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TOWN OF LEDYARD CONNECTICUT

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Town Council ~ AGENDA ~

Public Hearing

Wednesday, May 8, 2024

6:15 PM

Town Hall Council Chambers

REMOTE MEETING INFORMATION

In-Person: Council Chambers Town Hall Annex

Remote: Information noted below:

Please Join the meeting from your Computer, Smart Phone, or Tablet:

https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81299386824?pwd=HdVtW0pd8OH6WXKE7wZpm6bF3klF6b.1

or by audio only dial: +1 646 558 8656 Meeting ID: 812 9938 6824 Passcode: 309495

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- III. PROCEDURE OF THE PUBLIC HEARING
- VI. CALL OF THE PUBLIC HEARING
 - 2. LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF LEDYARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING.
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Dated at Ledyard, Connecticut this 25th day of April, 2024.

For the Ledyard Town Council s/s S. Naomi Rodriguez, Chairman PLEASE PUBLISH: April 25, 2024 & April 29, 2024.

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Mayor Recommendation:

Attachments: CGS-7-163e- Sale of Town Property- Public Hearing.docx

CHAPTER VII.-SALE-PURCHASE-TRANSFER

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- VI. RESIDENT & PROPERTY OWNERS (COMMENTS LIMITED TO THREE (3) MINUTES
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Although we try to be timely and accurate these are not official records of the Town.

The Town Council's Official Agenda and final Minutes will be on file in the Town Clerk's Office.



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File #: 24-0296 Agenda Date: 5/8/2024 Agenda #: 2.

LAND USE APPLICATION

Subject/Application:

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CHAPTER VII SECTION 9. FINANCIAL POWERS

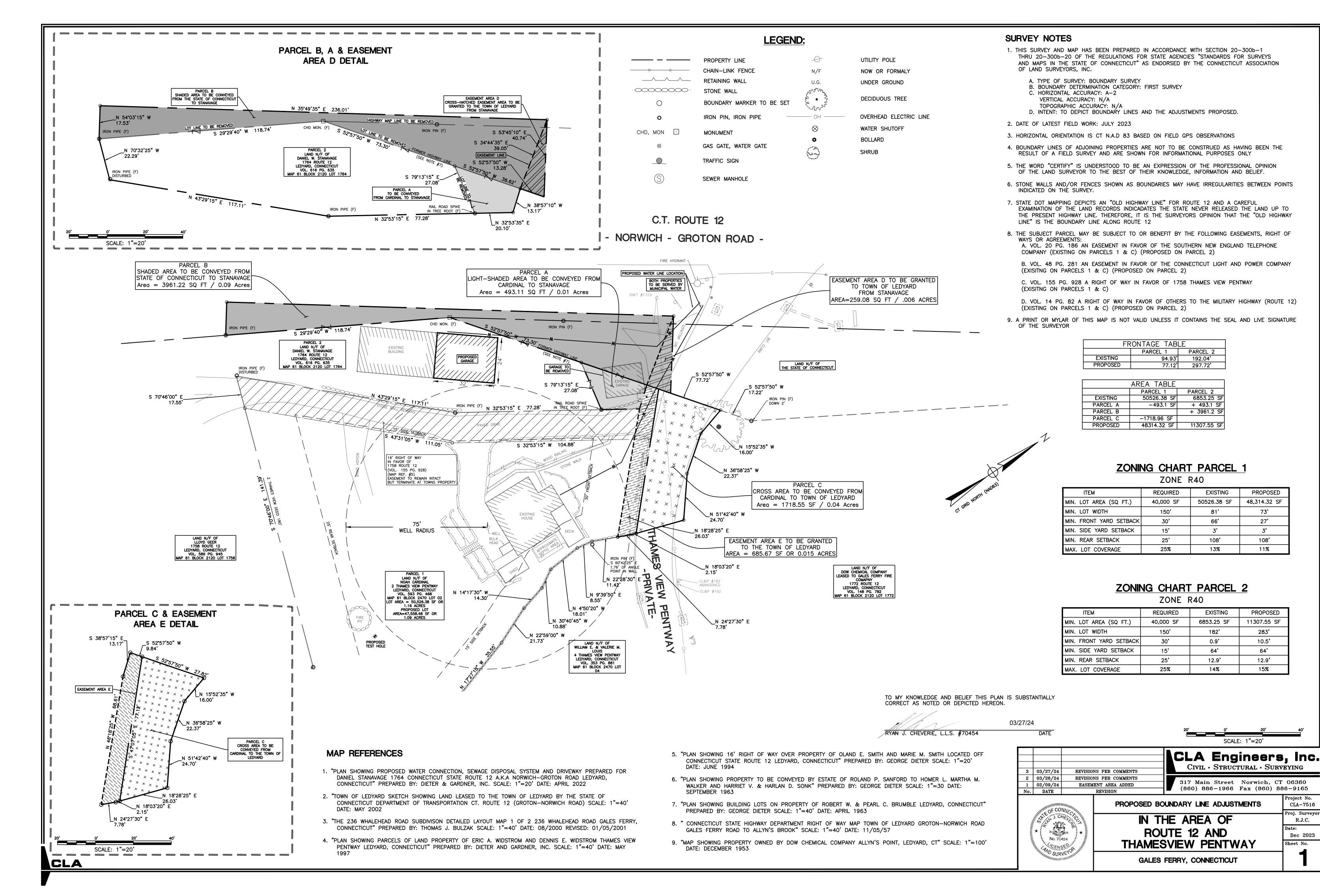
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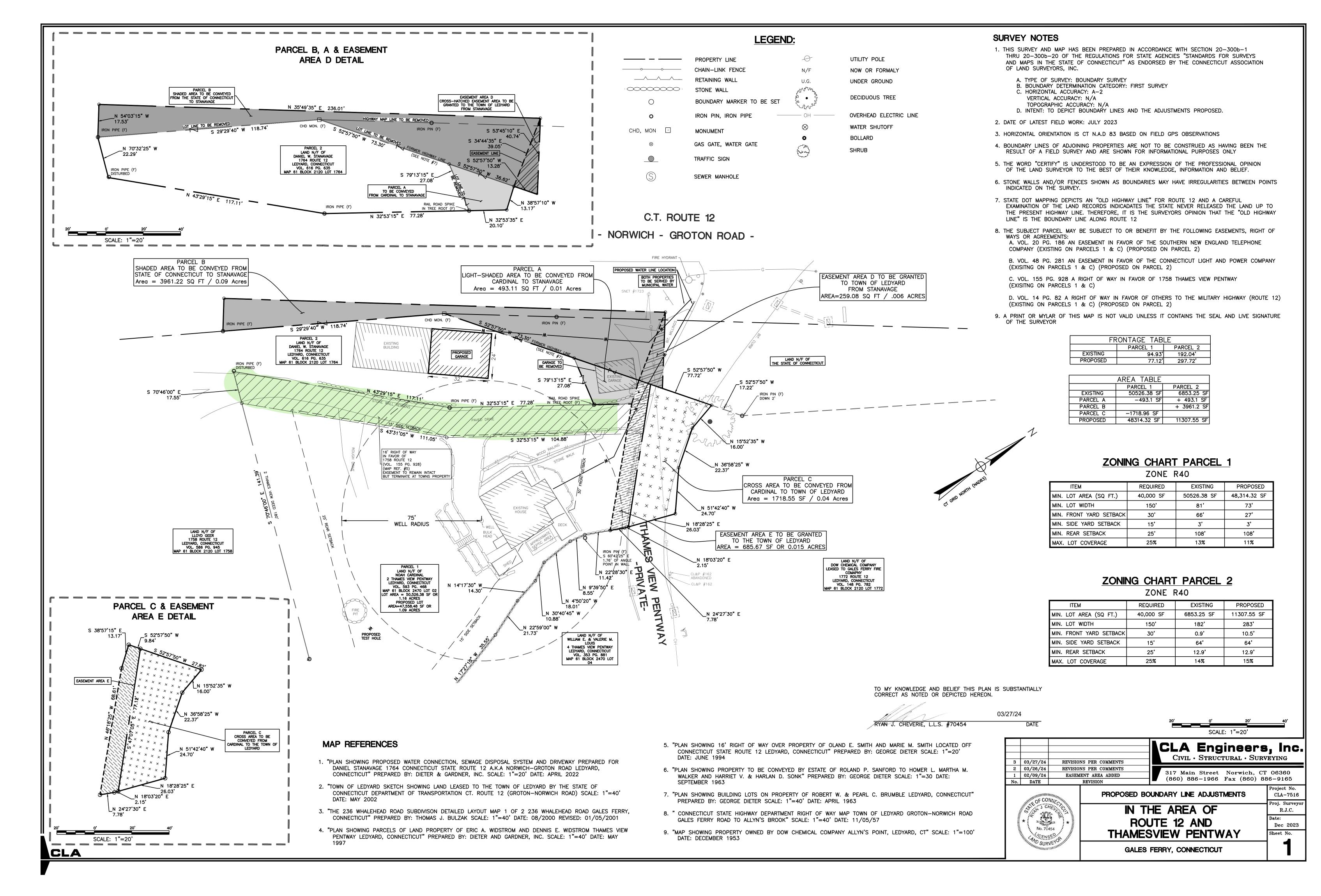
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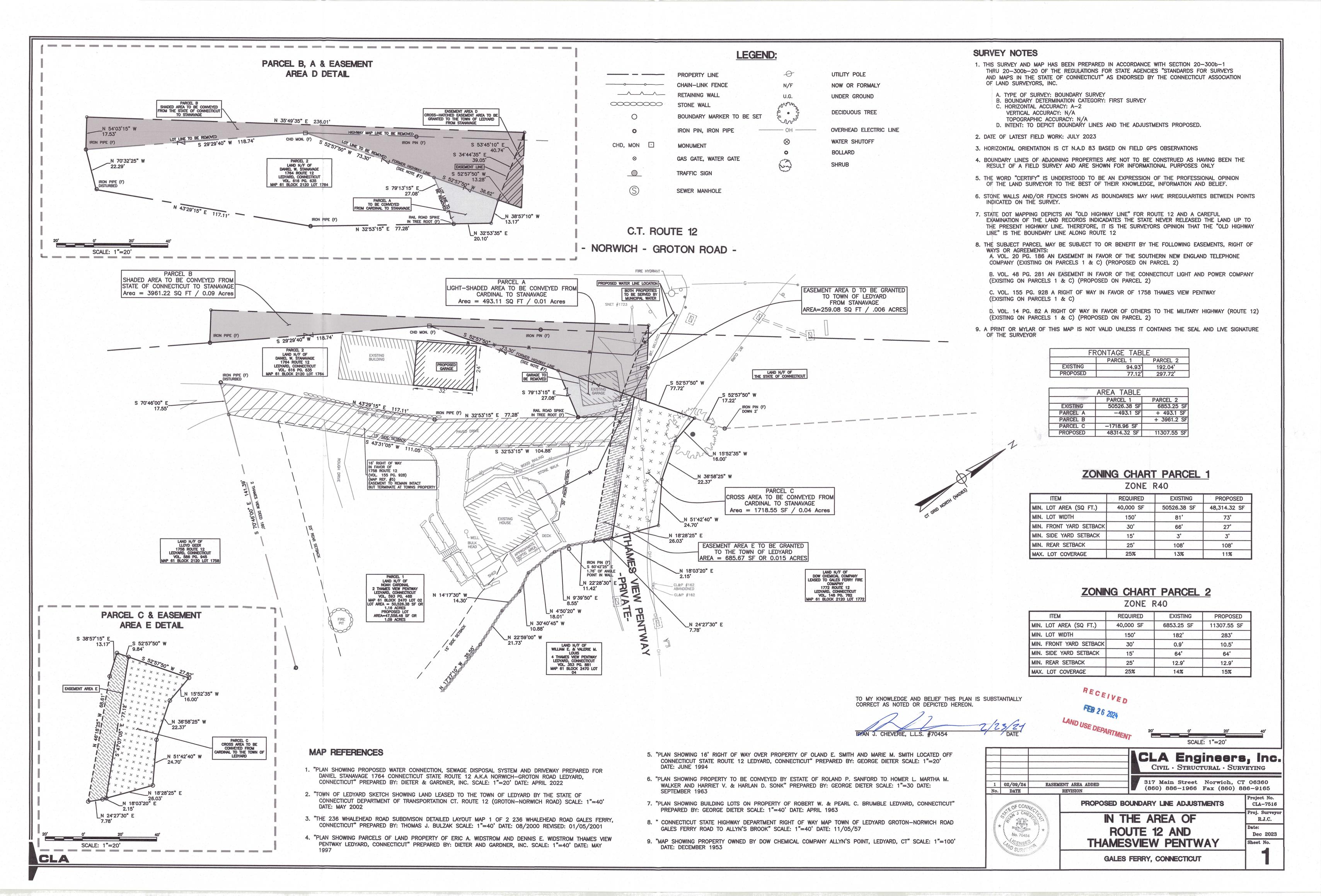
Town of Ledyard Land Use Department 302 859 Free Split/Lot Merger/Lot Boundary Line Adjustment Compliance Application Form

This completed form must be signed by all parties of record and submitted to the Town Clerk when plans are filed. Please return completed form to Planning Department. Department review of plans is authorized by C.G.S. § 20-304.

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Roxanne Maher

From: Juliet Hodge

Sent: Tuesday, March 26, 2024 9:24 AM

To: Roxanne Maher

Subject: RE: ZP#5946 - Boundary Line Adjustment for 1764 Route 12 and 2 Thames View Ptwy

There are three(3) different "areas" being conveyed to the Town; each at no cost to the Town.

The first is shown as "Parcel C" on the map. It is .04acres. This is a portion of Thamesview Pentway that is currently owned by Noah Cardinal (2 Thamesview Pentway). Thamesview Pentway in its entirety is currently maintained by the Town, so nothing will change there.

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The deeds are being drafted and will be available prior to the meeting.

Let me know if you need anything else. Steve Masalin is also aware of this project. Juliet

From: Roxanne Maher <council@ledyardct.org>

Sent: Tuesday, March 26, 2024 8:01 AM **To:** Juliet Hodge <planner@ledyardct.org>

Cc: Roxanne Maher <council@ledyardct.org>; Steve Masalin <pwd@ledyardct.org>

Subject: RE: ZP#5946 - Boundary Line Adjustment for 1764 Route 12 and 2 Thames View Ptwy

Good Morning Juliet:

As we discussed, it would be helpful if you could provide the area of land that Mr. Stanavage will be conveying to the town, along with the easements and the Maps.

Also, just want to confirm that the property will be conveyed at no cost to the town.

Thank you, Roxanne

Roxanne M. Maher



Administrative Assistant to

the Ledyard Town Council (860) 464-3203 council@ledyardct.org

Town Hall Hours:

Monday - Thursday 7:30 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.

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From: Roxanne Maher < council@ledyardct.org>

Sent: Tuesday, March 26, 2024 7:05 AM

To: Juliet Hodge <planner@ledyardct.org>
Cc: Roxanne Maher <council@ledyardct.org>

Subject: RE: ZP#5946 - Boundary Line Adjustment for 1764 Route 12 and 2 Thames View Ptwy

Good Morning Juliet:

Could you please send me the Maps and any other supporting documentation regarding the Conveyance of this property to the Town.

Thank you, Roxanne

Roxanne M. Maher



Administrative Assistant to the Ledyard Town Council (860) 464-3203 council@ledyardct.org

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From: Juliet Hodge cplanner@ledyardct.org>
Sent: Thursday, February 29, 2024 11:58 AM
To: Roxanne Maher <<u>council@ledyardct.org></u>
Cc: Makenna Perry <land.use.asst@ledyardct.org>

Subject: RE: ZP#5946 - Boundary Line Adjustment for 1764 Route 12 and 2 Thames View Ptwy

Ok, thanks for letting me know.

From: Roxanne Maher < council@ledyardct.org > Sent: Thursday, February 29, 2024 11:04 AM
To: Juliet Hodge < planner@ledyardct.org >

Cc: Makenna Perry < <u>land.use.asst@ledyardct.org</u>>; Roxanne Maher < <u>council@ledyardct.org</u>> **Subject:** RE: ZP#5946 - Boundary Line Adjustment for 1764 Route 12 and 2 Thames View Ptwy

Good Morning Juliet:

LUPPW Cmt has cancelled their March 4, 2024 meeting.

I will include it on their April 1, 2024 Agenda.

Thank you, Roxanne

Roxanne M. Maher



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From: Juliet Hodge cplanner@ledyardct.org>
Sent: Thursday, February 29, 2024 10:10 AM
To: Roxanne Maher <council@ledyardct.org>

Subject: RE: ZP#5946 - Boundary Line Adjustment for 1764 Route 12 and 2 Thames View Ptwy

This is going to TC because the applicant is deeding land to the Town as part of the whole project. Juliet

From: Makenna Perry < land.use.asst@ledyardct.org

Sent: Thursday, February 29, 2024 10:07 AM **To:** Roxanne Maher <<u>council@ledyardct.org</u>> **Cc:** Juliet Hodge <planner@ledyardct.org>

Subject: ZP#5946 - Boundary Line Adjustment for 1764 Route 12 and 2 Thames View Ptwy

Good morning,

Find attached the Boundary Line Adjustment application for 1764 Route 12, and 2 Thames View Ptwy. I would greatly appreciate it if the application can be added to the agenda for the March 4, 2024, Land Use/Public Works Committee Meeting. It will potentially go to the P&Z, Special Meeting for 8-24 Review on March 28, 2024. And then approval by Town Council on their April 10, 2024, meeting. Please let me know if you have any questions or need any other information.

Best, Makenna

Makenna Perry



Land Use Administrative Assistant Town of Ledyard 860-464-3266 MakennaP@Ledyardct.org



TOWN OF LEDYARD

741 Colonel Ledyard Highway Ledyard, CT 06339-1511

File #: 24-0282 Agenda Date: 5/8/2024 Agenda #:

LAND USE APPLICATION

Subject/Application:

To accept the conveyance/transfer of the following parcel and easement areas as depicted on plan entitled " *Proposed Boundary Line Adjustments In the Area of Route 12 and Thamesview Pentway, Gales Ferry Connecticut*" prepared by CLA Engineers for no compensation, as approved by the Director of Planning in the Boundary Line Adjustment Application No. ZP#5946:

- (1)The .04 acres shown as "Parcel C" on above-referenced map, a portion of Thamesview Pentway to be conveyed to the Town from Mr. Noah Cardinal;
- (2) The 259.08 square feet area shown as "Easement Area D" to be conveyed from Daniel W. Stanavage (1764 Route. 12) to the Town for the purpose of snow removal/snow stacking.
- (3) The 685.67 square feet area shown as "Easement Area E" on above-referenced map, to be conveyed to the Town from Mr. Noah Cardinal (2 Thamesview Pentway) for the purpose of snow removal/snow stacking".

Background:

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- The second is a 259.08 sf area identified as "Easement Area D" (259.08sf) located over a portion of 1764 Route 12, Gales Ferry, which was being conveyed from Dan Stanavage also to be used by the Town for the purpose of snow removal/snow stacking.
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Additional Background:

There are a number of components involved with these conveyances/transfer of properties. Some personal-private interests in terms of realigning the property boundaries to account for some structures that were currently overlapping the various boundary lines in that area. The conveyance of these areas of land are to straighten out some property boundaries to facilitate what the two property owners were doing with their

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properties.

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The town's involvement with the conveyance/transfer of these easements areas was a negligent interest on the part of the town.

Currently the Town had seven Pentways in town; and although the town typically owned no land on the Pentways, the town had some *Grandfathered Liability* to maintain the Pentways at some level of a town road. Ordinance: #300-028 "Town of Ledyard Private Easements And Rights-of-Way Ordinance" was established to codify the management of the Pentways and to provide boundaries on what the town would do on behalf of the residents who lived off of Pentways.

The easement areas being addressed in the proposed conveyance/transfer was a very small area at the bottom of Thamesview Pentway, which was the entry point to the Pentway. Accepting these easements would give the town some ownership of a part of a Pentway; however, it would not change the town's obligations in terms of what they do there. Last summer (2023) the Town previously reconstructed the entire Pentway, including the drainage, and the Pentway was now as good as any town road.

Through an Informal Agreement with property owner Mr. Noah Cardinal would move a retaining wall that put on the edge of the Pentway was back away from the road.

The official easement would provide town ownership and recognize that Mr. Cardinal would move the retaining wall that the edge of the Pentway and has caused problems for snow removal.

Although it looked like a lot was happening to the Pentway, that it would not change the Town's obligations or what they would gain from the ownership of the easements.

There would be no costs to the Town as Mr. Daniel Stanavage, 1764 Route 12, Gales Ferry, has incurred most of the costs, which included the engineering work, Ledge Light Health District Test Holes, and associated work.

The Planning & Zoning Commission provided a Favorable 8-24 Review regarding the conveyance of these areas at their April 11, 2024 meeting.

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Land Use Director/Town Planner:

There are additional adjustments being made in this area as shown on the referenced map/plan to reduce the numerous non-conformities that exist and to eliminate the confusing scenario whereby a property owner owns a portion of a "road" that is used by many and actually maintained by the town.

The changes will enable the redevelopment of existing "garage" into a more conforming use in the Zone while still providing the required frontage for both of the lots involved.

The plans have been reviewed several times with the applicant and Director of Public Works.

The deeds are being drafted and will be available prior to the meeting.

Mayor Recommendation:



TOWN OF LEDYARD

Department of Land Use and Planning

Juliet Hodge, Director

741 Colonel Ledyard Highway, Ledyard, CT 06339 Telephone: (860) 464-3215

Email: planner@ledyardct.org

April, 15 2024

Naomi Rodriguez, Chairman Ledyard Town Council 741 Colonel Ledyard Highway Ledyard, CT 06339

RE: C.G.S. 8-24 Review for land transfer to the Town of Ledyard

Dear Chairman Rodriguez,

The Ledyard Planning & Zoning Commission, at its Aprill 11, 2024 meeting, voted unanimously to forward a FAVORABLE REPORT in accordance with C.G.S. Section 8.24 to the Town Council for a MOTION that the Town of Ledyard o accept the conveyance/transfer of the following parcel and easement areas as depicted on plan entitled "*Proposed Boundary Line Adjustments In the Area of Route 12 and Thamesview Pentway, Gales Ferry Connecticut*" prepared by CLA Engineers for no compensation, as approved by the Director of Planning in the Boundary Line Adjustment Application No. ZP#5946:

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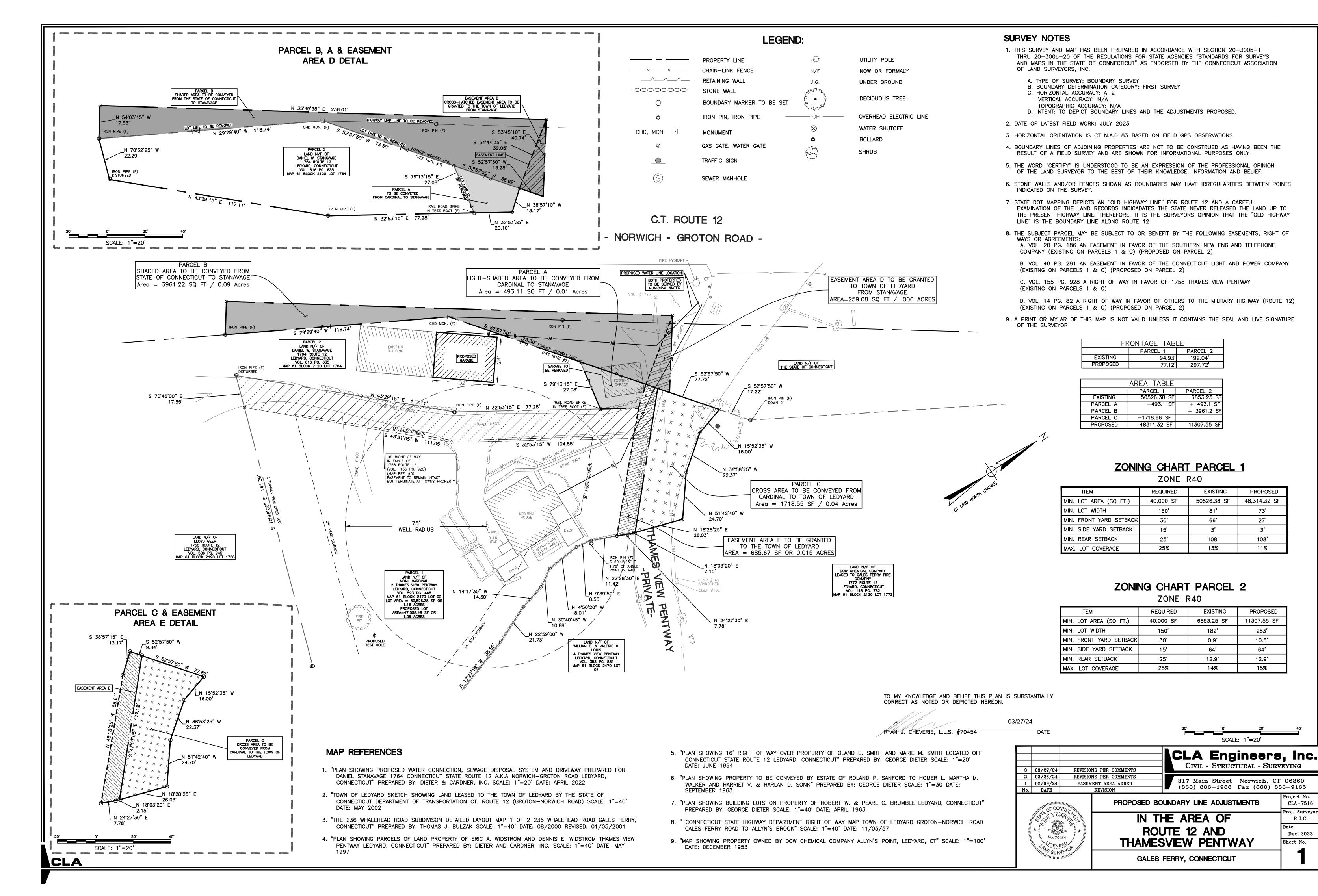
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The plans have been reviewed several times with the applicant and Director of Public Works. Please contact me at Town Hall with any questions. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

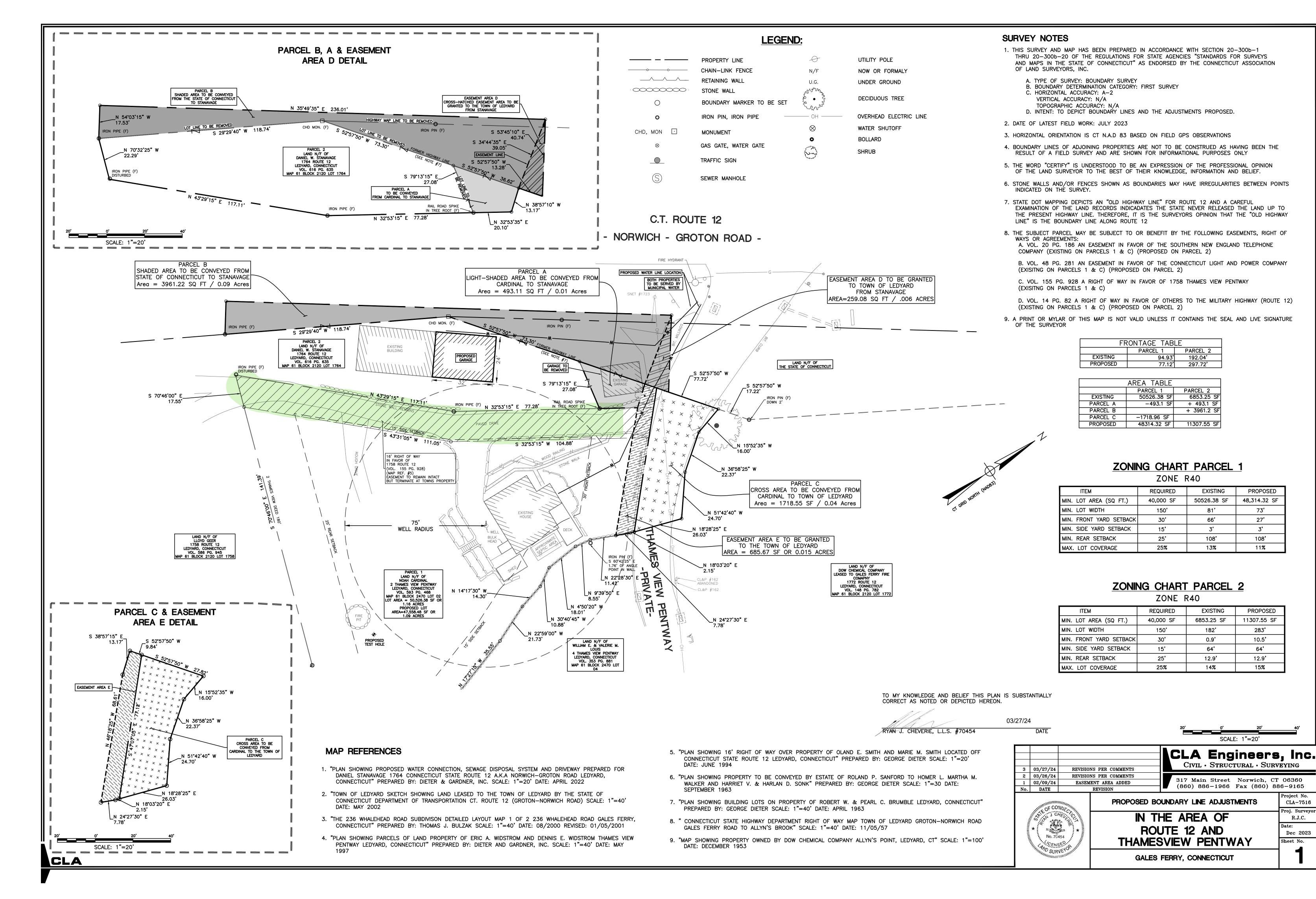
Sincerely,

Director of Land Use & Planning

C: Fred Allyn III, Mayor File



R.J.C.





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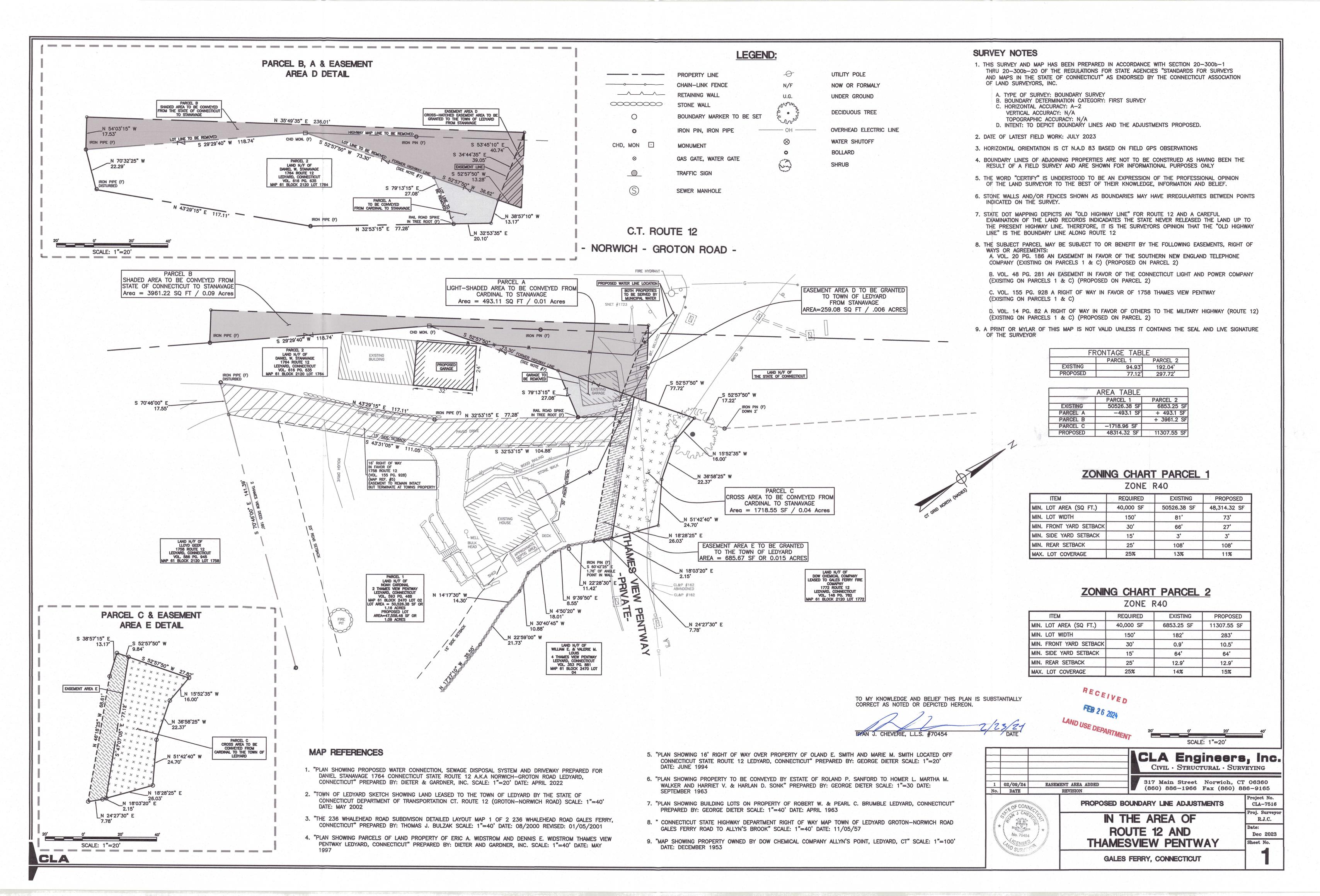
Town of Ledyard Land Use Department 302 850. Free Split/Lot Merger/Lot Boundary Line Adjustment Compliance Application Form

This completed form must be signed by all parties of record and submitted to the Town Clerk when plans are filed. Please return completed form to Planning Department. Department review of plans is authorized by C.G.S. § 20-304.

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Thamesview Pentway

Lot Line Adjustments

A tract of land situated on the easterly edge of Norwich Groton Road (C.T. Route 12) shown as Easement Area D on a plan titled "Proposed Boundary Line Adjustments in the Area of Route 12 and Thamesview Pentway Gales Ferry, Connecticut" Prepared By: CLA Engineers Date: December 2023 Revised: 02/09/24 Project No. 7516 Sheet No. 1 and which is more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a point to be set on the easterly edge of Norwich Groton Road, said point being the westerly corner of the easement herein described;

Thence S 53°45'10" E a distance of 40.74' to a point to be set;

Thence S 52°57′50" W a distance of 13.28' to a point to be set;

Thence N 34°44′35″ W a distance of 39.05′ to the point of beginning;

Containing 259.08 square feet or 0.006 acres

Lot Line Adjustments

A tract of land situated on the easterly edge of Norwich Groton Road (C.T. Route 12) shown as Parcel B on a plan titled "Proposed Boundary Line Adjustments in the Area of Route 12 and Thamesview Pentway Gales Ferry, Connecticut" Prepared By: CLA Engineers Date: December 2023 Revised: 02/09/24 Project No. 7516 Sheet No. 1 and which is more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at an iron pipe found, said pipe being the southeasterly corner of the herein described parcel;

Thence N 54°03′15″ W a distance of 17.53′ to a point to be set on the new right of way line for Norwich Groton Road;

Thence N 35°49′35″ E a distance of 236.01′, along the new right of way line for Norwich Groton Road, to a point to be set;

Thence S 53°45'10" E a distance of 40.74' to a point to be set;

Thence S 52°57′50" W a distance of 13.28' to a point to be set;

Thence S 52°57′50" W a distance of 36.62' to a point;

Thence S 52°57′50" W a distance of 73.30' to a Connecticut Highway Department monument found;

Thence S 29°29′40″ W a distance of 118.74′ to the point of beginning, an iron pipe found;

Containing 3961.22 square feet or 0.09 acres

Lot Line Adjustments

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Beginning at a point on the former highway line of Norwich Groton Road, said point being the northeasterly point of the herein described easement;

Thence S 47°07′05" E a distance of 77.12' to a point;

Thence S 18°03′20" W a distance of 2.15' to a point;

Thence S 24°27′30" W a distance of 7.78' to a point;

Thence N 46°18'25" W a distance of 68.61' to a point;

Thence N 38°57′15" W a distance of 13.17' to a point;

Thence N 52°57′50″ E a distance of 9.84′ to the point of beginning;

Containing 685.67 square feet or 0.015 acres

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Beginning at a railroad spike in a tree root found, said spike being the southeasterly corner of the herein described parcel;

Thence N 32°53'35" E a distance of 20.10' to a point to be set;

Thence N 38°57′10″ W a distance of 13.17′ to a point to be set;

Thence S 52°57′50" W a distance of 36.62' to a point;

Thence S 79°13′15" E a distance of 27.08' to the point of beginning;

Containing 493.11 square feet or 0.01 acres

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Beginning at a point to be set on the easterly right of way line of Norwich Groton Road, said point being the northeasterly corner of the herein described parcel;

Thence S 52°57′50" W a distance of 27.82' to a point to be set;

Thence S 47°07'05" E a distance of 77.12' to a point to be set;

Thence N 18°28′25" E a distance of 26.03' to a point to be set;

Thence N 51°42'40" W a distance of 24.70' to a point;

Thence N 36°58'25" W a distance of 22.37' to a point;

Thence N 15°52'35" W a distance of 16.00' to the point of beginning;

Containing 1718.55 square feet or 0.04 acres

Roxanne Maher

From: Juliet Hodge

Sent: Tuesday, March 26, 2024 9:24 AM

To: Roxanne Maher

Subject: RE: ZP#5946 - Boundary Line Adjustment for 1764 Route 12 and 2 Thames View Ptwy

There are three(3) different "areas" being conveyed to the Town; each at no cost to the Town.

The first is shown as "Parcel C" on the map. It is .04acres. This is a portion of Thamesview Pentway that is currently owned by Noah Cardinal (2 Thamesview Pentway). Thamesview Pentway in its entirety is currently maintained by the Town, so nothing will change there.

The second area is "Easement Area D" (259.08sf) is being conveyed from Dan Stanavage (1764 Rte. 12) to the Town for the purpose of snow removal/snow stacking.

The third area is "Easement Area E" (685.67sf) is being conveyed from Noah. Cardinal to the Town also for the purpose of snow removal/snow stacking.

The deeds are being drafted and will be available prior to the meeting.

Let me know if you need anything else. Steve Masalin is also aware of this project. Juliet

From: Roxanne Maher <council@ledyardct.org>

Sent: Tuesday, March 26, 2024 8:01 AM **To:** Juliet Hodge <planner@ledyardct.org>

Cc: Roxanne Maher <council@ledyardct.org>; Steve Masalin <pwd@ledyardct.org>

Subject: RE: ZP#5946 - Boundary Line Adjustment for 1764 Route 12 and 2 Thames View Ptwy

Good Morning Juliet:

As we discussed, it would be helpful if you could provide the area of land that Mr. Stanavage will be conveying to the town, along with the easements and the Maps.

Also, just want to confirm that the property will be conveyed at no cost to the town.

Thank you, Roxanne

Roxanne M. Maher



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From: Roxanne Maher <council@ledyardct.org>

Sent: Tuesday, March 26, 2024 7:05 AM

To: Juliet Hodge <planner@ledyardct.org>
Cc: Roxanne Maher <council@ledyardct.org>

Subject: RE: ZP#5946 - Boundary Line Adjustment for 1764 Route 12 and 2 Thames View Ptwy

Good Morning Juliet:

Could you please send me the Maps and any other supporting documentation regarding the Conveyance of this property to the Town.

Thank you, Roxanne

Roxanne M. Maher



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From: Juliet Hodge <<u>planner@ledyardct.org</u>>
Sent: Thursday, February 29, 2024 11:58 AM
To: Roxanne Maher <<u>council@ledyardct.org</u>>

Cc: Makenna Perry < land.use.asst@ledyardct.org>

Subject: RE: ZP#5946 - Boundary Line Adjustment for 1764 Route 12 and 2 Thames View Ptwy

Ok, thanks for letting me know.

From: Roxanne Maher < council@ledyardct.org > Sent: Thursday, February 29, 2024 11:04 AM
To: Juliet Hodge < planner@ledyardct.org >

Cc: Makenna Perry < <u>land.use.asst@ledyardct.org</u>>; Roxanne Maher < <u>council@ledyardct.org</u>> **Subject:** RE: ZP#5946 - Boundary Line Adjustment for 1764 Route 12 and 2 Thames View Ptwy

Good Morning Juliet:

LUPPW Cmt has cancelled their March 4, 2024 meeting.

I will include it on their April 1, 2024 Agenda.

Thank you, Roxanne

Roxanne M. Maher



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From: Juliet Hodge <ple>planner@ledyardct.org>
Sent: Thursday, February 29, 2024 10:10 AM
To: Roxanne Maher <<pre>council@ledyardct.org>

Subject: RE: ZP#5946 - Boundary Line Adjustment for 1764 Route 12 and 2 Thames View Ptwy

This is going to TC because the applicant is deeding land to the Town as part of the whole project. Juliet

From: Makenna Perry < land.use.asst@ledyardct.org

Sent: Thursday, February 29, 2024 10:07 AM **To:** Roxanne Maher <<u>council@ledyardct.org</u>> **Cc:** Juliet Hodge <planner@ledyardct.org>

Subject: ZP#5946 - Boundary Line Adjustment for 1764 Route 12 and 2 Thames View Ptwy

Good morning,

Find attached the Boundary Line Adjustment application for 1764 Route 12, and 2 Thames View Ptwy. I would greatly appreciate it if the application can be added to the agenda for the March 4, 2024, Land Use/Public Works Committee Meeting. It will potentially go to the P&Z, Special Meeting for 8-24 Review on March 28, 2024. And then approval by Town Council on their April 10, 2024, meeting. Please let me know if you have any questions or need any other information.

Best, Makenna

Makenna Perry



Land Use Administrative Assistant Town of Ledyard 860-464-3266 MakennaP@Ledyardct.org

Ordinance: # 300-028

TOWN OF LEDYARD PRIVATE EASEMENTS AND RIGHTS-OF-WAY ORDINANCE

Be it ordained by the Town Council of the Town of Ledyard:

Section 1. Authority:

Section 47-42f of the Connecticut General Statutes addresses the burden of maintenance of private easements and rights-of-way. This statute stipulates terms and obligations regarding such maintenance. The Town has also assumed obligations for maintenance on certain pentways in accordance with past practices on certain pentways, as described in Section 5 below.

Section 2. Purpose:

The purpose of this ordinance is to reiterate the statutory terms and obligations governing the maintenance of private easements and rights-of way, and to establish the manner and methods by which the Town shall provide maintenance of certain recognized pentways, and to define the scope and procedures for the changing of such Town maintenance.

Section 3. Definitions:

- a. "Benefited property or property that benefits" includes residential real property burdened by an easement or right-of-way, the owner of said residential real property uses such easement or right-of-way for access to public roads in the Town of Ledyard.
- b. "Easement or Right-of-way" an interest in property that provides the right to pass and repass on foot, by vehicle, and for utilities by access and use of adjoining property which property right transfers with the land.
- c. "Pentway" a road on privately-owned property that provides public passage and access to public roads and has not been given to or accepted by a government entity.
- d. "Residential real property" all privately owned residential land and buildings, but does not include property owned by the State of Connecticut or the Town of Ledyard.

Section 4. Maintenance of Private Easements and Rights-Of-Way:

A) FUNDAMENTAL MAINTENANCE AND COST OBLIGATIONS

In the absence of terms and conditions that specify otherwise, the owner of any residential real property that benefits from an easement or right-of-way, the purpose of which is to provide access to and from such residential real property, shall be responsible for the cost of maintaining such easement or right-of-way in good repair and the cost of repairing or restoring any damaged portion of such easement or right-of-way. Such maintenance shall include, but not be limited to, the removal of snow from such easement or right-of-way.

B) SHARED MAINTENANCE COST OBLIGATIONS

If more than one residential real property benefits from such easement or right-of-way, the cost of maintaining and repairing or restoring such easement or right-of-way shall be shared by each owner of a benefited property, pursuant to the terms of any enforceable written agreement entered into for such purpose. In the absence of such agreement, the cost of maintaining and repairing or restoring such easement or right-of-way shall be shared by each owner of the benefited property in proportion to the benefit received by each such property.

C) PAYMENT OBLIGATIONS REGARDING DAMAGE

Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraphs A) and B) of this section, any owner of a benefited property who directly or indirectly damages any portion of the easement of right-of-way shall be solely responsible for repairing or restoring the portion damaged by such owner.

D) FAILURE TO MEET COST OBLIGATIONS

If any owner of a benefited property refuses to repair or restore a damaged portion of an easement or right-of-way in accordance with paragraph C) of this section, or fails, after demand in writing, to pay such owner's proportion of the cost of maintaining or repairing or restoring such easement or right-of-way in accordance with paragraph B) of this section, an action for specific performance or contribution may be brought in the Superior Court against such owner by other owners of benefited properties, either jointly or severally.

E) RESOLUTION OF CONFLICTS BETWEEN TERMS

In the event of any conflict between the provisions of this section and an agreement described in paragraph B) of this section, the terms of the agreement shall control.

Section 5. Obligations of the Town Regarding Pentways

A) EXCEPTIONS

The provisions of Section 4 shall be qualified by the provisions set forth in this section for specific pentways.

B) LIST OF PENTWAYS

The Town shall perform maintenance for the following recognized pentways, as described.

- 1) Cider Hill Pentway. Improved surface beginning at Long Pond Road, continuing approximately .19 miles, then unimproved surface terminating after approximately .25 more miles, for a total length of approximately .44 miles.
- 2) Homestead Pentway. Improved surface beginning at Homestead Road, continuing approximately .3 miles.
- 3) Hurlbutt Circle. Improved surface beginning at Hurlbutt Road, continuing approximately .06 miles.
- 4) Sawmill Pentway. Improved surface beginning at Iron Street, continuing approximately .33 miles.
- 5) Sleepy Hollow Pentway. Improved surface beginning at Military Highway, continuing approximately .15 miles.
- 6) Smith Pond Way. Improved surface beginning at Woodland Lane, continuing approximately .11 miles and terminating at Inchcliffe Drive.
- 7) Thames View Pentway. Improved surface beginning at Route 12, continuing approximately .23 miles.

C) SPECIFIC MAINTENANCE OBLIGATIONS

The Town shall perform a level of maintenance for the pentways listed in paragraph B) of this section equivalent to that which was previously provided by the Town through longstanding past practices, as reflected and/or adjusted herein.

1) Improved Roadway: resurfacing/patching, drainage repairs, snow removal, sweeping (as necessary), roadside mowing (as necessary), brush/limb removal (as necessary).

2) Unimproved Roadway: grading (as necessary), drainage repairs, snow removal.

D) LIMITS ON TOWN OBLIGATIONS

Maintenance above and beyond the scope of paragraphs B) and C) of this section shall not be the responsibility of the Town. Owners of property shall continue to be responsible for any maintenance and repairs over and above that provided by the Town under this section.

Several maintenance activities cited in paragraph C) of this section involve or otherwise impact the shoulder area beyond the paved surface. Structures, plantings, and other fixed objects placed within ten feet of the edge of the paved surface are subject to this impact and are placed there at the owner's risk. The Town does not assume liability for repairs to such objects or items that incur damage because of routine maintenance activities.

E) CHANGE OF SCOPE

No change in scope of the Town of Ledyard's obligations regarding pentway maintenance, whether additions or deletions to the list of authorized pentways or nature of maintenance applied to authorized pentways, shall be undertaken apart from official approval of the Town Council as enacted through revision to this ordinance.

F) EXCLUSIONS

Nothing in this section shall be construed to modify or change any requirements established by the Planning and Zoning Commission and/or included in the Town of Ledyard Planning and Zoning regulations.

Section 6. Severability

If any section, or part of a section, of this Ordinance shall be held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such holding shall not be deemed to invalidate the remaining provisions hereof.

Section 7. Effective Date

Adopted: May 23, 2018

Effective Date: June 21, 2018

Renumbered by the Ledyard Town Council on: September 25, 2019

Linda C. Davis, Chairman

Fred B. Allyn, III, Mayor

Patricia A. Riley, Town Clerk

Revisions: Ordinance #150 "An Town of Ledyard Private Easement and Rights-of-Way Ordinance" Adopted May 23, 2018; Effective: June 21, 2018.

History:

The Twenty-fourth Town Council (2017- 2019) Ordinance Update Initiative: Renumbered Ordinance #150 "An Town of Ledyard Private Easement and Rights-of-Way Ordinance" to Ordinance #300-028.

2018: (Public Act No. 14-67) revised CGS 47-42f explicitly "assigns maintenance liability for accessways to properties acquired through easement(s) to the beneficiaries for access of such easements" Ledyard has seven Pentways (Cider Hill Pentway (off Long Pond Road), Homestead Pentway (off Homestead Road), Hurlbutt Circle (off Hurlbutt Road), Saw Mill Pentway (off Iron Street), Sleepy Hollow Pentway (off Military Highway), Smith Pond Way (between Woodland Lane and Inchcliffe Drive), and Thames View Pentway (off Route 12) that the Town has essentially maintained, at the level accepted for local streets, several Pentway which included Cider Hill Pentway (off Long Pond Road). Pentways are not owned by the Town, and traverse property owned by one or more property owners. The Town currently has an undocumented arrangement that has been passed down and inherited from Public Works Director to the next in terms of maintenance obligations for these roads because of the historic public access it provides to the lots off these Pentways. Because there is no formal documentation to lay out specific obligations, liabilities, exclusions, etc. this Ordinance serves to codified what the town was already doing in terms of Pentways. This Ordinance does not obligate the town to do any more than what they were currently doing and that it adds further protection regarding the status of any other Pentways. Additional Pentways would have to go thru a formal approval process, as dictated by this Ordinance to be accepted if the Pentway was not on the List. In addition, there is also a formal process for a Pentway to be removed from the List. Because the Pentway land was not owned by the town, and was owned by others, this Ordinance served to document what the town's obligations were and it included a stipulation to limit the town's liability for damages that occur on a Pentway.

2019: No substantive changes were made to the ordinance.