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Date: May 3, 2023

To: William Frydryk - Kathryn Court Homeowners Association
7 Kathryn Court
Waterford, CT 06385

Re: Trail Construction in Conservation Easement Area
Kathryn Court Open Space

Mr. Frydryk:

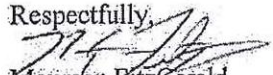
It has been observed that a walking trail has been constructed in the Kathryn Court Open Space property within a Conservation Easement Area. I was invited by the owner of #11 Kathryn Court to walk the trail on May 2, 2023. The trail involved minimal cutting of vegetation and disturbance to the natural landscape and vegetation within the easement area. It does cross the wetland and stream channel at two (2) locations that may require stabilization measures to prevent erosion of soil and impact to the stream channel. I am happy to review potential stabilization measures with you.

Please note that the trail creation and maintenance is subject to review and approval by the Waterford Conservation Commission in accordance with Section B of the conservation easement agreement. The Conservation Commission may, upon written application of the Owner, permit select pruning and cutting of live and dead vegetation to maintain a walking trail within the Conservation Easement provided the construction and maintenance of said trail is found to be in accordance with the purpose of the conservation easement.

I have attached a copy of the Conservation Easement Agreement and map of the Conservation Easement area. The location of the trail, expected maintenance activities and method of crossing the wetland / stream areas should be included in your written request.

The Conservation Commission meets on May 11th and May 25th of this month and on the 8th and 22nd of June. Please contact me with any questions regarding the application procedures. I can be reached at 860-444-5813 or by email to mfitzgerald@waterfordct.org.

Respectfully,


Maureen FitzGerald
Environmental Planner
Town of Waterford, CT

attachments: Site Map of Open Space / Conservation Easement Area

cc: Waterford Conservation Commission

Date: May 30, 2023

To: Maureen Fitzgerald – Environmental Planner
Town of Waterford Conservation Commission

Re: Trail Construction in Conservation Easement Area
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Ms. Fitzgerald:

The purpose of this letter is to respond to your letter dated May 3, 2023 regarding a walking trail located in the Conservation Easement area of the Kathryn Court Open Space. Specifically, this letter requests approval to maintain the subject walking trail.

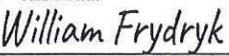
The route of the walking trail is depicted on Attachments 1 and 2. The trail extends east, then north, from the Kathryn Court Homeowners Association Parking area near Niantic River Road to the cul-de-sac on Kathryn Court. The trail is approximately 4 feet wide. The entire length of the trail is a little more than 0.5 miles long. The walking trail will be used by solely by Kathryn Court Homeowners Association members and their guests.

Maintenance of the trail will be conducted to keep the trail free and clear of obstructions as required to permit safe usage of the trail. This includes selective pruning and thinning of live trees and brush, as well as removal of any fallen trees which obstruct the path. As noted in your May 3 letter, and as discussed during our May 11 on-site meeting, the trail crosses the wetland and stream channel at two locations. These locations are noted on the attachments provided. The intent is to stabilize the westernmost stream crossing (the one nearer to Niantic River Road) by adding more flat rocks (stepping stones), similar to the existing stepping stone configuration at the northernmost stream crossing (the one nearer to Kathryn Court). The two stream crossings are shown in Attachments 3 and 4. The new stepping stones would be located so as not to block the channel of the stream.

Please contact any of the undersigned individuals with questions or if additional information is needed.

Respectfully,

Kathryn Court Executive Board

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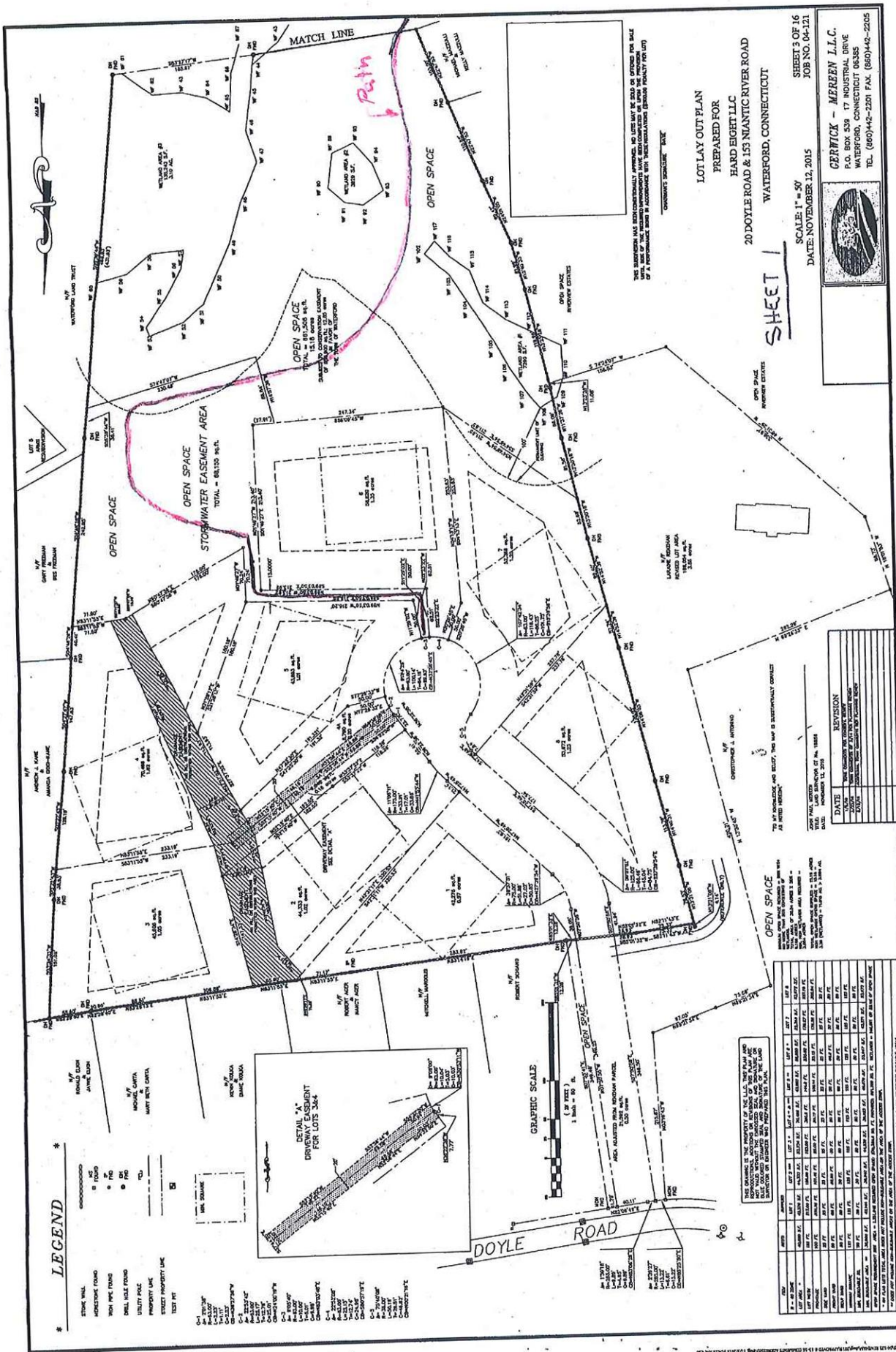
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Attachment 3 -
Westernmost Stream
Crossing



Attachment 4 -
Northernmost Stream
Crossing