATION NOT PLOTTABLE. SEE R.C.R.D. 1566/184.

10) PARCEL IS SUBJECT TO A DRAINAGE AGREEMENT (R.C.R.D. 1564/229) & CONDITIONS AS MUCH AS THEY ARE STILL IN EFFECT (R.C.R.D. 1499/277).

11) LICENSE AREA FOR PARKING, STORAGE, AND PLACING AUTOMOBILES IS SHOWN PER PLAN REFERENCE 1 & R.C.R.D. PLAN D-40404. THE LICENSE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE OWNERS OF PARCELS 237/56 AND 236/39 ALLOW FOR A 25' WIDE AREA TO PARK AND STORE VEHICLES. SEE CITY AGREEMENT TO LIMIT TO 19' FROM EDGE OF PAVEMENT.

SITE DEVELOPMENT SEACOAST MAZDA 180 SPAULDING TURNPIKE PORTSMOUTH, N.H.

3	ZONING SETBACKS, ADD'L WETLAND INFO	3/16/21	
2	ISSUED FOR APPROVAL	2/23/21	
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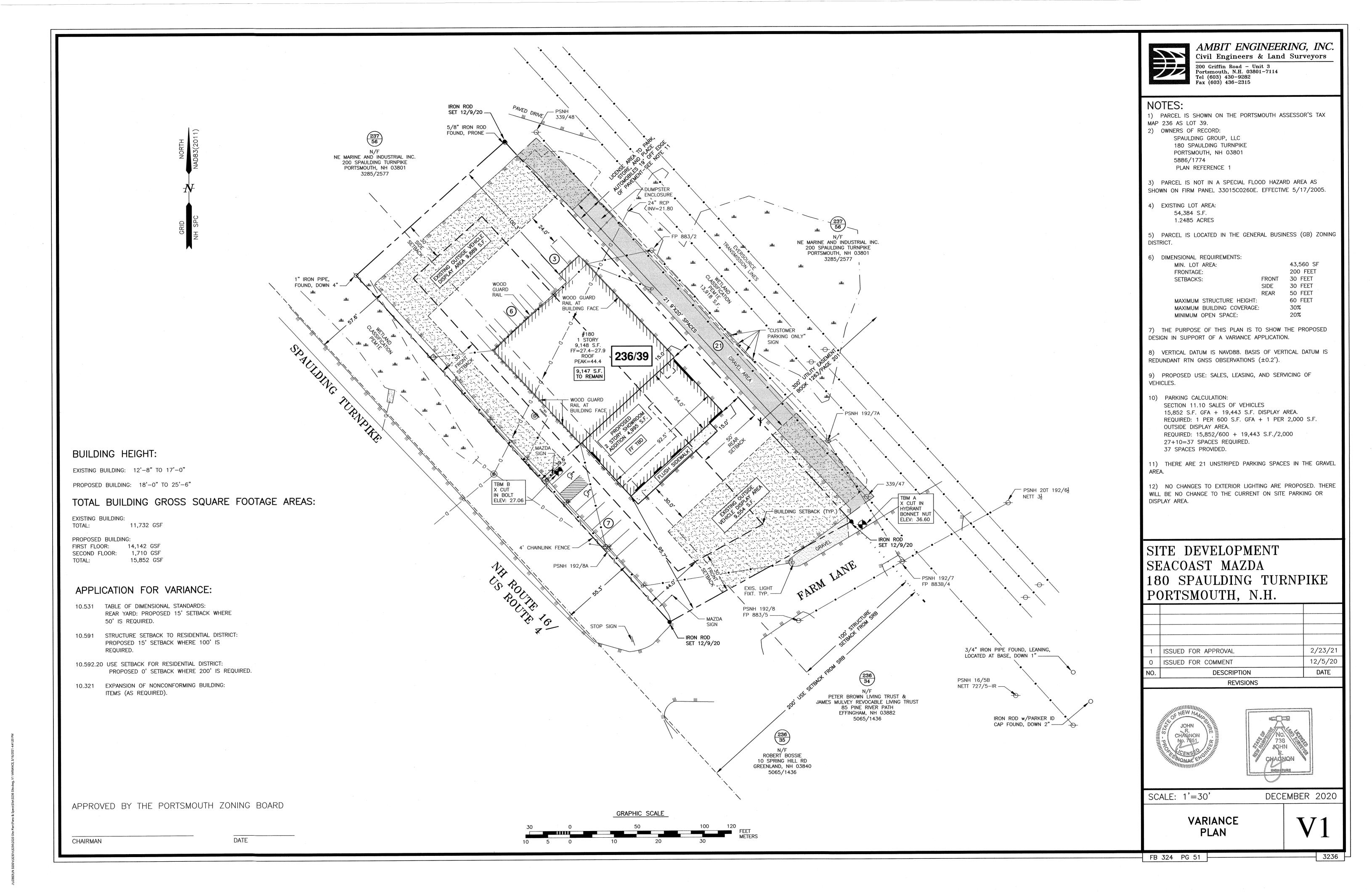
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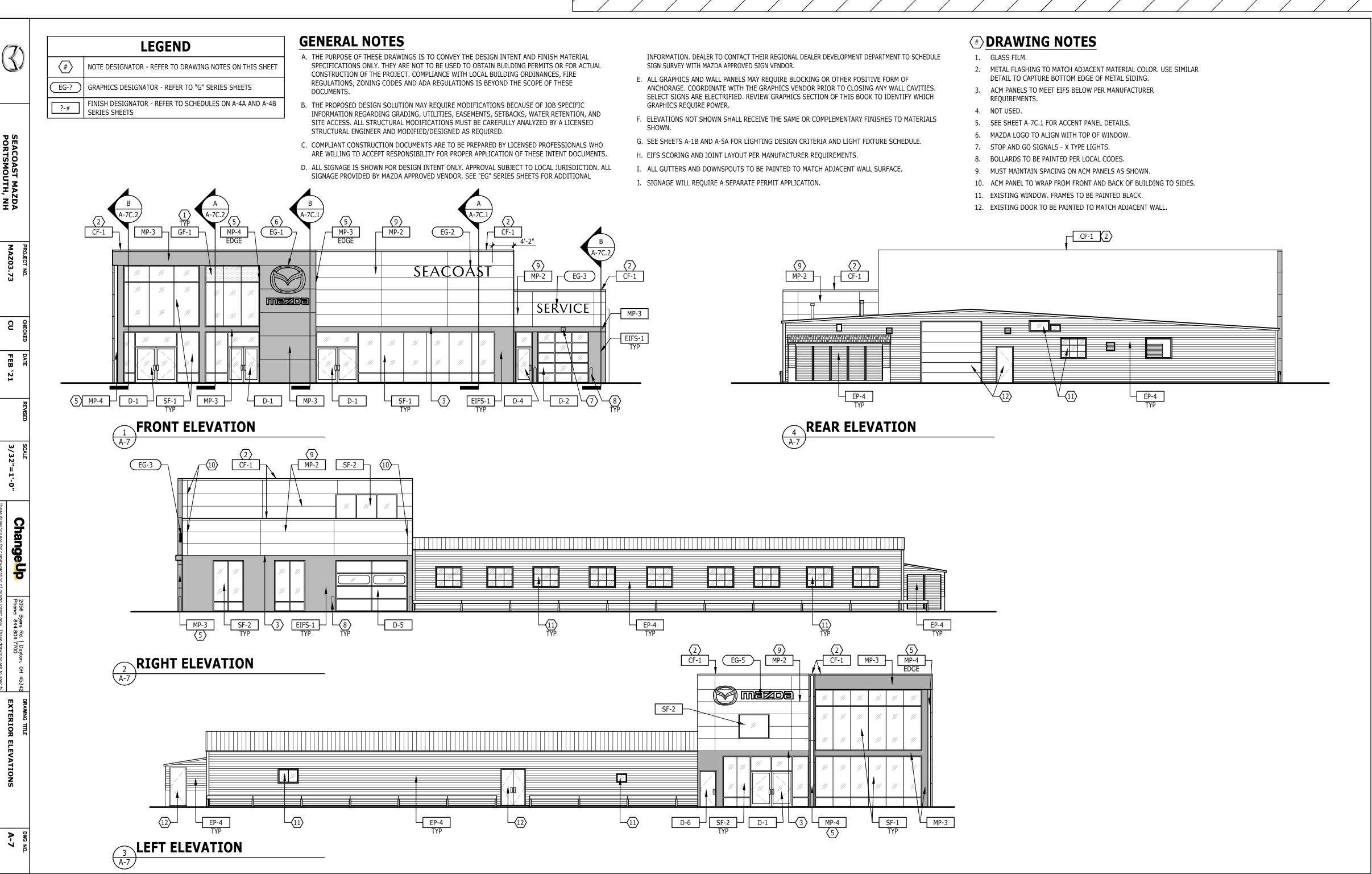
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SEACOAST MAZDA PORTSMOUTH, NH

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	LEGEND
#	NOTE DESIGNATOR - REFER TO DRAWING NOTES ON THIS SHEET
F-#	FIXTURE ITEM - REFER TO "F" SHEETS
FN-#	FURNITURE ITEM - REFER TO SHEET A-3
?-#	FINISH DESIGNATOR - REFER TO SCHEDULES ON A-4A AND A-4B SERIES SHEETS
	NEW FULL HEIGHT PARTITIONS/WALLS
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	EXISTING WALLS

GENERAL NOTES

- A. THE PURPOSE OF THESE DRAWINGS IS TO CONVEY THE DESIGN INTENT AND FINISH MATERIAL SPECIFICATIONS ONLY. THEY ARE NOT TO BE USED TO OBTAIN BUILDING PERMITS OR FOR ACTUAL CONSTRUCTION OF THE PROJECT. COMPLIANCE WITH LOCAL BUILDING ORDINANCES, FIRE REGULATIONS, ZONING CODES AND ADA REGULATIONS IS BEYOND THE SCOPE OF THESE DOCUMENTS.
- B. THE PROPOSED DESIGN SOLUTION MAY REQUIRE MODIFICATIONS DUE TO JOB SPECIFIC INFORMATION REGARDING GRADING, UTILITIES, EASEMENTS, SETBACKS, WATER RETENTION, AND SITE ACCESS. ALL STRUCTURAL MODIFICATIONS MUST BE CAREFULLY ANALYZED BY A LICENSED STRUCTURAL ENGINEER AND MODIFIED/DESIGNED AS REQUIRED.
- C. COMPLIANT CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENTS ARE TO BE PREPARED BY LICENSED PROFESSIONALS WHO ARE WILLING TO ACCEPT RESPONSIBILITY FOR PROPER APPLICATION OF THESE INTENT DOCUMENTS.
- D. BUILDING CONFIGURATION, ROOM SIZES AND SHAPES ARE ALL SHOWN FOR DESIGN INTENT PURPOSES AS A GUIDELINE ONLY. ALL CRITICAL DIMENSIONING SHALL BE PERFORMED BY A LICENSED PROFESSIONAL AS PART OF CONTRACT DOCUMENT PREPARATION.
- E. DEALER'S ARCHITECT TO CONTACT THE MAZDA AUTHORIZED SERVICE EQUIPMENT PROGRAM FOR ON-SITE DEALER CONSULTATION AND RECOMMENDED SPECIAL TOOLS AREA LAYOUT. PH: (877) 768-6657.
- F. FOR JEWEL BOX LIFT DISPLAY "FUSE DISCONNECT", DEALER'S ARCHITECT TO CONFIRM LOCAL CODE AND REQUIREMENTS.
- G. ARCHITECT AND GC TO CONFIRM THAT THERE ARE NO EXPOSED EXISTING CMU-1 WALLS IN ANY CUSTOMER CONTACT AREAS, FUR OUT WALLS WITH GYPSUM BOARD, AS APPLICABLE.

DRAWING NOTES

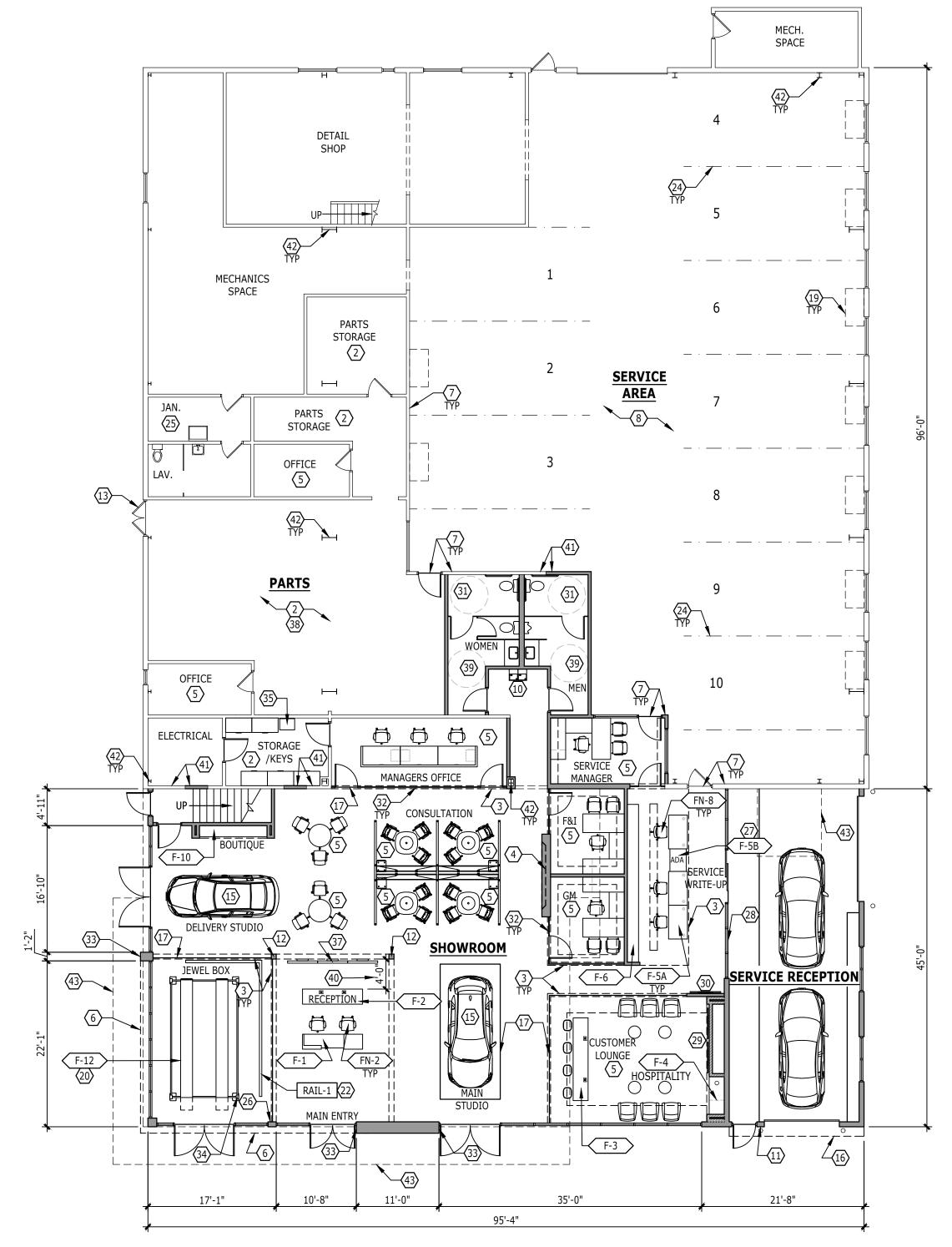
- NOT USED. 2.
 - STORAGE UNITS LAYOUT AND QUANTITY BY OWNER.
 - 3. LINE OF SOFFIT ABOVE. FEATURE WALL. SEE SHEET A-2C FOR
 - DETAILS. 5. REFER TO FURNITURE LAYOUT PLAN ON
 - SHEET A-3.
 - 6. LINE OF FASCIA ABOVE.
 - FIRE RATED WALL FIRE SHUTTERS OR FIRE RATED WINDOW WALL MAY BE REQUIRED.
 - SERVICE BAY LIFT AND ALIGNMENT RACK LAYOUTS BY OWNER.
 - NOT USED. 9.
 - 10. ELECTRIC WATER COOLER SUPPLY ONE FOR ADA ACCESSIBILITY.
 - 11. OPTIONAL "EARLY BIRD" NIGHT DROP INTEGRATED INTO FACADE.
 - 12. SUGGESTED STRUCTURAL COLUMN LAYOUT. ALL LAYOUTS TO BE CERTIFIED BY A LICENSED PROFESSIONAL.
 - 13. PARTS DOOR.
 - 14. NOT USED.
 - 15. VEHICLE LOCATION MAINTAIN LOCATION.
 - 16. LINE OF CANOPY ABOVE.
 - 17. FLOOR FINISH TRANSITION. SEE SHEET A-4.1.
 - 18. NOT USED.
 - 19. TECH TOOL STORAGE CABINET BY OWNER.
 - 20. CAR LIFT.
 - 21. NOT USED.
 - 22. DISPLAY LIFT RAILING/SLICK RAIL. PORTIONS OF RAIL MAY BE REMOVABLE TO FACILITATE SHOWROOM VEHICLE ACCESS.
 - 23. NOT USED.
 - 24. DEFINES SERVICE STALL AREA.
 - 25. MOP SINK.
 - 26. JEWEL BOX LIFT DISPLAY "FUSE DISCONNECT" RECOMMENDED LOCATION. SEE GENERAL NOTE "F".

- 27. ARCHITECT TO CONFIRM ADA REQUIREMENTS FOR SERVICE ADVISOR COUNTER.
- 28. GC TO PROVIDE AND CONFIRM ADDITIONAL POWER/DATA CABLE FOR FUTURE MONITOR LOCATION (APPROX. 25'). EXACT LOCATION TBD. (SERVICE DRIVE)
- 29. (2) 55" TV/MONITORS. POWER/DATA TO BE AT 60" A.F.F. (CUSTOMER LOUNGE)
- 30. VIDEO MONITOR. CENTER OF MONITOR TO
- BE AT 72" A.F.F. (SERVICE WRITE-UP) 31. ALL CUSTOMER RESTROOMS TO HAVE RE STANDARD FINISHES PER DID.
- 32. FULL HEIGHT FRAMELESS GLASS PANELS. CHROME FINISH TRACK ON TOP AND BOTTOM AS REQUIRED. FILM APPLIED AT
- 33. SEE SHEET A-7C FOR ACCENT PANEL DETAILS.

+36" A.F.F., TYP.

- 34. LOCATION OF POWER FOR BENDPAK LIFT IN JEWEL BOX. RIGHT SIDE JEWEL BOX (SHOWN) - UPPER RIGHT; LEFT SIDE
- JEWEL BOX LOWER LEFT.
- 35. KEY BOX.
- 36. NOT USED. 37. (9) MONITORS TO BE INSTALLED BEFORE INSTALLATION OF RECEPTION DESK.
 - RECOMMENDED: ADD PLYWOOD BACKING ON ENTIRE BACK WALL BEHIND (9) MONITORS.
- 38. AREA MUST BE EXCLUSIVE FOR MAZDA PARTS STORAGE.
- 39. BABY CHANGING TABLES IN RESTROOMS.
- 40. RECEPTION STATION TO BE PLACED 4'-0" IN FRONT OF (9) MONITORS SOFFIT
- 41. ALIGN WITH FACE OF EXISTING CONSTRUCTION.
- 42. EXISTING COLUMN. LICENSED PROFESSIONAL TO VERIFY EXACT LOCATION.
- 43. LINE OF EXISTING BUILDING/CANOPY TO BE DEMOLISHED.





SEACOAST MAZDA PORTSMOUTH, NH MAZ03.73

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ChangeUp 3/32"=1'-0"

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FURNITURE AND FIXTURE PLAN - FIRST FLOOR

A-2.1

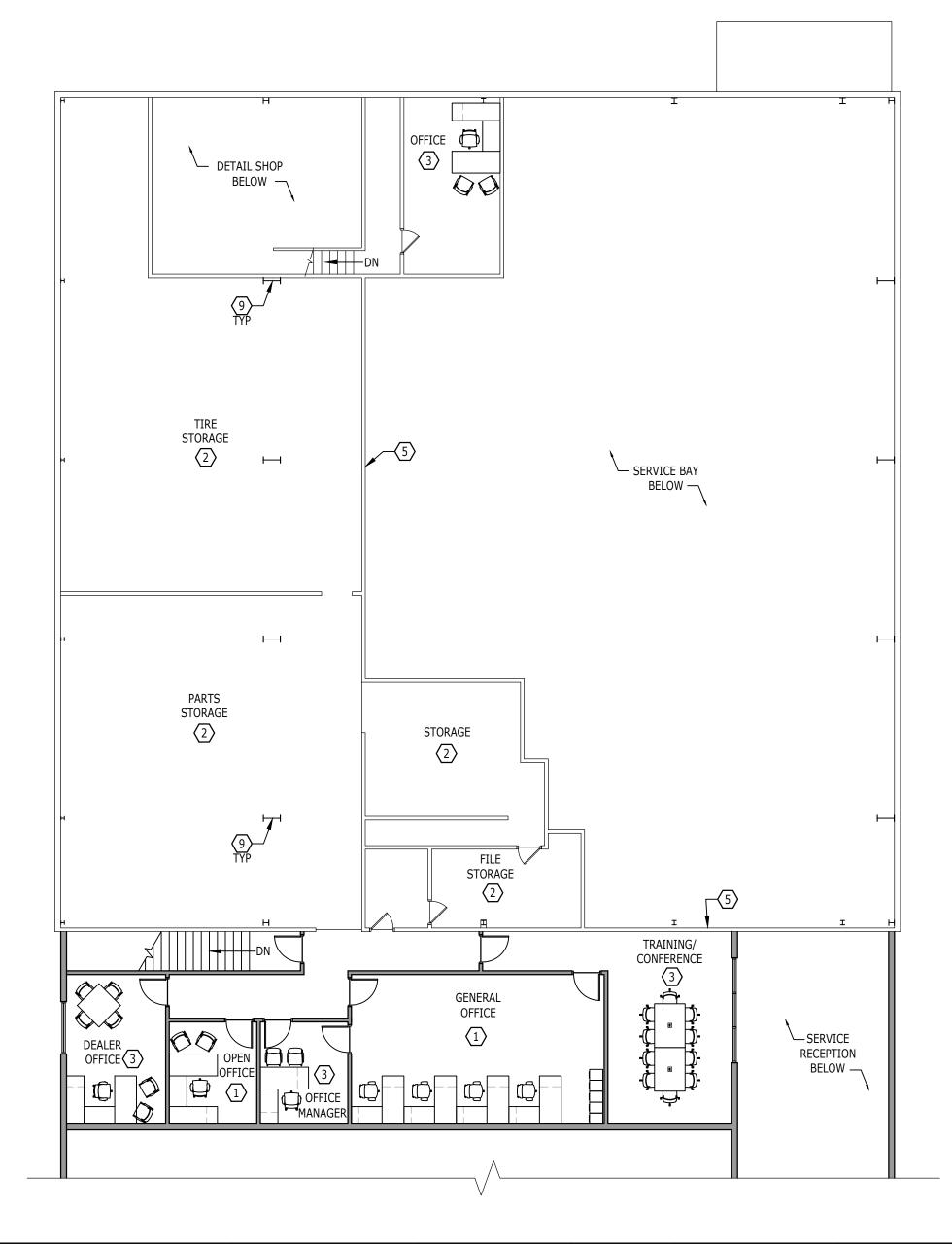
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_	EXISTING WALLS

GENERAL NOTES

- A. THE PURPOSE OF THESE DRAWINGS IS TO CONVEY THE DESIGN INTENT AND FINISH MATERIAL SPECIFICATIONS ONLY. THEY ARE NOT TO BE USED TO OBTAIN BUILDING PERMITS OR FOR ACTUAL CONSTRUCTION OF THE PROJECT. COMPLIANCE WITH LOCAL BUILDING ORDINANCES, FIRE REGULATIONS, ZONING CODES AND ADA REGULATIONS IS BEYOND THE SCOPE OF THESE DOCUMENTS.
- B. THE PROPOSED DESIGN SOLUTION MAY REQUIRE MODIFICATIONS DUE TO JOB SPECIFIC INFORMATION REGARDING GRADING, UTILITIES, EASEMENTS, SETBACKS, WATER RETENTION, AND SITE ACCESS. ALL STRUCTURAL MODIFICATIONS MUST BE CAREFULLY ANALYZED BY A LICENSED STRUCTURAL ENGINEER AND MODIFIED/DESIGNED AS REQUIRED.
- C. COMPLIANT CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENTS ARE TO BE PREPARED BY LICENSED PROFESSIONALS WHO ARE WILLING TO ACCEPT RESPONSIBILITY FOR PROPER APPLICATION OF THESE INTENT DOCUMENTS.
- D. BUILDING CONFIGURATION, ROOM SIZES AND SHAPES ARE ALL SHOWN FOR DESIGN INTENT PURPOSES AS A GUIDELINE ONLY. ALL CRITICAL DIMENSIONING SHALL BE PERFORMED BY A LICENSED PROFESSIONAL AS PART OF CONTRACT DOCUMENT PREPARATION.
- E. DEALER'S ARCHITECT TO CONTACT THE MAZDA AUTHORIZED SERVICE EQUIPMENT PROGRAM FOR ON-SITE DEALER CONSULTATION AND RECOMMENDED SPECIAL TOOLS AREA LAYOUT. PH: (877) 768-6657.

DRAWING NOTES

- 1. OFFICE FURNISHING LAYOUT BY OWNER. ITEMS CAN BE SELECTED FROM SPECIFIED FURNITURE SYSTEM.
- 2. STORAGE UNITS LAYOUT AND QUANTITY BY OWNER.
- 3. REFER TO FURNITURE LAYOUT PLAN ON SHEET A-3.
- 4. NOT USED
- 5. FIRE RATED SEPARATION WALL.
- 6. NOT USED.
- 7. NOT USED.
- 8. NOT USED.
- 9. EXISTING COLUMN. LICENSED PROFESSIONAL TO VERIFY EXACT LOCATION.



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Seacoast Mazda ZBA Application

Current Site Photos



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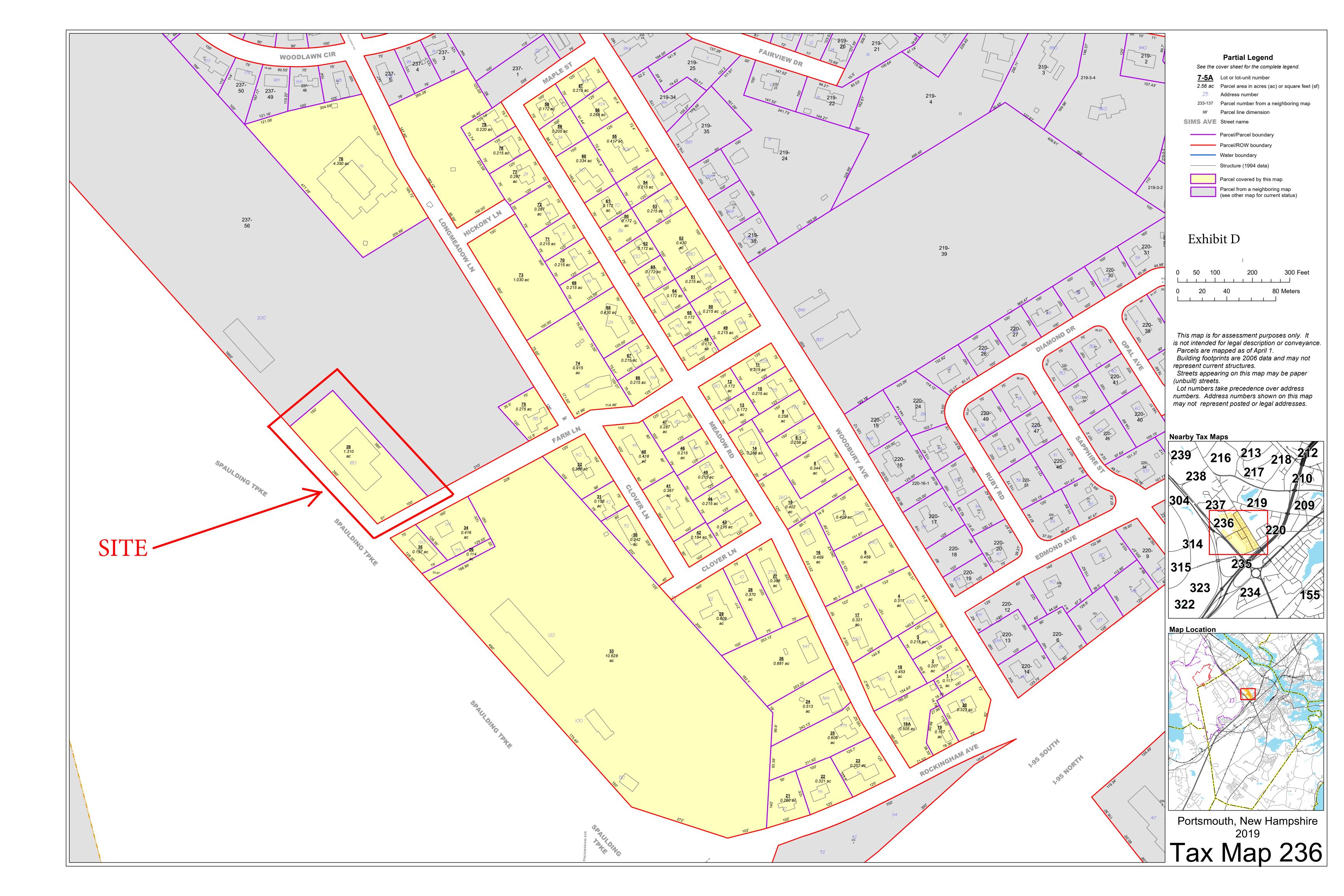
Front Right



Rear Right



Rear Left







111 Bow Street Portsmouth, NH 03801 603.427.0700 margaret@bowstcommercial.com

February 22, 2021

Chairman David Rheaume
City of Portsmouth
Zoning Board of Adjustment
1 Junkins Avenue
Portsmouth, New Hampshire 03801

Re: Variance Request – 180 Spaulding Turnpike

Dear Chairman Rheaume and Members of the Zoning Board,

I have been engaged by the Spaulding Group, LLC, owner of the property located at 180 Spaulding Turnpike with regard to the proposed improvements to the site and request for a variance. Mr. Tim Ackerman, Member of the Spaulding Group and owner of Seacoast Mazda, has asked me to provide my professional broker's opinion as to whether the proposed improvements to his existing auto dealership building would in any way diminish the surrounding property values.

I have been a commercial real estate broker in the seacoast New Hampshire market for over 23 years. I began my career in commercial real estate in 1998 with The Kane Company. Beginning In 2000, I worked for thirteen years as a Vice President/Partner of the CBRE | Portsmouth office. For the last seven years, I have owned my own commercial real estate firm in downtown Portsmouth, as Margaret O'Brien Realty and now Bow Street, LLC. During my career in the commercial real estate industry, I successfully completed transactions with total consideration in excess of \$600 Million. I have been a top performer in the New Hampshire commercial real estate market for many years. I specialize in office, industrial and retail leasing, property acquisition and disposition. In addition, having worked in the Portsmouth market for more than 20 years, I am very familiar with the impact of commercial development on the residential market.

In reviewing the proposed improvements to the Seacoast Mazda property, I have visited the site and reviewed the plans prepared by Ambit Engineering, dated February 2021 along with the Exterior Rendering and Exterior Elevations plans prepared by ChangeUp.

The Seacoast Mazda building is a 1960s vintage structure that has not seen any material improvement since it was constructed. The Seacoast Mazda property is over 300 feet from the nearest residential property and is flanked on both sides by commercial uses. The location of the property directly off the Spaulding Turnpike is and has always been a highly visible location for car dealerships, including the much larger Port City Nissan dealership and the Portsmouth Ford dealership. There is a substantial buffer between the subject property and the nearest residential properties that is afforded by the existence of significant electrical transmission lines. The front yard of the Seacoast Mazda property is on the side of the Spaulding Turnpike. The rear of the property abuts the New England Marine and Industrial property which has its access driveway off Farm Lane. The frontage of this property on Farm Lane is approximately 310 feet and at this location the property is fully encumbered by the transmission line easement which again creates a very significant buffer of the subject property to the nearest residences on Farm Lane and Meadow Road.

We recently saw the development by Green & Company of three new single-family residences at 32 and 42 and 54 Rockingham Avenue. These approx. 2700 +/- SF homes recently sold in February 2021 for \$645,000, \$639,000 and \$600,000 respectively. This development is adjacent to Port City Nissan and much closer to the Spaulding Turnpike than any residential properties are to the Seacoast Mazda dealership. The sale and value received for these properties was not adversely impacted by their proximity to Port City Nissan or the Spaulding Turnpike.

In my opinion, given the strong residential sales mentioned above, along with the fact that the improvements to the Seacoast Mazda building will be giving the property a much needed updating and refresh, the proposed improvements will certainly be viewed positively by both the commercial and residential marketplace and in no way would diminish the surrounding property values.

Please feel free to contact me directly if you have any follow up questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Margaret O'Brien

Principal Broker

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ADDENDUM TO MEMORANDUM

TO: City of Portsmouth Zoning Board of Adjustment ("**ZBA**")

FROM: Mark E. Beliveau, Esq., Pierce Atwood LLP

Attorney for Spaulding Group, LLC (the "Applicant")

DATE: April 28, 2021

RE: Spaulding Group, LLC Application for Variances at 180 Spaulding Turnpike

(Map 236, Lot 39) (the "*Application*").

Dear Chairman Rheaume and Members of the Board:

Thank you for granting the Applicant's request to postpone the public hearing on this matter from April 20, 2021 until May 18, 2021. As mentioned, after further review of the plan it was determined that a variance from Section 10.1113.20 of the Portsmouth Zoning Ordinance (the "Zoning Ordinance") is needed to locate required off-street parking spaces in the front yard at 180 Spaulding Turnpike (the "Property").

This Addendum to Memorandum is intended to supplement the March 16, 2021 Memorandum and will address only the request for a variance from Section 10.1113.20. As a result, it will not repeat all of the background, facts and legal arguments in the earlier Memorandum but incorporates all such information herein by reference.

Included with this Addendum to Memorandum are the following revised Exhibits:

A. Ambit Engineering Plan Set, last revised April 27, 2021.

- Cover Sheet
- Existing Conditions Plan
- Variance Plan

I. Proposed Location of Additional Parking

As described in the March 16, 2021 Memorandum, the Applicant proposes to demolish and reconstruct the Seacoast Mazda showroom and customer service area, and expand the building to include an indoor customer service drive-in. These improvements will be constructed within the footprint of the existing building and existing outdoor customer service drive-up area. The proposed new showroom, customer service and customer drive-in areas will align with the front, side, and rear of the current building and, thereby, maintain the same setbacks from Property boundaries that exist today. The overall gross floor area of the building will increase by 4,120 GSF. As a result, seven additional on-site parking spaces are necessary (the "Additional Parking").

The Applicant proposes to provide the Additional Parking along the fenced southern boundary of the Property. See Exhibit A. The Additional Parking will replace existing vehicle display area. This is an ideal location as it is very close to the entrance of the Property from Farm Lane and to the showroom, making for safe and convenient access.

The area proposed for the Additional Parking has been used for vehicle display since 1961 when Seacoast Motors, Inc. first opened for business at the Property. As a result, converting the area from vehicle display to striped parking will not represent a material change in use from the past 60 years.

Section 10.1113.20 of the Zoning Ordinance prohibits the location of off-street parking in "any required front yard." The front yard setback in the General Business Zoning District ("GBD") is 30'. The front yard of the Property is along the Spaulding Turnpike and, as such, includes the existing vehicle display area and proposed Additional Parking area. As a result, a variance from the terms of Section 10.1113.20 of the Zoning Ordinance is required in order for the Additional Parking to be located as proposed.

II. Required Variance from Portsmouth Zoning Ordinance

• A variance from <u>Section 10.1113.20</u> to allow seven required off-street parking spaces in the front yard of the Property where off-street parking is not allowed.

III. Five Criteria Must be Met to Obtain Approval of a Variance

An applicant seeking a variance must demonstrate that;

- (A) The variance will not be contrary to the public interest;
- (B) The spirit of the ordinance will be observed;
- (C) Substantial justice will be done:
- (D) The values of surrounding properties will not be diminished;
- (E) Literal enforcement of the provisions of the ordinance would result in an unnecessary hardship.

NH RSA 674:33(I)(a)(2). As set forth below, the Application meets each of the criteria for the approval of the parking location variance.

- A. The variance is not contrary to the public interest; and
- B. The spirit of the Ordinance is observed.

The New Hampshire Supreme Court has observed that "[t]he requirement that the variance not be contrary to the public interest is related to the requirement that the variance be

consistent with the spirit of the ordinance" and, therefore, the Court considers these criteria together. *Malachy Glen Assocs. v. Town of Chichester*, 155 N.H. 102, 105 (2007). The analysis of these criteria begins by examining the applicable ordinance. However, the Court has acknowledged that because 'the provisions of the ordinance represent a declaration of public interest, any variance would in some measure be contrary thereto." *Harborside Assocs. v. Parade Resident Hotel*, 162 N.H. 508, 514 (2011).

Accordingly, to determine whether a variance is not contrary to the public interest and is consistent with the spirit of the Ordinance, it must be determined whether granting the variance would "unduly and in a marked degree" conflict with the Ordinance such that "it violates the ordinance's basic zoning objectives." *Harborside Assocs. v. Parade Resident Hotel*, 162 N.H. 508, 514 (2011). Determining whether a variance violates the Ordinance's basic zoning objectives involves evaluating "whether granting the variance would alter the essential character of the neighborhood or threaten public health, safety or welfare." *Id.*

Granting the parking location variance presented in the Application will neither alter the essential character of the neighborhood nor threaten public health, safety or welfare. The proposed location for the Additional Parking has been used for vehicle display for the past 60 years. Converting a portion of the vehicle display area to Additional Parking will not be a significant change at the Property or even noticeable for most people. As a result, it will have no impact on the character of the neighborhood or threaten public health or safety. The proposed location for the Additional Parking will enhance site access and site safety. Putting the Additional Parking in close proximity to Farm Lane and the entrance to the building will reduce traffic movement at the Property and allow for easy access to the showroom.

Furthermore, the purpose and spirit of the parking location provision of the Zoning Ordinance will be observed if the variance is granted. There is a 55' wide natural buffer area between the proposed location for the Additional Parking and the Spaulding Turnpike edge of pavement. This has the effect of creating an open area almost double the size of the 30' front yard requirement. Moreover, the Additional Parking does not represent a new use within the front yard; it will simply replace existing vehicle display.

C. Substantial justice will be done.

With respect to this criterion, the Court has said that "perhaps the only guiding rule . . . is that any loss to the individual that is not outweighed by a gain to the general public is an injustice." *Malachy*, 155 N.H. at 107 (citing 15 P. Loughlin, *New Hampshire Practice*, *Land Use Planning and Zoning*, § 24.11, at 308 (2000)).

The building at the Property is in need of renovation and the addition of 4,120 GSF of floor area (requiring seven additional off-street parking spaces) will provide for more functional, efficient and productive space. Not granting the variance will result in a substantial loss for the Applicant especially in light of the fact that any attempt to reconstruct the building at the Property for any other permitted use in the GBD will also require variances. Plainly, the loss to the Applicant will not be outweighed by a gain to the general public. The general public gains nothing from keeping the Property in its current condition. Indeed, the general public will

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benefit from the increased property tax revenue that is realized as a result of the new construction.

Approving the parking location variance will allow the Applicant to rehabilitate an out-of-date building and continue a business in more functional and comfortable space that has operated at the Property for 60 years. There is no benefit to the general public that outweighs the burden and hardship to the Applicant if the variance is denied. Approving the requested variance will achieve substantial justice.

D. Granting the parking location variance will not diminish surrounding property values.

Providing seven parking spaces in place of vehicle display as proposed will not diminish the value of surrounding properties. Indeed, the proposed change will not be noticeable by most people passing by. The Property is located in the GBD where the sale of motor vehicles is permitted. In addition, the property abuts the Spaulding Turnpike and commercial uses surround the Property. The GBD along the Spaulding Turnpike where the Property is located is heavily commercial and includes retail, hotels, restaurants and automobile dealerships. The use of the Property and the proposed location of Additional Parking is consistent with the uses of other nearby properties within the GBD. The proposed location for the Additional Parking will not diminish the value of the surrounding commercial uses.

The nearest residential property is approximately 450 feet away from the proposed location for the Additional Parking. The change from vehicle display to the Additional Parking will have no impact whatsoever on nearby residential properties and not even be noticed by most people.

E. Literal enforcement of the provisions of the Ordinance would result in an unnecessary hardship.

An unnecessary hardship exists when "[o]wing to special conditions of the property that distinguish it from other properties in the area (A) no fair and substantial relationship exists between the general public purposes of the ordinance provision and the specific application of that provision to the property, and (B) the proposed use is a reasonable one. RSA 674:33(I)(b)(1).

The size and width of the Property are the special conditions that distinguish it from other properties in the area. The Property is one of the smallest and most narrow strips of land among all of the commercially zoned properties in the GBD and other districts that exist along the Spaulding Turnpike from the Portsmouth Traffic Circle to the Newington town line.

These conditions that characterize the Property are significantly influenced by the fact that the Spaulding Turnpike lies at the southern boundary of the Property and the Single Residence B District ("SRB") abuts the northern boundary of the Property. No fair and substantial relationship exists between the purpose of the parking location requirement and its application to the Property due to the existence of the Spaulding Turnpike and the transmission

line easement that encumbers the abutting SRB property. There is a 55' buffer between the Property and the Spaulding Turnpike edge of pavement and more than 300' between the Property and the nearest residential property. These buffers have the effect of creating significant separation between the proposed location of the Additional Parking and the abutting uses; indeed these distances are greater than the applicable requirements in the Zoning Ordinance. Accordingly, there is no reason to apply the literal requirements of Section 10.1113.20 to the Property.

The Applicant's proposed location for the Additional Parking is reasonable. It is arguably the best location for the Additional Parking. It will enhance traffic flow at the Property, improve ingress and egress, allow for easy and safe access to the building and not have any impact on surrounding properties.

For these reasons, literal enforcement of the parking location requirement would result in an unnecessary hardship to the Applicant under RSA 674:33(I)(b)(1).

VI. Conclusion

Based on all of the reasons discussed herein, the Applicant respectfully requests that the Zoning Board grant a variance from Section 10.1113.20 of the Zoning Ordinance. Thank you.

> Respectfully submitted, Snaulding Group, LLC

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SITE DEVELOPMENT SEACOAST MAZDA 180 SPAULDING TURNPIKE

OWNER AND APPLICANT:

SPAULDING GROUP, LLC 180 SPAULDING TURNPIKE PORTSMOUTH, N.H. 03801 TEL. (603) 436-6811

CIVIL ENGINEER & LAND SURVEYOR:

AMBIT ENGINEERING, INC.

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ARCHITECT:

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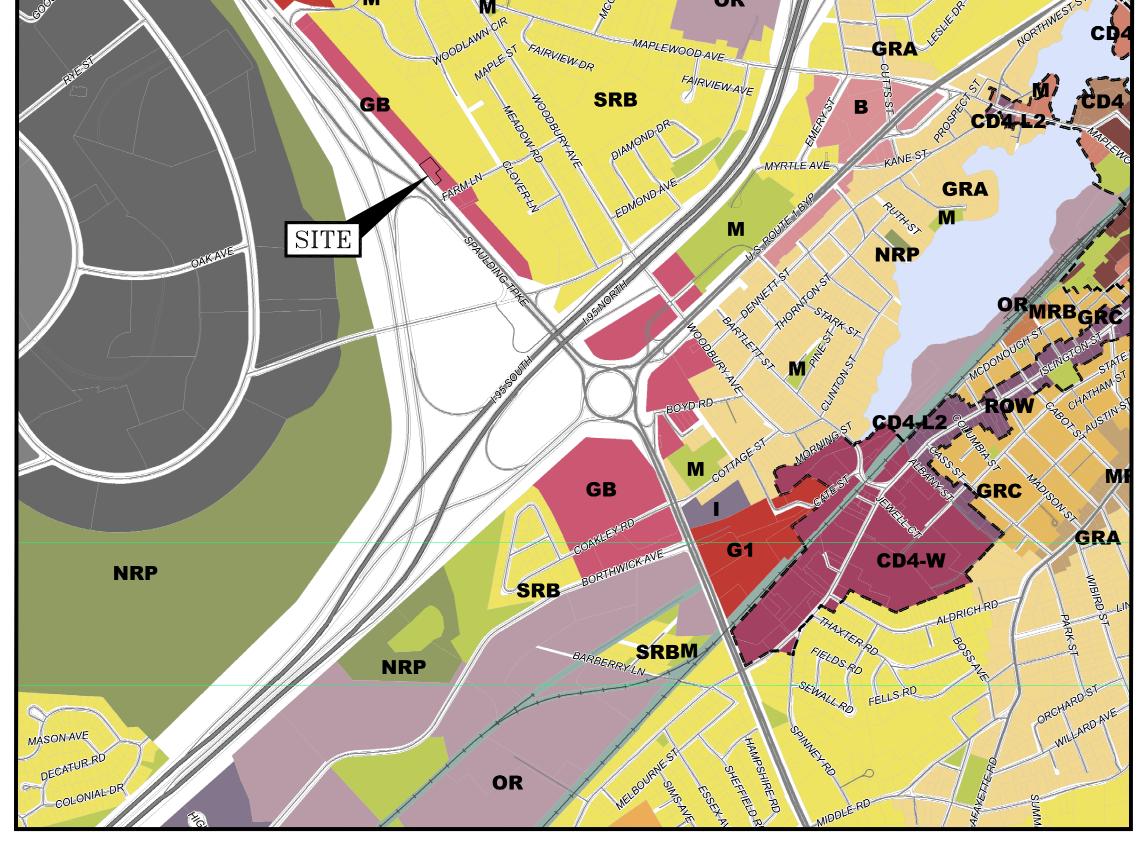
CORPORATE ARCHITECT:

CHANGE UP

2056 BYERS ROAD DAYTON, OH TEL. (844) 804-7700

Legend **Character Districts** Character-Based Zoning Area (Refer to Zoning Map Sheet 2 of 2 Character Districts Regulating Plan) **Residential Districts** SRA Single Residence A SRB Single Residence B GRA General Residence A General Residence B GRC General Residence C GA/MH Garden Apartment/Mobile Home Park Mixed Residential Districts MRO Mixed Residential Office Mixed Residential Business Gateway Corridor Gateway Center **Business Districts** General Business Business Waterfront Business

PORTSMOUTH NEW HAMPSHIRE ZBA PLANS





PORTSMOUTH ZONING MAP

UTILITY CONTACTS

ATTN: JIM TOW

C1 EXISTING CONDITIONS PLAN **ELECTRIC: EVERSOURCE** 1700 LAFAYETTE ROAD PORTSMOUTH, N.H. 03801 Tel. (603) 436-7708, Ext. 555.5678

ATTN: MICHAEL BUSBY, P.E. (MANAGER)

SEWER & WATER: PORTSMOUTH DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS 680 PEVERLY HILL ROAD PORTSMOUTH, N.H. 03801 Tel. (603) 427-1530

NATURAL GAS: 325 WEST ROAD PORTSMOUTH, N.H. 03801 Tel. (603) 294-5144

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CABLE: COMCAST 155 COMMERCE WAY PORTSMOUTH, N.H. 03801 Tel. (603) 679-5695 (X1037) ATTN: MIKE COLLINS

LEGEND:

PROPOSED

EXISTING

EXISTING	PROPOSED	
		PROPERTY LINE
		SETBACK
—— s ——	— s —	SEWER PIPE
SL	SL	SEWER LATERAL
—— G ——	G	GAS LINE
D	D	STORM DRAIN
— W ——	— W —	WATER CERVICE
—— WS ——		WATER SERVICE
——— UGE ———	——— UGE ———	UNDERGROUND ELECTRIC
——— OHW ———	——— OHW ————	OVERHEAD ELECTRIC/WIRES FOUNDATION DRAIN
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	TMH	TELEPHONE MANHOLE
14)	14)	PARKING SPACE COUNT
PM		PARKING METER
LSA	\ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \	LANDSCAPED AREA
TBD	TBD	TO BE DETERMINED
CI	CI	CAST IRON PIPE
COP	COP	COPPER PIPE
DI	DI	DUCTILE IRON PIPE
PVC	PVC	POLYVINYL CHLORIDE PIPE
RCP	RCP	REINFORCED CONCRETE PIPE
AC VC	– VC	ASBESTOS CEMENT PIPE VITRIFIED CLAY PIPE
EP	EP	EDGE OF PAVEMENT
EL.	EL.	ELEVATION
FF FF	FF	FINISHED FLOOR
INV	INV	INVERT
S =	S =	SLOPE FT/FT
TBM	TBM	TEMPORARY BENCH MARK
TYP	TYP	TYPICAL
W.W.	W.W	WINDOW WELL

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PLAN SET SUBMITTAL DATE: 27 APRIL 2021

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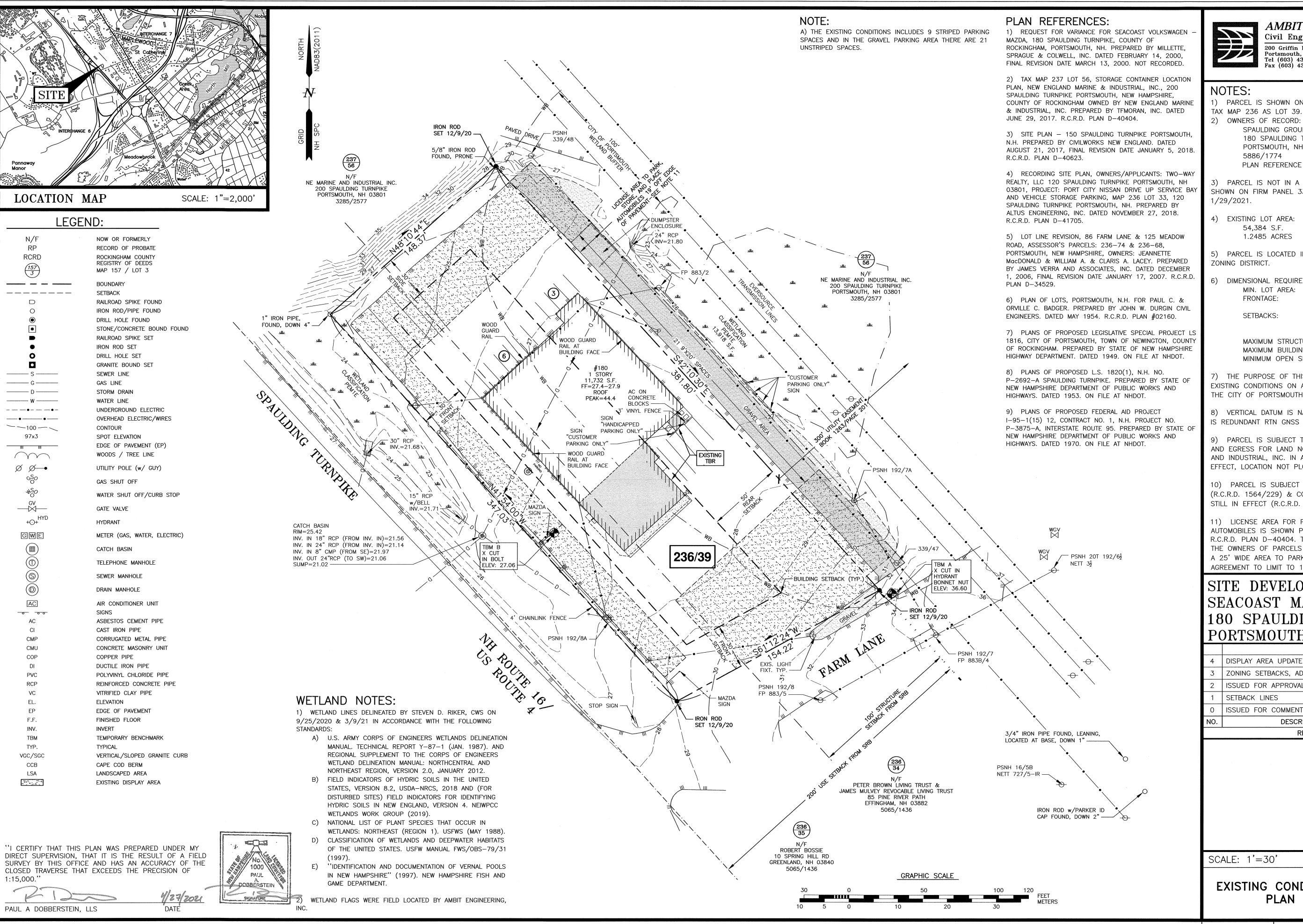
VARIANCE PLAN

PORTSMOUTH APPROVAL CONDITIONS NOTE: ALL CONDITIONS ON THIS PLAN SET SHALL REMAIN IN EFFECT IN PERPETUITY PURSUANT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE CITY OF PORTSMOUTH SITE PLAN REVIEW REGULATIONS.

APPROVED BY THE PORTSMOUTH ZONING BOARD

CHAIRMAN

DATE





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NOTES:

- 1) PARCEL IS SHOWN ON THE PORTSMOUTH ASSESSOR'S
- 2) OWNERS OF RECORD:
 - SPAULDING GROUP, LLC 180 SPAULDING TURNPIKE PORTSMOUTH, NH 03801
 - 5886/1774 PLAN REFERENCE 1
- 3) PARCEL IS NOT IN A SPECIAL FLOOD HAZARD AREA AS SHOWN ON FIRM PANEL 33015C0260F. EFFECTIVE 1/29/2021.
- 4) EXISTING LOT AREA: 54,384 S.F. 1.2485 ACRES
- 5) PARCEL IS LOCATED IN THE GENERAL BUSINESS (GB) ZONING DISTRICT.
- 6) DIMENSIONAL REQUIREMENTS: MINI LOT ADEA

MIN. LOT AREA: FRONTAGE:	43,560 SF 200 FEET
SETBACKS: FRO	
MAXIMUM STRUCTURE HEIGHT:	60 FEET
MAXIMUM BUILDING COVERAGE:	: 30%
MINIMUM OPEN SPACE:	20%

- 7) THE PURPOSE OF THIS PLAN IS TO SHOW THE EXISTING CONDITIONS ON ASSESSOR'S MAP 236 LOT 39 IN THE CITY OF PORTSMOUTH.
- 8) VERTICAL DATUM IS NAVD88. BASIS OF VERTICAL DATUM IS REDUNDANT RTN GNSS OBSERVATIONS (±0.2').
- 9) PARCEL IS SUBJECT TO AN EASEMENT FOR INGRESS AND EGRESS FOR LAND NOW OF NEW ENGLAND MARINE AND INDUSTRIAL, INC. IN AS MUCH AS IT IS STILL IN EFFECT, LOCATION NOT PLOTTABLE. SEE R.C.R.D. 1566/184.
- 10) PARCEL IS SUBJECT TO A DRAINAGE AGREEMENT (R.C.R.D. 1564/229) & CONDITIONS AS MUCH AS THEY ARE STILL IN EFFECT (R.C.R.D. 1499/277).
- 11) LICENSE AREA FOR PARKING, STORAGE, AND PLACING AUTOMOBILES IS SHOWN PER PLAN REFERENCE 1 & R.C.R.D. PLAN D-40404. THE LICENSE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE OWNERS OF PARCELS 237/56 AND 236/39 ALLOW FOR A 25' WIDE AREA TO PARK AND STORE VEHICLES. SEE CITY AGREEMENT TO LIMIT TO 19' FROM EDGE OF PAVEMENT.

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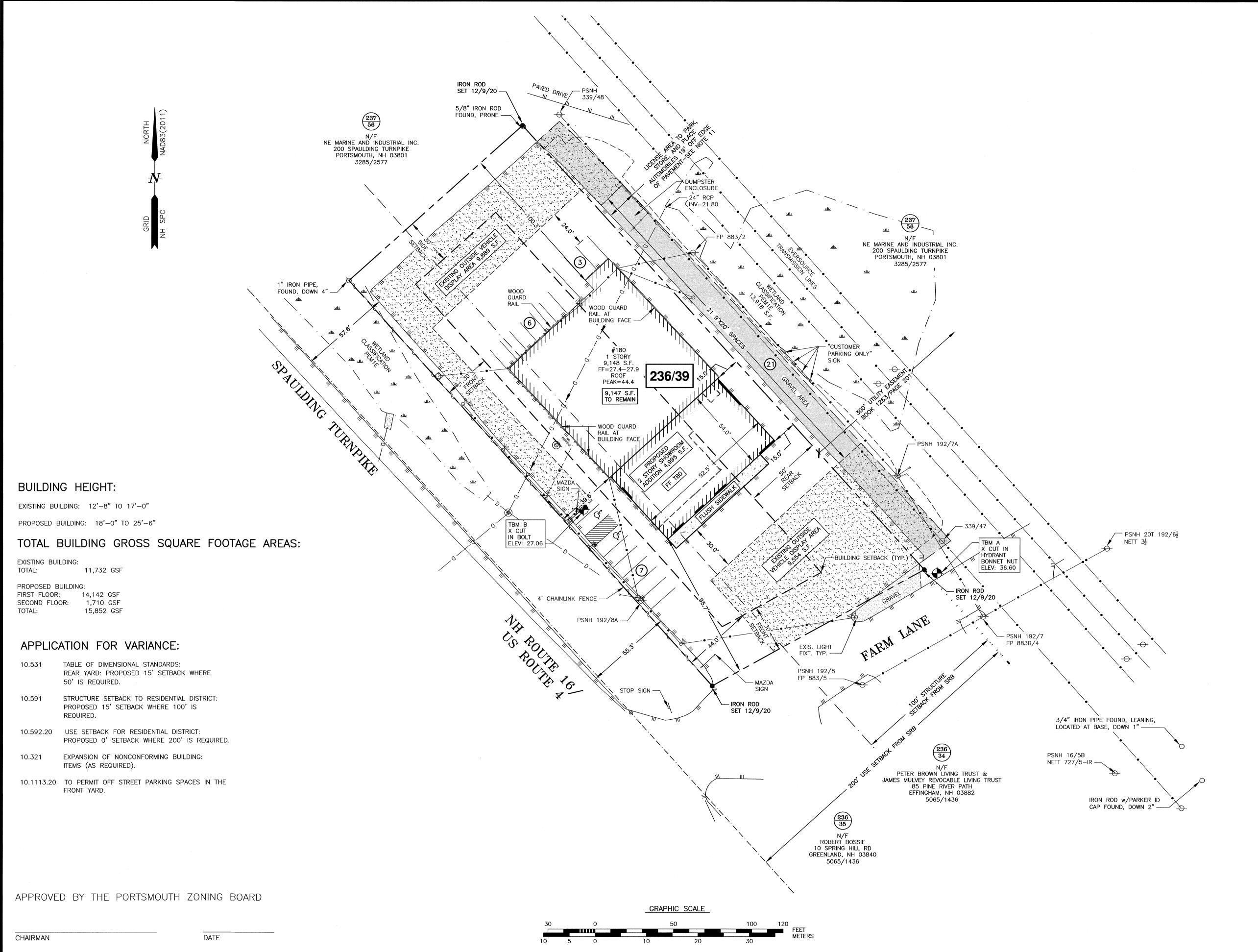
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4	DISPLAY AREA UPDATE	4/27/21	
3	ZONING SETBACKS, ADD'L WETLAND INFO	3/16/21	
2	ISSUED FOR APPROVAL	2/23/21	
1	SETBACK LINES	12/16/20	
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EXISTING CONDITIONS PLAN

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NOTES:

1) PARCEL IS SHOWN ON THE PORTSMOUTH ASSESSOR'S TAX MAP 236 AS LOT 39.
2) OWNERS OF RECORD:

SPAULDING GROUP, LLC
180 SPAULDING TURNPIKE
PORTSMOUTH, NH 03801
5886/1774

3) PARCEL IS NOT IN A SPECIAL FLOOD HAZARD AREA AS SHOWN ON FIRM PANEL 33015C0260E. EFFECTIVE 5/17/2005.

4) EXISTING LOT AREA: 54,384 S.F. 1.2485 ACRES

PLAN REFERENCE 1

5) PARCEL IS LOCATED IN THE GENERAL BUSINESS (GB) ZONING DISTRICT.

6) DIMENSIONAL REQUIREMENTS:

MIN. LOT AREA: 43,560 SF FRONTAGE: 200 FEET SETBACKS: FRONT 30 FEET SIDE 30 FEET 50 FEET MAXIMUM STRUCTURE HEIGHT: 60 FEET MAXIMUM BUILDING COVERAGE: 30% MINIMUM OPEN SPACE: 20%

7) THE PURPOSE OF THIS PLAN IS TO SHOW THE PROPOSED DESIGN IN SUPPORT OF A VARIANCE APPLICATION.

8) VERTICAL DATUM IS NAVD88. BASIS OF VERTICAL DATUM IS REDUNDANT RTN GNSS OBSERVATIONS (± 0.2) .

PROPOSED USE: SALES, LEASING, AND SERVICING OF VEHICLES.

10) PARKING CALCULATION:
SECTION 11.10 SALES OF VEHICLES
15,852 S.F. GFA + 19,443 S.F. DISPLAY AREA.
REQUIRED: 1 PER 600 S.F. GFA + 1 PER 2,000 S.F.
OUTSIDE DISPLAY AREA.
REQUIRED: 15,852/600 + 19,443 S.F./2,000
27+10=37 SPACES REQUIRED.
37 SPACES PROVIDED.

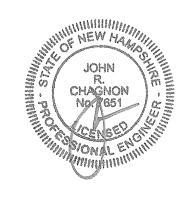
11) THERE ARE 21 UNSTRIPED PARKING SPACES IN THE GRAVEL AREA.

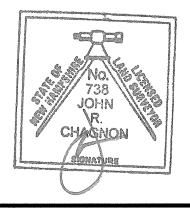
12) NO CHANGES TO EXTERIOR LIGHTING ARE PROPOSED. THERE WILL BE NO CHANGE TO THE CURRENT ON SITE PARKING OR DISPLAY AREA.

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