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1 **TOWN OF ALTON** 2 ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT 3 PUBLIC HEARING MEETING 4 5 Thursday, April 3, 2025, at 6:00 PM **Alton Town Hall** 6 7 **8 MEMBERS PRESENT** 9 Mark Manning, Chair 10 Tom Lee, Vice Chair 11 Frank Rich, Member 12 Tim Morgan, Member 13 Paul LaRochelle, Selectman's Representative 14 Joe Mankus, Alternate Member 15 Paul Monzione, Alternate Member 16 17 OTHERS PRESENT 18 Norma Ditri, Code Enforcement Officer 19 Ryan Heath, Town Administrator 20 Paul Zuzgo 21 Bruce Campagna Jeff Hertel Nancy Bell Shawn Dunphy, Esq. Joe Lundy Josh Thibault Randall Kayle Mercedes and Steven Warren Richard Couture Gilles and Cynthia Pelletier Rob Secinaro Diana Couture Tom Deagan Tom and Cheryl Dreyer Breann Thompson Jessie P. Bob and Catherine Gould Ernani Storlazzi Lisa Fortin John Vallerand Lindsey Twaddle Chip Pasquarielle Jim Murphy Carter Peterson Valerie S. Jim Parandey Justine Leone Sheri Burleigh Jack F. Alsa Roscoe Breanna Heald Lisa and Dan Sorentini Ken and Deb Gagne Karen Simonento Thomas Pasquarielle **Timothy Giguere** Dick Shea Erik Doherty Brian Undewood Stephanie Richard Rob Miller, Esq. 1 2 CALL TO ORDER 3 Chair Manning called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

5 INTRODUCTION OF BOARD MEMBERS

6 Roll Call was taken for the Board members and individuals present at Town Hall.

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APPOINTMENT OF ALTERNATES

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MOTION: To appoint Mr. Monzione to sit as a full member for this meeting. Motion by Mr. LaRochelle. Second by Mr. Rich. Motion passed unanimously.

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13 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

14 Ms. Ditri stated for Case 25-15, items 5 and 6 have been withdrawn.

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16 Chair Manning stated he would be leaving the Board after this meeting so a new chair will need to be elected.

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19 MOTION: To approve the agenda as amended. Motion by Mr. LaRochelle. Second by Mr.

20 Lee. Motion passed unanimously.

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22 STATEMENT OF THE APPEAL PROCESS

- 23 The purpose of this hearing is to allow anyone concerned with an Appeal to the Zoning Board of
- 24 Adjustment to present evidence for or against the Appeal. This evidence may be in the form of
- 25 an opinion rather than an established fact, however, it should support the grounds that the Board
- 26 must consider when making a determination. The purpose of the hearing is not to gauge the
- 27 sentiment of the public or to hear personal reasons why individuals are for or against an appeal,
- 28 but all facts and opinions based on reasonable assumptions will be considered. In the case of an
- 29 appeal for a Variance, the Board must determine facts bearing upon the five criteria as set forth in
- 30 the State's Statutes. For a Special Exception, the Board must ascertain whether each of the
- 31 standards set forth in the Zoning Ordinance have been or will be met.

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1. CONTINUED APPLICATIONS

Case #Z24-44	Map 31 Lot 35	Administrative Appeal
Christopher Drescher Esq., Agent for Robert	208 Main Street	Residential Commercial
Flannery & Alton Pittsburg, LLC., Applicant and		Zone (RC)
Owner		

- 4 An Administrative Appeal is requested in reference to a Notice of Violation from the Code
- 35 Official alleging unlawful storage of vehicles.

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- Chair Manning read the public notice into the record. The Board reviewed the letter received regarding the March 6, 2025 action for a continuance by the Board. Mr. Morgan noted this is an
- old case and suggested the requirement that abutters be re-noticed; he stated at each continuance
- 40 of the hearing, abutters have been present but the number is dwindling.

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- 42 MOTION: To rescind the motion of March 5, 2025 to deny the applicant's request to
- 43 continue the application, and grant the request so that the case can be heard at the May 1,
- 44 2025 meeting, and to require that all necessary abutters be notified by the Town of Alton.
- 45 Motion by Mr. LaRochelle. Second by Mr. Morgan. Motion passed unanimously.

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Case #Z24-47	Map 31 Lot 35	Special Exception
Christopher Drescher Esq., Agent for Robert	208 Main Street	Residential Commercial
Flannery & Alton Pittsburg, LLC., Applicant and		Zone (RC)
Owner		

48 A Special Exception is requested for Article 401.D.17 for a Contractor's Yard.

50 MOTION: To rescind the motion of March 5, 2025 to deny the applicant's request to

- continue the application, and grant the request so that the case can be heard at the May 1,
- 52 2025 meeting, and to require that all necessary abutters be notified by the Town of Alton.
- 53 Motion by Mr. LaRochelle. Second by Mr. Morgan. Motion passed unanimously.

Case #Z25-12	Map 15 Lot 9-3-1	Special Exception
Changing Seasons Engineering, PLLC,	Miramichie Hill	Residential Rural Zone (RR)
Stephanie Richard, Agent for Richard Lundy,	Road	
Owner		

- A Special Exception is requested for Article 400 Section 401.D.17 to permit a Contractor's
- 56 Yard.

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- 58 Chair Manning read the public notice into the record.
- 60 Mr. Monzione recused himself from this case due to relationship with the applicant.
- MOTION: To appoint Mr. Mankus as a member of the Board for this case. Second by Chair Manning. Motion passed unanimously.
- 65 The Board reviewed the application for completeness.
- 67 MOTION: To accept the application for Case Z25-12 as complete. Motion by Mr. LaRochelle. Second by Mr. Lee. Motion passed unanimously.
- Stephanie Richard, representative for the applicant, stated the property is located at the corner of
 Route 28 and Miramichie Hill Road, it is just under 4 acres with 460 feet of frontage on Route 28
- and 320 feet on Miramichi Hill Road. She stated it is an existing undeveloped lot that was
- cleared in recent years by a prior owner. The applicant is looking to construct a contractor's yard
- 74 for storage with a garage, including a septic system and well. Ms. Richard stated they are
- 75 proposing to maintain vegetation along the road for screening the view from the road and abutters.
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- 78 Mr. Morgan noted the details of the plan are minimal and asked what the use will be. Ms.
- 79 Richard stated there will be open parking areas and inside storage with the garage. Mr. Lundy
- 80 stated he plans to have five dumptrucks, six excavators, and some trailers parked on the lot. The
- vehicles will leave in the morning and be gone for the day. Mr. Lundy stated there won't be a lot
- 82 of coming and going; there may be some materials stored, such as left over gravel or loam. He
- 83 confirmed it will only be materials needed for his jobs at this time; he will not be processing any
- 84 materials but may possibly do some screening in the future.

- 86 Mr. Rich asked if Mr. Lundy has discussed the plans with any abutters or if there were any
- 87 comments. Mr. Lundy stated his father, co-owner of the property, has talked to some and no
- 88 concerns have been indicated. Mr. Lundy stated they will be leaving trees and growth around the
- 89 perimeter will be maintained. Ms. Richard stated there was talk about a berm but the layout
- on changed and there is not one currently proposed. Mr. Rich asked how wide of an area around the
- 91 perimeter will be maintained. Ms. Richard stated it will be about 20 feet. Mr. Rich noted the
- 92 plans aren't very descriptive related to how neighbors will be protected from noise and
- 93 disturbance. He asked if there will be any concrete or hazardous materials on the site. Mr. Lundy 94 stated no.

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Chair Manning noted a plan needs to indicate where items will be stored. Ms. Richard explained the location of items on the plans presented, including parking areas and snow storage.

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99 Mr. Rich asked what the hours of operation would be. Mr. Lundy stated they usually start work around 7:00 AM and are back to the shop around 4:00 PM; no weekend hours.

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102 Chair Manning asked if there is a plan for controlling dust. Mr. Lundy stated he doesn't see that 103 being a problem but the parking areas and road will be an asphalt material.

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Mr. LaRochelle asked about the materials being stored and whether other trucks will be bringing in materials, and whether there would be sales to other contractors. Mr. Lundy stated the materials would be for their own projects; there would not be sales of the materials.

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Mr. Mankus noted there seems to be a discrepancy on the lot size on maps and application. Ms. Richard noted the plans were designed with an anticipated lot line adjustment being complete, and the lot line adjustment was just approved last month.

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Mr. Lee asked for clarification that the business is excavation. Mr. Lundy confirmed that is correct. Mr. Lee noted that processing of materials may be permitted in a contractors yard but a special exception is needed for that; he stated he needs more detailed and factual information being presented. He stated a contractor's yard can include a wide range of activities so sufficient detail is needed to approve to give abutters piece of mind for a lot in a residential/rural area; he isn't comfortable going forward with the lack of details.

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Mr. Lee noted comments were received from the Fire Department: finish grade isn't clear on the plans and there is a lack of details for how drainage and runoff of the lot will be managed. The Highway Department indicates a driveway permit will be required.

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- Mr. Lee asked if there will be maintenance of equipment done on the property; if so, a maintenance plan would be required. He stated they need to be sure they address concerns by abutters and read a letter into the record from an abutter who has concerns about runoff, noise
- 127 and traffic impacts.

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129 Ms. Richard noted she had not received the concerns from the Town departments.

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131 Chair Manning asked if the applicant wants to proceed with hearing the case tonight. After

discussion, it was agreed to continue the case in order for the applicant to provide additional

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135 MOTION: To continue the hearing for Case 25-12 to June 5, 2025, at the request of the

36 applicant. Motion by Mr. Morgan. Second by Mr. LaRochelle. Motion passed unanimously.

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138 2. NEW APPLICATIONS

Case #Z25-14	Map 49 Lot 32	Variance
Prospect Mountain Survey, Paul Zuzgo, Agent	20 Boat Cove	Equitable Waiver
for C&A Exquisite Home Builders, Bruce	Road	Lakeshore Residential Zone
Campagna, Owner		(LR)

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- 140 **1. A Variance** is requested for **Article 400 Section 412.A** for creating a new non-conforming lot less than the required 30,000SF.
- **2. A Variance** is requested for **Article 400 Section 412.B.1.b** to permit a new lot with less than the required shorefront of 150'.
- 3. A Variance is requested for Article 400 Section 412.B.1.d to permit a new lot with less than the required 50' of road frontage.
- 4. **A Variance** is requested for **Article 400 Section 412.F** to permit an existing building on a lot that is under the minimum 22,500 SF required.
- 5. An Equitable Waiver is requested for Article 300 Section 327.A.1 for an existing building within the 50' shoreland set back.

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151 Chair Manning read the public notice into the record. The Board reviewed the application for completeness.

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- 154 MOTION: To accept the application for Case Z25-14 as complete. Motion by Mr. Rich.
- 55 Second by Mr. LaRochelle. Motion passed unanimously.

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- 157 Paul Zuzgo, representative for the applicant, stated they are taking a lot that is 11,500 square feet
- and making it 20,150 square feet; in doing so, the variances are needed as it is still not a
- 159 conforming lot due to lot size and the shore line. The existing shoreline is 53 feet but that can't
- be expanded; there is no road frontage on this lot and there is an existing right of way from
- 161 Route 11. The minimum square feet of buildable area cannot be met. An equitable waiver is
- because the existing house, since 1938, sits within the shoreline set back. It was noted the current
- setback for the house is 35 feet (minimum required is 50). Mr. Zuzgo stated a new house would
- 164 be moved back further.

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- 166 Mr. Monzione asked if both lots are non-conforming. Mr. Zuzgo stated the other lot is
- 167 conforming and it will remain conforming after the proposed boundary line adjustment; he
- 168 confirmed the lots predate zoning. Mr. Monzione noted the Conservation Commission asked that
- the non-conforming lot be made to be the minimum 30,000 square feet. Mr. Campagna stated he
- can only purchase so much property from the other property owner; he stated to take more from
- 171 their lot would risk creating another non-conforming lot.

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173 Mr. Rich asked why Mr. Campagna is doing this. Mr. Campagna stated the extra space will allow

- 174 him to move the house back if he rebuilds in the future and the house would be less non-
- 175 conforming. He explained the deeded right of way won't be changing. Mr. Monzione confirmed
- the non-conforming lot would be made larger and less non-conforming.

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- 178 Mr. Lee stated the Conservation Commission had concerns regarding the lot size. Mr. Campagna
- explained the access from Route 11 is steep on both lots and he doesn't want to take more land as 179
- it would affect the abutting property and the property owners don't want to part with more. He
- stated he is trying to make a non-conforming lot, less nonconforming.

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Chair Manning opened the hearing to input from abutters. 183

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- Nancy Bell, abutter, stated she currently owns the land Mr. Campagna is looking to add to his; 185
- she is in favor of the adjustment, noting all of this land was part of a single property in 1946. 186

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188 Chair Manning closed the hearing to input from the public for variance request #1.

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- 190 The Board reviewed the Variance worksheets.
- 191 **Discussion Case #Z25-14 variance #1**
- 192 The Board must find that all the following conditions are met in order to grant the Variance:
- 193 Mr. LaRochelle stated granting the variance would not be contrary to the public interest. He
- 194 stated it is an adjustment between two properties and doesn't see a contrary interest to anyone
- 195 else. The Board agreed.
- 196 Mr. Lee stated the request *is* in harmony with the spirit of the ordinance and the intent of the
- 197 Master Plan to maintain the health, safety and character of the direct district within which it is
- 198 proposed. He stated these are older lots and the Board sees these types of variances often. The
- 199 Board agreed.
- 200 Mr. Rich stated that by granting the variance, substantial justice will be done. He stated the
- applicant is taking a nonconforming lot and making it less nonconforming and the intent is good;
- 202 the subsequent owner is agreeing to sell the land. The Board agreed.
- 203 Mr. Morgan stated the values of surrounding properties will not be diminished. There has been
- 204 no evidence presented that would indicate values would be diminished. He stated improving the
- 205 lot, will improve the property and surrounding properties. The Board agreed.
- 206 Chair Manning stated that for the purposes of this subparagraph, "unnecessary hardship" means
- that, owing to special conditions of the property that distinguish it from other properties in the
- 208 area:
- 209 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 210
- property; 211
- ii. 212 The proposed use is a reasonable one.
- 213 Chair Manning stated the proposed use is reasonable. The Board agreed.

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215 MOTION: To grant the request for the #1 variance for Case #Z25-14, to Article 400 Section

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- 216 412.A for creating a new non-conforming lot less than the required 30,000SF. . Motion by
- 217 Mr. Morgan. Second by Mr. Rich. Motion passed unanimously.

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219 Chair Manning opened the hearing to input from the public for variance request #2.

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221 Nancy Bell, abutter, stated she is in favor of this variance.

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- 223 **Discussion Case #Z25-14 variance #2**
- 224 The Board must find that all the following conditions are met in order to grant the Variance:
- 225 Mr. LaRochelle stated granting the variance would not be contrary to the public interest. The
- 226 Board agreed.
- 227 Mr. Lee stated the request is in harmony with the spirit of the ordinance and the intent of the
- 228 Master Plan to maintain the health, safety and character of the direct district within which it is
- 229 proposed. The Board agreed.
- 230 Mr. Rich stated that by granting the variance, substantial justice *will be* done. The Board agreed.
- 231 Mr. Morgan stated the values of surrounding properties will not be diminished. There has been
- 232 no evidence presented that would indicate values would be diminished. The Board agreed.
- 233 Chair Manning stated that for the purposes of this subparagraph, "unnecessary hardship" means
- 234 that, owing to special conditions of the property that distinguish it from other properties in the
- 235 area:
- 236 iii. No fair and substantial relationship exists between the general public purposes of 237 the ordinance provision and the specific application of that provision to the
- 238 property;
- iv. The proposed use is a reasonable one.
- 240 Chair Manning stated the proposed use is reasonable. The Board agreed.

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- 242 MOTION: To grant the request for the #2 variance for Case #Z25-14, to Article 400 Section
- 243 412.B.1.b to permit a new lot with less than the required shorefront of 150'
- 244 Motion by Mr. Morgan. Second by Mr. LaRochelle. Motion passed unanimously.

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246 Chair Manning opened the hearing to input from the public for variance request #3.

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248 Mr. Campagna noted this lot is on a private road and has never had road frontage.

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250 Nancy Bell, abutter, stated she is in favor of this variance request.

- 252 Mr. Lee noted written communication was received from Many Jane Paronich, 22 Boat Cove
- 253 Road, expressed concerns with maintaining the current existing right of way to her property, as
- stated in the 1955 deed; it is the only pathway to her property. If the right of way is being
- 255 relocated; she wants to know where. Mr. Campagna confirmed the right of way is not changing.
- 256 Ms. Paronich wants to ensure the tree line privacy is maintained between the lot as well. Mr.
- 257 Campagna stated the trees are on his property; there are only four and he doesn't intend to
- 258 remove those.

260 **Discussion – Case #Z25-14 - variance #3**

- 261 The Board must find that all the following conditions are met in order to grant the Variance:
- 262 Mr. LaRochelle stated granting the variance would not be contrary to the public interest. The
- 263 Board agreed.

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- 264 Mr. Lee stated the request is in harmony with the spirit of the ordinance and the intent of the
- 265 Master Plan to maintain the health, safety and character of the direct district within which it is
- 266 proposed. The Board agreed.
- 267 Mr. Rich stated that by granting the variance, substantial justice will be done. The Board agreed.
- Mr. Morgan stated the values of surrounding properties will not be diminished. There has been
- 269 no evidence presented that would indicate values would be diminished. The Board agreed.
- 270 Chair Manning stated that for the purposes of this subparagraph, "unnecessary hardship" means
- 271 that, owing to special conditions of the property that distinguish it from other properties in the
- 272 *area*:

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- v. 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;
- vi. The proposed use is a reasonable one.
- 277 Chair Manning stated the proposed use is reasonable. The Board agreed.
- 278 279 MOTION: To grant the request for the #3 variance for Case #Z25-14, to Article 400 Section
- 412.B.1.d to permit a new lot with less than the required 50' of road frontage.
- Motion by Mr. Lee. Second by Mr. Morgan. Motion passed unanimously.
- 282283 Chair Manning opened the hearing to input from the public for variance request #4.
- Nancy Bell, abutter, stated she is in favor of this variance request.
- 287 **Discussion Case #Z25-14 variance #4**
- 288 The Board must find that all the following conditions are met in order to grant the Variance:
- 289 Mr. LaRochelle stated granting the variance would not be contrary to the public interest. The
- 290 Board agreed.
- 291 Mr. Lee stated the request is in harmony with the spirit of the ordinance and the intent of the
- 292 Master Plan to maintain the health, safety and character of the direct district within which it is
- 293 proposed. The Board agreed.
- 294 Mr. Rich stated that by granting the variance, substantial justice will be done. The Board agreed.
- 295 Mr. Morgan stated the values of surrounding properties will not be diminished. There has been
- 296 no evidence presented that would indicate values would be diminished. The Board agreed.
- 297 Chair Manning stated that for the purposes of this subparagraph, "unnecessary hardship" means
- 298 that, owing to special conditions of the property that distinguish it from other properties in the

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- 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;
- viii. The proposed use is a reasonable one.
- 304 Chair Manning stated the proposed use is reasonable. The Board agreed.

305 306 MOTION: To grant the request for the #4 variance for Case #Z25-14, to Article 400 Section 307 412.F to permit an existing building on a lot that is under the minimum 22,500 SF required.

- 08 Motion by Mr. LaRochelle. Second by Mr. Rich. Motion passed unanimously.
- 310 The Board worked through the Equitable Waiver of Dimensional worksheet.
- Discussion Equitable Waiver of Dimensional Requirements: Article 300 Section 327.A.1 for
 an existing building within the 50' shoreland set back.
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 315 Mr. Monzione asked why its an equitable waiver instead of a variance. Mr. Zuzgo stated he was
- 316 advised by the Planning Department this is needed. Chair Manning noted its a waiver for
- 317 something that is existing. Mr. Monzione explained that with the boundary line adjustment,
- 318 effectively a new lot is being created and the grandfathering protections are lost; he suggested an
- 319 equitable waiver is generally used when a mistake was made in the past and variances were used
- 320 for the other issues.
- Chair Manning opened the hearing to input from the public for the equitable waiver. None was indicated.
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 325 a) That the violation was not noticed or discovered by any owner, former owner, owner's agent
 326 or representative, or municipal official, until after a structure in violation had been substantially
 327 completed, or until after a lot or other division of land in violation had been subdivided by
 328 conveyance to a bona fide purchaser for value.
- 330 Chair Manning stated there is no violation so it doesn't apply. The Board agreed.
- 332 b) That the violation was not an outcome of ignorance of the law or ordinance, failure to inquire,
- 333 obfuscation, misrepresentation, or bad faith on the part of any owner, owner's agent or
- 334 representative, but was instead caused by either a good faith error in measurement or
- 335 calculation made by an owner or owner 's agent or representative, or by an error in ordinance
- 336 interpretation or applicability made by a municipal official in the process of issuing a permit
- 337 over which that official had authority;
- 339 Chair Manning stated there is no violation so it doesn't apply. The Board agreed.
- Ms. Ditri stated as there is a violation of the frontage setback, and she believes this is an instance where a variance should be required.

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- 344 Ryan Heath, Town Administrator, stated the Planning Department suggested the equitable waiver
- 345 as there was a nonconforming use; with the variances requested, the violations already occur and
- 346 the waiver is in lieu of the variance. Mr. Monzione noted the criteria for each are different and
- 347 for the equitable waiver, they would need to answer "yes" in order to grant it. Chair Manning
- 348 agreed and stated some of the criteria for the waiver don't apply.

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- 350 c) That the physical or dimensional violation does not constitute a public or private nuisance,
- 351 nor diminish the value of other property in the area, nor interfere with or adversely affect any
- 352 present or permissible future uses of any such property.
- 354 The Board agreed.

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- 356 d) That due to the degree of past construction or investment made in ignorance of the facts
- 357 constituting the violation, the cost of correction so far outweighs any public benefit to be gained,
- 358 that it would be inequitable to require the violation to be corrected.
- 360 The Board agreed.

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- MOTION: To grant the request for an equitable waiver to Article 300 Section 327.A.1 for an existing building within the 50' shoreland set back, for Case #25-14. Motion by Mr.
- Morgan. Second by Mr. . Motion passed unanimously.

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Case #Z25-15	Map 6 Lot 1	Special Exception
Prospect Mountain Survey, Josh Thibeault,	Eagles Way,	Variance
Agent for Walter P. Borowski Living Trust,	Falcon Drive &	Rural Zone (RU)
Walter and Janice Borowski, Trustees	Osprey Road	

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- 1. A Special Exception is requested for Article 600 Section 602.C.3 to permit an individual servage disposal system within the Aguifer Protection Overlay District
- 369 sewage disposal system within the Aquifer Protection Overlay District.
- 370 2. A Variance is requested for Article 400 Section 452.A.1 to permit 57 manufactured housing
- units in a park where only 28 are allowed per the rural zone density restrictions.
- 3. A Variance is requested for Article 300 Section 350.C.4 to permit 57 manufactured housing
- 373 units in a manufactured housing park where only 28 are allowed.
- 4. A Variance is requested for Article 300 Section 350.C.2.C to permit a new manufactured
- 375 home to be 3.9' within the 30' interior park setback.
- 376 5. A Variance is requested for Article 300 Section 350.A to permit a Recreational Vehicle to be
- 377 used seasonally that does not meet HUD standards. Withdrawn
- 378 **6. A Variance** is requested for **Article 300 Section 356.B** to permit a Recreational Vehicle to be
- 379 used as a principal use withing a manufactured home park. Withdrawn

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381 Chair Manning read the public notice into the record. The Board reviewed the application for 382 completeness.

- 384 MOTION: To accept the application for Case Z25-15 as complete. Motion by Mr. Morgan.
- Second by Chair Manning. Motion passed unanimously.

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Shawn Dunphy, Esq., representative for the applicant, stated they are looking to add two 387 additional units to the existing manufactured housing community, Eagles Rest Community; there 388 are currently fifty five units on the fifty seven acre lot. He stated the original plan for the 390 community was approved in the 1980s and there have been two phases of development, with thirty eight units being constructed in the 1980s and connected to a state approved septic system. 391 The second phase took place in the 1990s with nineteen units that have individual septic systems; 392 393 there is a total of ninety three residents in the community and all are renters; the property is wholly owned by the Walter Borowski Trust; rent is at under-market rate when compared to 395 similar communities and they hope to continue offering the lower rent while offering key 396 services to the private roads. Mr. Dunphy stated in order to do this, they are proposing an increase of two additional units; units 56 and 57 will be on one of the private road; the existing 398 RV on the property will be removed and replaced with a HUD approved unit; it is currently used by a former employee of the community and used only during the summer season. Both units 400 will be well within the boundary lines and similar in nature and character to the existing units.

Mr. Dunphy stated a special exception is needed for the septic system to service unit 56 and it 402 will match the current individual units and within the sewer capacity for the overall property. The proposed system will be well within the boundaries of the property and won't have any impact on abutting properties. He stated they are not aware of any direct objections by public or abutters; the system will be approved by the State of NH and installed by a licensed installer.

Mr. Thibault stated the community septic system was replaced in 2014 and they have no reason to believe it is not working properly. He acknowledged the Conservation Commission asked for the existing system to be inspected; he explained the community system is not being affected and there won't be any increase load.

413 Mr. Monzione noted the reason for the special exception is because the proposed sewer system is 414 within the aquifer overlay district. Mr. Thibault explained the entire system, the tank and the leach bed for unit 56 will be entirely in the overlay; the system for unit 57 is not. It was noted 416 unit 56 will also be in overlay. Mr. Thibault stated a state approved septic system plan will need to be approved; it will show the location of the overlay district. He stated there are no additional 418 requirements from the state. Mr. Monzione asked if there are any concerns with having a waste system in a waterway. Mr. Thibault stated they don't have any evidence of that, noting there are 420 fifteen other systems within the overlay and the community septic, with no reports of there being problems with any of them. Mr. Monzione confirmed those have been in place for fifteen years 421 and the State approved all of the systems. Mr. Thibault stated that is correct; the other systems 422 have required the special exception as well. 423

425 Mr. LaRochelle asked if the state has approved the two additional septic systems. Mr. Thibault 426 confirmed the additional separate systems were all approved. Mr. LaRochelle asked if a geologist has checked the site. Mr. Dunphy stated they have not; they were advised by the Town that the 427 variances and special exception were needed before Planning Board review; he stated the 428 community system is designed for only the units that are currently on it. Overall, they are far below what the lot could support. 430

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- 432 Ms. Ditri stated Mr. Dunphy alluded to the property manager living on the site in an RV for the
- last few years, and this will be one of the new sites; the RV is supposed to be removed and a new
- 434 manufactured home will be placed on the site, if approval is received for he increased density.
- She stated when the community was approved, the density was 1 unit per acre; the current
- 436 zoning would require 2 acres per unit. Ms. Ditri stated an existing conditions plan was submitted
- but it doesn't show the RV or manufactured home but work has started without permits or
- 438 approvals in place.

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Chair Manning asked if a septic system has been installed for the additional units. Mr. Dunphy confirmed they have not.

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Mr. Monzione asked for clarification regarding the HUD approved unit. Mr. Dunphy stated that will take the place of the RV; the total units will be fifty seven and there is fifty seven acres of land.

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447 Chair Manning opened the hearing to input from the public. None was indicated.

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449 Chair Manning closed the hearing to input from the public.

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- Chair Manning stated an email was received by Ms. Ditri, Jerry Dobb, from a resident of the park, regarding what is needed to expand the park, per recommendations from Roger Sample,
- who has experience in building and excavating. Mr. Dobb doesn't want to see any changes to the
- 454 park.

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- 456 Ms. Ditri stated a message was received from Jerry Dobb via the Town's Facebook page,
- 457 regarding comments on alleged unfair treatment when dealing with the Town Administrator and
- Code Enforcement Officer; reference was also made to a post on the Facebook page. Mr. Lee stated he doesn't believe this is beneficial; he has read the communications as have the Board
- 460 members but some facts on social media are subjective and hearsay. He stated this is an
- opportunity for members of the public to speak to the case directly but the social media
- 462 comments don't have merit. Ms. Ditri stated there has been a lot of talk about the Town being
- 463 difficult to work with and that the owner is trying to make housing affordable; she stated the
- owner had a couple under contract for this unapproved unit; the couple came to the Town and
- didn't under stand what the problems were with them getting into their new home as they had sold their other home. Mr. LaRochelle asked if a building permit or occupancy permit has been
- obtained. Ms. Ditri stated the Zoning Board has to approve the expansion, the Planning Board
- has to approve the site and then a building permit can be issued. Mr. LaRochelle noted the work
- has already been done; the site work has been done, the home was place and electrical work
- 470 done. Ms. Ditri stated the RV is still on the lot and there is no legal address for where it is sitting.

- 472 Mr. Dunphy stated the frustration for his client comes from various factors, including the fact
- 473 that all the files form the 1980s and 1990s were missing with the Town so everything had to be
- 474 recreated; they are trying to move forward and correct prior issues and doesn't want it to be a
- 475 personal thing. He stated as soon as his client received notices from the Town, he was engaged
- with his firm and Prospect Mountain Survey to resolve outstanding issues. It was confirmed the
- 477 groundskeeper does not live in the RV year-round.

479 Mr. Lee referenced a letter from the previous Code Enforcement Officer, John Dever, of April

- 480 2023, informing Mr. Borowski that the RV cannot be used for a living space under any
- 481 circumstances.

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- 483 Mr. Monzione questioned if the existing conditions would allow for the criteria to be met as the
- 484 usual process is to obtain approval prior to work being started. He stated the Board will need to
- ensure there are no violations of the criteria including public safety; he suggested any approval
- 486 be conditional on verification of this. Mr. Dunphy stated the special exception and variances
- 487 being requested are trying to correct any errors and to allow for two additional homes in the
- 488 community with little impact on any other property in the area. Chair Manning noted that the
- 489 special exception is for allowing the septic systems on the property, not necessarily the homes.
- 491 The Board worked through the Special Exception worksheet.

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- 493 **Discussion Case #Z25-15**
- 494 The Board must find that all the following conditions are met in order to grant the Special
- 495 Exception:
- 496 Mr. LaRochelle stated that a plat/plan has been submitted in accordance with the appropriate
- 497 criteria in the Zoning Ordinance, Article 520.B. The Board agreed 5-0-0.
- 498 Mr. Lee stated the specific site **is not** an appropriate location for the use. He stated the original
- 499 plans were for one acre lots and that is not the case now; two more sites would fall under the new
- ordinance requirements. Mr. Morgan stated he believes it is an appropriate location; there are
- 501 other manufactured homes in the area. Chair Manning stated he agrees this is not an appropriate
- 502 use; when this lot was initially approved, the land requirement was smaller but has since been
- 503 expanded. Mr. LaRochelle agreed, noting the density and lot size is not warranted. Mr. Rich
- stated he believes the use is appropriate. Yes-2 No-3
- 505 Mr. Rich stated that actual evidence is not found that the property values in the district will be
- 506 reduced due to incompatible land uses. No factual evidence was submitted to indicate values
- 507 would be diminished. The Board agreed -5-0-0.
- 508 Mr. Morgan stated there is no valid objection from abutters based on demonstrable fact;
- 509 comments were received from abutters but those were based on hearsay. The Board agreed 5-0-0.
- 510 Chair Manning stated there **is no** undue nuisance or serious hazard to pedestrian or vehicular
- 511 traffic, including the location and design of access-ways and off-street parking. The Board
- 512 agreed 5-0-0.
- 513 Mr. LaRochelle stated adequate and appropriate facilities and utilities will be provided to ensure
- 514 the proper operation of the proposed use or structure. The Board 5-0-0.
- 515 Mr. Lee stated there is adequate area for safe and sanitary sewage disposal and water supply. He
- 516 stated it would be an individual septic system that will require further approvals and permits.
- 517 The Board agreed 5-0-0.
- 518 Mr. Rich stated the proposed use or structure is consistent with the spirit of this ordinance and
- 519 the intent of the Master Plan. He stated two more units will be put in to an existing community
- and will provide housing for seniors. Mr. Morgan agreed. Chair Manning stated he disagrees; the

- 521 Master Plan also calls for the protection of the waters and aquifer and this will force more onto
- 1522 less land than what is currently allowed. Mr. LaRochelle stated he agrees that it is not consistent
- 523 with the Master Plan; he stated a hydrologist hasn't checked into the adequate area for the
- 524 aquifer and water quality, and this should be considered with the added load of the septic
- 525 systems. Mr. Lee agreed. Yes -2 No-3
- 526 Chair Manning stated the special exception does not pass per the criteria.
- 527 MOTION: To deny the request for a Special Exception for Case #Z25-15, to Article 600
- 528 Section 602.C.3 to permit an individual sewage disposal system within the Aquifer
- 529 Protection Overlay District. Motion by Mr. Lee. Second by Mr. LaRochelle. Motion passed
- 530 **3-2-0.**

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- 531 Mr. Dunphy stated regarding item 2, a variance, they are requesting two additional units in an
- existing community; the units are well within the property lines and will not affect abutters. He
- 533 stated the Master Plan calls for more housing and protecting natural resources and this will help
- with both in terms in not developing other lots. He stated the special characteristics are that it has
- been an existing community for many years and there is ample space for the two additional units.
- 536 Ms. Ditri stated there are two variances being requested, referring to the density required in the
- zone, items 2 and 3, and suggested its a duplicate and isn't needed. Chair Manning suggested
- working through the worksheets for all variances requested. Mr. Dunphy stated if the Board
- 539 agrees it is not needed, they can make that determination.
- 541 Chair Manning asked Mr. Dunphy for rationale to go from fifty five to fifty seven units. Mr.
- 542 Dunphy stated its a modest increase and when looking at the community, the size, the fact its on
- a private road maintained by the owner, the septic is approved for more than is on the lot, and the
- 544 property could maintain the two additional units.
- 546 Chair Manning opened the hearing to input from the public for variance request #1 (item #2).
- 547 None was indicated.
- 549 **Discussion Case #Z25-15 variance #1**
- 550 The Board must find that all the following conditions are met in order to grant the Variance:
- 551 Mr. LaRochelle stated granting the variance would not be contrary to the public interest. Mr.
- 552 Rich disagreed. Mr. Morgan stated it would be contrary as the ordinance is to prevent density and
- 553 overcrowding. Chair Manning agreed. Yes-2 No -3
- 554 Mr. Lee stated the request *is not* in harmony with the spirit of the ordinance and the intent of the
- Master Plan to maintain the health, safety and character of the direct district within which it is
- 556 proposed. He stated the units would exceed the limit. Mr. Morgan, Mr. Rich, and Mr. LaRochelle
- 557 agreed.
- 558 Mr. Rich stated that by granting the variance, substantial justice will not be done. He stated it
- should not be granted as its not in the spirit of the ordinance and contrary to the public interest.
- 560 Mr. Morgan stated the detriment to the town and public, outweighs any benefit to the applicant.
- 561 The Board agreed 5-0-0.
- 562 Mr. Morgan stated the values of surrounding properties will not be diminished. There has been
- 563 no evidence presented that would indicate values would be diminished. The Board agreed 5-0-0.

- Chair Manning stated that for the purposes of this subparagraph, "unnecessary hardship" means
- 565 that, owing to special conditions of the property that distinguish it from other properties in the 566 area:
- 567 ix. No fair and substantial relationship exists between the general public purposes of 568 the ordinance provision and the specific application of that provision to the 569 property; Yes -3 No-2
 - x. The proposed use is a reasonable one. Yes– 0 No-5
- 571 Chair Manning stated there is a substantial relationship; the proposed use is not reasonable. Mr.
- 572 LaRochelle stated there is no unnecessary hardship. Mr. Morgan stated there was no testimony
- 573 regarding a hardship.
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- 575 MOTION: To deny the request for the Variance for Case #Z25-15, to Article 400 Section
- 576 452.A.1 to permit 57 manufactured housing units in a park where only 28 are allowed per
- 577 the rural zone density restrictions. Motion by Mr. LaRochelle. Second by Mr. Morgan.
- **578 Motion passed 5-0-0.**

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- 580 Chair Manning noted the next variance is very similar but is found in the manufactured housing
- ordinance and park standards. Mr. Heath explained that since this section refers back to the zone
 - density so any decision for this variance would be obsolete with the decision on the previous
- variance; he stated the same goes for the third variance (item #4). After discussion, the Board
- agreed items #3 and 4 would be void based on the denial of the previous variance request.

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- 586 MOTION: To deny the request for the Variance for Case #Z25-15, to Article 300 Section
- 587 350.C.4 to permit 57 manufactured housing units in a manufactured housing park where
- only 28 are allowed. Motion by Mr. LaRochelle. Second by Mr. Lee. Motion passed
- 589 unanimously.

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- 591 MOTION: To deny the request for the Variance for Case #Z25-15, to Article 300 Section
- 592 350.C.2.C to permit a new manufactured home to be 3.9' within the 30' interior park
- 593 setback. Motion by Mr. LaRochelle. Second by Mr. Lee. Motion passed unanimously.
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- 595 The Board took a five minute recess.

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Case #Z25-16	Map 21 Lot 5-12	Special Exception
TMS Architects Interiors, Timothy Giguere,	Hopewell Road	Lakeshore Residential Zone
Agent for Frogwood, LLC, Brian Underwood,	-	(LR)
Manager		

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- 1. A Special Exception is requested for Article 400 Section 401.D.28 to permit a Lodging
- 599 House.
- 2. A Special Exception is requested for Article 300 Section D to permit a structure over the 35' height restriction.

- 603 Chair Manning read the public notice into the record. The Board reviewed the application for
- 604 completeness.

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606 MOTION: To accept the application for Case Z25-16 as complete. Motion by Mr. LaRochelle. Second by Mr. Morgan. Motion passed unanimously.

Timothy Giguere, representative for the applicant, stated this project is unique; the applicant is 609 looking to have non-transient rental units for use by his staff and employees. He explained it 610 was recommended by the Code Enforcement Officer to consider the rental units as non-transient 611 because the rental periods would be for more than thirty days. Mr. Giguere stated these are permitted uses within this zone, with special exception. He stated outlined his reasons supporting this project being in line with the Master Plan, including the economic development and employment for a non-transient workforce; it will also provide living space for workers. He stated this project will provide diverse housing; the applicants are not looking to make this a short term rental but only rent to employees. Mr. Giguere outlined the criteria and how the applicant meets those: the existing lot size is 850,291 square feet, the setback is over 50 feet; the 618 setback from the road is greater than 50 feet. He presented maps and plans showing the existing 619 and proposed property. Mr. Giguere explained the aesthetics of the proposed building, which will 620 be similar to an old school house; it will fit within the context of an old town-house; the applicant will not be removing any of the existing trees on the property. He stated the building 622 will be set back from the road and won't be visible from the road or the abutting property lines. 623 Mr. Giguere explained a variance is needed for the height due to cupola which is part of the 624 design. He stated the amount of acreage of the lot lends itself to the use in keeping with the Master Plan; he stated 10 acres is needed for a lodging house but this lot is 19 acres; the setbacks will exceed the minimums and the proposed density will be only three units on the entire lot. Mr. 627 Giguere stated there will be garage space underneath, that will be used to store equipment for maintaining the estate. He stated the parking area will be in the back and won't be seen from the road. The Fire Department has reviewed the plans and there were no specific concerns regarding 631 the use but an E911 house number will need to be generated for the building. A sprinkler system 632 will be required by national building code. Mr. Giguere addressed concerns regarding storm water runoff; he explained there will be an engineer involved with the project, Horizons Engineers, to develop state approved septic plans and drainage/grading plans, and possibly a storm water management plan. Mr. Giguere stated any type of expansion would require the 635 applicant to come back to the Board for approval; this applicant is only for providing living 636 quarters for employees and storage space for equipment. 637

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639 Chair Manning asked how many people would be housed. Mr. Giguere stated the staff is
640 currently three single individuals and is intended to stay that way.

Mr. Rich asked where the owners estate is located. Mr. Giguere stated it is across the street, at 142 Hopewell Road.

Chair Manning asked if there is a definition for a lodging house. Mr. Lee referenced the definition in the ordinance, which allows for a building for use by a live-in manager, overnight, for no less than thirty days and up to ten people. Chair Manning questioned if those could affect property values. Mr. Morgan stated this doesn't set a precedent, as each case has to be considered on its own, and the special exception only runs with the property. Mr. Giguere stated this proposal addresses the issue with the housing shortage, noting the maximum people who could

- 651 live here would be six as there are only three bedrooms. Chair Manning stated it creates an
- opportunity to have a rental for up to ten people. Mr. Giguere asked for clarification about the
- definition of a lodging house, as that is what is being requested. Chair Manning suggested the
- definition of a lodging house be clarified within the ordinance. Mr. LaRochelle suggested a
- 655 condition that this be used only for staff and employees; it cannot be rented any other way. Mr.
- 656 Giguere stated the employees are contracted, non-transient, but he doesn't know the
- arrangements for paying rent, if there is any. Chair Manning noted the application is for three
- apartments but the ordinance allows up to ten in a this definition of a lodging house. Mr. Giguere
- noted the ordinance says ten but doesn't specify if its separate apartments; he clarified they are
- asking for just three units with this application.

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- Mr. Rich asked the size of the cupola. Mr. Giguere clarified it is ten by ten feet at the base; there are no windows, only louvers. He stated its intended to add to the architectural appearance only.
- 664 Mr. LaRochelle asked the actual height of the cupola, from the grade at the back of the building.
- Ms. Ditri stated the average is 47 feet but its 54 feet at the highest point from the ground.
- 666 Chair Manning opened the hearing to input from the public.

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- Randall Kayle, resident, expressed concerns about the property being on a private road; he stated
- 670 the lots were originally a single lot and were since subdivided; he suggested the Board needs to
- consider the convents that were placed on the deeds by Bob Bahre. Mr. Giguere noted any deed
- 672 covenants would be a civil issues. Mr. Rich confirmed the Hopewell property did have covenants
- 673 in place, and the deeds are in the records presented, but he doesn't believe this Board would deal
- with anything to do with the association. He stated if the owner has violated one of the
- covenants, the other owners in the association would be required to address those. Mr. Kayle
- 676 stated if covenants are being violated, the Board is spending time getting approvals for
- something that doesn't apply. Mr. Rich explained that would be the owner's choice; he reiterated
- 678 its not the Board's jurisdiction.

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- 680 Brian Underwood, manager of the LLC that holds the property, and representative for the
- applicant, stated the owner owns two lots across the street from each other; he stated he is trying
- 682 to do with right thing for his employees and in order to develop the back parcel he owns, he
- came to the Town to get a definition for this project. He stated they didn't choose to make a
- 684 "lodging house" but was advised as such by the Town; he stated it will be a three bedroom
- 685 housing unit and used only for onsite employees.

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- 687 Mr. Rich asked for documentation indicating Mr. Underwood is authorized to speak on behalf of
- 688 the applicant. Mr. Underwood stated he is the registered manager for the LLC which is the
- 689 property owner, which makes him authorized.

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- Rob Miller, Esq., stated he was involved with the preparation of the LLC documents and
- 692 confirmed Mr. Underwood is the authorized manager for all business of Frogwood; he stated the
- 693 information is readily available with the Secretary of the State of New Hampshire.

- 695 Tom Dreyer, abutters, stated they love the area but this seems like an anomaly to the
- 696 neighborhood; he stated there are two large estates owned by Frogwood and questioned why it

- 697 isn't being built on the other lot. He noted the application initially indicated a "lodge"; he is
- 698 concerned about the equipment that will be stored there. He stated there is a maintenance area o
- 699 the western side of the property but it looks like a disaster with a lot of equipment and RV
- 700 storage. Mr. Dreyer stated he is concerned about what it does to the neighborhood, and
- 701 referenced what the intent of Mr. Bahre with the covenants; he doesn't believe it meets the intent
- of the lake shore area and requested restrictions be placed on the number of people, units,
- 703 equipment that can be stored, etc. to ensure it is contained to the stated intent. He suggested they
- 704 be sure to look at the designated wetlands and vernal pools in the area.

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- 706 Karen Simonento, abutter, asked for clarification on putting restrictions on this proposal and
- 707 wants to be sure the intent is maintained; she stated is a large piece of land and wants to be sure
- 708 there aren't additional lodging added. The Board clarified it is already limited to one. She also
- 709 expressed concerns about the height of the cupola; she stated her property is behind this lot and
- 710 is concerned about it affecting her view. The Board discussed the proposed plan along with maps
- 711 showing the elevations of the properties.

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- 713 Mr. Rich noted there is no preclusion for the current owner from selling this lot, and sold as a
- 714 lodge. Mr. Giguiere agreed with some restrictions for this use, but they can't prevent someone
- 715 from selling a lot or what a future owner may do with a property. Ms. Ditri stated the special
- 716 exception in this zone requires a minimum of ten acres. Mr. Lee stated if someone wants to
- 717 change the use the owner needs to come before the Town for approval. Chair Manning noted that
- 718 would be true if the lot was divided. There was discussion about the different requirements for a
- 719 multi-family home.

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- 721 Mr. Miller stated the definition of a lodging house is difficult and they met with Ms. Ditri to
- determine the correct definition of this proposal; he reiterated it is staff housing for three people;
- 723 he stated the intent is for nothing else and asked the Board to only consider what is being
- 724 presented. He stated the ordinance for a lodging house is permitted by special exception and
- 725 affirmed the application meets the seven criteria.

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727 Chair Manning closed the hearing to input from the public.

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729 The Board worked through the Special Exception worksheet.

- 731 *Discussion Case #Z25-16* Article 400 Section 401.D.28
- 732 The Board must find that all the following conditions are met in order to grant the Special
- 733 Exception:
- 734 Mr. LaRochelle stated that a plat/plan has been submitted in accordance with the appropriate
- 735 criteria in the Zoning Ordinance, Article 520.B. The Board agreed 5-0-0.
- 736 Mr. Lee stated the specific site **is** an appropriate location for the use. Mr. Morgan stated he agrees
- and the property is adjacent to the lake. The Board agreed 5-0-0.
- 738 Mr. Rich stated that actual evidence is not found that the property values in the district will be
- 739 reduced due to incompatible land uses. He stated the property is large and will likely enhance
- values in the area and no factual evidence was submitted to indicate values would be diminished.
- 741 Chair Manning disagreed; the neighbors are feeling this will be an impact to their property, and

- 742 agrees lodging house can have a negative connotation. Mr. LaRochelle stated he acknowledges
- 743 there are concerns but there is no evidence that values would be affect. The Board agreed 4-1-0.
- 744 Mr. Morgan stated that while there were valid concerns from abutters, there **is no** valid objection
- 745 from abutters based on demonstrable fact. Mr. LaRochelle agreed the concerns aren't based on
- 746 demonstrable fact. Mr. Lee agreed, noting they appreciate all opinions and input but there isn't
- objection based on demonstrable fact. Mr. Rich agree, noting the opinions are based on
- 748 conjecture and not fact. Chair Manning disagreed, stating he believes there is data and fact
- 749 driven demonstrable fact, and believes the concerns are valid. The Board agreed 3-2-0.
- 750 Chair Manning stated there **is no** undue nuisance or serious hazard to pedestrian or vehicular
- 751 traffic, including the location and design of access-ways and off-street parking. The Board
- 752 agreed 5-0-0.
- 753 Mr. LaRochelle stated adequate and appropriate facilities and utilities will be provided to ensure
- 754 the proper operation of the proposed use or structure. The Board 5-0-0.
- 755 Mr. Lee stated there is adequate area for safe and sanitary sewage disposal and water supply. He
- stated there are wetlands on the lot but the engineer firm noted in the information will ensure
- 757 there is appropriate systems in place. The Board agreed 5-0-0.
- 758 Mr. Rich stated the proposed use or structure is consistent with the spirit of this ordinance and
- 759 the intent of the Master Plan, provided the applicant uses the structure for housing of employees.
- 760 He stated the intent of the ordinance is to keep the area neat and clean. Mr. Morgan agreed. Chair
- Manning agreed the Master Plan calls for additional affordable housing in Town, and that this is
- zone appropriate; he agreed this is lakeside residential zone and one house on a nineteen acre lot
- 763 is probably okay, noting the Master Plan calls for protecting the views and this plan appears to do
- so. Mr. LaRochelle stated he agrees and believes this will fit in with the look of the
- 765 neighborhood. The Board agreed 5-0-0.
- 766 The Board discussed conditions for approval. Mr. Miller suggested following the language of the
- 767 ordinance, which has a limit of ten people. Chair Manning noted there was a struggle to define
- 768 this project and there is disagreement on whether this is a multi-family. Mr. Miller stated the
- 769 lodging house was the definition Ms. Ditri recommended and that is the application before the
- 770 Board. Chair Manning noted this use is allowed in other zones but this zone requires the special
- 771 exception. Mr. Miller stated the exception criteria was just reviewed and approved, reiterating the
- proposal has met the requirements. Mr. Giguere stated the plans are for a lodging facility, with
- three units, with use over thirty days. Mr. Miller stated the covenants are outside the jurisdiction
- of this Board. Chair Manning argued the Board can still put restrictions on the approval.
- 775 Chair Manning suggested restrictions: the building house six or less people, it cannot be sold and
- changed to something larger, the maintenance is limited to services of oil change or less. Mr.
- 777 Rich stated he understands Chair Manning's concerns but they can't enforce these. Mr.
- 778 LaRochelle stated the Board has the authority to add conditions above and beyond the ordinance
- as it sees fit and its been done within the past. He suggested the condition be that the ordinance
- 780 has to be followed and abide by the covenants. Mr. Lee stated he doesn't believe the Board can
- make a condition regarding the covenants; conditions can only require following the ordinance.
- 782 MOTION: To grant the request for a special exception for Case 25-16, requested for Article
- 783 400 Section 401.D.28 to permit a Lodging House. Motion by Mr. Lee. Second by Mr.
- 784 LaRochelle. Motion passed 4-1-0.

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Chair Manning opened the hearing to input from the public for the special exception to Article 300 Section D.

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Tom Dreyer, abutter, stated a question was asked about whether the building would be seen from the water; he stated depending on the amount of trees removed in the area, it would be visible.

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791 Chair Manning closed the hearing to input from the public.

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793 The Board worked through the Special Exception worksheet.

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- 795 Discussion Case #Z25-16 Article 300 Section D
- 796 The Board must find that all the following conditions are met in order to grant the Special
- 797 Exception:
- 798 Mr. LaRochelle stated that a plat/plan <u>has</u> been submitted in accordance with the appropriate
- 799 criteria in the Zoning Ordinance, Article 520.B. The Board agreed 5-0-0.
- 800 Mr. Lee stated the specific site is an appropriate location for the use. Mr. LaRochelle, Mr. Rich
- and Mr. Morgan agreed. Chair Manning disagreed, noting the spire will be too high and visible
- 802 from the water, which is contrary to the Master Plan The Board agreed 4-1-0.
- 803 Mr. Rich stated that actual evidence **is not** found that the property values in the district will be
- 804 reduced due to incompatible land uses. No factual evidence was submitted to indicate values
- would be diminished. Mr. LaRochelle stated he acknowledges there are concerns but there is no
- 806 evidence that values would be affect. The Board agreed 5-0-0.
- 807 Mr. Morgan stated that while there were concerns from abutters, there is no valid objection from
- 808 abutters based on demonstrable fact. The Board agreed 5-0-0.
- 809 Chair Manning stated there is no undue nuisance or serious hazard to pedestrian or vehicular
- 810 traffic, including the location and design of access-ways and off-street parking. The Board
- 811 agreed 5-0-0.
- Mr. LaRochelle stated adequate and appropriate facilities and utilities will be provided to ensure
- the proper operation of the proposed use or structure. The Board 5-0-0.
- Mr. Lee stated there is adequate area for safe and sanitary sewage disposal and water supply. The
- 815 Board agreed 5-0-0.
- 816 Mr. Rich stated the proposed use or structure is consistent with the spirit of this ordinance and
- the intent of the Master Plan. He stated even though it higher, he doesn't believe it will affect the
- view of anyone or from the lake. Chair Manning stated he doesn't agree it is in line with the
- Master Plan as it will be visible from the lake. The Board agreed 4-1-0.
- 820 MOTION: To grant the request for a special exception for Case 25-16, for Article 300
- 821 Section 328.D to permit a structure over the 35' maximum height restriction. Motion by
- 822 Mr. LaRochelle. Second by Mr. Rich. Motion passed 5-0-0.

- 824 Chair Manning noted that per the rules of the Board, new cases aren't started after 10:00 PM,
- noting the current time is 10:40 PM. The Board agreed to continue the remaining business on the

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826 agenda.

Case #Z25-17	Map 4 Lot 13-0	Special Exception
TF Moran, Inc., Alan Roscoe, Agent for Treasure	Frank C. Gilman	Variance
Coast SPE LLC, Don Sorrentino, Owner	Highway	Rural Zone (RU)

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- 1. A Special Exception is requested for Article 400 Section 401.A.7 to allow a Manufactured
- 829 Home Park in the Rural Zone.
- 2. A Variance is requested from Article 400 Section 452.A.1 to permit an additional site area to
- be reserved for a single family dwelling in a Manufactured Home Park.

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POSTPONED TO MAY 1, 2025

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835 **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

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837 MOTION: To nominate Frank Rich as Chair of the Zoning Board of Adjustment. Motion 838 by Mr. LaRochelle. Second by Mr. Manning. Motion passed unanimously.

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MOTION: To nominate Tom Lee as Vice Chair of the Zoning Board of Adjustment. Motion by Mr. LaRochelle. Second by Mr. Manning. Motion passed unanimously.

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843 **Committee Assignments**

844 Postponed to May meeting.

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- 846 OTHER BUSINESS
- **1. Previous Business**: None.

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2. New Business: None.

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3. Approval of Minutes: Meeting of March 6, 2025 - Postponed.

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4. Correspondence: None.

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855 MOTION: To adjourn the meeting. Motion by Mr. Lee. Second by Mr. LaRochelle. Motion 856 passed unanimously.

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858 The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 PM.

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860 Respectfully Submitted,

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862 Jennifer Riel, Recording Secretary