

# TOWN OF WATERBURY **ZONING PERMIT APPLICATION**

Please provide all of the information requested in this application.

Date: 08. 23. 2021 Application #: 080 - 21 Fees Paid: 350, +\$15 recording fee = 390,-Parcel ID#: 535-0775 Tax Map #: 14-05Z.000

Read the Zoning Regulations and familiarize yourself with the requirements. Failure to provide all the required information will delay the process of this application. Based upon the nature of the project you may need to submit additional information. For instructions on how to fill out this form please refer to the Zoning Permit Application Instructions & Fee Schedule available on the municipal website or at the municipal offices. Submit one copy of the completed application and a check payable to the Town of Waterbury according to the zoning fee schedule. For questions about the permit process, please contact the Zoning Administrator at 802-244-1018.

# CONTACT INFORMATION

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APPLICANT		PROPERTY (	NER (if different from Applicant)			
Name: David and Nora Grenier		Name:	Same as applicant			
Mailing Address: Post Office Box 445	<u>;                                    </u>	Mailing Addre	ess:			
Waterbury, VT 05676- Grenier	Engineering, PC					
Home Phone : 802-244-6413- Gren	nier Engineering, PC	Home Phone	\$ <u></u>			
Work/Cell Phone:		Work/Cell Ph	one:			
Email: chris@grenierengineering.co	om	Email:				
PROJECT DESCRIPTION			CHECK ALL THAT APPLY:			
Physical location of project (E911 addr	ess): o Bear Creek Lan	e	NEW CONCEDUCTION			
- 12, 010th 10 0th 10 project (-)			□ Single-Family Dwelling			
Lot size: Zoning Distr	riot: Conservation-RH	S Overlay	☐ Two-Family Dwelling			
	, 0					
Existing Use: <u>Undeveloped</u> Pro	•					
			Bear Creek□ Residential Building Addition  the RHS □ Comm./ Industrial Building Addition			
Ln. into Lot #1 of 29.2+/- acres and Lo			Accessory Structure (garage, shed)			
overlay and also included is proposed	pre-development site cle	aring for each lo	t.   Accessory Apartment			
			□ Porch / Deck / Fence / Pool / Ramp			
Cost of project: \$	Estimated start date:	Fall 2021	Development in SFHA (including			
Water system:on-site	Waste water system:	on-site	repairs and renovation)  — Other			
EXISITING NA	PROPOSED NA		USE			
Square footage: Height:		Height:	□ Establish new use			
Number of bedrooms/baths:	Number of bedroon	ns/bath:				
# of parking spaces:		s:	□ Expand existing use			
Setbacks: front:			☐ Establish home occupation			
sides:/rear:			OTTIER O			
**			□ Boundary Line Adjustment (BLA)			
ADDITIONAL MUNICIPAL		IRED:	☐ Planned Unit Development (PUD)			
☐ Curb Cut / Access permit   ☐ Water & Sewer Allocation   ☐ none			□ Parking Lot			
	rmits may also be rec	quired]	☐ Soil/sand/gravel/mineral extraction ☐XOther site clearing in RHS			

SKETCH PLAN		to scale, with all required measurements - see Zoning the space below or attach separate sheets. For plans y (pdf. file format) in addition to a paper copy.
	See enclosed plans	
		EXHIBIT A2
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		it for the use described in this application to be issued on which the applicant swears to be complete and true.
	trans M. Frenies	8-2-21
	Applicant Signature David and Nora Grenier	date
	Property Owner Signature	date
Ma	ning Administrator Phone: (802) 244-1018 iling Address: Waterbury Municipal Offices, 28 No inicipal Website: www.waterburyvt.com	orth Main Street, Suite 1, Waterbury, VT 05676
	OFFICE USE O	NLY
Zoning District/Ove		REVIEW/APPLICATIONS:  Conditional Use  Waiver
	ninistrative   DRB Public Warning Required:   d (effective 15-days later):	□ Site Plan
	Decision Date:	
	(effective 16-days later):	
Final Plat due (for S	Subdivision only):	DOD = CEUA = DUC = CMD

Date:\_

Remarks & Conditions: \_\_\_\_\_

Authorized signature: \_

DDR SFHARRHS CMP

□ Sign □ Other \_\_ □ n/a



# TOWN OF WATERBURY SUBDIVISION INFORMATION (BLA & PUD)

Date:	Application #:
Fees Paid:	+\$25 Plat (\$15 recording fee already paid
Parcel ID #:	
Tax Map #:	

This Subdivision/Boundary-Line Adjustment/Planned-Unit Development information sheet supplements the Zoning Permit Application. Please provide all of the information requested on both forms. Read the Zoning Regulations and familiarize yourself with the requirements. Failure to provide all the required information will delay the process. Submit one copy of the completed forms and a check payable to the *Town of Waterbury* according to the zoning fee schedule. For questions about the permit process please contact the Zoning Administrator at 802-244-1018.

### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

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# SUBDIVISION & BOUNDARY LINE ADJUSTEMENT (BLA) CHECKLIST

Please utilize the following check list to ensure your application contains all the required information.

Check one (A1, A2, B1, or B2):

- A1) 

  Boundary Line Adjustment which affects fewer than five (5) lots
- A2) 

  Subdivision of land into fewer than four (4) lots, including the original parcel and not located within the RT 100 Zoning District or the Ridgeline/Hillside/ Steep Slope Overlay District

#### **REVIEW CRITERIA for A projects**

- □ Relevant criteria in Section 401, Dimensional Requirements
- □ Section 504, General Dimension, Location, and Height Requirements
- B1) 

  Boundary Line Adjustment which affects five (5) or more lots
- B2) A Division of land into four (4) lots or more, including the original parcel and/or located within the RT 100 Zoning District or the Ridgeline/Hillside/ Steep Slope (RHS) Overlay District

### REVIEW CRITERIA for B projects (See Section 1202 review criteria)

- &Relevant criteria in Section 401, Dimensional Requirements
- Section 504, General Dimension, Location, and Height Requirements
- XWill not have undue adverse impact on existing or planned municipal facilities
- XWill not have undue adverse impact on the character of the area
- Will not have undue adverse impact on water quality or impacts to soil
- Will not have undue adverse impact on scenic resources or historic sites
- Will not have undue adverse impact on significant natural resources
- □ For the division of land in the RT 100 Zoning District see Section 1202(b) for additional criteria
- For the division of land in the RHS Overlay District see Section 1202(c) for additional criteria

### SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS (for both A and B projects)

Draft plat / site plan map, of sufficient scale, showing the following:

- X Existing and proposed parcel boundaries
- Existing and proposed parcel acreages
- □X Existing and proposed structures and setbacks
- Existing and proposed easements (incl. but not limited to right-of-ways, power, water + sewer, other utilities)



# PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT CHECKLIST (PUD)

Please utilize the following check list to ensure your application contains all the required information.

#### SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- A) SITE PLAN: Submit one or more site plan maps, of sufficient scale, showing the following:
  - $\Box$  The name and address of the person or firm preparing the map, the scale, and the north arrow
  - The boundaries of the property, and adjacent land uses and property owners
  - Existing features, including contours, bodies of water, floodplains, wetlands, aquifer protection areas, existing vegetation, significant wildlife habitat, existing land uses, structures, historic structures, streets, utilities, easements, and deed restrictions
  - The locations of proposed structures, building lots, land uses, streets, driveways, parking and loading spaces, pedestrian walkways, utility lines, lighting, water supply sources, and sewage disposal areas
  - The location and features of proposed undeveloped land
  - Landscaping plans, screening, proposed site grading, and incorporation of existing vegetation and features
  - Submit 2 copies, if the plan(s) are larger than 11"x17" also provide a digital copy in pdf. file format.

# B) NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION & SUPPORTING INFORMATION:

A statement describing the character and proposed uses of the undeveloped land, including the nature of proposed public uses.
A statement on the impact of the development on public roads and other public infrastructure such as schools, sewer systems, or public water systems, if appropriate.
Articles of association, bylaws, or declarations of condominium that relate to provisions for undeveloped land, design controls, land use restrictions, recreation, parking areas, or other facilities used, owned, or maintained in common.
A description of how the project meets each of the standards in Section 705, including justification for any density bonuses that are requested.
PUDs that include nonresidential uses or structures must also apply for site plan approval for the nonresidential portions of the project. Please include a Site Plan Application.
PUDs that included uses that are conditional in the district for which they are proposed must also apply for and obtain conditional use approval for those uses. Please include a Conditional Use Application.
Submit 2 paper copies and a digital copy in pdf. file format.

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# TOWN OF WATERBURY CONDITIONAL USE INFORMATION

Application #: Date: (\$15 recording fee already paid) Fees Paid: Parcel ID #: Tax Map #:

This Conditional Use (and Setback Waiver) information sheet supplements the Zoning Permit application. Please provide all of

the information requested on each form. Read the Zoning Regulations and familiarize yourself with the requirements. Failure to provide all the required information will delay the process. Submit one copy of the completed forms and a check payable to the Town of Waterbury according to the zoning fee schedule. For questions about the permit process, please contact the Zoning Administrator at 802-244-1018.

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# CONDITIONAL USE CRITERIA

Please respond to the following; you may answer on a separate sheet and attach additional pages and supporting materials:

- Describe how the proposed use will not have an undue adverse impact on the capacity of existing or planned community facilities to accommodate it (including roads and highways, municipal water or sewer systems, school system, fire pro-The proposed use is low density residential lots that have approved on-site water/wastewater systems. The site is served by existing R.O.W. access to Bear Creek Lane and no undue adverse impact to emergency services is expected.
- Describe how the proposed use will not have an undue adverse impact on the character of the area affected as defined by the Municipal Plan and the zoning district in which the proposed project is located:

  The character of the area is defined by the surrounding existing and approved low density residential subdivisions surrounding this site. The large lot size, and minimal clearing proposed to gain distant mountain views is consistent with the surrounding approved developed lots.
- 3. Describe how the proposed use will not violate any municipal bylaws and ordinances in effect:

  The subdivision and proposed site clearing has been prepared in accordance with Town of Waterbury zoning regulations. Setbacks and other district minimums are all met or exceeded.
- Describe any devices or methods to prevent or control fumes, gas, dust, smoke, odor, noise, or vibration: Not applicable. No fumes, gas, dust, smoke, odor, noise or vibration are anticipated.
- For removal of earth or mineral products which is not incidental to a construction, landscaping, or agricultural operation, a removal project must meet specific conditions outlined within Section 302 of the Waterbury Zoning Regulations. Are the conditions included within the Application Submittals? Not applicable. No earth or mineral products are planned to be removed as part of this project.

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# TOWN OF WATERBURY SITE PLAN REVIEW INFORMATION

Date:	Application #:
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This Site Plan Review information sheet supplements the Zoning Permit Application. Please provide all of the information requested on both forms. Read the Zoning Regulations and familiarize yourself with the requirements. Failure to provide all the required information will delay the process. Submit one copy of the completed forms and a check payable to the *Town of Waterbury* according to the zoning fee schedule. For questions about the permit process please contact the Zoning Administrator at 802-244-1018.

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# SITE PLAN REVIEW CRITERIA

Please utilize the check list to ensure your proposal addresses each relevant Site Plan Review criteria:

- X Adequacy of traffic access
- X Adequacy of circulation and parking
- X Adequacy of landscaping and screening (including exterior lighting)
- \_\_\_\_ Requirements for the Route 100 Zoning District
- \_\_\_\_ Special considerations for projects bordering Route 2, Route 100, or Interstate 89

# SITE PLAN SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Before an application for site plan review is considered complete, the applicant shall file a site plan, clearly drawn to the largest practical scale, showing the following:

- X Location and dimensions of lot lines, names of adjacent landowners, all easements, utilities, and existing and proposed structures.
- All access to public streets or roads, parking and service areas, pedestrian walkways, curbs and stormwater drainage.
- X Pedestrian and vehicular circulation, including parking lot layout, entrances to structures, signs, and lighting.
- □ Building elevations and footprints.
- ☑ Detailed site grading and landscaping, indicating existing and proposed trees, shrubs, and ground cover.
- $\stackrel{X}{\Box}$  Two copies of all plans.
- For plans larger than 11"x17" please submit a digital plan set in addition to the paper copy (pdf. file format).

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# TOWN OF WATERBURY OVERLAY DISTRICT INFORMATION

Date:	Application #:
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This Overlay District information sheet supplements the Zoning Permit Application. Please provide all of the information requested on both forms. Read the Zoning Regulations and familiarize yourself with the requirements. Failure to provide all the required information will delay the process. Submit one copy of the completed forms and a check payable to the *Town of Waterbury* according to the zoning fee schedule. For questions about the permit process please contact the Zoning Administrator at 244-1018.

# PROJECT DESCRIPTION

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<u>acres and Lot #2 of 29.2+/- acres. The property is in the conservation zoning district and RHS overlay.</u> The application includes proposed pre-development site clearing as shown on the site plan.

Fill out only the relevant section(s) & utilize the following checklists to ensure your plans include all the required information.

# DOWNTOWN DESIGN REVIEW OVERLAY DISTRICT (DDR)

#### **DESIGN STANDARDS:**

For Historic Structures (applying to all structures listed on the National Register of Historic Places):

- Original materials or materials typical of the architectural style are preserved or replaced with like materials to the extent feasible and appropriate.
- Historic building features shall be preserved or replicated to the extent feasible and appropriate.

For projects within the Historic/Commercial Sub-District:

- □ New building designs shall reinforce historic streetscape patterns, including orientation and setbacks.
- New buildings shall maintain overall height, size, massing, scale, and proportions compatible with those of buildings in the vicinity.
- New additions are designed to complement and be compatible with the original structure.
- Project design reinforces a pedestrian streetscape.
- On-site utilities shall be buried and utility boxes are screened from public view if the utilities along the street serving that structure are also buried.
- Buildings, or portions thereof, having eaves heights of 20feet or less above ground level incorporate moderately to steeply pitched roofs, unless the another roof type is appropriate.

For projects within the Mixed-Use Sub-District:

- Building sites, including road and pedestrian networks, are designed in a manner that is integrated and compatible with adjoining parcels and areas.
- A proposed project located next to or facing a historic structure incorporates similar or complementary building features.
- New buildings are oriented to front upon, and relate both functionally and visually to, primary access roads.
- On-site parking is situated to the rear or on the sides of structures, where feasible and appropriate.
- The primary facades of principal structures are clearly defined through the placement of one or more prominent entryways, pedestrian walkways, or landscaping features.
- Building facades and rooflines are designed so as to reduce the perceived mass, scale, and uniform impersonal appearance of large buildings and additions, and to provide visual interest.
- Clearly defined pedestrian walkways are provided through parking areas, between buildings, and from public sidewalks to the site.

## SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

- All information required under Site Plan (see Site Plan Application)
- Proposed architectural elevations (for each exterior wall) showing door and window types and placement, and other exterior details
- $\hfill\Box$  A description of all materials to be used on the exterior of building
- $\hfill\Box$  Photos of the existing building(s) on the site and adjacent and facing parcels
- □ For demolition of a structure listed on the National Register of Historic Places see additional requirements within the Regulations.



# RIDGELINE, HILLSIDE, STEEP SLOPE OVERLAY DISTRICT (RHS)

_	EVIEW STANDARDS:  _For both Minor & Major Development Projects see  _ Conditional Use Criteria  _ For Major Development Projects:  _ X Screening _ X Access _ Placement of Structures _ Exterior Lighting _ X Clearcutting and Pre-Development Site Preparation X Natural Resources _ Building Design	M	Iin Iaj Κ	All informati Review (see S Completed C for Developme All informati Review (see S Completed C Grading Plan Visibility Stu	ent Site Conc ent on Site Conc u	inage/Erosion Control Plan		
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	_ Designed, operated, maintained, modified and adequately	y afferiore	æ	to prevent no	ital	ion, conapse, release, or lateral		
	movement of the structure							
	_ Constructed with materials resistant to flood damage							
	_ Constructed by methods and practices that minimize floo	d damage	3	31.1		and and athermanica facilities		
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	that are designed and/or located so as to prevent wate during conditions of flooding	r from en	ite	ring or accun	ıula	ating within the components		
	_ All new subdivisions and other proposed developments the	nat are gre	ea	ter than 50 lo	ts (	or 5 acres, whichever is the lesser	•	
	shall include within such proposal base flood elevation	ı data. Se	эe	Regulations f	or a	additional subdivision standards		
The fully enclosed areas below the lowest floor that are useable solely for parki			y for parking	king of vehicles, building access, or				
	storage in an area other than a basement are designed	to autom	ıat	tically equaliz	e h	ydrostatic flood forces on exterio	r	
	walls by allowing for the entry and exit of floodwaters.							
	A non-residential appurtenant structure of 500 sf or less	need not	: b	e elevated to	or a	above the base flood		
A non-residential, appurtenant structure of 500 sf or less need not be elevated to or above the base flood elevation in this area, provided the structure is placed on the building site so as to offer the minimum resistance.				offer the minimum resistance to	)			
	the flow of floodwaters			O				
	In Zones AE, A, and A1 – A30 where base flood elevation	s and/or	flo	oodway limits	ha	ve not been determined, new		
_	construction and substantial improvement shall not b	e nermitte	ed	l unless it is d	em	onstrates additional standards		
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	(see Regulations) _ All new construction and substantial improvements of re-	ridantial o	ctr	nictures withi	in 7	ones A1-30 and AE must have		
-	All new construction and substantial improvements of re- the lowest floor of all residential structures (including	bacaman	+) 2rr	alevated to at	ع الد	ast one foot above the base flood		
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	Have the lowest floor (including basement) elevated to at	least two	te	et above the b	ase	tiood level; or		
	Be designed so that below the base flood level the structur	e is water	: ti	ight with wall	s su	ibstantially impermeable to the		
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	effects of buoyancy to a point at least two feet above the b	ase f	flood level.				
	Where a non-residential structure is intended to be made	wat	ertight below the base flood level a registered				
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Adequate drainage paths shall be required around structures on slopes to guide floodwaters around and av							
	proposed structures.						
	_ The flood carrying and sediment transport capacity with	in th	he altered or relocated portion of any watercourse shall				
	be maintained, and any alteration or relocation shall	not r	result in any decrease of stream stability.				
	Bridge and culverts, which by their nature must be place	d in	or over the stream, must obtain a stream alteration				
	permit from the Agency of Natural Resources, if requi	ired.					
SU	IBMISSION REQUIREMENTS:		Where an application requires Board review the applica-				
	Plans in triplicate, drawn to scale, showing the location,		tion shall include certification by a registered profes-				
	dimensions, contours, and elevation of the lot; the size		sional engineer or architect demonstrating that the pro-				
	and location on the site of existing or proposed struc-		posed development will not increase base flood eleva-				
	tures, fill or storage of materials; the location and eleva-		tions more than 0.25 foot				
	tions of streets, water supply, and sanitary facilities; and		Certification by a registered professional engineer or				
	the relation of the above to the location of the channel,		architect demonstrating compliance with the elevation				
	floodway, and base flood elevation		requirements				
	Specifications for building construction and materials,		A description of the extent to which any watercourse will be altered or relocated as a result of the proposed devel-				
	floodproofing, mining, dredging, filling, grading, paving,						
	excavation, or drilling, channel improvement, storage of	_	opment A Vermont Agency of Natural Resources Project Review				
	materials, water supply, and sanitary facilities		Sheet for the proposal				
	Base flood elevation data for all subdivisions, new con-	_	Proposed floodproofing must be supported by a FEMA				
	struction, and substantial improvements		Floodproofing Certificate				
	The elevation, in relation to mean sea level, of the lowest		Floodprooting Certificate				
	floor, including basement, of all new construction or						
	substantial improvement of structures						
	Where floodproofing is used in lieu of elevation, the ele-						

CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION: Upon completing the project the Applicant must apply for and receive a Certificate of Completion to ensure the project conforms to the Special Flood Hazard Area Regulations. See Certificate of Completion Application for additional information.

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vation, in relation to mean sea level, to which any structure or substantial improvement will be floodproofed

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Steve Lotspeich, Zoning Administrator Town of Waterbury 28 North Main Street Waterbury, VT 05676 August 13, 2021

RE:

Proposed 2-Lot Subdivision off Bear Creek Lane. Existing 58.4+/- acre Parcel Owned by David and Nora Grenier. Pre-Development Site Clearing Proposed for House Sites on Each Lot.

Dear Steve,

Please find enclosed a Town of Waterbury zoning application, conditional use info, site plan review info, subdivision info, and overlay district info. Please also find 2 copies  $(24 \times 36 \& 11 \times 17)$  of the site plans, and a fee check made payable to Town of Waterbury for \$390.00 to cover the application fee. The fee includes the permit recording fee (\$15) and the survey recording fee (\$25).

David and Nora Grenier are applying to create a 2-lot subdivision of the existing 58.4+/- acre parcel they own off Bear Creek Lane in Waterbury Center. Lot #1 and Lot #2, both proposed at 29.2+/- acres, are intended for single family home development.

Also included in the application is proposed pre-development site clearing at the proposed house site for each lot. The proposed site clearing is aimed toward capturing distant views of Camels' Hump and the green mountain range, as well as providing natural sunlight for solar gain. The clearings are modest in size and are planned in similar fashion to surrounding approved lots, with narrow view corridor clearings. The adjacent approved Bear Creek Lots 2 and 3 are not visible from vantage points in Waterbury and it is anticipated the proposed Grenier house sites are of similar fashion.

The existing parcel is served by 60' wide R.O.W. across the lands of neighboring Lot #2 and Lot #3, connecting to Bear Creek Lane, an approved private development roadway. Access to proposed Lot #2 will be continuance of the R.O.W. (reduced to 50' wide) across Lot #1 for access and utilities to Lot #2. The existing woods road will be upgraded for driveway access to both proposed house sites.

The proposed lots are approved by the State of Vermont Drinking Water and Groundwater Protection Division for on-site water and septic systems under permit #WW-5-7952.

Thank you for your time in considering this matter. Please do not hesitate to contact our office with any further inquiries. Please schedule this project for review with the Development Review Board (DRB), as required due to the fact the project is in the RHS overlay district. Please send all referral and notice information to Grenier Engineering, as we will be responsible on behalf of the applicants.

If you have any further inquiries, please do not hesitate to contact our office.



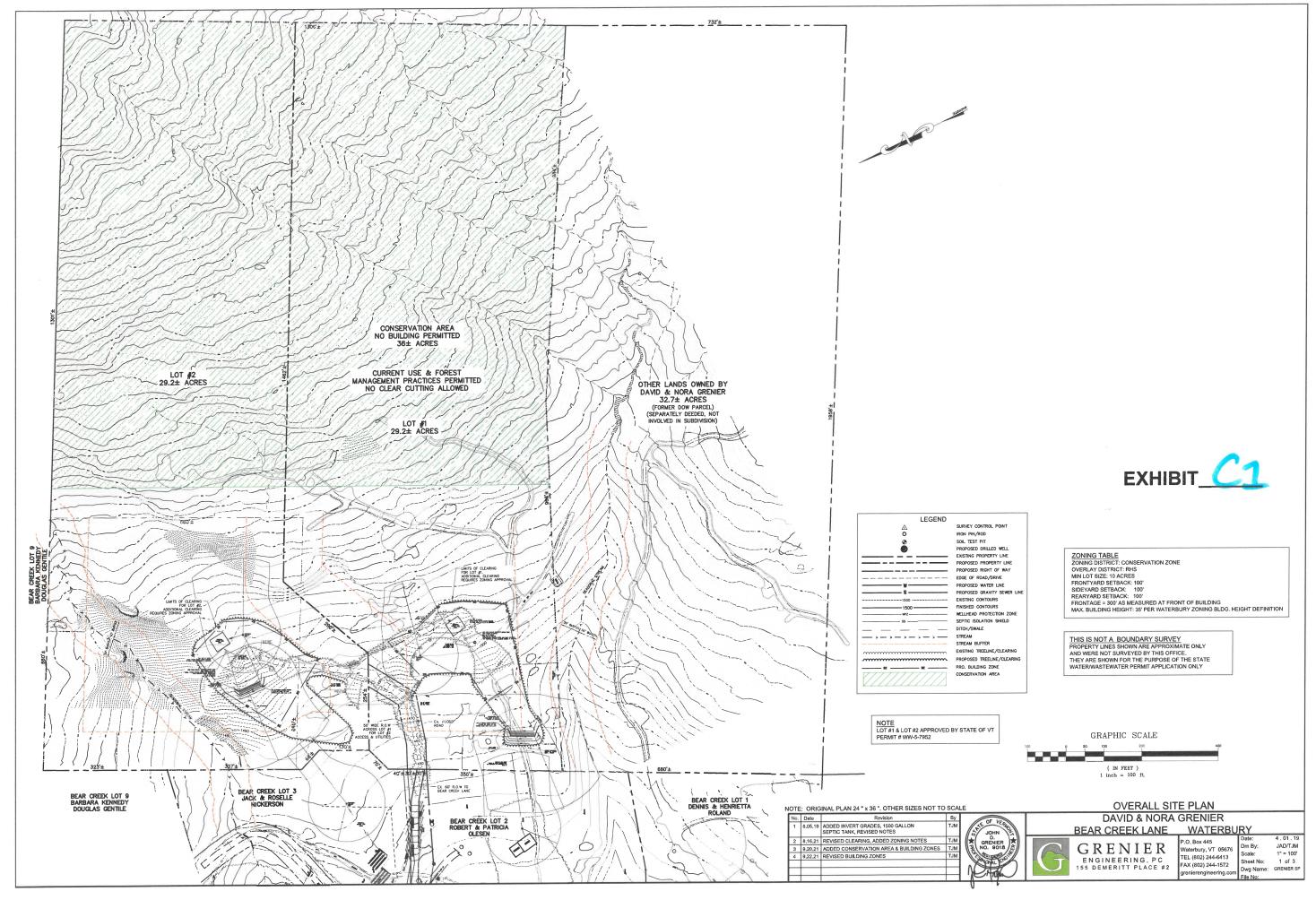
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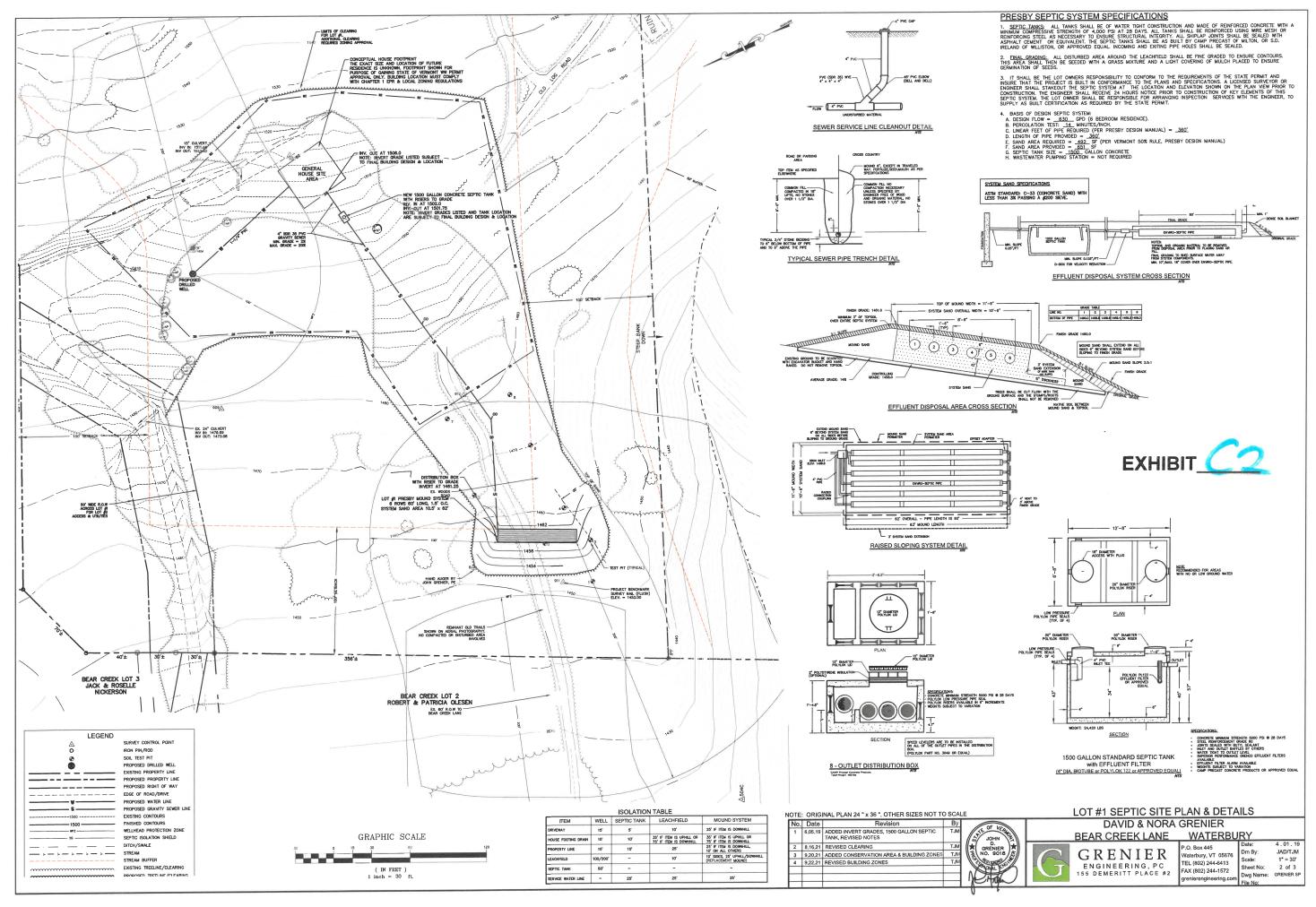
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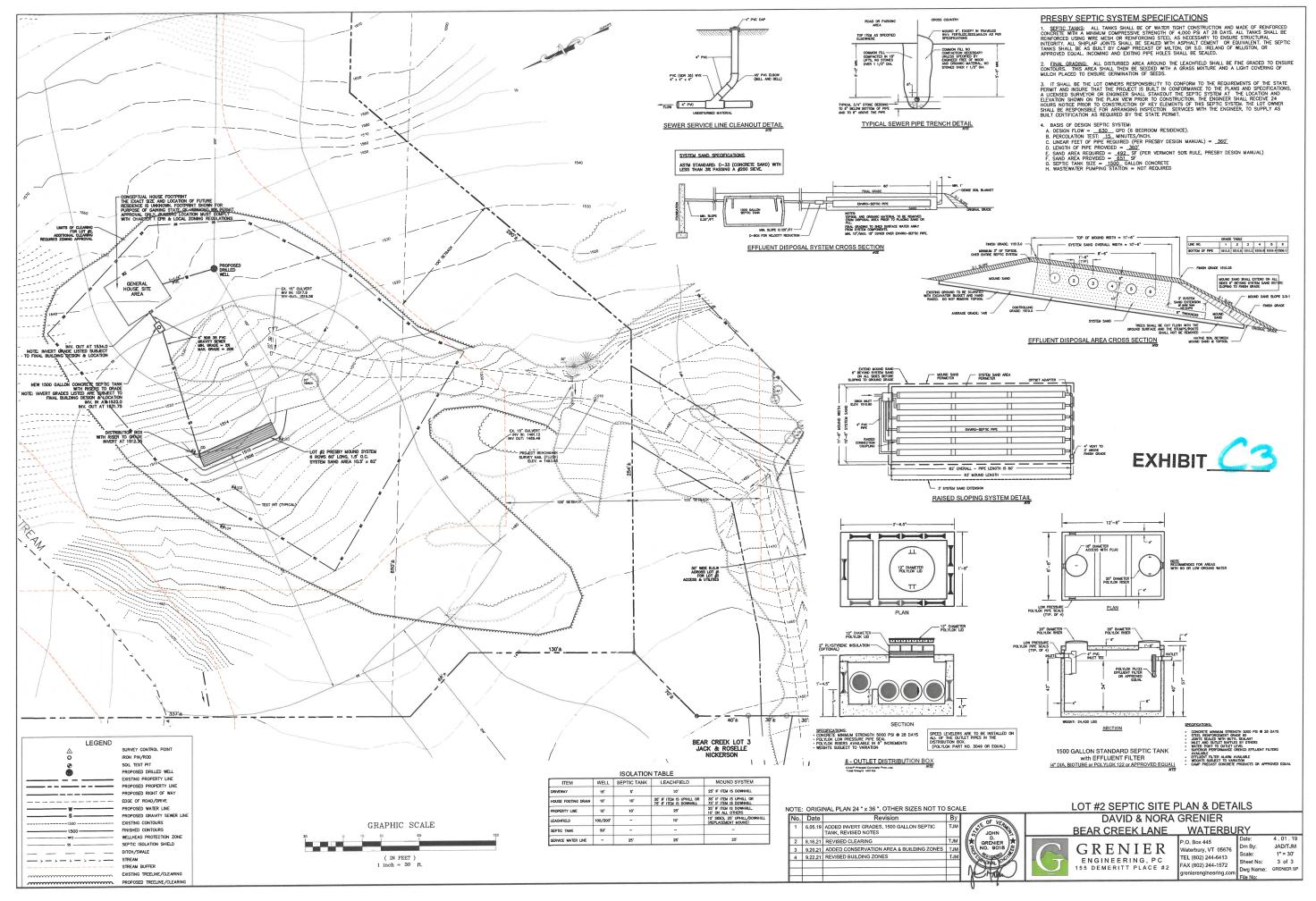
Permit Coordinator Grenier Engineering, PC

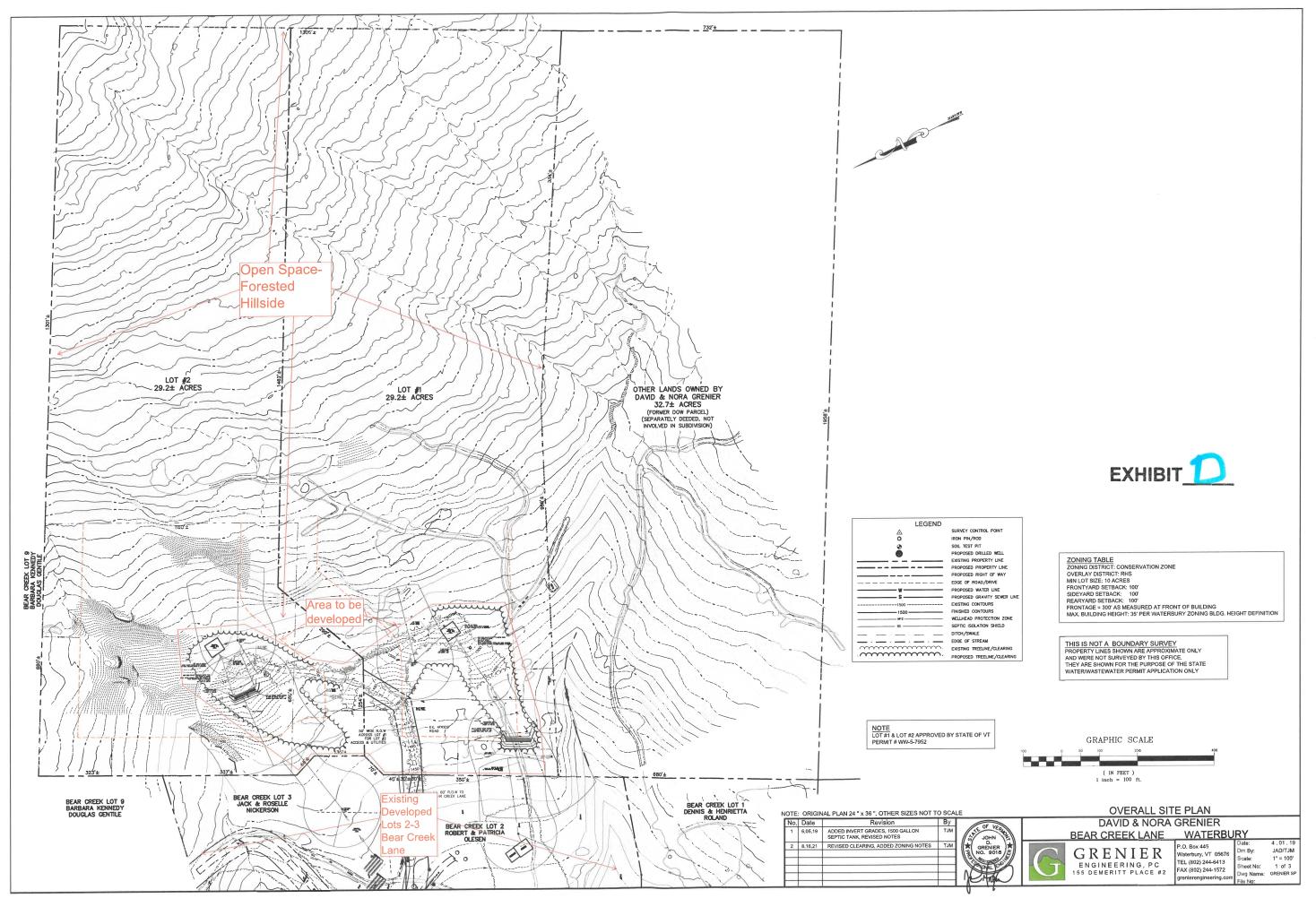
**Enclosures** 

CC: David Grenier









# Waterbury

September 15, 2021



# David & Nora Grenier - Bear Creek Ln.

Waterbury Center, VT

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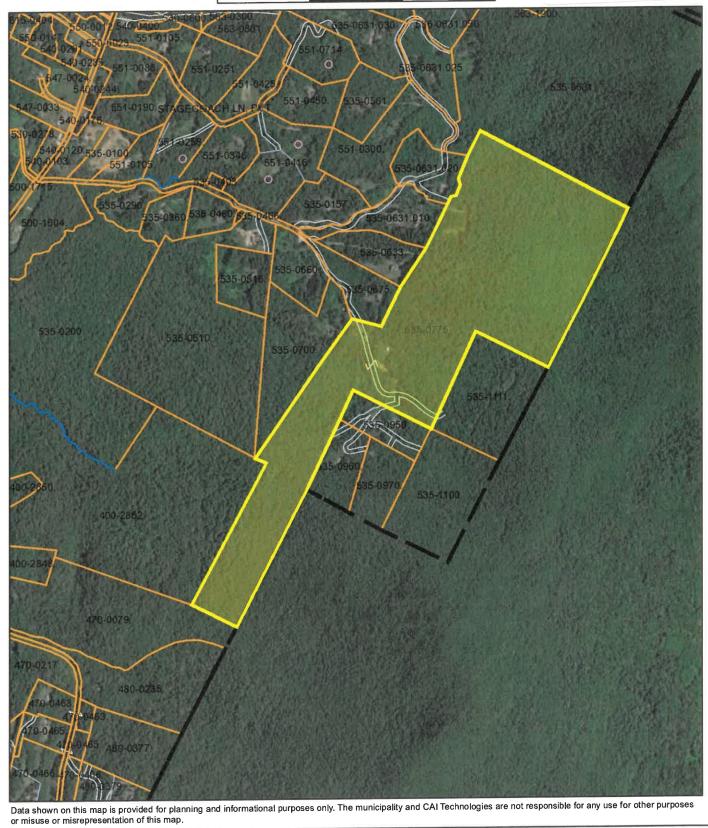
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# **Steve Lotspeich**



From: Chris Austin <chris@grenierengineering.com>

Sent: Tuesday, September 14, 2021 4:37 PM

To: Steve Lotspeich

Cc: Susan Wood; John Grenier

Subject: RE: Additional information needed to address criteria for David and Nora Grenier

Application for Subdivision- Off Bear Creek Lane

Attachments: Zoning Mark Up Plan.pdf; Grenier View Photo.pdf; Certified Receipts 8-27-21.pdf;

adjoiner notice letter.pdf

#### Steve,

Please see attached site photo for the proposed Grenier subdivision off Bear Creek Lane, plan mark up, certified mailing receipts and copy of notice letter.

The house sites have too much tree cover to obtain a photo from there, and we were unable to locate the neighboring former Olesen property or the neighboring Nickerson property from any vantage point in town, including Blush Hill Road. So this photo is the best representation we can come up with for the view out, which is primarily of Camel's Hump. This photo was taken from below the septic area on Lot 2 of the Grenier site as that was the only place to see out currently. The clearing plan still affords plenty of buffer to the former Olesen lot.

So given that the site's developed surroundings are not visible from vantage points, and the view out is anticipated to be of the Camel's Hump aspect, we are confident that the sites will be minimally visible in accordance with the RHS overlay. This is especially due to the narrow view corridor's proposed for the lots. The narrow corridors will further limit visibility off site and are focused in the Camel's Hump direction.

As for wildlife habitat, the 2 house sites and surrounding yards and access totals approximately 6+/- acres of "disturbance". The limits of clearing and earth disturbance are far less than that, but just in terms of impact to surroundings. Please see marked up site plan. The lot is 58+/- acres in total, so the "disturbed" area for both house site represents only about 10-12% of the land area being subdivided. The remaining 88-90% of the land will be open/undisturbed forested hillside. The project is located near the existing previously approved Bear Creek Lane developed lots as well, clustering disturbance, and avoiding steep slopes.

Also to note, the seasonal streams on the property are not impacted by the proposed house sites and are not within the "disturbed" envelope. So the natural drainage areas that are often used by wildlife for travel corridors will not be impacted as result of the subdivision.

The access drive to the 2 lots is going to average about 12% grade. It does contain a landing where the lots split which helps as well. We hope this aids the DRB in review for the project and look forward to the hearing.

Thanks,

Chris Austin

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# **Steve Lotspeich**

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From: Billy Vigdor <wvigdor@gmail.com>

Sent: Wednesday, September 15, 2021 3:39 PM

To: Steve Lotspeich
Subject: Re: DRB File 21-80

Hi Steve

Given the Jewish holiday tonight I cannot appear at the DRB meeting tonight. Regardless, I would like to submit the following public comments and preserve my right to appeal any decision by the DRB through this submission.

On the more technical side, the map that has been submitted does not show the property shape the same way it is shown on the town parcel map. And, I was given notice as an adjacent property owner but my property does not appear on the map contained in the application. Further, rather than a subdivision into two lots, it appears this is a three-lot subdivision. The Waterbury Parcel map shows one parcel but the application shows two lots for a subdivision and a parcel of "other lands owned" by the Greiners not involved in the subdivision. That strikes me as creating a third parcel. Also, the application does not show sufficient heights to demonstrate the property is above 1500' and therefore warrants a major development project. You may have already arrived at that conclusion, but I am not sure.

The applicants did not identify the fact that this property is in the Highest Priority Interior Forest Block and is Bear Habitat. The Conditional Use application does not address this. Rather, it insinuates that the applicable standard is that other houses are designed in the same way. As such, the project does not conflict with the Municipal Plan. Such a standard conflicts with the regulations and suggests that once one house is built, there is no need for any other application or review. But that is not the case. The Municipal Plan states that unfragmented forest should be retained. Nothing in this Major application touches on this issue or the impact of the development on bear or wildlife habitat or travel corridors. (Except the Subdivision Application checks the box that there will be no undue adverse impact on scenic resources.). The maps are too difficult to read but this area may be an area in which wildlife accesses the Shutesville Hill Wildlife Corridor.

Section 1004(c)(6) of the Zoning Regulations requires the DRB to find "the application shows" that "[t]he proposed development will be designed and maintained so that there is no undue adverse impact on, or undue fragmentation of, critical wildlife habitat and wildlife travel corridors, unique or fragile resources, or natural and scenic resources." But the application is silent on these issues, other than to contend other houses exist. I understand you asked for information on this topic but the publicly available electronic version of the application does not show any submission. This is particularly surprising as the owners and their engineering company are very experienced in such development matters.

As you are aware, Vermont law requires the DRB to provide a reasoned decision based on evidence. See 3 V.S.A. §812 ("A final decision shall include findings of fact and conclusions of law, separately stated. Findings of fact, if set forth in statutory language, shall be accompanied by a concise and explicit statement of the underlying facts supporting the findings"). The DRB practice has been to repeat the statutory language without any evidence and without providing a "concise and explicit statement of the underlying facts supporting the finding. In fact, in the Colon/Clarke application, the findings of fact and conclusion of law did not even mention the fact that there was interior forest block.

This application provides the Board with a great opportunity to clarify its practices, gather facts and look at the natural resources issues presented by these applications. Although the submission is not clear, it appears that the landscape most likely to contain bear, wildlife and important habitat is not going to be developed. The applicants should be able to easily and at low cost demonstrate this to the DRB. But by requiring the information, the DRB can begin to inform the Waterbury Development community that it is going to take its obligation to study the natural resources issues seriously in applications touching on Higher Priority Forest Blocks, Bear Habitat and other natural resources identified in the Town Plan.

Thanks for allowing me to present my views electronically.

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## **Steve Lotspeich**

From:

Jillan Cantor < jillan.cantor@gmail.com>

Sent:

Saturday, October 2, 2021 12:59 PM

To:

Steve Lotspeich

Subject:

Re: Grenier Major Development Steep Slope Plans

### Mr. Lotspeich

This is Jillan Sackett, the current resident at 300 Bear Creek Lane. The proposed Grenier development is going just up/above the mountain hill from my home and land. I know I cannot stop the development, but I am extremely concerned that the recommendations of the "Town and Village of Waterbury Municipal Plan" drafted in 2013, and "The Town and Village of Waterbury Zoning Regulations" drafted in 2016, are being ignored. My concerns are the following:

1. "In 2006, the town adopted the Ridgeline, Hillside, Steep Slope Overlay Zoning District which applies to land above 1,200 feet in elevation. The Overlay District **REQUIRES applicants to present habitat studies, erosion control plans** and visual analysis to help protect natural resources for the areas that are above 1,500 feet in elevation." (pg 119).

In ignoring this, it allows for the potential harm to wildlife and to my family. Erosion of the soil can cause direct and indirect harm to my family and the wildlife and plant life. For example, the risk of a mudslide at this steep slope is real and any mudslide would have the potential to destroy my house, but more importantly harm/kill my children.

In the municipal plan, it further states:

"8-15% Suitable for low density development with consideration given to erosion control, runoff and septic design.

15-25% Unsuitable for most development and septic systems, construction costly, erosion and runoff problems likely.

25% All construction should be avoided, careful land management is required"

Knowing that this development is somewhere within those slope percentages, I just want to further point out how much this municipal plan keeps emphasizing the importance of erosion control and runoff. Reading this over and over clarifies the absolute need of the erosion control studies to guarantee the safety of this development. As of right now, nothing about this proposal seems safe because of the lack of work, time, and concern put into these required steps.

Further, the Town and Village of Waterbury Zoning Regulations state in section 1003 that plans for all major developments should include: (1) Grading Plan: Existing and proposed contours of the land to be cleared and to a distance of fifty feet beyond the cleared areas. The contours shall be field-generated and be set at intervals of no greater than five feet. The plan shall show all clearing limits and the location of all existing and proposed retaining walls over four feet in height. (3) Stormwater Drainage/Erosion Control Plan: A stormwater drainage and erosion control plan shall be submitted for projects where the average slope of the site is 15 percent or greater or there are perennial streams and waterways located on the site. (6) Natural Features: Existing ponds, streams, rivers and other water features; critical wildlife habitat, unique or fragile resources, and Class I and Class II wetlands located within and

up to fifty (50) feet beyond the boundary of the development site; areas characterized by slopes equal to or greater than 25 percent; and unique features such as rock outcroppings, gorges, and other geologic formations.

Importantly, this same zoning regulation states in section 303 E: "Specifically, the proposed use: (A) Will not result in undue water pollution, undue adverse impacts to downstream properties, and will not cause unreasonable soil erosion or reduction in the capacity of the land to hold water so that a dangerous or unhealthy condition may result; in making this determination, the Board shall at least consider the elevation, the slope of the land, and the nature of soils and subsoils and their ability to adequately support waste disposal"

Have these been scientifically considered, with evidence of safety?

2. It is clearly stated in the Municipal plan that "The loss or diminution of water supplies and water quality cannot be taken lightly" and yet that is exactly what appears to be happening. If no erosion control plan is being presented or even considered, then our water could be at risk. "As Waterbury grows and develops, and the demand for water increases, management becomes increasingly important to prevent water quality degradation." They state in their proposal that they "will not have undue impact on water quality or impacts to soil". Where is the proof of this?

Again it seems that this application has not shown any evidence of safety in regards to erosion control, nor land and water safety. As the co-head of my family that lives right below this proposed development, I see no evidence that our safety has been guaranteed or even considered.

- 3. "Soil conditions are a critical factor...Over half of Waterbury's land area is classified as marginally suitable or unsuitable for on-site systems. These lands are generally located at high elevations, on steep slopes" Thus waste management is a potential issue. If the soil cannot absorb the waste, then it will drain into and onto my property. Further, once these trees are cleared I would love to know how the grass will be preserved? Herbicides are linked to cancer and do find their way into groundwater. Thus my well is at risk, especially if there is a lot of rain, given the soil conditions up this high and this steep.
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wildlife corridor. Again, the MANDATED habitat studies would allow us to know this before development.

And finally, again, as stated in the municipal document in section 6-8. Impact of Development on Natural Resources: "The role of planners is to be well informed and make conscious decisions over the future of our community. We depend on these natural resources like water and air to be safe, available, predictable and have an ability to renew."

These next two points are less important but I just want to point out them out as evidence that this proposal is not taking the proper steps, evidencing negligence, and yet is still on path for being allowed:

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### In Conclusion:

The fact of the matter is that they are building on land not suitable for building on, and ignoring the requirements by the town of Waterbury to show evidence of low impact, erosion control and habitat studies. If we allow for these lapses on this development, what will keep us from continuing to ignore these requirements on all future developments. The argument will go, as it already did at the last DRB meeting, "well we already allowed this in the past so..."

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Thank you for your time and attention to this matter,

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On Wed, Sep 22, 2021 at 12:44 PM Jillan Cantor < <a href="mailto:jillan.cantor@gmail.com">jillan.cantor@gmail.com</a> wrote: Mr. Lotspeich

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