Darren Carey

From:

Calvin <moxiegore@comcast.net>

Sent:

Tuesday, February 23, 2021 4:13 PM

To:

Darren Carey

Subject:

Gallant's Application

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Hello Darren;

Calvin Temple here. I have a few questions on the Gallant's application for a marijuana establishment. What is a marijuana establishment? Is the location zoned for such a business? What about parking? I thought the easement the town granted was for residential parking only. Their driveway washes out every rain storm. Are the Gallant's required to have a traffic study done? What would this business do to the surrounding property owner's land values? I thought that the big green building was permitted for a single family dwelling. As you probably noticed, I'm not in favor of a marijuana establishment in the neighborhood.

Thank You Calvin REC: 2-24-2021

TO: Town of Bowdoinham Planning Board

Project U01-017

February 24, 2021

APPLICATION OF SCOTT GALLANT TO ESTABLISH A RETAIL & MEDICAL MARIJUANA ESTABLISHMENT.

In a letter dated October 15, 2015 from MONCURE & BARNICLE Attorneys at Law, signed by John F. Barnicle, Attorney to Nichole Briand, Director of Planning & Development applying for a building permit.

NOTE: "the Planning Board was requesting a formal boundary surveys or certifications from a surveyor in order to make a setback determination"

(1) It is my understanding based on hearsay that the survey was not done, or at least not finalized.

It is my very strong opinion, that this a basic requirement before even considering this proposal.

The applicant Scott Gallant has provided some rather crude hand sketches. Those hand sketches show some very tight dimensions for what the applicant Scott Gallant is attempting to do.

- (2) Attachment "A" shows a Septic Tank and a Leach Field. I do not see where this was ever designed by a Civil Engineer. (2a) What size septic tank is required for this building and proposal. (2b) What size leach field is required for this building and proposal. (2c) I understand that this proposal is for a Commercial Building and Operation.
- (3) In the Planning Board Minutes dated June 25, 2009 Page 1 of 3 Board reviewed performance standards. Item 3 (not numbered) Shippen stated that there should be no parking within the driveway access way or in the street. ATTACHMENT "D" shows parking spaces 9 thru 15 along this driveway. (3a) page 3 of 3 (3) Sewage Disposal "made motion that the development must meet the performance standard for these criteria to be adequately met. In addition ATTACHMENT "D" shows parking spaces 3 thru 8 over the leach field as shown in ATTACHMENT "A".

In my opinion, based upon the evidence submitted and for the reasons I have stated above, the Board does not have enough detailed information to proceed with this application. In addition for the preliminary reasons I have shown above, it is my opinion, that this site is completely unsuitable for the proposed use that is being requested.

Signed Richard H. Joyce Release H.

307 Post Road, Bowdoinham, Maine

REC 224-2021 Planeng board on Scott Golant Proposal

- 1. How does the zoning maps and this propose marijuana shop interact?
- 2. Do any of the planning board members have a vested interest in the outcome of the decision made to accept this application? If so, should they recuse themselves on this item?
- 3. As a couple whose land and home are in the buffer zone by properties being attached, how will we be affected by a septic system, drainage, noise, cleanliness, security, property lines, traffic and parking?
- 4. How has our property value already and in the future be impacted by a behemoth of a building overshadowing our home?
- 5. As senior citizens, how has our peace and tranquility been upset? We have already lost some of our privacy. Will we have security cameras looking down upon us?
- 6. Will the proposed business attract unstable people who like to get high?
- 7. Will the town office, town hall and library parking be affected by this new business?
- 8. Will people coming over the hill that already has traffic exiting these public buildings cause an additional hazard to people like us who use the street?
- 9. What attraction will the business have on minors who already have problems with vaping?

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After recording return to: Lawrence C. Walden, Esq. Bergen & Parkinson, LLC 62 Portland Road, Suite 25 Kennebunk, ME 04043 Kathy Galant Opplication

Space Above This Line For Recording

EASEMENT

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, THAT, the INHABITANTS OF THE TOWN OF BOWDOINHAM, a municipal corporation, located in Bowdoinham, in the County of Sagadahoc, and State of Maine, in consideration of One Dollar and other good and valuable consideration paid by KATHLEEN GALLANT, of Bowdoinham, in the County of Sagadahoc, and State of Maine, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, and whose mailing address is 17 School Street, Bowdoinham, Maine, 04008, do hereby release, bargain, sell and convey, unto the said KATHLEEN GALLANT, her heirs and assigns forever, the following described easement:

A perpetual easement over and across a portion of the Grantor's property on the westerly side of School Street, in Bowdoinham, Sagadahoc County, Maine, being a strip of land twenty (20) feet in width running from School Street, and along the southerly boundary of the School House Lot, acquired by the Town of Bowdoinham, by virtue of Deed from School Administrative District #75, dated June 28, 1977, and recorded in the Sagadahoc County Registry of Deeds in Book 464, Page 341; said easement running in a generally westerly direction from School Street along said boundary line for a distance of one hundred and eighty (180) feet. The boundary line is as more particularly shown on the Survey of the School Street Municipal Lots for the Town of Bowdoinham, by Harty & Harty Professional Land Surveying, dated October 1, 1997, as running from a point on School Street South Seventy-Seven Degrees, Thirty Seven Minutes, Fifty-Two Seconds West (S 77° 37' 52" W).

This easement is for the purpose of constructing, establishing, and maintaining a driveway to be used as access from School Street to premises of this Grantee which property is more particularly described in the deed from Patrick P. Haggerty to Kathleen Gallant, then known as Kathleen Haggerty, dated April 26, 1996, and recorded in the Sagadahoc County Registry of Deeds in Book 1419, Page 16, and premises acquired by Kathleen Gallant by Deed from Dianna J. Thibodeau, dated July 12, 2002, and recorded in the Sagadahoc County Registry of Deeds in Book 2028, Page 124. This directory easement is exclusively for driveway purposes, and the maintenance of the driveway shall be conducted in a manner that will cause the driveway to be serviceable and will not interfere with or endanger the use of other adjacent Town owned property. All expenses for establishment, construction and maintenance of the driveway shall be at the sole expense of the Grantee. The Grantee's use of Grantor's property shall be limited to the driveway area described above and shall not encroach upon or otherwise interfere with the Town's use of its remaining property.

As consideration for this easement, the Grantee herein, her heirs and assigns, do hereby covenant with the Town of Bowdoinham to refrain from erecting any buildings or structures, or adding on to any existing building or structure on Grantee's property that would impair, impede or otherwise block or diminish the view or 'view shed' from the Town Office building looking southerly and southwesterly across Grantee's property. The purpose of this covenant and condition is to maintain the current view or view shed as presently enjoyed by the Town Office building and to prevent the view or view shed from being diminished any time in the future.

As additional consideration for this easement, the Grantee shall defend and shall indemnify and hold harmless Grantor, its members, officers and employees, from and against all claims, causes of action, suits, losses, damages and expenses, including attorney's fees, arising out of or resulting from use of this easement by Grantee or her successors, assigns, invitees, agents, family or others; or from negligent acts, errors or omissions by Grantee, or her successors, assigns, invitees, agents, family or others or breach of duties to Grantor by Grantee, or her successors, assigns, invitees, agents, tamily or others in use of this Easement. Such obligation shall not be construed to negate or abindge any other obligation of indemnification running to Grantor, which would otherwise exist. Grantor shall give Grantee prompt and timely notice of any claims, threatened or made, or suit instituted against it, which could result in a claim for indemnification, hereunder, provided, however, that lack of such notice shall not be a waiver of Grantee's indemnification of Grantor. Grantor shall cooperate with Grantee in the defense of such a claim.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD, the same, together with all the privileges and appurtenances thereunto belonging, to the said KATHLEEN GALLANT, her heirs and assigns.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the INHABITANTS OF THE TOWN OF BOWDOINHAM has caused this instrument to be signed in its corporate name and sealed with its corporate seal by its Selectmen, thereunto duly authorized this <u>ale</u> day of <u>Hugust</u>, 2009.

SIGNED, SEALED AND DELIVERED IN PRESENCE OF

INHABITANTS OF THE TOWN OF BOWDOINHAM

By: Its Selectpien

DAVID WHIFT LESEY, Chair

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STATE OF MAINE SAGADAHOC, SS, Personally appeared the above named DAVID WHITTLESEY, STEVEN CIEMBRONIEWICZ, and BRIAN HOBART, the Selectmen of the Town of Bowdoinham, and acknowledged the above instrument to be their free act and deed in their said capacity and the free act and deed of the said municipality. Before me, No

Notary Public/Attorney At Law

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SAGADAHOC COUNTY

Register of Deeds

21 School Street Bowdoinham, ME 04008 August 13, 2021

Bowdoinham Planning Board 13 School Street Bowdoinham, ME 04008

Dear Chairman:

Please give consideration to the following concerning the Scott Gallant proposal to grow and sell marijuana:

- 1. Protection of adjacent properties. A line survey is needed between the Gallant/Joyce property.
- 2. Cost to Community: traffic, road use/deterioration, fire protection, policing and water use.
- 3. Offensive odors/noise
- 4. Parking of business needs and customers. Snow removal needs.
- 5. Proper drainage and run off from driveways/parking lots?
- 6. The temptation of this drug's accessibility to our town youth and its stepping stone to a more serious drug problem. How will this affect the proposed park expansion near the river and drug use?
- 7. Lights and cameras mounted on the building invading privacy of neighbors. Fencing?
- 8. Does this business meet the requirements for an age-friendly Bowdoinham town where it is located near aging residents, town business, library and a church?
- 9. Consider purchasing the Gallant properties to put in modest homes.
- 10. Many of town residents have not understood the zoning rules of the town to allow the building to be erected. Could the state laws have prevented this from happening? As our world changes are we as a town anticipating things that will change our town in a negative way?

Thank you for the work you do for our town.

Sincerely, Rove Name Joseph

Rev. Daniel Joyce

Town of Bowdoinham, Maine

U01-017- Gallant

Applicant – Scott Gallant

Property - 17 School (U01-017)

<u>Project</u> – Applicant is proposing to develop a marijuana establishment.

FROM: Richard H. Joyce, brother of Danial Joyce abutter to 11 School Street

SUBJECT: Rebuttal to applicant's proposal to develop a marijuana establishment to be known as "Stone Hill General LLC, d/b/a/ Stone Hill General Store and/or Stone Hill General (hereinafter "SHG").

The proposed project may be found at the following online web site "Bowdoinham.com/project/u01-017-Gallant" with first submission dated 8-16-21.

The following submissions are lettered and assigned letters from the first (bottom of the list of the above web site, until the current. NOTE: this will allow for additional submissions.

"A" U01-017_ "PB Submission January 2021.pdf

"B" 2-17-2021 GALLANT SUBMISSION.pdf

"C" 2-18-2021 GALLANT SUBMISSION.pdf

"D" SUBMISSION GALLANT 2-19-2021.pdf

"E" GALLANT SUBMISSION 3-18-2021.pdf

"F" SUBMISSION 4-15-2021.pdf

"G" Scott Gallant Waivers Request 6-3-21.pdf

"H" Scott Gallant Re_Water Supply Standard.pdf

'I" Scott Gallant Copy of Engineered Plans submitted 6-3-21.pdf

"J" LETTER FROM GALLANTS TO JENN CURTIS, TOWN PLANNER & ATTACHMENTS, MAY 20, 2021.pdf

"K" Additional application submission on 8-16-2021

As I get into my comment's I will be listing the above sections by, letter and page number, of each submission addressed.

I Richard H. Joyce am the brother of Daniel Joyce, an abutter, on SEbS (147° True +/-) side of the Gallant property, at 21 School Street.

I would like to start by recognizing the large cost and hard labor Mr. Gallant has put into the building on Lot (U01-017). Unfortunately, due to the following reasons, the Planning Board should not allow this project to be for the purpose of developing a marijuana establishment.

#1; The first concern I have is with some of the property lines.

In Submission "B" page 8 & 9, apparently the Planning Board had requested a formal boundary survey. This letter from Attorney John F. Barnicle to Nichole Briand, Director of Planning & Development dated Oct. 15, 2015 stated, "This requirement is unfortunately adding undue and unnecessary time and expense to Mr. Gallant's project. Here we are in September of 2021. I have heard that Mr. Gallant did have a Surveyor work on his property, but because of a dispute with Mr. Gallant, the Surveyor decided not to finish the job.

I believe that I will show that this was a major error. Reference is had to an abutting survey entitled, BOUNDARY SURVEY of the CALVIN & JEWEL TEMPLE LOTS, Spring Street, Bowdoinham, Maine DATE: MARCH 4, 2015. By Wheeler Surveying, of Bowdoin, Maine. NOTE: 12), of that survey states. "Scott Gallant apparently is claiming a strip of land, of varied width, along the common lines of Gallant and Temple, and shown herein are the record lines of the Temple lot. Per phone conversation with Scott Gallant, Apr 28, 2015

13) May 4, 2015 revisions show iron rods as set & add NOTE 12.

This survey also shows a parcel of land on the original boundary of Daniel & Kathy Joyce REF: BK. 22 P. 497 Dated May 16, 1864. NOTE: This deed is missing from all the sketches that Scott Gallant has drawn showing property lines between Daniel & Kathy Joyce. In addition, Mr. Gallant shows an additional parcel, dated May 18, 1944 BK. 234 P. 443 being measured from the original boundary of what is now the Joyce lot. This lot starts on the Westerly side of School Street. Side. And is shown on the above Survey, listed as BK. 22 P. 497. SEE EXHIBIT "A"

#2; On the north side of SHG, on Town of Bowdoinham property is an EASEMENT Bk. 3129 Ps 184-185 dated 9/29/2009. (Submission "E" 3/18/2021, page 3 & 4), INHABITANTS OF THE TOWN OF BOWDOINHAM to KATHLEEN GALLANT, hereby release, bargain, sell and convey, unto the said KATHLEEN GALLANT, her heirs and assigns forever, the following described easement.

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LOT 18.

NOTE: I will be showing how Scott Gallant and SHG are trying to use this easement for the Commercial proposed marijuana establishment. ("A" U01-017_PB Submission_January 2021.pdf) On page 7, this plan shows parking spaces numbered 9 thru 16 in the above driveway easement.

#2;

On 10/01/1997 Harty & Harty Professional Land Surveying did a survey entitled "SCHOOL STREET MUNICIPAL LOTS". This survey shows the property lines of the "INHABITANTS OF THE NINTH SCHOOL DISTRICT IN BOWDOINHAM" TM U1 lot 19, L. W. 10/467 and KATHLEEN HAGGERTY book 1496/16 TM U1 LOT 17 as S 77°37′52" W 289.35 feet. (lot's U1 LOT & U1 LOT 18). The survey of this property line also shows two monuments, "IRF IN STONE 1" IPF, DRILL and 1" IRF IN CONCRETE. (NOTE: IRF = iron rod found; IPF = iron pipe found). On a drive by observation, I did not see the first two "IRF in STONE". They may have been removed or are buried. Hopefully they ere not removed. Destroying property monuments is a criminal offense.

In addition, the building on TM U1 Lot 17, is shown. <u>The distance from the building to the property line scales between 8 and 9 feet</u>. It also shows a gravel drive to LOT 18.

"A" U01-017_"PB Submission January 2021.pdf On page 6 of this submission, letter "J" shows 16 feet from the building to the property line. Letter "E" is 36 feet, presumed to be to, the north side of the 20-foot-wide EASEMENT, where he is showing 9 thru 15 parking spaces. First, the EASEMENT is to only allow access to LOT 18. Second, as mentioned above, the building is only 8 to 9 feet from the property line.

SUBMISSION 4-15-2021 On page 2, Mr. Gallant is again showing 16 feet from the building to the property line of the Town of Bowdoinham. The above Harty & Harty Survey clearly shows the distance to be between 8 and 9 feet.

#3; Additional factors to be concerned about.

U01-017 PB Submission January 2021 It clearly shows that parking spaces 3 thru 8 are on top of the leach field as shown on 2-17-2021 GALLANT SUBMISSION on page 12.

State of Maine Subsurface waste water Disposal Rules revisions 01-C

Section 4 10-144 CMR 241

Page 28,

9. Vehicular traffic: Except where site limitations make it impractical, no driveway or parking or turning area may be located over any disposal field. When a system is placed under an area receiving vehicular traffic, <u>H-20 loading</u> components must be installed

SUBMISSION GALLANT 2-19-2021 Pages 4 thru 7, are engineering plans, Rev. 6/10/95, in reference to the septic tank and subsurface disposal system. These planes are for a "SINGLE FAMILY DEWELLING". What I do not see is any reference to the above H-20 loading components.

#4. Page 2018 of the Bowdoinham Land Use Ordinance addresses 21) Marijuana Establishments a) The establishment shall have and implement an odor mitigation plan that is sufficient to element the smell of marijuana so that it is not detectable offsite, i.e., must not be detected at premises that are not under the custody or control of the establishment's impact on abutters and the public.

2-17-2021 GALLANT SUBMISSION.pdf Page 22 shows an "IPOWER AIR CARBON FILTER" it unclear if this is intended to solve the above concerns of odor mitigation. I have heard from some of my morning coffee friends that this odor is very offense. This is a very small lot with close abutters that would find this odor very offensive.

In closing, if the Planning Board reviews the evidence that I have presented, than I do see how this project can ever be approved. Do Mr. Scott Gallant a big favor and not allow this project to go forward now. It may save a lot of money and work.

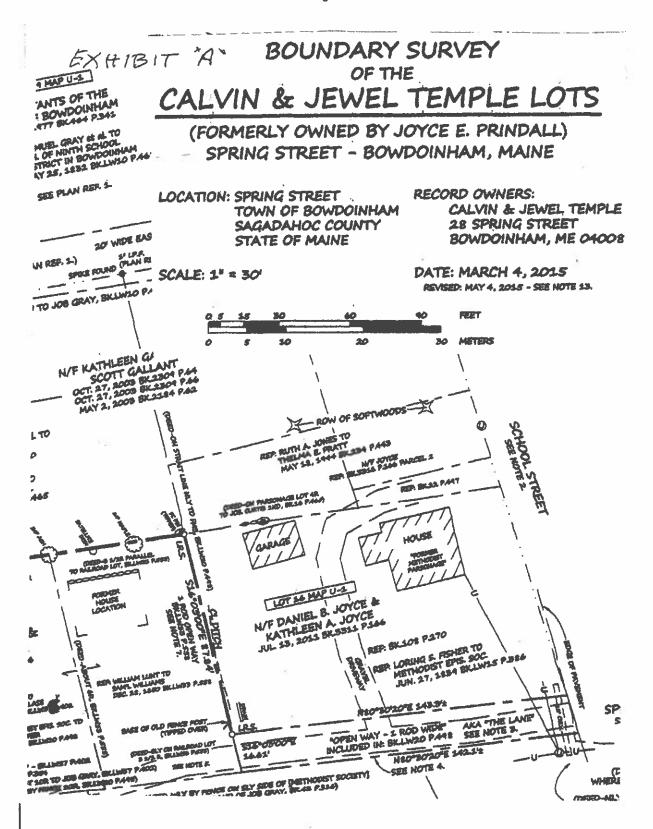
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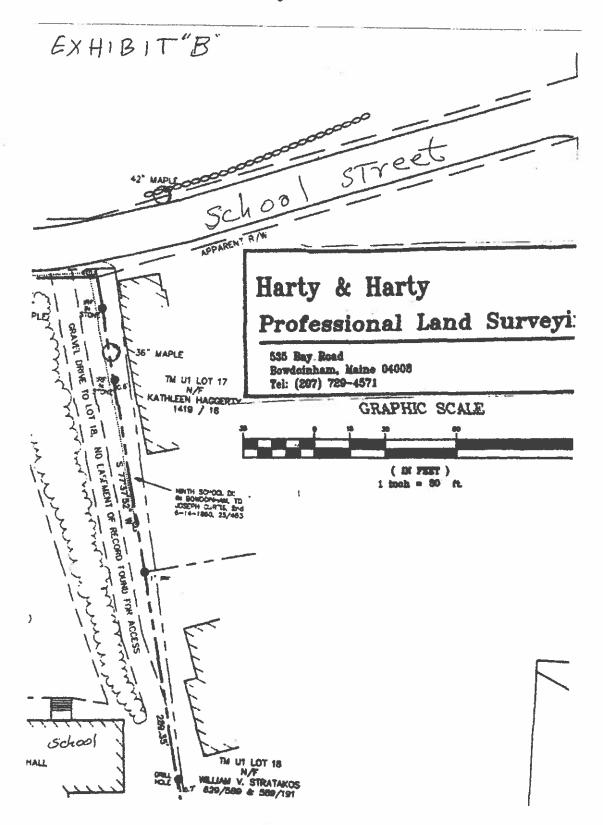
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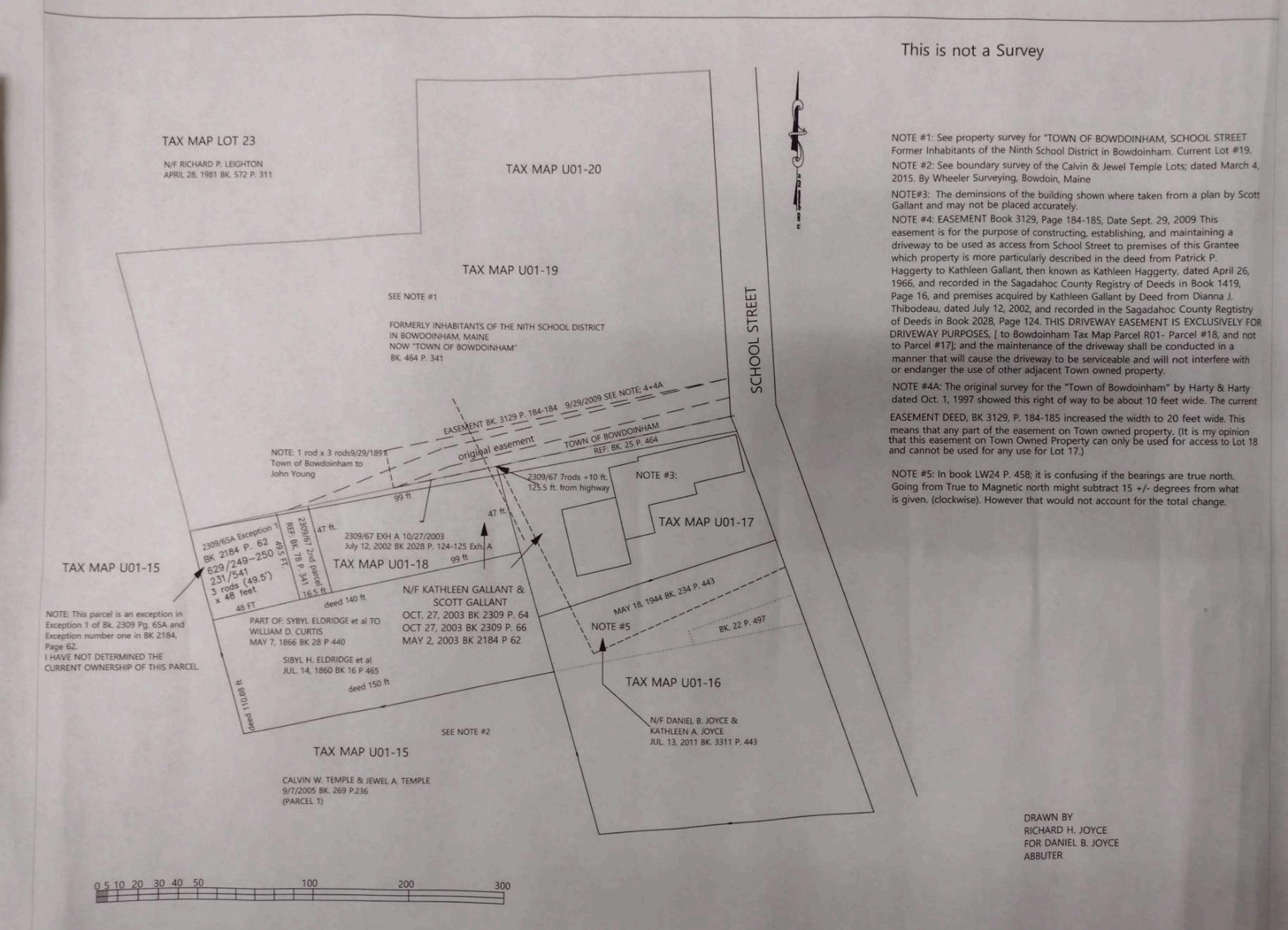
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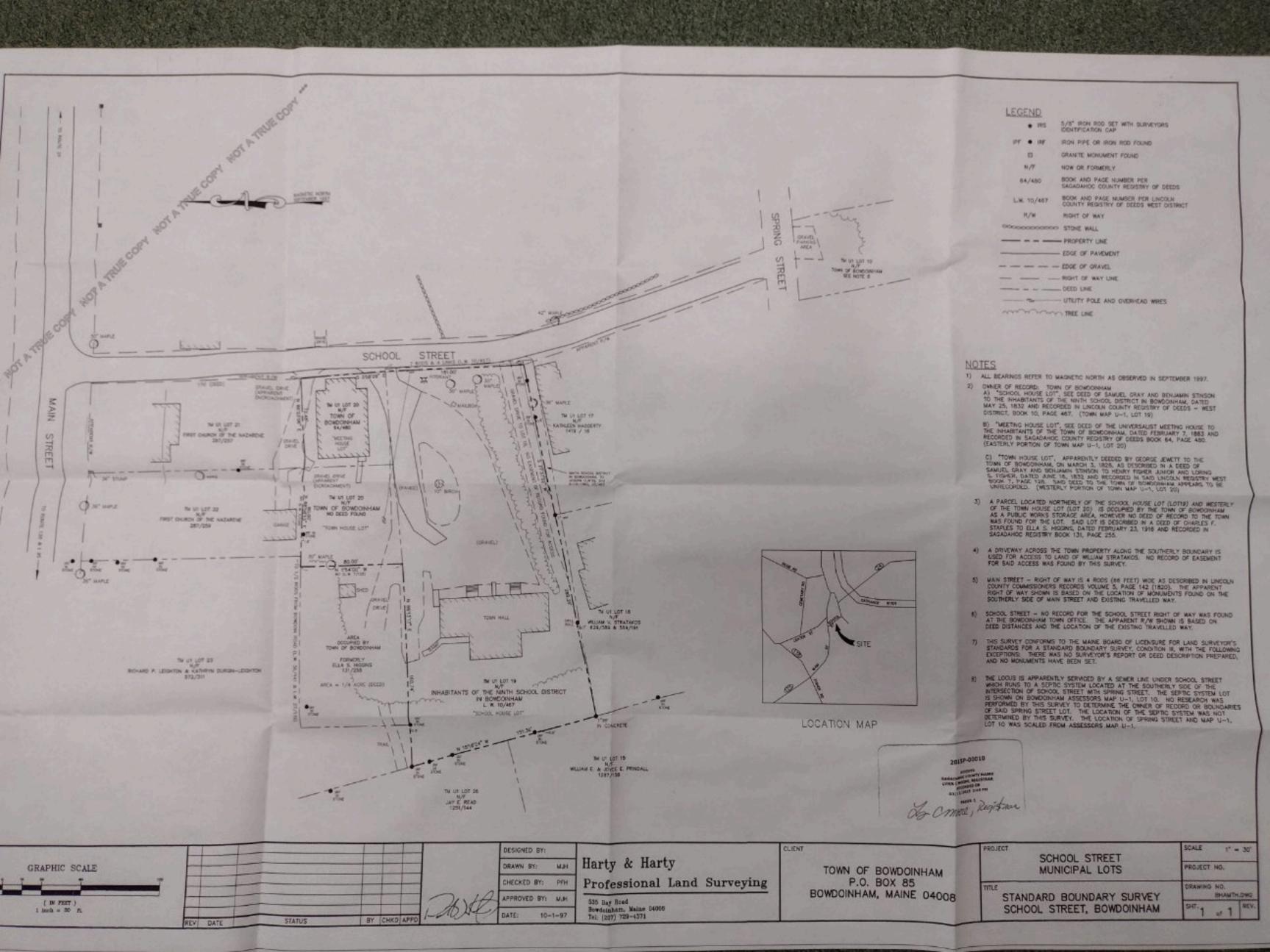
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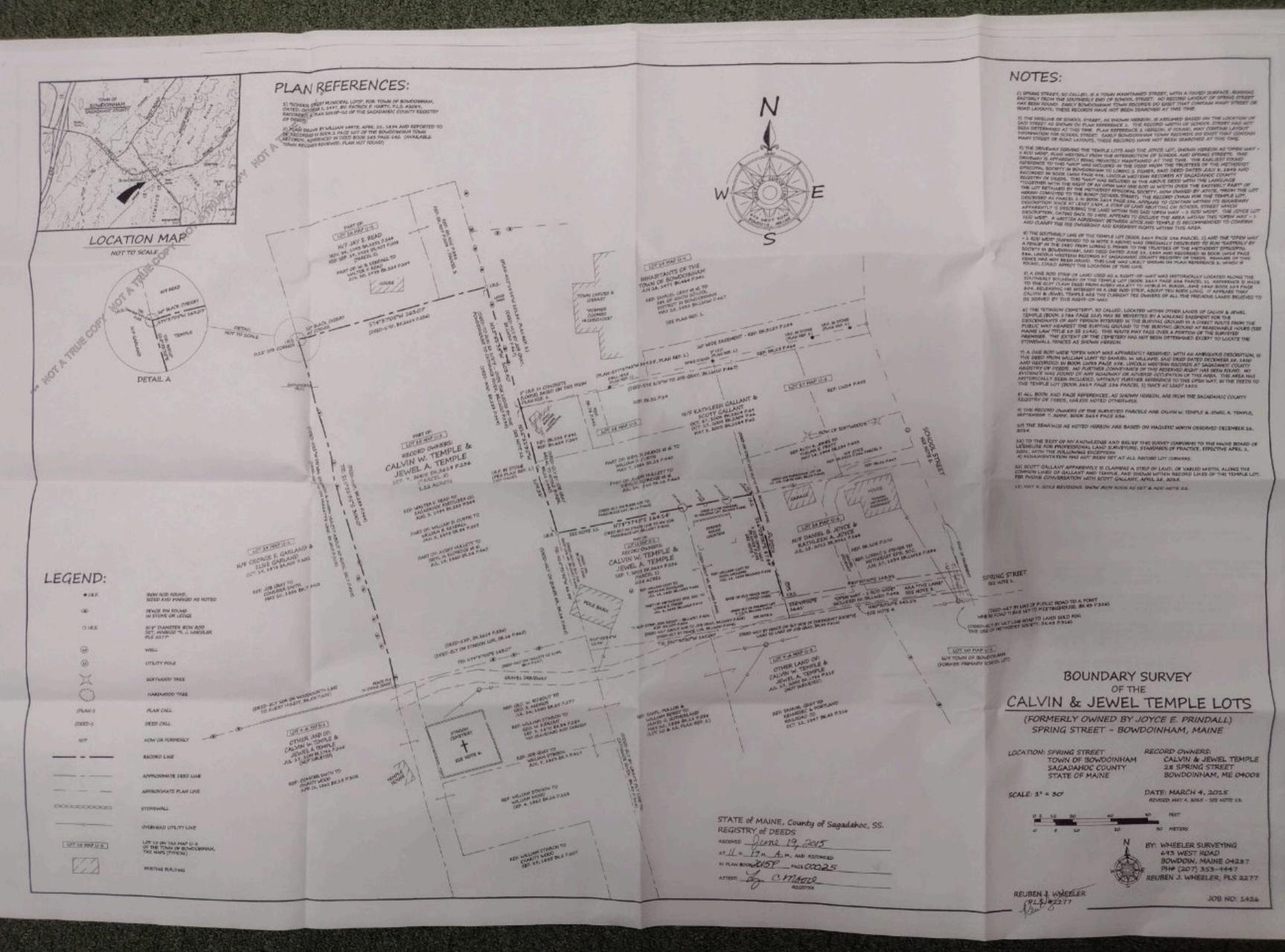
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Municipal Services Impact Statement

Site Plan Review Tier II Application

Property: U01-017

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	I have the following concern(s):
	I recommend the following:
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Municipal Services Impact Statement

Site Plan Review Tier II Application

Located at: 17 School Street, Bowdoinham

Property: U01-017

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Public Hearing September 23, 2021

SITE PLAN REVIEW - TIER 2 APPLICATION

(Applicant – Scott Gallant; Property – 17 School Street: U01-017)

Public Comments Submitted by Kevin Twine, 38 Center Street

Visual Impacts on Nearby Historic Structures

On pages 199 and 200 of the Town of Bowdoinham Land Use Ordinance (LUO), the following Approval Criteria are listed:

"5) Visual Impact – The proposed development will not have an adverse effect on the scenic or natural beauty of the area, including water views and scenic views." (p. 199)

Applicant does not mention visual impact in its application. The proposed nonresidential project blocks nearly all views of the Cathance River from the Municipal Building and the Town Hall.

- "16) Special Resources
 - "d) Historic & Archaeological The proposed development will not have an adverse effect on historic and/or archaeological sites." (p. 200)

Page 207 0f the LUO lists the following Performance Standards to be used in Site Plan Review:

- "17) Historic & Archaeological -
- "a) If any portion of the site has been identified as containing historic or archaeological resources, the development must include appropriate measures for protecting these resources, including but not limited to, modification of the proposed design of the site, timing of construction, and limiting the extent of excavation.
- "b) Proposed developments which include or are adjacent to buildings or sites on the National Register of Historic Places, Maine Historic Preservation Commission or when the Comprehensive Plan has identified as being of historical significance, shall be designed in such a manner as to minimize the impacts on the historic features. When the historic features to be protected include buildings, the placement and the architectural design of new structures shall be similar to the historic structures. The Board may require the applicant to seek the advice of the Maine Historic Preservation Commission." (p. 207)

Page 77 of the 2014 Bowdoinham Comprehensive Plan names the following "Historic Buildings and Structures in Bowdoinham of Local Importance":

- Town Hall
- John C. Coombs Municipal Building

These buildings, which are located within full view of Applicant's proposed project, and within 90 to 125 feet of it, are not listed or mentioned in Applicant's application. The buildings are located on two sides of what can be characterized as Bowdoinham's "Public Square" where residents of the Town and other people frequently gather for diverse purposes. The histories of these buildings are well-known in Bowdoinham and appreciated. This area is among the most important visual and historic assets in Bowdoinham and is vital to the maintenance of the visual and historic character of the Village area.

Applicant has not considered anywhere in its application the visual impact of its proposed project on these buildings and Bowdoinham's Public Square. In its submittal of February 17, 2021, Applicant included several pages showing elevations of its proposed facility. These elevations consisted of a stone façade on the first floor, and empty white wall space between the first floor and the roof. No mention is made of materials or color, or of proposed exterior details. Applicant has made no effort whatever to adhere to the Performance Standard which requires: "When the historic features to be protected include buildings, the placement and the architectural design of new structures shall be similar to the historic structures."

As currently designed, Applicant's proposed project constitutes a major adverse visual impact to the Town Hall and John C. Coombs Municipal Building and the surrounding historic space. *This issue is of such importance to Bowdoinham's visual and historic character that Applicant's site plan application should be rejected for this reason alone.*

From: Brandi Lohr
To: Jennifer Curtis

Subject: Site Plan review application for 17 School Street **Date:** Wednesday, September 15, 2021 7:23:48 AM

You don't often get email from blohr725@gmail.com. Learn why this is important

Good morning,

I am writing to you in reference to the proposed venture of turning that green building into a marijuana place. I am not sure why all of a sudden it is being turned into something when it has been sitting there for so many years in its current state. It seems as when this building was built it did not follow what it said it was going to be. I am afraid that being in the center of town would not be a good place for such a venture. We know that in growing marijuana a smell comes with it. That smell would permeate throughout the town. Being located right next to the Town office would definitely not be something that you would want right there. As an individual that lives in town I would not like for this to even be an option.

Thank you for listening, Brandi Lohr From: <u>Karen Mayo</u>
To: <u>Jennifer Curtis</u>

Subject: 17 School St public hearing

Date: Wednesday, September 15, 2021 1:29:38 PM

You don't often get email from karenpmayo@gmail.com. Learn why this is important

Due to our age and Covid spread Ray and I are not available to come to the public hearing. We would like to make our thoughts known after living here more than 38 Years and using the library and working on the Town hall committee years ago as well as attending events there. We hope you will deny the requested use of 17 School St. It seems an awful use for that area. If it is zoned commercial it certainly is not in character. The homes are close by and would certainly be affected by traffic, odors and the risk of crime and fire.

Children come to the library regularly and I walk that hill for health and exercise. If a fire were to begin in that building two of our most important historical buildings, the Coombs school and the Townhall would be destroyed since I don't think our volunteer fire department possesses enough ladder trucks to fight a fire there.

Thanks for your consideration. Karen Mayo

September 13, 2021

To the Bowdoinham Planning Board Attn. Jennifer Curtis 13 School St. Bowdoinham, ME 04008

Dear Ms. Curtis,

This letter is written out of concern for the proposed project at 17 School St. in Bowdoinham, a marijuana business by Scott Gallant. Here are our concerns:

Can School St. and the dense population there, handle the traffic flow? Will there be enough parking for customers?

Where will overflow parking go? The street is narrow and the Town Office parking lot is for Town and library business.

Buffering.....is that adequately covered?

Stench, is this a possibility, and if so, how will it be handled?

How will this business affect the quality of life for the densely populated area that caters to town business and the library?

Will the business have a negative effect on children?

Will this business affect the property values of neighbors, and how?

Is there a fire hazard in such a close neighborhood and does our Fire Dept. have adequate equipment for such a high building?

The area is a historic part of the town. Do we have regulations regarding historic sites and businesses?

Are there regulations about businesses being in close proximity to a village residential area?

Thank you for your time and attention to the planning business of the town.

Sincerely,

Boanne and Paul Savoie, P. 2 J. S.

142 Main St.

Bowdoinham, ME. 04008

From: <u>Ellen Baum</u>
To: <u>Jennifer Curtis</u>

Subject: Site plan review: Scott Gallant

Date: Thursday, September 16, 2021 7:21:33 AM

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Dear Jennifer —

As I will be out of town for the public hearing on the Scott Gallant site plan application, I would like to offer a few questions/concerns for the planning board to consider.

- 1. Has the planning board received the survey information it needs, which delineates the boundary of the Gallant property and the town property. I am concerned that an agreed-upon boundary may not have been established, which puts into question whether setback requirements will be (are being) met.
- 2. Given the activities described in the proposal and its location, I want the planning board to be confident that there is a septic system that can both be sited on the property and will cover the wastewater needs of the full operation.
- 3. I would like the town water district to confirm that there is adequate water to meet the projected needs of the project.

Many thanks for your consideration of these issues.

Sincerely,

Ellen Baum 269 White Road Bowdoinham ME 04008 207-666-5676 207-720-0642 (c) From: <u>Jeff Fischer</u>
To: <u>Jennifer Curtis</u>

Subject: Re: Public hearing for Gallant site plan application **Date:** Thursday, September 16, 2021 7:20:22 PM

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Please include them in the public records and provide them to the planning board.

Thanks.

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 16, 2021, at 6:58 PM, Jennifer Curtis <planning@bowdoinham.com> wrote:

Hi Mr. Fischer,

Thank you for taking the time to share your comments and questions. Would you like me to include them in the public record and provide them to the planning board, or were they meant to be a personal communication with me?

Jenn Curtis
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From: Jeff Fischer <jeff.fischer@comcast.net>Sent: Thursday, September 16, 2021 2:27 PMTo: Jennifer Curtis <planning@bowdoinham.com>Subject: Public hearing for Gallant site plan application

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Dear Jennifer,

I'm afraid I have to miss the public hearing on the site plan application for Scott Gallant, but I thought I'd at least communicate with you by email. Sorry I can't be there — out of town on family business.

Let's just say I have a few concerns. The lot seems small, the building enormous and wedged right next to the town office and public library, so I don't think it's a good location for that kind of business.

Also, I don't think that part of town can handle the traffic. I wonder if there is a plan for a sufficiently large off-road parking lot for workers and for the customers who would be coming in and out frequently.

I understand that in the past there have been questions about the exact boundary of the property, such as with the abutting town property. Has this been established beyond dispute?

My sense of the type of business that Mr. Gallant proposes is that is will require a lot of water and septic capacity. Has it been established that the property can handle that?

Sincerely,

Jeff Fischer 269 White Road Bowdoinham