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January 7, 2020

Via email ggoeschel@eltownhall.com & UPS Overnight

Gary Goeschel
Director of Planning
Town of East Lyme
108 Pennsylvania Avenue
Niantic, CT 06357

Re: Nottingham Hills Subdivision

Dear Gary:

This correspondence shall serve as my client, English Harbour Asset Management LLC's, request for the following actions by the Town of East Lyme Planning Commission regarding the above referenced subdivision. These requests come as a result of a recent title search undertaken in conjunction with the sale of a large portion of my client's remaining property to the East Lyme Land Trust, Inc.

 Release of the Open Space Covenant recorded in the East Lyme Land Records Vol. 653, Page 355, Ex. A.

This request is supported by the fact the requirements of the subject covenant were met well over a decade ago and this covenant represent an unnecessary and unwarranted encumbrance of my client's properties.

2. Assignment and recording of the Conservation Easement in favor of the East Lyme Land Trust, Inc. (see proposed easement Ex. B).

This request is made as a result of the fact the East Lyme Land Trust is purchasing the abutting property, Ex. C. This easement was proposed as open space as part of the Nottingham Hills Subdivision Phase IIA (see map

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recorded in the Town of East Lyme Land Records) Drawer 6 #168 and attached hereto as Ex. D.

3. Assignment or alternatively the release of the Conservation Easement in conjunction with the Nottingham Hills Subdivision Phase IV recorded in the Town of East Lyme Land Records Vol 870, Page 689, Ex. E and also identified on the map recorded in Drawer 6 #'s 602 & 603 (Ex. F).

As identified on the map previously referenced herein, Ex. B, the East Lyme Land Trust is acquiring both the portions of the easement property and over thirty (30) additional acres to hold in perpetuity as publicly accessible open space and this property is unnecessary to provide the required open space for the development of the subdivision.

In addition, the release request is also supported by the Memorandum of Law directed to you from Mark Block, Esq. dated February 1, 2010, Ex. G, and the fact, as previously stated, the subdivision absent this property, has met its open space obligations. Moreover, the conveyance of this property to the East Lyme Land Trust will protect this property as publicly accessible open space.

Would you please add these requests to the February 4, 2019 Town of East Lyme Planning Commission agenda.

Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions or which to discuss these matter further.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Geraghty

cc: Kristen Clarke, P.E.

EXHIBIT A

653 page 355 DEVELOPMENT AND OPEN SPACE COVENANT

WHEREAS, NIANTIC REAL ESTATE, LLC, is the Developer for Subdivision entitled

"NOTTINGHAM HILLS SUBDIVISION NIANTIC REAL ESTATE, LLC BOUNDARY PLAN

UPPER PATTAGANSETT ROAD EAST LYME CT DATE 5/4/01 REVISED THROUGH

11/30/01 ANCHOR ENGINEERING SERVICES, INC. SCALE 1" = 100' SHEET NO. L1"; and

WHEREAS, Lot 6 is shown thereon, is comprised of a large tract of land subject to future

development; and

WHEREAS, it is not anticipated that such development will consist of a subdivision of land;

and

WHEREAS, the Developer has requested and received a Modification of said approval to

eliminate the requirement of sidewalks; and

WHEREAS, in conjunction with said approval, Open Space was to be provided on Lot 6 in

the approximate amount of thirty (30) acres; and

WHEREAS, the Developer and the Town would desire to provide a mechanism for

the future placement of sidewalks, should the Commission or Town require sidewalks to be placed

in any such future development on the land identified as Lot \P and further, to provide for a future

area of Open Space of approximately thirty (30) acres as identified in Note 6 of the above-referenced

plan.

NOW THEREFORE, the Developer covenants and agrees as follows:

1. Should any land use Commission of the Town of East Lyme require sidewalks to be

placed in the confines of any such development on Lot 6, the Developer agrees that such future

requirement of sidewalks may include the requirement that sidewalks be constructed by the

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Developer within Phase I of NOTTINGHAM HILLS so as to make a continuous sidewalk path to Upper Pattagansett Road, it being intended that said sidewalk may be in lieu of a trail system providing pedestrian access to Upper Pattagansett Road.

- 2. Any future development of Lot 6, as shown on said plan, shall include Open Space in an amount not less than thirty (30) acres, provided however, that upon Application to and approval by the Planning Commission for the Town of East Lyme, said Open Space may be substituted by dedication of appropriate land in an alternate location.
- 3. This covenant shall be deemed to be a real covenant which shall run with the land and shall bind NIANTIC REAL ESTATE, LLC, and/or any future owners of the property and enforced by the East Lyme Planning Commission.

Dated at Niantic this 1977 day of December, 2003.

NIANTIC REAL ESTATE, LLC

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

) ss: COUNTY OF NEW LONDON

Personally appeared, Jeffrey A. Torrance, Member of Niantic Real Estate, LLC, duly authorized, signer and sealer of the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged the same to be his free act and deed and the free act and deed of the said Niantic Real Estate, LLC, before me.

Commissioner of the Superior Court

LAW OFFICES

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OPEN SPACE CALCULATIONS NOTTINGHAM HILLS SUBDIVISION

Phase I

Lot #	Acreage
1	1.71
2	.92
3	1.25
4	1.39
5	1.23
6	1.21
Phase II	
6	1.34
8	2.21
9	3.09
10	1.95
11	1.71
30	1.29
31 48	1.34
49	2.96
197 Upper Patt	2.11 2.68
137 Opper Fatt	2.08
Phase III	
12	1.06
13	1.34
14	1.17
15	1.27
16	1.35
17	1.0
18	.93
19 (rear)	2.45
20	Phase IV
21 (rear) 22	3.12
24	1.30
25	1.73 1.78
26	2.58
27	2.91
	2.31

28

4.36

Phase IV

20 33.0 29 3.05

32

15.03

Open Space

Aunt Ruth Turnpike

23.2

Phase I

.32 (south side Kensington Drive)

Phase II

4.24 (Conservation Easement)

Phase III

N/A

Phase IV

10.63 (Conservation Easement)

2.96 (Conservation Easement)

TOTAL ACRES

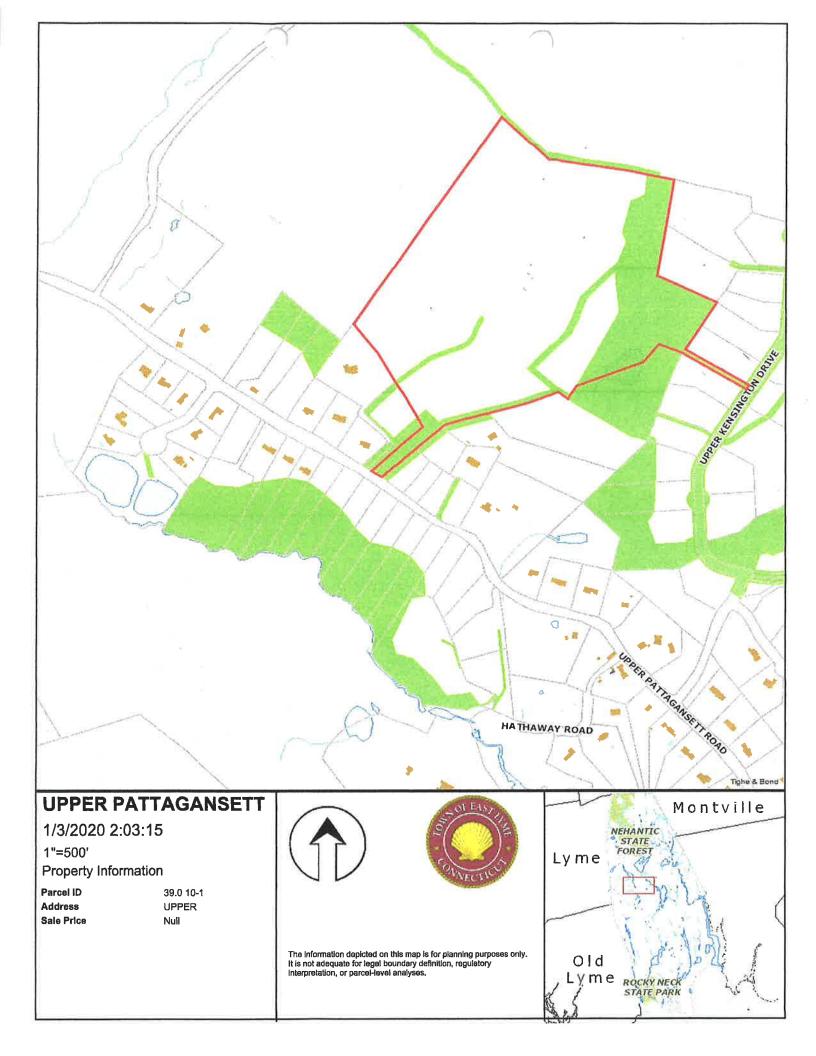
LOTS:

107.82

OPEN SPACE:

41.35

EXHIBIT B



Grantors or the owners of the servient tenements for any changes to the Conservation Easement area du3e to causes beyond the control of the Grantor's or the owners of the servient tenements, such as changes caused by fire, flood, storm, earthquake, insect infestation, wildlife damage, or the unauthorized wrongful acts of third parties.

In the event that the Grantee becomes aware of an event or circumstance of noncompliance with the terms and conditions herein set forth, the Grantee shall give notice of such event or circumstances of noncompliance by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the owner of the servient tenement of the property involved at his last known address, such notice to contain a request for corrective actions reasonable required to abate such even or circumstances of noncompliance and restore the conservation Easement area to substantially its previous condition.

Failure by the owner of the servient tenement to whom notice has been given to cause discontinuance or abatement or to undertake such other action as may be reasonably requested by the Grantee within thirty (30) days after receipt of notice shall entitle the Grantee to bring an action at law equity in a court of competent jurisdiction to enforce the terms of the conservation Easement to require the restoration of the Conservation Easement area to substantially its previous condition, to enjoin such noncompliance by appropriate temporary or permanent injunction and/or to seek to recover damages arising from such noncompliance. Such damages, when and if removed shall be applied by the Grantee first to any necessary corrective action on the Conservation Easement area, then to other damages incurred by the Grantee and arising form such noncompliance. Such damages, when and if recovered shall be applied by the Grantee first to any necessary corrective action of the Conservation Easement area, then to other damages incurred by the Grantee and arising from such noncompliance.

If a court of competent jurisdiction determines that an owner of the servient tenement has failed to comply with the terms and conditions of this Conservation Easement, the owner shall reimburse the Grantee for any reasonable cost of enforcement, including court costs and reasonable attorney's fees. If such court determines that such owner was in compliance with the terms and conditions of this Conservation Easement the Grantee shall reimburse such owner for court costs and reasonable attorney's fees, in addition to any other payments ordered by such court. The Grantors, for themselves, their heirs, successors and assigns, hereby waive any defense of laches with respect to any delay by the Grantee, its successors and assigns, in actions to enforce any restriction to exercise any rights under this grant.

This instrument shall be recoded on the land records to the Town of East Lyme and shall be governed by the laws of the State of Connecticut. In the event that any provisions of clause of this instrument conflicts with any applicable law, such conflict shall not effect other provision of this instrument which can be given effect without the conflicting provision, and, to this end, the provisions hereof are declared to be severable

IN WITNESS WHEREOF	, I have hereunto set my hand this of
	NIANTIC REAL ESTATE LIMITED LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
	By Jeffrey A. Torrance, Manager
STATE OF CONNECTICUT COUNTY OF NEW LONDON)) ss:)
Liability Company, signer and So	frey A. Torrance, Member of Niantic Real Estate Limited ealer of the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged deed and the free act and deed of said limited liability
	Commissioner of the Superior Court Notary Public

EXHIBIT C

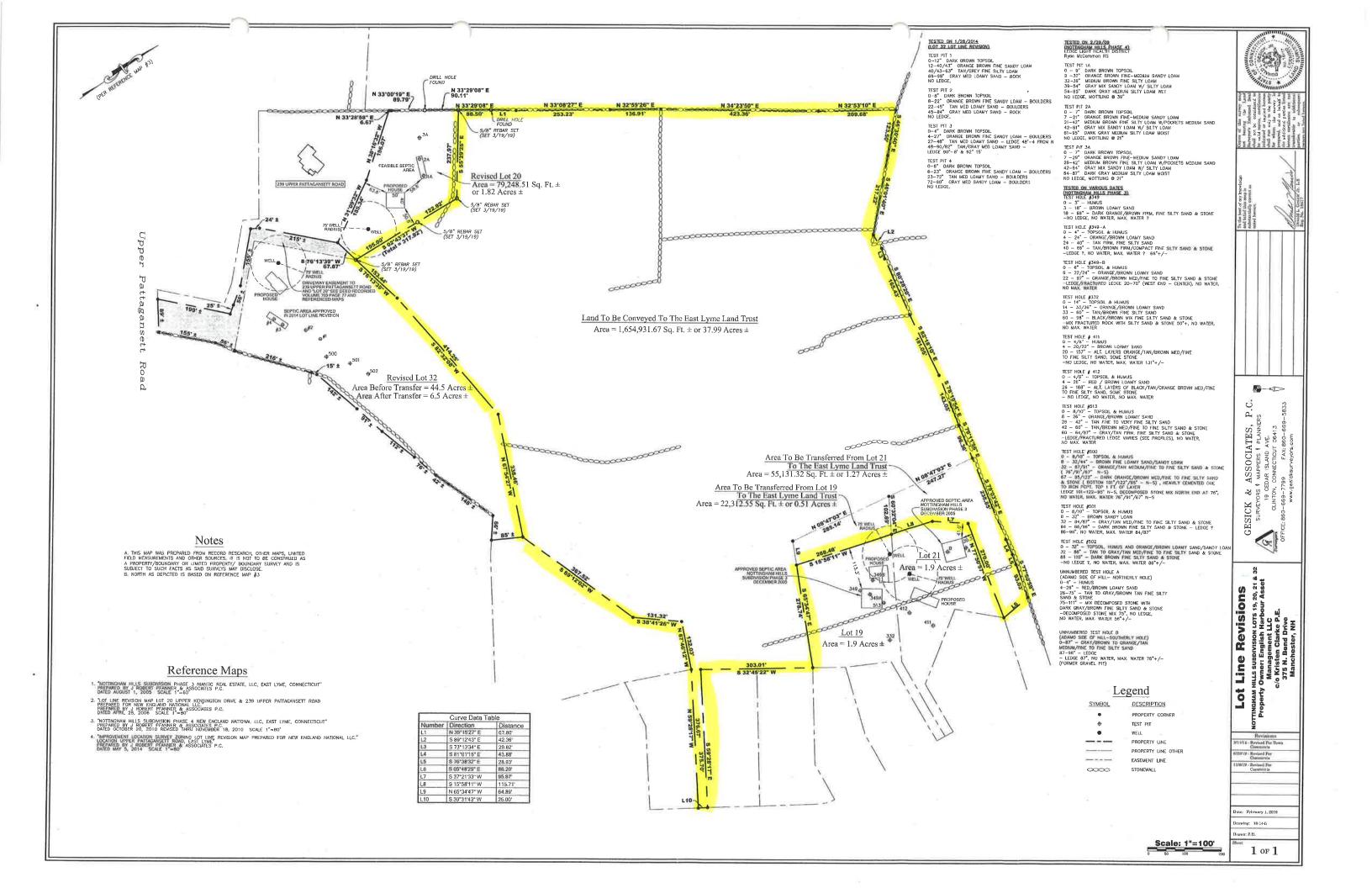


EXHIBIT D

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EXHIBIT E

planning (e.c.).

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS, that NEW ENGLAND NATIONAL, LLC and NIANTIC REAL ESTATE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY ("Grantors"), for the consideration of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other valuable consideration received to our full satisfaction of the Town of East Lyme, a municipal corporation, ("Grantee"), do give, and grant, and convey unto the Grantee, it's successors and assigns forever, the following:

A conservation easement to have all the force and effect for a "conservation easement" as defined by Section 47-42a of the Connecticut General Statutes for the purpose of retention of the hereinafter described land predominantly in its present natural and open condition in perpetuity.

The land subject to this conservation easement consists of those portions of the land located in the Town of East Lyme, County of New London, and State of Connecticut, which is designated as "Conservation Area" on a map entitled "NOTTINGHAM HILLS RESUBDIVISION PHASE 4 NEW ENGLAND NATIONAL, LLC East Lyme, Connecticut Sheet SD 1", prepared by J. ROBERT PFANNER & ASSOCIATES, P.C. CIVIL ENGINEERS & LAND SURVEYORS, and dated October 20, 2010, Revised 11/18/2010 to be filed in the East Lyme Land Records.

Within the said "Conservation Area", without prior express written consent from the Grantee or unless an alternative easement boundary is proposed and approved by the Planning Commission, or its successor in interest, as part of an application for a permit:

- There shall be no construction or maintenance of buildings, camping 1. accommodations, mobile homes, patios, decks, porches, or other structures except as specifically permitted below;
- 2. There shall be no filling, excavating, dredging, mining or drilling, removal of topsoil, sand, gravel, rock minerals or other materials, nor any change in the topography of the land in any manner, except as specifically permitted below:
- There shall be no removal, destruction or cutting of trees or plants, 3. spraying with biocides, herbicides, or their agents inimical to plant, animal or insect life, grazing of domestic or farm animals, or disturbance or change in the natural habitat in any manner, except as specifically permitted below:
- There shall be no dumping of ashes, trash, garbage, or other unsightly or 4. offensive material, and no changing of the topography through the placing of soil or other substances of material such as land fill or dredging spoils, except as specifically permitted below;
- 5. There shall be no manipulation or alteration of natural water courses, shores, marshes, or other water bodies or activities or uses detrimental to water purity, except as specifically permitted below;

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- 6. There shall be no operation of motorized vehicles, including snowmobiles, dunebuggies and all terrain vehicles; and
- 7. There shall be no construction, improvement, or upgrading of roads, driveways, parking areas, cartpaths, or footpaths except as necessary to maintain existing footpaths in the current condition or as specifically permitted below.

The provisions of the preceding restrictions notwithstanding, the following uses and activities by Grantors, and their heirs, successors and assigns, and any work or activity otherwise prohibited by the preceding restrictions which is reasonably necessary or appropriate in connection with such uses or activities shall not be prohibited by this Conservation Easement or considered inconsistent with the intent of this grant and are specifically permitted:

- a) The removal of dead, diseased, or damaged trees or other vegetation when such removal is necessary for reasons of safety, to control the spread of disease, or to control obnoxious plant growth such as cat brier, poison ivy, wild grape, oriental bittersweet, or other invasive species, and when such activities are conducted in a manner which will otherwise not be harmful to the remaining plant life; and
- b) Activities associated with an approved inland wetlands permit, such as, but not limited to, wetland mitigation or enhancement, stormwater management, or stormwater discharges.
- c) As to Conservation Area #2, use of the area for drainage and drainage structures, septic systems, wells and/or emergency access over existing accessway to Upper Kensington Drive.

Reserving to the grantor the right to use the servient tenements for any purposes not inconsistent with the restrictions herein granted.

This grant for Conservation Easement is intended to encompass the powers and rights granted pursuant to Sections 47-42a through 47-42c of the Connecticut General statutes as they may be amended from time to time, and the Grantee is hereby granted the right, in a reasonable manner and at reasonable times, to enforce by proceedings of law or in equity the covenants herein above set forth, including, but not limited to, the right to require restoration of the Conservation Easement area substantially to its condition immediately prior to any violation of the restrictions herein contained. The failure of the Grantee to act in any one or more instances to enforce such rights shall not act as a waiver or forfeiture of its rights to take action as may be necessary to insure compliance with the covenants and purposes of this grant; provided, however, nothing herein shall be construed to entitle the Grantee to institute any enforcement proceedings against the Grantors or the owners of the servient tenements for any changes to the Conservation Easement area due to causes beyond the control of the Grantor's or the owners of the servient tenements, such as changes caused by fire, flood, storm, earthquake, insect infestation, wildlife damage, or the unauthorized wrongful acts of third parties.

In the event that the Grantee becomes aware of an event or circumstance of noncompliance within the terms and conditions herein set forth, the Grantee shall give notice of such event or circumstance of noncompliance by certified mail, return receipt

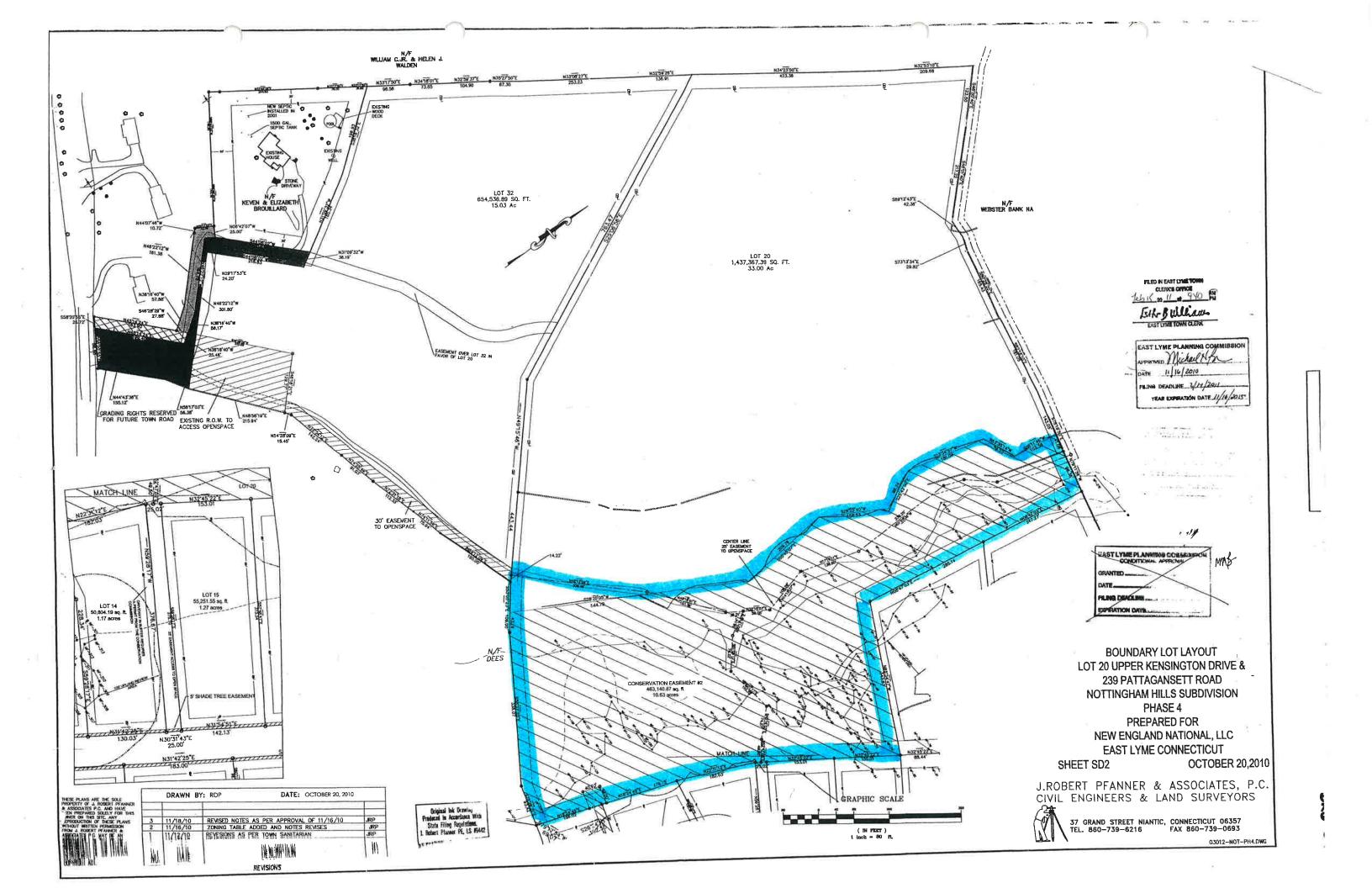
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EXHIBIT F





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TEST PIT 1A

TEST PIT 2A

0 - 9" DARK BROWN TOPSOIL
9 -32" ORANGE BROWN FINE-MEDIUM SANDY LOAM
32-39" MEDIUM BROWN FINE SILTY LOAM
39-54" GREY MIX SANDY LOAM W/ SILTY LOAM
54-85" DARK GREY MEDIUM SILTY LOAM WET
NO LEDGE, MOTTLING ● 39"

0 - 7" DARK BROWN TOPSOIL 7 - 21" ORANGE BROWN FINE-MEDIUM SANDY LOAM 21-42" MEDIUM BROWN FINE SILTY LOAM W/POCKETS MEDIUM SAND 42-61" GREY MIX SANDY LOAM W/ SILTY LOAM

61-95" DARK GREY MEDIUM SILTY LOAM MOIST

NO LEDGE, MOTTLING • 21"

TEST PIT 4A

0 - 7" DARK BROWN TOPSCIL
7 - 29" ORANGE BROWN FINE-MEDIUM SANDY LOAM
29-42" MEDIUM BROWN FINE SILTY LOAM W/POCKETS MEDIUM SAND
42-64-87" DARK GREY MEDIUM SILTY LOAM MOIST
NO LEDGE NOTHING 21". 0 - 7" DARK BROWN TOPSOIL

NO LEDGE, MOTTLING 0 21"

0 - 6" DARK BROWN TOPSOIL
6 - 27" ORANGE BROWN FINE-MEDIUM SANDY LOAM
27-42" MEDIUM BROWN FINE SILTY LOAM W/POCKETS MEDIUM SAND
42-70/77"DARK GREY MEDIUM SILTY LOAM MOIST NO LEDGE, MOTTLING 0 27"

TEST PIT 5A

0 - 6" DARK BROWN TOPSOIL
6 -28" ORANGE BROWN FINE-MEDIUM SANDY LOAM
28-45" MEDIUM BROWN FINE SILTY LOAM W/POCKETS MEDIUM SAND
45-78" DARK GREY MEDIUM SILTY LOAM MOIST NO LEDGE, MOTTLING 0 27"

TEST PIT 6A

0 - 6" DARK BROWN TOPSOIL 0 - D JARK BROWN INF-SHE MEDIUM SANDY LOAM
23-31" MEDIUM SAND W/ ROCK
31-48" GREY MIX FINE SILTY LOAM POCKETS MED SAND 48-84" DARK GREY MEDIUM SILTY LOAM W/ROCK NO LEDGE, MOTTLING @ 31"

TEST PIT 7A

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0 - 7"
0 - 7"
0 - 74"
0 - 74, ORANGE BROWN TOPSOIL
24-48/60"
MEDIUM SAND W/ROCK
48-90"
GREY FINE SILTY LOAM W/POCKETS MED. SAND NO LEDGE, MOTTLING O 48" WATER 090"

TEST PIT 9A

0 - 6" DARK BROWN TOPSOIL
6 - 24" ORANGE BROWN FINE-MEDIUM SANDY LOAM
24-40" TAN MEDIUM SAND W/ ROCK
40-55" GREY FINE SLITY LOAM W/POCKETS MEDIUM SAND
56-96" DARK GREY WET SLITY LOAM NO LEDGE, MOTTLING O 40", WATER O 96

TEST PIT 10A

0 -- 6" DARK BROWN TOPSOIL 6 -- 32" ORANGE BROWN FINE-MEDIUM SANDY LOAM 32-49 GREY FINE SLITY LOAM
32-49/67 TAN ROTTEN/BROKEN ROCK AND SAND
LEDGE • 49-67", MOTTLING • 32"

TEST PIT 11A

0 - 6" DARK BROWN TOPSOIL
6 - 24" ORANGE BROWN FINE-MEDIUM SANDY LOAM
24-41" TAN MEDIUM SAND W/ GRAVEL
41-80" GREY MEDIUM SILTY LOAM W/ ROCK
60-94" GREY MEDIUM SILTY LOAM W/ ROCK
NO LEDGE, MOTTLING • 41", WATER • 94

TEST PIT 12A

0 - 6" DARK BROWN TOPSOIL
6 - 30" CRANGE BROWN FINE-MEDIUM SANDY LOAM
30-36/48" TAN MEDIUM SAND W/ GRAVE
LEDGE © 36-48,

TEST PIT 13A

0 - 8" DARK BROWN TOPSOIL
8 -29" ORANGE BROWN FINE-MEDIUM SANDY LOAM
29-56" GREY FINE SILTY LOAM
56-79" GREY WET SANDY LOAM
LEDGE © 87", MOTTLING © 29", WATER ©79

TEST PIT 14A

0 - 7" DARK BROWN TOPSOIL U - 7" DARK BROWN TOPSOIL
7 - 26" ORANGE BROWN FINE-MEDIUM SANDY LOAM
26-44" GREY FINE SLITY LOAM
44-85" GREY WET SANDY LOAM
NO LEDGE, MOTTLING © 26", WATER © 85" TEST PIT 0S02

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TEST PIT 0S01

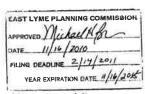
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TEST PIT 0S03

0 - 7" DARK BROWN TOPSOIL 8 -34" YELLOW BROWN FINE SANDY LOAM 34-84" LIGHT GREY VERY FINE SANDY LOAM NO LEDGE, MOTTLING © 34"

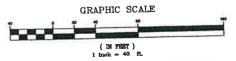
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UPPER KENSINGTON DRIVE NOTTINGHAM HILLS SUBDIVISION PHASE 4 NEW ENGLAND NATIONAL, LLC East Lyme, Connecticut OCTOBER 20,2010 SHEET SD3

BOUNDARY LOT LAYOUT



J.ROBERT PFANNER & ASSOCIATES, P.C. CIVIL ENGINEERS & LAND SURVEYORS



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EXHIBIT G

MEMORANDUM

TO:

GARY GOESCHEL, DIRECTOR OF PLANNING

FROM:

MARK E. BLOCK, ESQ.

DATE:

FEBRUARY 1, 2010

RE: OPEN SPACE DEDICATION - HERITAGE AT EAST LYME RESUBDIVISION

You have asked for an opinion in regards to open space dedication for the proposed resubdivision of Heritage at East Lyme. (the "Resubdivision")

The facts as related to me are that Heritage at East Lyme was, when first subdivided ("Original Subdivision"), an estimated 330 acre tract of land ("Original Tract"). The Original Subdivision contained one lot comprised of a 198 acre tract, which is the subject of the resubdivision application ("Subject Parcel"). At the time of the approval of the Original Subdivision, there was approximately 39.45 acres dedicated as open space as a condition of that approval.

The question presented is can the Planning Commission require a dedication of additional open space as part of the approval of the Resubdivision.

Conn. Gen. Stat. §8-25 provides that the Town's subdivision regulations may require the applicant by deed, payment of a fee or combination of the two, to provide the Town with open space of a value not to exceed 10% of the fair market value of the land to be subdivided "prior to the approval of the subdivision".

Section 10-5 of the Subdivision regulations is consistent with the General Statutes, and says that in arriving at the fee in lieu of the dedication of the land, the fee cannot equal more than 10% of the "fair market value of the land to be subdivided "prior to approval of the subdivision."

Further, Section 10-2-2 of the Subdivision Regulations says that if a parcel "is subdivided in stages, the open space dedication attributable to the subdivision of a portion of the entire tract" may be deferred to a later date. The critical language in this section is the reference to the subdivision being in stages and calculating open space based upon the entire tract.

There are no cases on this precise issue, so one must look to the language of the statue and the regulations. In this case the Original Tract that was submitted to the Commission for subdivision approval comprised 330 acres. The Commission required, per its regulations, that the Developer set aside open space calculated on the number of acres in the Original Tract, i.e., 300 acres. Both the Statute and the Regulations speak of the dedication for open space to be from the land to be subdivided. The Town's regulations also speak of a subdivision developed in stages, with provision for deferral of the open space.

In my opinion, since with original developer met the open space requirements at the time of the

Original Subdivision, and made that dedication out of the Original Tract, the Commission cannot require an additional dedication from the Subject Parcel, which is a resubdivision of a portion of the Original Tract/Subdivision.

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