1 ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT 2 268B MAMMOTH ROAD 3 LONDONDERRY, NH 03053 4 5 DATE: APRIL 17, 2013 6 7 CASE NO.: 3/20/2013-1 (CONTINUED) 8 9 APPLICANT: **GC NOMINEE TRUST** 10 JASON L. AND HEATHER S. PARENT, TRUSTEES 11 38 TANAGER WAY 12 LONDONDERRY, NH 03053 13 14 LOCATION: 38 TANAGER WAY; 5-10-19; AR-I 15 16 **BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** JIM SMITH, CHAIR 17 LARRY O'SULLIVAN, VOTING MEMBER 18 JAY HOOLEY, VOTING MEMBER 19 JAMES TOTTEN, VOTING ALTERNATE 20 NEIL DUNN, CLERK 21 22 ALSO PRESENT: RICHARD CANUEL, SENIOR BUILDING INSPECTOR/ZONING 23 **ADMINISTRATOR** 24 JIM BUTLER, TOWN COUNCIL LIAISON 25 VARIANCE TO ALLOW AN IN-GROUND POOL AND A SHED WITHIN THE 26 **REQUEST:** 27 CONSERVATION OVERLAY DISTRICT BUFFER WHERE OTHERWISE 28 PROHIBITED BY SECTION 2.6.3. 29 30 PRESENTATION: Case No. 3/20/2013-1 was read into the record with no previous cases listed. 31 32 The clerk read a memorandum from the Conservation Commission, Exhibit "A," and a letter in support from an 33 abutter, Exhibit "B," into the record. 34 35 JAMES SMITH: You have the floor, sir. 36 37 JASON PARENT: Hello. My name is Jason Parent. My wife and I live at 38 Tanager Way. I'm here this evening 38 to respectfully request a variance to allow the construction of an in-ground swimming pool, fence, and shed 39 within the Conservation Overlay District buffer. In addressing the variance criteria, my application cites the 40 following: The variance will not be contrary to public interest. All the properties on Tanager Way are similar 41 in size and have many of the same characteristics. We have 33 houses on the Londonderry side of Tanager 42 Way. In looking at similar outdoor features, there are already 16 pools in my neighborhood. So the variance

in this case does not alter the character of the neighborhood but rather compliments it. With permission, our

pool would be located in the backyard, behind the house and hidden from street view. In regards to a possible

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chemical impact to the wetland or water quality, the pool will have a cartridge filter which has no backwash. Conventional systems need to backwash once a week and approximately 200 gallons of chlorinated water are introduced into the environment. With this cartridge filter, it's avoided completely using that system. So there would be virtually no backwash. I'm also willing to use environmentally friendly pool cleaners, as I mentioned to the Conservation Commission. One is called the Frog System, which uses zinc for sanitation and copper and this combination of mineral pool care uses 50% less chlorine and chemicals. There is another pool care product which is called Pristine Blue and that is completely non-chlorinated and EPA approved for drinking water. So there are options for this concern as well. There would be little to virtually no runoff or splashing concerns because we prepare to have a vinyl fence shielding the buffer, which would continue beyond the pool decking and the fence, and there would be addition ffer area leading into the conservation area, so there would be no runoff or splashing conce. Any discharge at the end of the year to close the pool would be towards the front of the house and do driveway. So, in our opinion, there's no adverse effect on the public interest in doing those things. The the sp. of the ordinance is observed. The size and shape of my lot is not conducive to having a swir and pool exce, in the area where we're requesting a variance. If we are given permission to contact a pool on the after directly behind my house, it would provide privacy while not infringing on anyon access to space, light, et cetera. Beyond privacy, my greater concern is the life safety issue as I would wan anyone swamming in the and within my line of sight, or anyone going into that area. That can only happen this is back of the hours where I can see from my kitchen, dining room, and living ro and now the ZBA, we're willing to make any content of the ressions I make any content of the ression system to running a swimming pool within the ffer. submit of eference plan [see Exhibit "C"] to show this Board the buffer zone restrictions that ave to be ides. The are lot line restrictions, setbacks, and I have a gas tank on the compane to k on the compane to k on the compane to be targeted for the back. That stantial juice is done in Tanager Way properties, 12 of them are on the same side of the strong as my residence. I as the me there are some buffer areas and conservation restrictions behind all of our properies of the restrictions behind all of the restrictions behind a Musquash behind es. The rairne that me amily will have the same opportunity as my by swimm. Pools being their health alues of surrounding properties are not neighbors who diminished. The roject, made possible by variance, would not decrease the value of other properties. In fact, as I stated ea. r, it would be a ned with naintaining the value as, again, our houses are approximately the same size model, the same a unt of lad. And as I mentioned, there are currently 16 pools in the neighborhood. I also sux itted to the ard an assessment document [see Exhibit "E"], which is reflective of most of the homes on Tana. Way. Li al enforcement of the provisions of the ordinance will result in unnecessary hardship. Again, booking the reference plan, the unique characteristic of my property is that in the backyard, I'm surrounded buffer, as shown in the reference plan. So, I suspect that my neighbors do not share this burden as many pools exist behind these homes on Tanager Way and, again, the majority being on my side of the street. I feel that due to the restrictions in my backyard compared to others around me, the proposed use is a reasonable one. In strict conformance with the ordinance, a variance is necessary to enable the construction of a pool or any other normal structure of a family household. One of the letters was shared and I appreciate that. There was a second letter from another neighbor that lives directly across from us. So I have copies of that if you would like and I also have pictures of my backyard on a disk if that's helpful for the Board to visualize. As I mentioned, on March 26, I met with the Conservation Commission to address their concerns. Through mitigation, they discussed allowing 25 feet of the buffer to grow back to its natural wooded state instead of mowing this grass area, which currently exists. In areas of my backyard, I would

absolutely be able to do that, including the entire east side of where the pool would be. My deck extends 11 feet off of the back of my house and that's towards the west end of the backyard. So the pool has to be a decent portion away from that and because the buffer and wetlands and conservation land move diagonally, in the east end, I could give back 100% of their request. Where it moves to the center of the pool, it would be 80%. At the west end, it would 60%. So to run a clean, straight line of vinyl fencing across the backyard, I could meet 80% of the Conservation Commission's request rather than running a fence diagonally, which I wouldn't do across the yard. To move forward with the project in a way that makes sense, I obviously need your permission to do that and I appreciate the Board's time and hope I've been able to properly convey the reason for our request.

JAMES SMITH: Okay. I'll open it up to the Board. Questions?

LARRY O'SULLIVAN: You looked my way. You know I've got them. Ready for the first one?

JASON PARENT: I'll try.

LARRY O'SULLIVAN: Okay. You've got a 36 by 18 foot rectangular drawing that you've submitted for us. How big is the pool?

JASON PARENT: It's an 18 by 36 pool.

LARRY O'SULLIVAN: Okay, so you're going to have a pool, then you're going to have a fence, you're going to have a walkway, you're going to have a building, a shed, and what have you. Are they listed any place? Do you have a picture or a drawing or anything of those?

JASON PARENT: No, sir. I don't have a picture. I think there was a marker indicating the...that rectangular area would be the pool [see Exhibit "C"] typically, and that's a standard size of a pool. There would be three feet of decking on either end, the north and the south end, and then I think, again, traditionally, and then six feet on the east and the west end.

LARRY O'SULLIVAN: So the wide section will have the three feet and the narrow section will have the six feet?

JASON PARENT: Yes, sir.

LARRY O'SULLIVAN: Okay. So we're really talking about 12 additional feet in one direction and six additional feet in the other direction.

JASON PARENT: That is correct. Yes. Although, not all of that's on the buffer.

LARRY O'SULLIVAN: Right.

JASON PARENT: Right.

LARRY O'SULLIVAN: So...

JASON PARENT: Same as the fencing. LARRY O'SULLIVAN: How big is the house? JASON PARENT: So the fencing would in the... LARRY O'SULLIVAN: Can I ask how big the house is? JASON PARENT: How big the house is? The house is 2,500 square feet. LARRY O'SULLIVAN: Okay, so the foundation is what, about, 24 by 30? JAMES SMITH: No, no. It's more than that. JAY HOOLEY: Double that. This is not to scale at all. LARRY O'SULLIVAN: Okay. Well, I'm looking at this and... JAY HOOLEY: The yellow area outlined area is probably closer to including the decking, et cetera, as opposed to...I know it's marked 18 by 36, but quite frankly, the square footage of that is, looking at it, is probably bigger than your home, which is certainly not the case of the pool. JASON PARENT: Mm-hmm. Correct. JAMES SMITH: The main part of the house is 24 feet deep by the looks. LARRY O'SULLIVAN: Okay, had you considered a smaller pool? JASON PARENT: Yeah, there are, I think, three pool sizes typically that run. I think it's 16 by 32, 18 by 36, and 20 by 40 are your three typical. So when we, and again, we're in the initial exploration of this, which led us to our request, so when we discussed putting in a pool, it was sort of 'pick the one in the middle' and went there, but the smallest one that they can put in, really, is 16 by 32. You can play with...that's probably a poor choice of words, you can put decking in areas so I could...it doesn't have to be three feet. That's closest to the buffer, towards the conservation, you could make that less, so there are ways to maneuver it. I could pull it a little closer to my deck. I'm just fearful that if it's too close to the deck, you know, it would invite some danger there. I really prefer that the... LARRY O'SULLIVAN: You mentioned that there, what, 12 other pools on the same side of the street? JASON PARENT: Yes, sir.

JAMES SMITH: But 42 by...

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      LARRY O'SULLIVAN: Are any of them in the buffer zone?
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      JASON PARENT: I don't think so. I'm sure if they had to go through their own...
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      LARRY O'SULLIVAN: Are they in the Conservation Overlay District?
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      JAMES SMITH: ...would be my guess.
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      JASON PARENT: I wouldn't imagine so.
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      JASON PARENT: I would say yes.
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      LARRY O'SULLIVAN: Okay.
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      JASON PARENT: Basically.
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      JAMES SMITH: Big house.
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LARRY O'SULLIVAN: I'm just trying to figure out. JASON PARENT: Sure. LARRY O'SULLIVAN: Based on the drawings that you gave us... JASON PARENT: Where we looked to ideally put the pool, we were about 15 feet off of the deck. Fifteen feet away from the deck. And the deck is 11 feet off of our house. so... LARRY O'SULLIVAN: So 26 feet. JASON PARENT: Twenty six feet. LARRY O'SULLIVAN: And how much distance is there between the border of the COD and your existing porch, deck? So you'll have the 25 feet... JASON PARENT: Yeah. LARRY O'SULLIVAN: I'm just trying to figure... JASON PARENT: Yeah. LARRY O'SULLIVAN: Based on your drawing, it's hard for us to tell. It's hard for me to tell... JASON PARENT: Right. LARRY O'SULLIVAN: ...where this is going to be, how much of an intrusion it's going to make into the COD and how all the outbuildings, since they are not posted here, are going to be... JASON PARENT: Sure. LARRY O'SULLIVAN: ...whether they're going to be in the COD or not. JASON PARENT: Okay. LARRY O'SULLIVAN: In the outside the COD, I don't think there are any issues. JASON PARENT: Right. LARRY O'SULLIVAN: It's only things that we're concerned about are inside. JASON PARENT: Yup. Are you referring to the 25 feet of the buffer or are you referring to the...? Okay, so....

LARRY O'SULLIVAN: Everything. JASON PARENT: Alright, so the fencing, as I mentioned, would be 25...at one point, it would be 25 feet away from the wetland area, towards the middle of the pool, and then for the rest of the yard, and then for the middle of the pool, as it goes diagonally, it would be 20 feet away, and then at the very end of the pool, it's 15 feet away. JAMES SMITH: The way I'm interpreting... JASON PARENT: This way, on average, I could give back 80% of the Conservation Commission's request of running that fence straight across because on average, I'd be giving up the 20 feet. I'd be within five feet of their request. JAMES SMITH: In your drawing here, you have a yellow area which is marked off with a dimension of 18 by 36. That's about double what it should be as far as being in scale. JASON PARENT: Okay. JAMES SMITH: And I think that's why we're having such a problem with it. JASON PARENT: Sir, I may not be looking at... JAMES SMITH: Because if you look at the center part of your house, that's about 40 feet long, just the center section. And I think this is what is making it so difficult for us to... JASON PARENT: Sure. Sir, may I approach? JAMES SMITH: Yeah. JASON PARENT: Only because I want to make sure we're looking at the ... You refer to the yellow. I don't know what you're talking about. JAMES SMITH: Okay. This area here is...in other words, this is only about 40 feet and you're describing that as being 36 feet. So it's way, way out of scale. JASON PARENT: Okav.

JAMES SMITH: And I think...it's doing you a disservice by having such a far out of scale plan.

JASON PARENT: So I don't think it's...again, the pool dimensions are what they are. It's...

JAMES SMITH: Well I understand that but trying to interpret it and how it impacts the lot...

JAY HOOLEY: Visually, it looks like a much larger intrusion than it's really going to be.

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       JASON PARENT: Okay.
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       JASON PARENT: It's not like that. It would be more like...
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      JAY HOOLEY: Take the yellow thing and cut it in half.
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       JASON PARENT: ...this because the deck is the center.
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       JAMES SMITH: It would be at least half of what it is.
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       JAMES TOTTEN: ...bigger than the pool. Bigger than the house.
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       JASON PARENT: Correct, it's not bigger than the house.
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JAMES SMITH: The main part of the house is about 28 or 26 feet. Yeah, about 26 feet. So that 18 feet is greater than the 26 feet.

LARRY O'SULLIVAN: The look that we have is, looks like it's wide, I guess.

JAMES SMITH: Yeah.

JASON PARENT: That's not the case.

LARRY O'SULLIVAN: So let's take this back a half a step. We have a couple of issues that...I have a couple of issues. We don't know where this is going to be yet. We don't have very good drawings. I don't think there's representation here to say 'this is what we'd like to be able to do where this is.' So I think the request that we're providing, if there is going to be a variance, we have to be pretty darn close. And your engineer or whoever you're going to hire to put this in should be able to provide us with some kind of information, so...We've had lots of cases come before us before...

JASON PARENT: Okay.

LARRY O'SULLIVAN: The drawings are important for us because we'd like to see the intrusion. How much is going to be impacted? I don't know what you brought to the Conservation Commission but...I don't know if they asked the questions because we don't have their entire minutes. But we do have the results...

JAYE TROTTIER: Actually, you do.

JAY HOOLEY: Yeah, we do.

LARRY O'SULLIVAN: In here?

JAY HOOLEY: Yup.

LARRY O'SULLIVAN: I thought we had a synopsis here. It is. Okay. Which is this pool. It still doesn't answer my question.

JAY HOOLEY: How large is the shed that you're proposing?

JASON PARENT: Again, small, just to put some supplies and things like that. Not even...again, we haven't...we're in the early phase of this, so it would be a small shed just to house some pool equipment.

JAY HOOLEY: Okay. Richard, am I reading 2.6.3.3.10 correctly, that uses permitted within the CO district include accessory structures 200 square feet or less? That's a permitted...?

RICHARD CANUEL: That's right, yeah.

JAY HOOLEY: So he doesn't need a variance for the shed. RICHARD CANUEL: He doesn't need a variance for the shed, provided the shed is not constructed of pressure treated material or asphalt shingles. JAY HOOLEY: Yeah. RICHARD CANUEL: Yeah, it can be in... JAY HOOLEY: No pressure...right, so... RICHARD CANUEL: It can be in that 50 foot CO buffer. JAY HOOLEY: Okay. And in your plan... JASON PARENT: Okay. JAY HOOLEY: ...were you looking for the shed to actually be within the Conservation Overlay District or will it be within the portion of the yard that is not in the Conser...? JASON PARENT: Yeah, it would have been on the buffer area, yes. JAY HOOLEY: Yeah, okay. JASON PARENT: Well, actually, I take that back. Yes, it would. Because it would be within that 25 feet that the Conservation Commission had suggested, so... JAY HOOLEY: So then that would, Richard, bring in that you couldn't use pressure treated wood or asphalt shingle construction? RICHARD CANUEL: That's correct. JAY HOOLEY: Okay. If it were in the yard, closer to the home, not in the Conservation Overlay District, then I have to assume none of that comes in to play. RICHARD CANUEL: It wouldn't matter. JAY HOOLEY: Then you can build a shed of any sort that the remainder of zoning allowed. JASON PARENT: So I don't need a variance for the shed? JAY HOOLEY: If it's not in that buffer zone.

JASON PARENT: If it's not in the buffer zone. JAY HOOLEY: Right. If you can get it into the yard not part of the buffer... JASON PARENT: Okay. JAY HOOLEY: ...then those restrictions don't apply. JASON PARENT: Right. JAY HOOLEY: If it is, you're limited to 200 square feet, can't use pressure treated wood and... JASON PARENT: Okay. JAY HOOLEY: But I... JASON PARENT: But you still need a variance for the shed, correct? If it's on the buffer? I just want to make sure I'm hearing you correctly. JAY HOOLEY: No. But there will be additional restrictions. JASON PARENT: Okay. JAY HOOLEY: Am I stating that correctly, Richard? RICHARD CANUEL: Sure. JAY HOOLEY: Okay. I guess my question was is it going to be in there or is it not? JASON PARENT: Yeah. RICHARD CANUEL: Yeah, if it's located inside that conservation buffer, that 50 buffer zone... JASON PARENT: It would be within 50. RICHARD CANUEL: If it's inside there, the shed is restricted to the materials that you cannot use asphalt type shingles and you can use chemically preserved lumber. JAY HOOLEY: And you cannot store hazardous materials. RICHARD CANUEL: That's right. JAY HOOLEY: But that said, in either scenario, a variance is not required for the shed.

NEIL DUNN: If I may, Mr. Chairman? So the Conservation Commission was looking for a 25 foot buffer and you're saying you cannot maintain that?

JASON PARENT: Not in all areas of the yard that they were asking. Correct.

NEIL DUNN: And did you bring that up to them at the time of your discussion? Because according to the minutes, it looked like you kind of agreed with it all.

JASON PARENT: I did not because I hadn't had a chance to measure what that looked like or what that would mean, so as I began to measure it, I was able to honor this, you know, in visualizing where the pool would go and just flagging it in my backyard, I was thinking if I ran this vinyl fence straight across, straight back, I could, in the east end of my yard, but on the west end, towards the end of the pool, I could not because of the way the wetlands and conservation land move diagonally. So I began to look at what I could, if I ran one clean line of fencing, and it was 80% back, 20 feet on average instead of 25. So as we wrapped up that discussion, I was saying 'Well, I need to flag that and visualize it.'

NEIL DUNN: Richard, if I may? How do we monitor what chemicals are being used? Yearly inspection? Do you...at the applicant's expense?

RICHARD CANUEL: That's a good question. That would be strictly the responsibility of the property owner. I mean, it would be very difficult for my office to police. Make an annual visit to the property? I don't...

NEIL DUNN: I don't know. That's why I'm asking. Is that something we would do, as like a normal inspection fee or something or...? Or not? There's no provision or...?

RICHARD CANUEL: Yeah, that would be very difficult to enforce.

NEIL DUNN: And the same thing with the natural vegetation? We could request that that be put into the deed for \$25 or something, you can add something to a deed so at least the next person would be aware that it's there and it exists, as opposed to, you know, it's in a variance somewhere in a file and nobody knows it's there. But there's really no way to monitor that either.

RICHARD CANUEL: Well, you know, a deed restriction is not a bad idea but again, that's...an enforcement issue, that's very difficult. You know, to put the Building Department in the position to monitor someone's lawn care is...it's difficult.

NEIL DUNN: No, and that's why I'm obviously leaning towards a deed thing because so often these come up and 'I didn't know' and 'Nobody told me and therefore that's why I'm...'

RICHARD CANUEL: Yeah.

NEIL DUNN: So, I mean, that would be obviously be one of my concerns. That it be put in and it's not big money to do that.

RICHARD CANUEL: Yeah, plus putting it as a deed restriction is sort of an awareness for future property owners... NEIL DUNN: Exactly my point, yeah. RICHARD CANUEL: ...who may not be aware of the variance approval if that's the case. JAMES SMITH: You're presuming that they're going to read the deed, though. LARRY O'SULLIVAN: Were you aware when you bought the property that you bordered the Conservation **Overlay District?** JASON PARENT: I knew there was conservation land behind and the Musquash was behind the home when we purchased the home, my wife and I. We have three young sons. I noticed it would heavily wooded behind our house and asked the builder as we moving in, could we have a backyard? And he put a backyard in and as you know, five years later, as more pools went in and more kids were swimming and I was pulling my sons away from the neighbor's house as they wandered over, uninvited, to go swimming, we began to just explore this option and realized there were some challenges that we faced. LARRY O'SULLIVAN: Okay, so you knew that it was conservation overlay, or the conservation district. How about... JASON PARENT: Correct. But not...yes. LARRY O'SULLIVAN: Did vour builder build this house and... JASON PARENT: Yes, sir. LARRY O'SULLIVAN: ...put that lawn in for you? JASON PARENT: Yes. sir. LARRY O'SULLIVAN: Into the Conservation Overlay District? I thought that wasn't supposed to happen. So here we are, you're willing to let how many feet of this go back to the wild, in effect? JASON PARENT: On average, 20. LARRY O'SULLIVAN: Twenty feet of... JASON PARENT: Of the 25 that the Conservation... LARRY O'SULLIVAN: ...the back lawn.

JASON PARENT: Correct. Because, essentially, I would have a vinyl fence in front of it in addition to a shed to the right of that, still honoring the 25 feet on most ends of the yard, but because, again, it goes diagonally technically, it wouldn't be that much. At the end of the fence, it's really...the very end of the fence, on the west end of the yard, it's 15 feet. In the middle, it's 20 feet. At the end and then for the rest of my yard, it's 25.

NEIL DUNN: So if you're 15 feet off your existing deck, is there any...my bigger concern is the Conservation Commission was looking for that 25 foot setback and because of that buffer, it would provide better filtration, et cetera. Is there any way to get that five feet back? I know you were talking 15 feet off the deck...?

JASON PARENT: Sure.

NEIL DUNN: Just to honor their...? I mean, that's what their recommendation was.

JASON PARENT: Fifteen feet seems like a lot, but because the deck is up, and I believe, and again, Jaye was there at that meeting, they thought that was a better idea than me continuing to mow 50 feet of buffer in addition to my backyard, which is why that was a concession that they were willing to make and I was appreciative that we were able to collaborate somewhat and try to work together. But in just looking at where the pool really should go and maintaining safety off of the deck and not running a fence diagonally across the yard, which would defeat the whole purpose of what I'm trying to do, it just didn't work.

JAMES SMITH: I'm very uncomfortable with this drawing, to tell you the truth. Because it's so difficult trying to interpret the area that's being impacted. I would like to see a better drawing with the area that you're going to impact drawn in to scale so we actually know what you're talking about.

RICHARD CANUEL: Jim?

JAMES SMITH: Yeah.

RICHARD CANUEL: If it would help the Board to visualize, I have a more accurate dimensional view of that if you want to take a look at it.

JAMES SMITH: Yeah.

LARRY O'SULLIVAN: Do you have it printed or ...?

RICHARD CANUEL: It's not something that the applicant did. It's something I had...

JASON PARENT: Thank you.

RICHARD CANUEL: ...done just for my own visualization. It may help the Board as well.

JAMES SMITH: Yeah.

RICHARD CANUEL: If you don't mind playing with the little thing. This represents the actual dimension of the pool, so you can pretty much place that anywhere on the lot that...where it will fit. NEIL DUNN: Just the pool, not the pad? RICHARD CANUEL: No, just the pool itself. The 36 by 18. So if you want to review that and discuss that with the applicant... JAMES TOTTEN: Where's the land that's being given back? The 25 feet that's going to be allowed to grow back naturally? JAY HOOLEY: If you look at this drawing, this... JAMES TOTTEN: That would come out 25 feet? JAY HOOLEY: Twenty five feet from the edge of any...So this would be coming close to the left rear corner of your home, then? JASON PARENT: Correct, as you're...right, from the back of the house... JAY HOOLEY: Because the woodland is now...would...it would be 25 more feet along that winding...? JASON PARENT: Correct. JAY HOOLEY: Yeah, okay. JAMES SMITH: This is the ... JAMES TOTTEN: All the way across to there. LARRY O'SULLIVAN: Alright. JAMES SMITH: But exactly where it ends up... LARRY O'SULLIVAN: Yeah, that's...I mean, it's good to know the actual, you know, the more...the ratio that we have between the house and the pool. NEIL DUNN: But Richard, but wouldn't the pad itself...you're talking three feet towards the conservation overlay? It's probably going to be concrete pad?

JASON PARENT: It can be. It could be two feet. I mean, you can work with the designer to make it less

decking on that side and we would be willing to do that. I mean, two feet's not a whole lot, so I can give up a

foot if that made a difference as well...

659 NEIL DUNN: Is it a concrete pad or a...? 660 JASON PARENT: Yes, it is. 661 662 663 NEIL DUNN: So, Richard, that would also be considered in the dimension, correct? Obviously. 664 RICHARD CANUEL: It should be, yes. 665 666 JAY HOOLEY: Jason, have you looked at putting the pool not dead center behind the home, but a little bit to 667 the right behind the home? Where the right end of all construction and pool related aligns with the right side 668 of the home and the backyard? 669 670 671 JASON PARENT: Mm-hmm. And on the right side of the home is where the garage is, so again, just from a visibility standpoint... 672 673 JAY HOOLEY: Yeah. 674 675 JASON PARENT: ...we have, you know, where the deck is, there's a slider, a small kitchen window, a bathroom 676 window, and then it's all garage. So I didn't want to go too far to the right. I could move it a little bit. Again, 677 we're in the infancy of exploring this option. If that uses more of my yard and less buffer, we could certainly, 678 you know, try to work this, but I was just thinking for, again, a clean line of sight. For someone that wandered 679 into that area, I'd like to be able to see it from the kitchen or kitchen area or the living room area, so that's 680 681 where I was at with that. 682 LARRY O'SULLIVAN: Well, you're going to have to fence it anyway, right? A four foot fence is required still, 683 right? 684 685 686 JASON PARENT: Yup. 687 NEIL DUNN: Richard, would the ... to put the pool in, he's going to have to get at least a rough survey done and 688 staked so that you can look at setbacks or...? Because we're not given a number, it really doesn't matter? I 689 mean... 690 691 692 RICHARD CANUEL: No, he wouldn't be required to get a survey because we already have a certified plot plan 693 for the property. So it's very easy to measure off of those property lines and determine the location of the pool, so he wouldn't necessarily be required to get a separate survey just for the pool, so... 694 695 696

JAMES SMITH: What we have is a piece of paper that's marked off 18 by 36 that we can move around. You're saying you're going to have six feet on each end?

JASON PARENT: Yes.

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JAMES SMITH: So you've got 36 plus six and six or 48. Then you've got three feet front and back, so that's 24.

Part of the problem is the way the conservation land goes is there's a curve in which is kind of in line with the end of the house. So that kind of knocks it down as to what you can do. JASON PARENT: Yes. sir. JAMES SMITH: And you wanted to maintain 15 feet from the ...? JASON PARENT: I would like to, just...the deck is set up on the... JAMES SMITH: The deck is another, what, six feet? Eight feet? Ten feet? JASON PARENT: Yeah, it's 11 feet off of the house but it's probably ten or 12 feet up, so as you look over it, I wouldn't want anyone trying to jump off the deck, thinking they could get into the pool if it was that close to where the deck was. And there's no way to move it that far to the right, completely away from the deck, because now I'm pretty much in the side yard. JAY HOOLEY: Actually if you...if you don't...with your approval, Mr. Chairman, if you'd like to step forward, you can look at this scale model... JASON PARENT: Thank you. JAY HOOLEY: ...and maybe you'll understand a little better what we're driving at. In your drawing, the pool is almost as big as the home, but if you look at this...And in the drawing, the right end of the yellow area did align with the right end of the home. That would, you know, roughly... JASON PARENT: Mm-hmm. JAY HOOLEY: ...get you, at that scale, much more out of the buffer. JASON PARENT: Right. JAY HOOLEY: And that's what we're... JASON PARENT: If I were to slide it, I'd be using... JAMES SMITH: Well, see the problem is then you've got your deck, then you wanted 15 feet. That's what forces it back. JASON PARENT: Oh, I see. This represents the foundation? JAMES SMITH: Right. JASON PARENT: Gotcha.

JAMES SMITH: Yeah. JAY HOOLEY: By going to the right... JASON PARENT: Is there a way to ...? Yup. Is there a way to ...? JAY HOOLEY: But without the ... JASON PARENT: The stairs go down this way, so as you, to your point, if I were to move this with the stairs going down, it wouldn't be a deck that you could try do anything crazy off of, but as the steps go down, I could probably move it this way more. JAY HOOLEY: Right. JAMES TOTTEN: From that, it appears that's there's a way to do it and meet 100%... JAMES SMITH: Yeah. JAMES TOTTEN: ... of what the Conservation Commission requested. JAMES SMITH: Technically, if you moved over here, you're completely out of it. JASON PARENT: I'm [indistinct] using any of the buffer, though, but then I'd be giving up...I guess the other piece to that was the fencing would be also a shield of brush growing up and growing back. JAMES TOTTEN: Right. JASON PARENT: Instead of out of control with that, so...I'd be more apt to try to squeeze it into not use the buffer, if that were the case, keep it mowed and keep it lawn. JAMES SMITH: Well, you... JASON PARENT: Versus allowing what's essentially...I understand about trying to... JAMES SMITH: Okay, one of the things you have to also remember. When you have this pool, you're going to have a fence around it. JASON PARENT: Yes. JAMES SMITH: It's going to be required. So whether you can see it or not, I'm not saying...I would be surprised that you're going to have somebody looking out the window every time somebody's out there in the swimming pool.

JASON PARENT: No, I would agree. I'm just thinking it's...

JAMES SMITH: Yeah. JASON PARENT: ...you want to have the pretty clear line of sight, just in case. JAMES SMITH: Well, but again... JASON PARENT: My youngest is four and I think he could probably get in through a fence real easy. JAMES SMITH: Yeah. And again, I think...you see our frustration. Without being able to pin that down and come up with a clear idea where you're proposing to put it and actually show the dimensions, that's what's making this very difficult. JASON PARENT: If this was the buffer, thought, and they're asking for half and... LARRY O'SULLIVAN: Please don't consider what they're asking for. JASON PARENT: Okay. I'm sorry. LARRY O'SULLIVAN: Alright? Now, they made a recommendation for us. JASON PARENT: Yes, sir. LARRY O'SULLIVAN: That's as far as it goes. JASON PARENT: Okay. LARRY O'SULLIVAN: What we have to do is we have to use what the best interest of the town is... JASON PARENT: Okay. LARRY O'SULLIVAN: ...right, as our judge. Our criteria. At least one of them. JASON PARENT: Okay. LARRY O'SULLIVAN: So... JASON PARENT: So it's not just about that 25 feet. Okay. JAMES SMITH: That has bearing on it, but not the total... JASON PARENT: Okay. JASON PARENT: Thank you for this. Thank you, Richard.

NEIL DUNN: Am I getting a sense that we want harder numbers...

JAMES SMITH: I would be much more...

NEIL DUNN: ...so that if Mr. Parent was willing to go mark it off and give us hard numbers that we could put in a variance and say no more than five feet into the buffer or whatever, we had some real numbers that we can deal with and enforce for Richard? Because now...

LARRY O'SULLIVAN: Right now, Richard isn't about to enforce this.

JAMES SMITH: No, no, no.

LARRY O'SULLIVAN: Obviously the location is...

JAMES SMITH: As far as the location of where the pool is.

LARRY O'SULLIVAN: It's the chemicals. Can we buy off on the chemical side? I guess that's where...what we really should be speaking about now because we all have the flavor that this is going to fit somewhere. This is pool is going to fit somewhere on this yard. The issue is going to be how are we going to monitor it? I mean, the legislature does something "inefficient to legislate," or something along those lines, when they...I mean, we can be going back and forth about this and still...you know, we're putting potentially dangerous chemicals...if the next owner says 'I want to go back to chlorine,' and throws chlorine in the thing or whatever else that it's going to be, so it's...you know, how are you going to monitor it? We put ourselves in a situation where it's like a free-for-all because we're not going to do anything...it's like having no policemen. Plenty of stops signs and no policemen. So that's what we've got.

JAY HOOLEY: If you put that in with an expectation of enforcement, yes. But to Richard, if I could please, if he does bring this in so he's not encroaching on the buffer, puts it in the right side of the yard, there's no restriction whatsoever...

RICHARD CANUEL: No restriction.

JAY HOOLEY: He can use any chemicals he wants?

RICHARD CANUEL: No need for a variance.

JAY HOOLEY: Nothing.

RICHARD CANUEL: That's right.

JAY HOOLEY: So it's that buffer is the only reason for the variance...

RICHARD CANUEL: That's correct.

JAY HOOLEY: ...and he could put a pool not within the buffer and there would be zero restriction whatsoever on the chemicals. RICHARD CANUEL: Absolutely. JAY HOOLEY: Enforceable or not, there would be no...yeah. LARRY O'SULLIVAN: I understand. But it's outside the buffer and that's the whole purpose of the buffer, right? To protect the aquifer, protect the water flow, protect the...that's the reason why we have a conservation overlay in there. JAMES SMITH: I think this is one of the problems that we have with a lot of these situations. There is no mechanism within the Town to try to enforce some of these situations. I mean, even if you're... LARRY O'SULLIVAN: The lot itself is an example of that.

JAMES SMITH: Yeah. Even if you write it on the deed, I would venture to guess the next time somebody buys the house, they probably won't even read the deed to know what the deed's saying. Because I would venture to guess when you bought the house, nobody actually showed you where this conservation line was.

LARRY O'SULLIVAN: This was a new house, though, right?

JASON PARENT: Correct. Yes, sir.

LARRY O'SULLIVAN: It was a built house.

JAMES SMITH: And again, this is typical of what happens with most home buyers. They buy a piece of property, for some reason there is minimal explanation about any restrictions that may or may not be on the property, and it's just the way it is.

LARRY O'SULLIVAN: Okay, so when this house was built, what was it, about seven years ago?

JASON PARENT: 2008.

JASON PARENT: Yes.

JAMES SMITH: Right.

LARRY O'SULLIVAN: 2008?

LARRY O'SULLIVAN: So we had current administration there, right?

RICHARD CANUEL: Mm-hmm. Yup.

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923	LARRY O'SULLIVAN: So the builder came in, filled in land, backfilled, and planted grass in the COD. Because
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926	RICHARD CANUEL: Mm-hmm.
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928	LARRY O'SULLIVAN: And we did nothing?
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930	RICHARD CANUEL: They're not allowed to put turf grass in the COD. But they can certainly put grass seed.
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932	LARRY O'SULLIVAN: What's the significant difference there?
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934	NEIL DUNN: Then it's just not supposed to be mowed?
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936	RICHARD CANUEL: Because turf grass is chemical dependent. Whereas seed is not.
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938	LARRY O'SULLIVAN: So back there, we know that there's seed.
939 940	RICHARD CANUEL: Yeah. A typical builder seeding, either hydro-seeding or you know, hand thrown seed or
9 4 0 941	whatever but yeah, as long as it's not turf grass or actually laying turf there in the CO district, then that's fine.
942	whatever but year, as long as it's not turn grass or actually laying turn there in the CO district, then that's line.
943	JASON PARENT: That's exactly what it was.
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945	LARRY O'SULLIVAN: And no chemlawn?
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947	RICHARD CANUEL: Again, you know, how do you enforce something like that?
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949	LARRY O'SULLIVAN: I know.
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951	JAMES SMITH: Wasn't it a requirement to put some markers or something?
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953	RICHARD CANUEL: Well, the wetland area isyeah, they are marked.
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955	JAMES SMITH: Yeah.
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957	RICHARD CANUEL: Or it was marked at the time of the development, yes.
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959	JASON PARENT: We have conservation signs on the trees around the area now. It wasn't put in initially, but it
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962	RICHARD CANUEL: Yeah, it was part of the completion of that subdivision that they had to do that.
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964	NEIL DUNN: Mr. Parent, how long is the filter you're proposingdo you know what the life of it is?

JASON PARENT: The cartridge filter system? NEIL DUNN: Yeah, the complete system. Not the filter you would replace. I presume that's a maintenance type thing. JASON PARENT: Correct. That is. Yup. NEIL DUNN: But is there a warranty or a life expectancy of 30 years on the product or anything of that nature that you're aware of? JASON PARENT: Yeah, he seemed to think...he didn't mention, this was Blue Dolphin Pools that we talked to, he didn't mention the need to replace that filter system. The actual system. NEIL DUNN: Right. JASON PARENT: So it's just the cartridges that you purchase. And I don't know if there's a way to prove that I'm buying environmentally friendly products to show the Town or to do my part. NEIL DUNN: Well, you would do a pool inspection. JASON PARENT: I know it can't be policed, but.. NEIL DUNN: You do a pool inspection, right? For the electrical and...? RICHARD CANUEL: Well, we do during the initial installation, yes. NEIL DUNN: So if we...and again, I'm not trying to throw more on you, but if we said it had to be a...just on the initial inspection, not the chemicals, the filter, the filtration system had to be one of these approved, that shouldn't be hard to verify. RICHARD CANUEL: Not at all. NEIL DUNN: And then we would presume that it has a 30 year plus life and yes, he's going to change his filters. My bigger concern is not knowing how much we're encroaching anywhere. So I would like to see some harder numbers of...

JASON PARENT: I understand that.

NEIL DUNN: ...[indistinct] four feet into the 25 setback or whatever.

JASON PARENT: Right. But if it's...in just looking at where I flagged it within, again, I know it's only one component, but that 25 feet of buffer, again, on the east end of where the pool and decking and fencing

would be, that's within...it's in 25 feet of the buffer in that end of the pool. It's probably to 30 in the middle of the pool area and then 35 feet at the end of the pool. I don't know if that helps, but that's what I'm looking at. JAY HOOLEY: And that's with it centered behind the home? JASON PARENT: Correct. JAY HOOLEY: It's possible that you could meet the 25 by going somewhat to the right. Is that...? JASON PARENT: Yeah. JIM BUTLER: Mr. Chairman? Are you working with the pool company now? JASON PARENT: Yes. JIM BUTLER: You are? JASON PARENT: I mean, he came out to the house to... JIM BUTLER: Take a look, yeah. JASON PARENT: ...take a look, yes. JIM BUTLER: Is there any way that they would provide you, understanding the con...do they know the conditions that you have? JASON PARENT: They do. JIM BUTLER: They do? Is there any way they could provide you some scale drawings as to exactly where the pool is going to be... JASON PARENT: I could ask. Sure. JIM BUTLER: ...in relation to the lot? JASON PARENT: Mm-hmm. I could ask. JAMES SMITH: I think that's what I'm looking for... JIM BUTLER: Yeah. JAMES SMITH: ...and I think that's what Neil would be looking for. JASON PARENT: Okay.

JAMES SMITH: In other words, so that we can say 'this is what we're going to give you a variance on...' JASON PARENT: Okav. JAMES SMITH: '...and this is where it has to go, not four or more feet beyond it or two feet this way, but right there,' then we know how much the encroachment's going to be... JASON PARENT: Okay. JAMES SMITH: ...and everybody is... NEIL DUNN: Then Richard could measure. JAMES SMITH: He's got something to work with. JASON PARENT: Okay. JAMES SMITH: In other words, you keep...you say you're gonna need 25 here, 35 feet...but again, we're looking at a curve, it's not a straight line. JASON PARENT: Okay. JAMES SMITH: And that's where I'm at. I think, at this point, unless anybody...Do you have any particular questions? JAMES TOTTEN: I do not, no. JAY HOOLEY: I would only suggest that you make certain that you explore the option of going to the right... JASON PARENT: Sure JAY HOOLEY: ... as much as possible. JASON PARENT: Okay. JAY HOOLEY: And you may find out that you don't need to come back at all. JASON PARENT: Okay. JAY HOOLEY: If you can...I'm sorry, you'd have to come back but that you may be able to meet their request for the 25 feet. JASON PARENT: Okay.

JAY HOOLEY: You'd have to go, yeah, way out to the right and forward to get out of there completely. JASON PARENT: Okay. If I was able to submit these scale drawings, would I need to come back next month to present this all over again and...? JAMES SMITH: Not all over again... JASON PARENT: [indistinct], or could I just send it to you and then you levy your decision? JAMES SMITH: We would continue the case tonight to the next monthly meeting. We would then take a look at whatever you bring in for...and it would just continue from this point on. JASON PARENT: Okay. JAMES SMITH: So we wouldn't start the whole thing all over again, no. JASON PARENT: But I do have to wait until mid to late May to be heard again? JAMES SMITH: Yeah. Is everybody agreeable to that approach? JAMES TOTTEN: I am, yeah. Makes sense. JAMES SMITH: Then I would ask for someone to make a motion to continue the case. LARRY O'SULLIVAN: Just to make sure we know what we're going to be getting back, right, to make this so that we don't have to have any more delays, what we would like to be able to see is a proposal that includes the drawing of where this is going to fit on the lot in relation to the COD and the buffer. We'd like to have a measurement of how far in the buffer this is going or whatever you come back as proposed. Right? Is that pretty much it? JAY HOOLEY: To include anything constructed, including the... JAMES SMITH: The extensions. JAY HOOLEY: ...pads, the fence, you name it.

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 LARRY O'SULLIVAN: And you already gave us the impression that, or gave me the impression that with the proper filtering system, there wouldn't be any issue about chemicals or what have you, spills, and the like and filter changes and so on.

NEIL DUNN: Maybe in 30 years, but yeah.

LARRY O'SULLIVAN: Richard, and that's an easy to verify type of scenario? Because my fear has been with something...or almost everything that people have asked for, has always been that they're going to put something in their pool that's going to poison their neighbor. Alright?

JAY HOOLEY: [Indistinct] swim in it.

RICHARD CANUEL: Yeah, if it's a particular type of filter system that's installed as part of the pool installation, then yeah, that's easily verifiable. As opposed to try to enforce the introduction of chemicals at some point in the future.

LARRY O'SULLIVAN: Right, well I'm willing to buy in on that, too.

RICHARD CANUEL: Yeah.

LARRY O'SULLIVAN: Just as long as we had that specification in whatever's proposed to us. Right?

JAMES SMITH: Okay.

LARRY O'SULLIVAN: Now is that...should there be further refining of that? I mean, I'm game, but...

JAMES SMITH: No, I think he understands what we're trying to get at.

JIM BUTLER: The one thing on the pool filter is if you can get from the manufact...can you introduce other chemicals into that pool filter except what is specified? Do you see...? In other words, if it's a charcoal filter, you can't put anything in there except a charcoal filter versus being able to modify it and dump other chemicals or chlorine in it.

NEIL DUNN: No, I think the filter system is talking about how it handles it and you don't have to backwash it and spew water out...

JASON PARENT: Correct.

NEIL DUNN: ...on your cleanings. You change the filter. But to your point, chlorine and charcoal filters don't get along well, so if it's charcoal filter system, then he's probably not going to want to be playing with chlorine or he's going to be buying the filter more frequently than he really needs to. But yeah, it gets back to...but, I mean, that was my bigger point, that it's not a back flushing thing where normally, you have to...I don't have a pool. Do you? Don't you have to back flush them and do all that? Well, this avoids that so you're not throwing that water out and, to me, that's probably half the battle.

JASON PARENT: Correct.

 NEIL DUNN: Kids splashing, I don't think, is going to be as...That's why I'm more concerned about that buffer, so...

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188	LARRY O'SULLIVAN: So that ought to do it, then.		
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191	LARRY O'SULLIVAN: Alright?		
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193	JAMES SMITH: Okay, do we have a motion to continue the case?		
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195	LARRY O'SULLIVAN: I make a motion to continue case 3/20/2013-1 to our May meeting.		
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201 202	JAMES SMITH: All those in favor?		
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211	JAMES SMITH: A	Aye. Okay, you're continued to the next monthly meeting.	
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