

1 Present: Deb Lievens, Gene Harrington, Mike Considine, Truda Bloom, Ben LaBrecque, Marge Badois, 2 and Mike Speltz 3 4 Also present: Jim Butler, Town Councilor 5 6 D. Lievens called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM. She appointed M. Speltz to vote for Paul Nickerson. 7 8 Outdoor Recreation Guide- Landscape architect Bill Flynn of Saucier and Flynn and the Arnett 9 Development Group was present to update the Commission on the efforts to create a Town Outdoor 10 Recreation Guide. His presentation (see Attachment #1) began with an explanation of the project goals, namely to raise the public's awareness of as well as access to the recreational opportunities on 11 12 conservation land in Londonderry, to identify opportunities where enhancements can increase the 13 public's enjoyment of that land, and to determine long term objectives that will strengthen the 14 connectivity of conserved parcels. To date, the inventory of sites within the Town's green 15 infrastructure map to be included in the guide has been finalized and the assessment and analysis of 16 those areas is in progress. An overall strategic vision is to be completed by the end of June, while a series of webpages and associated homepage are being developed for the Town website. Those 17 18 webpages will give specifics about each conservation area (points of interest, permitted uses, 19 directions, etc.) and will provide the user with the ability to download an area map. B. Flynn provided 20 examples of the kind of assessments currently underway that will identify access points, various land 21 features, trails, and potential improvements. Connectivity was also discussed, with B. Flynn noting 22 that a significant opportunity is already available to tie various conservation lands together using the 23 existing town trail systems, utility corridors and other links found during the assessment phase. He 24 hopes to have the final deliverables to the Commission by the end of July. He will attend the July 22 25 Commission meeting with a final update. 26 Kendall Pond Conservation Area (KPCA)- Residents of 87 Kendall Pond Road and 106 South Road

27 28 attended this meeting to follow up with the Commission about signs that were to be placed at the KPCA 29 parking area (map 4 lot 56) in an effort to prevent illegal activities from taking place there. At their 30 November 12, 2013 meeting, the Commission voted to place signage in the KPCA parking lot to notify 31 visitors of restricted hours with the wording that there is "No parking between 10 PM and 5 AM." It was 32 believed that these hours would tend not to interfere with those visiting the site for the activities 33 allowed there (e.g. hunting and fishing), while still restricting use of the lot during those evening hours 34 when illegal activity would tend to take place. The residents conveyed more recent issues with 35 squatters who the residents claim are camping in the KPCA. Calls to police resulted in the neighbors 36 being told that the signs would provide police with the enforcement tool they need when their 37 assistance is requested. M. Considine said he would order the signs with the aforementioned wording. 38 D. Lievens added that she will provide the police with a copy of the Commission's policy voted on 39 several years ago which requires those seeking to camp on Town conservation land to first obtain 40 authorization from the Commission. M. Speltz noted that since the policy is not a part of the municipal 41 code, the general public may not be aware of it. He asked Councilor Butler if the Council could consider



42 making it part of the code.

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44 Fundamental Services, LLC conceptual (15-215-1)- Project engineer Steve Keach of Keach-Nordstrom 45 Associates, Inc. and Preston Hunter of Eckman Construction presented a conceptual design on behalf of Fundamental Services, LLC for a 109-bed skilled care nursing facility at 3 Grenier Field Road (see 46 47 Attachment #2). A public entrance would provide access from Mammoth Road while a second entrance 48 for deliveries and staff would come off of Grenier Field Road. The access way will surround the entire 49 building to allow for emergency vehicles. Efforts have been made to modify the building design typically 50 used by Fundamental Services in order to fit this one story building on the 16+/- acre site while still minimizing impacts to wetlands and associated Conservation Overlay District (COD) buffers on the 51 52 eastern and western sides of the lot. Once the requisite Certificate of Need is issued by the State, a final 53 design can be created and a Dredge and Fill (D+F) permit can be applied for through the NH Department 54 of Environmental Services (DES). At the same time, a site plan application and Conditional Use Permit 55 (CUP) can be submitted to the Planning Board. Wetland impacts are expected to total 2,313 square feet 56 at a single point where the public access way crosses the eastern wetland. The crossing's location was 57 chosen to minimize those impacts since the wetland is at its most narrow point there. M. Speltz 58 requested that a box culvert be used at that crossing to promote wildlife movement through the area. 59 COD buffer impacts are estimated at 28,226 sf, however more than half of that total would be related to 60 the driveway crossing, which is a permitted use with approval of a CUP by the Planning Board. D. 61 Lievens noted that if the D+F permit is approved and the wetland is bisected, no COD buffer will exist if 62 either resulting portion is less than a half-acre in size. The remainder of COD buffer intrusion (which will 63 require Planning Board approval of a second CUP) would be caused by areas of grading around the 64 building. S. Keach noted, however, that the degree of intrusion is tempered by the fact that it will be 65 limited to the outermost 25 feet of the 50-foot buffer.

66 S. Keach also reviewed the Low Impact Development (LID) methods the applicant hopes to utilize 67 on the site, e.g. stormwater infiltration, porous pavement and bio-retention, which will require a waiver 68 from the Planning Board. He explained that if the applicant were restricted to the typical catch basin/ 69 stormwater detention/discharge drainage system, the project would not be possible on this site. M. 70 Speltz suggested being mindful of the abutters to the south on Buckthorn Street since they have 71 experienced flooding in the past and expressed concerns when other projects were proposed for this 72 lot. S. Keach said he was aware of that lot's development history. Aside from advocating for more 73 recreational area beyond the two internal courtyards (with M. Speltz suggesting the use of a 74 conservation easement on the Merrill property across Grenier Field Road), the main comments from 75 Commissioners were to make any adjustments possible to further reduce buffer impacts.

S. Keach will coordinate with Staff to be on an upcoming agenda once the final design is
submitted with the D+F and CUP applications for which the Commission will provide recommendations
to DES and the Planning Board respectively.

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Prologis/UPS D+F and CUP (14-49)- Robert Duvall of TFMoran was joined by a development team to
continue a presentation started at the May 27 meeting for a 614,000 square foot distribution facility on
map 14 lot 49 to be built by Prologis for UPS who will be assembling and distributing materials for Pratt



83 & Whitney (see May 27 minutes). Seven separate areas of wetland impacts will total 30,000 sf (see 84 Attachment #3). COD buffer impacts would total 15,124 sf as a result of grading in the southeast corner 85 of the lot, however no structures or pavement will intrude on the buffer. At the May meeting, M. Speltz had asked if the applicant could provide some sort of mapping of the aquifer known to be in that 86 87 area. B. Duvall submitted a map of aquifer transmissivity based on information from NH GRANIT (see 88 Attachment #4), which identified half of lot 49 as being is in an area of medium to low transmissivity 89 while the other half is in an area considered to have the lowest transmissivity. B. Duvall stated that a 90 large portion of the stormwater will be infiltrated and that pervious pavement will be used where 91 practical. Chris Rice added that aquifer Best Management Practices will be including on the grading and 92 drainage plans. 93 Mark West of West Environmental provided details of a forthcoming wildlife survey of the lot, 94 which he noted takes into consideration the land around the lot as well. Eight plants of the endangered 95 bluet species were found in near the northwest border of the property (see Attachment #5), which the 96 NH Natural Heritage Bureau would like either preserved or transplanted. There have been no sightings 97 of other endangered species such as the Blanding's turtle, Spotted turtle, New England Cottontail, 98 Hognose snake or Black Racer snake. In addition to this study, which M. West said would be forwarded 99 to the Commission when completed, the applicant will be funding a separate wildlife study through NH Fish and Game as well as funding habitat restoration for New England Cottontails in another location. A 100 101 pre-construction meeting will also take place with Fish and Game to safeguard against impacts to 102 wildlife. 103 After reviewing the CUP application (see Attachment #6), M. Speltz made a motion to 104 recommend approval of the CUP permit as presented to the Planning Board. G. Harrington seconded 105 the motion. The motion was approved, 7-0-0. 106 M. Speltz made a motion to recommend approval of the D+F permit to the State Wetlands 107 Bureau. G. Harrington seconded the motion. The motion was approved, 7-0-0. 108 109 DRCs; Prologis/UPS Distribution Center Site Plan and Subdivision Plan (14-49)-

- 110Site Plan Comments: Regarding the aquifer in the vicinity and transmissivity; "it's the best we111have." It is important that aquifer protection Best Management Practices be written into the112site plan.
- 113 Subdivision Plan Comments: No comments.
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Milton CAT Facility (28-17-3, 17-4 & 20-5)- Gary Collette of the engineering firm Amec was joined by
Milton CAT Facilities Manager Brad Ferrin and other design team members to present this site plan for a
new sales and service facility off Industrial Drive (see Attachment #7). Three lots will be involved (28-

118 17-3, 17-4 & 20-5), the latter of which lies to the north of the other two and is separated by an existing

119 PSNH utility corridor. Much of that northern 9-acre piece is occupied by Little Cohas Brook and

120 associated wetlands which would carry COD buffers of 100 and 50 feet respectively. The one acre of

121 upland located there will be used for storage of Caterpillar equipment and will be connected by a gravel 122 drive to the main lot, 17-4, where the building, parking and other improvements will be located. To the

drive to the main lot, 17-4, where the building, parking and other improvements will be located. To the east of 17-4, Lot 17-3 will be used to display equipment for sale since it abuts Industrial Drive. There will



124 be no impacts to wetlands or COD buffers and all green space requirements in the Town regulations will 125 be observed. The Commission thanked the design team for purposefully avoiding wetland and buffer 126 intrusions, and in particular for ensuring that the detention ponds on Lot 20-5 are wholly outside the 127 buffer. The storage areas will feature gravel surfaces while pervious pavement will be used in part on the main lot. When asked about the possibility of vehicle fluids leaking from vehicles waiting to be 128 129 serviced in the equipment storage area behind the building, G. Collette explained that the recycled 130 asphalt to be used there will be only semi-porous, but that the detention ponds there are lined in order 131 to prevent fluids from seeping into the soil. B. Ferrin added that vehicles to be serviced at this location 132 will have typically already experienced those complications off site, therefore leaking fluids will tend not 133 to be a problem on this lot. With the majority of vehicles being new, such environmental threats will be 134 less likely overall. The applicant was asked to document their commitment to the Best Management 135 Practices (BMPs) of Milton CAT, to which B. Ferrin relied that copies of the annual reports required by 136 those BMPs can be provided to the Town, along with a copy of the Environmental Protection Agency 137 permit that must be obtained. The Commission also decided to request aquifer BMPs be included in the 138 site plan. When snow storage was discussed, Commissioners requested that no snow be stored on lot 139 20-5 because of its proximity to the buffer, brook and wetland.

Mark West of West Environmental gave an overview of the wildlife habitat on the three lots (see Attachment #8), saying no endangered species were found on the site and describing lot 20-5 as having the most valuable habitat and lot 17-4 as having the least. He also noted the wildlife corridor running adjacent to the west and south sides of the lot. He said once his report is complete, he will forward a copy to the Commission.

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146 DRC; Milton CAT Facility Site Plan (28-17-3, 17-4 & 20-5)-

147Comments: It is important that the site plan includes documentation of aquifer protection BMPs148to be followed. Our concern is vehicles parked on pervious pavement areas. Milton CAT may be149using recycled asphalt pavement, so it may not be an issue. We recommend no snow storage in150the 1-acre section of equipment storage on lot 20-5. Snow should be moved south of the power151line.

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153 School House Square Site Plan and Subdivision D+F (12-57 & 60)- Jack Szemplinski of Benchmark 154 Engineering presented these plans on behalf of applicant 381 Mammoth Road, LLC. The two lots 155 involved will be merged into a 20+ acre piece, after which three acres will be carved for the existing 156 house on current lot 12-60 (see Attachment #9). With a variance granted by the Zoning Board of 157 Adjustment for increased density, the applicant proposes to construct 27 single family detached 158 condominiums that will be serviced by municipal water and sewer (see Attachment #10). An 159 approximately 1-acre wetland abutting Mammoth Road will be crossed with a private access way, 160 resulting in approximately 9,800 sf of impact. The location of the new "School House Road" was 161 determined by the requirement of the Department of Public Works for it to be aligned with Trail Haven 162 Drive across the street. J. Szemplinski said a waiver will be requested from the Planning Board in order 163 to minimize the wetland disturbance by allowing the road to be 40 feet in width instead of the required

164 50 feet. D. Lievens noted that once the wetland is filled, the 50-foot COD buffer may no longer apply if



either remaining portion is less than half an acre in size. If a buffer is applicable, Commissioners asked 165 166 that COD markers be placed along its edge south of the driveway to ensure the owner's awareness of 167 the no-cut zone adjacent to their driveway. J. Szemplinski then briefly reviewed the drainage design, including two rain gardens and three detention ponds. He offered to perform a site walk with any 168 interested Commissioners of the forested wetland whose major function he described as stormwater 169 170 detention. A wildlife study has been required of the applicant and is underway. 171 Following further discussion, G. Harrington made a motion to recommend approval of the D+F 172 application to the State Wetlands Bureau. B. LaBrecque seconded the motion. The motion was 173 approved, 7-0-0. 174 175 DRCs; School House Square Site Plan and Subdivision Plan(12-57 & 60)-176 Site Plan Comments: Add Conservation Overlay District boundary markers to the buffer east of 177 Unit #1 to designate it as a no-cut zone. 178 Subdivision Comments: No comments. 179 180 Faucher Road beaver dam- At the May 27 meeting, M. Considine gave an update about the rebuilding 181 of this dam at the end of Faucher Road, which the Commission dismantled in part at the end of 2013. 182 Commissioners voted on May 27 to rehire the specialist who removed three beavers from the lodge last year to install a beaver baffle. The \$375 invoice for the work was since received and signed by the 183 Chair. M. Considine explained that traps placed recently at the end of Faucher Road were removed 184 185 out of concern that the mother beaver raising kits inside the den might be caught and removed. He 186 also reported that since installation of the baffle, the water is not running as it was before. 187 188 Target Shooting in the Musquash- M. Considine provided another update on the target shooting 189 activity taking place in the Musquash Conservation Area (see May 27, 2014 meeting). A public 190 workshop scheduled by the Town Council for July has now been postponed until September over 191 concerns that those who may be interested in attending could be away on summer vacation if the 192 workshop is held between June and August. Commissioners expressed concern that a "demonstrable 193 threat to public safety" was not going to be addressed sooner. It was also noted that many who 194 would like to enjoy the Musquash during the summer months specifically will not be able to if they 195 feel their safety is threatened there. 196 197 New England Cottontail- A portion of the Musquash Conservation Area was clear cut in 2013 to create 198 future habitat for the endangered New England Cottontail species. M. Considine stated that the 199 successional growth has been so successful that maintenance of the adjacent trails is now necessary. M. 200 Speltz made a motion to authorize the Chair to expend an amount not to exceed \$500 from the line 201 item budget for Musquash Conservation Area trail maintenance and improvements. G. Harrington 202 seconded the motion. The motion was approved, 7-0-0. 203 204 Ingersoll monitoring- D. Lievens stated that the Rockingham County Conservation District will be performing the monitoring of the Ingersoll easements on map 1 lots 1 and 3-2 as they have annually 205



for several years. A contract for \$650 will be forthcoming. **T. Bloom made a motion to authorize the** Chair to expend an amount not to exceed \$700 from the line item budget of fiscal year 2014-2015 to hire the Rockingham County Conservation District to perform the annual monitoring of the Ingersoll conservation easements on map 1 lots 1 and 3-2. B. LaBrecque seconded the motion. The motion was approved, 7-0-0.

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212 Master Plan Implementation Committee- M. Speltz, representative of the Conservation Commission on the Master Plan Implementation Committee, provided Commissioners with a table detailing two 213 214 recommendations from the 2013 Comprehensive Master Plan assigned to the Commission (see 215 Attachment #11). The first involves identification of open space as it relates to the form based code of 216 zoning detailed in the Master Plan, which can be considered if and when the Town adopts specific 217 code provisions. The second involves the future of the Town Center. After handing out copies of the 218 "Town Center Village" section of the Master Plan, he asked Commissioners to prepare for a discussion 219 of ideas at the next meeting.

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221 <u>Town Forest</u>- Resident A. Chiampa inquired about the ongoing attempt to remove the invasive species 222 Oriental Bittersweet from the Town Forest. D. Lievens said she had not heard back from the invasives 223 specialist the Commission has hired in the past and will contact him again to obtain a quote for his 224 services. It was suggested that a quote for a long term eradication program also be determined and 225 then added to the Commission's next proposed budget.

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<u>D+F letters of intervention</u>- The Commission agreed to authorize the Associate Planner to issue a letter of intervention on their behalf to NH DES, requesting additional time to comment on a Dredge and Fill application if the Chair is unavailable to do so in a timely manner. **G. Harrington made a motion to** authorize the Town's Associate Planner to sign and send a letter of intervention to NH DES on behalf of the Conservation Commission if the Chair is not able to send one in a timely manner. **T. Bloom** seconded the motion. The motion was approved, 7-0-0.

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May 27, 2014 minutes- G. Harrington made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 27,
2014 <u>public session</u> as written. M. Badois seconded the motion. The motion was approved, 5-0-2
with T. Bloom and B. LaBrecque abstaining as they had not attended the meeting.

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- 238 DRC; Pinkerton Hills (9-78)-

Comments: There probably should be a Dredge and Fill application for at least one of thedriveways.

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G. Harrington made a motion to go into <u>Non-Public Session</u> per RSA 91-A:3 for the purpose of
discussing possible land acquisitions. T. Bloom seconded.

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Roll call vote: Aye, Truda Bloom; Aye, Ben LaBrecque; Aye, Marge Badois; Aye, G. Harrington; Aye,
Mike Considine; Aye, Mike Speltz; and Aye, Deb Lievens.



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- T. Bloom made a motion to go out of <u>Non-Public Session</u>. G. Harrington seconded the motion. The motion was approved, **7-0-0**.
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T. Bloom made a motion to seal the minutes of the <u>Non-Public Session</u> indefinitely. G. Harrington seconded the motion. The motion was approved, **7-0-0**.

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T. Bloom made motion to adjourn the meeting. M. Speltz seconded. The motion was approved,7-0-0.

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- 257 The meeting adjourned at approximately 11:25 PM.
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- 259 Respectfully submitted,
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- 262 Jaye Trottier
- 263 Associate Planner

TOWN OF LONDONDERRY

CONSERVATION LAND RECREATION GUIDE

Prepared for Londonderry Conservation Commission

Londonderry Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes June 24, 2014 - Attachment #1



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PROJECT OBJECTIVES

- 1) Raise the public's awareness of the recreational value of Londonderry's conservation lands
- 2) Facilitate the public's access to Londonderry's Conservation Lands
- 3) Identify opportunities to **enhance the public's enjoyment** of conservation lands
- 4) Identity **long-term objectives** aimed at strengthening the **cohesiveness** and **connectivity** of Londonderry's conservation lands



RELATED PLANS AND STUDIES

- 1. Town of Londonderry, New Hampshire, **Comprehensive Master Plan** January 4, 2013
- 2. Town of Londonderry **Open Space Plan** June 2006
- 3. Londonderry **Open Space Task Force Report** July 2011













TASK 1 AREA IDENTIFICATION





TARGET AREAS

- 1. Merrill Farm
- 2. Little Cohas
- 3. Musquash North
- 4. Musquash South
- 5. West Roads Fields
- 6. Sunnycrest Farm
- 7. Plummer Easement (east)
- 8. Plummer Easement (west)
- 9. Moose Hill/Town Center
- 10.Estey Easements
- 11.Bockes/Ingersol
- 12.Kendall Pond/Beaver Brook
- 13.Scobie Pond

PRIMARY FOCUS AREAS





TARGET AREAS (additional areas)

- 14. Edgell Properties
- 15. Auburn Road Landfill
- 16. Mammoth 1
- 17. Trolley Car Lane
- 18. Beaver Brook Mitigation Site
- 19. The Old Trolley Line





Little Cohas Brook

TASK 2 AREA ASSESSMENTS (typical assessment)







Parcel Ownership



Conservation Easement



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Potential Improvements









TOWN OF LONDONDERRY - CONSERVATION LANDS





Londonderry Recreation Guide

Londonderry offers residents ample opportunity to explore and enjoy the great outdoors. Approximitely xxxx acres of town conservation land is waiting to be explored. The areas vary in size and the type of recreational uses allowed. The Musquash Conservation Area is the largest area encompassing 750 acres. It offers hikers, bikers and outdoor enthusiasts a full day's worth of adventure. While samiler areas such as the Ingersoll Forest are perfect for a casual afternoon stroll. Click on the red markers for more information related to each area open to the public.



TASK 3

WEB SITE DEVELOPMENT (typical)



TOWN OF LONDONDERRY - CONSERVATION LANDS









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vation Area offers a mile and a half of easy walking trails, ideal for beginners. The area is comprosed of 60 acres of well managed forest, wetlands and scenic marshes.

The main trails are well maintained and marked with Blue and Yellow blazing. Informal spur trails offer opportunity to get off trail and explore the forest, wetland and marsh adjacent to Beaver Brook. Please exercise











TASK 4 CONNECTIVITY





Existing Trail Systems





Utility Corridors





Linkages & Neighborhood Intersections





Additional Connectivity Considerations




































Traditions at Londonderry Proposed 109 Bed Skilled Nursing Facility



Existing Conditions 3 Grenier Field Road - Londonderry, NH





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Application for a Conservation Overlay District Conditional Use Permit Form A - For a Use permitted by Conditional Use Permit

Conditional Use permit is as part of a: Site Plan

Subdivision

I. General Information:

А.	Name of Project:	Prologis Distribution Center		
Β.	Location of Project:	51 Pettengill Road (Street)	14 (Map #)	49 (Lot #)
C.	Applicant:			
	Name:	Prologis Management L.L.C.		
	Address:	60 State Street, Suite 2200		
		Boston, MA 02109		
	Phone:	(617) 619-9395		
	Fax:	(617) 619-9495		
	Signature:	A.UNT		

II. Required Information:

- Plans showing existing and proposed conditions.
- Wetland delineation certified by a Certified Wetlands Scientist and mapped by a licensed land surveyor.
- Areas on plans highlighted to show areas where conditional use permit is sought
- Narrative description of project and conditional use permit request.
- Criteria for conditional use permit described (see below)

III. Optional Information:

- Aerial Photographs
- Site Photographs

IV. Conditional Use Permit Criteria

Address, in the provided boxes, the following criteria in accordance with Section 2.6.3 of the Zoning Ordinance:

1. The proposed construction is essential to the productive use of land not within the CO District

The proposed construction is essential to the productive use of land not within the CO District. The 50-foot buffer is incidental to the wetland, and the wetland itself is located in the middle of a future roadway between this project and the existing adjacent FedEx building (and the wetland will be filled when the road is eventually constructed). Because of the site geometry, and the elevation of the wetland relative to the rest of the site, grading into the buffer is unavoidable.

Design and construction materials will be such as to minimize impact upon the wetlands and will include restoration of the site consistent with the permitted use.

Design and construction materials will be such as to minimize impact upon the wetlands and will include restoration of the site with the permitted use. We will be obtaining an NHDES Dredge & Fill Permit to fill a portion of the existing wetland (and the limits of the CO District are from the new edge of wetland). We are proposing a slight impact to the buffer for grading for the site (no structures or pavement are proposed within the buffer).

3. There is no feasible alternative route on land controlled by the applicant that does not cross the CO District nor has less detrimental impact upon the wetlands. Nothing in this section shall limit the applicant from exploring alternatives with abutting property owners:

There is no feasible alternative route on land controlled by the applicant that does not cross the CO District nor has less detrimental impact upon the wetlands. Given the size of the proposed building (approximately 614,000 square feet), there are no other locations on site where the building and required access, loading and parking can be situated. In addition, please note that five alternate site locations within the project area (Pettengill Road) were investigated for the project, and this location was determined to be the most environmentally suitable.

4. Economic advantage is not the sole reason for the proposed location of the construction:

Economic advantage is not the sole reason for the proposed location of the construction. Physical and environmental site constraints are the primary reason for the proposed location of the construction. Due to the site geometry, etc. needed for the proposed development (with a proposed building size of approximately 614,000 square feet), there are no alternatives to where the building can be situated.

5. Square Footage of Wetland Impacts: 29,337 SF

6. Square footage of Buffer Impacts: 15,124 SF







Civil Engineers Structural Engineers Traffic Engineers Land Surveyors Landscape Architects Scientists

Date: June 12, 2014

To: Cynthia May, Town Planner Town of Londonderry Planning & Economic Development 268B Mammoth Road Londonderry, NH 03053

Re: Prologis Distribution Center Conditional Use Permit Request – Conservation Overlay District Tax Map 14 Lot 49

Dear Cynthia,

On behalf of our client, Prologis Management L.L.C., we respectfully request a Conditional Use Permit from Section 2.6.3.4 of the Town of Londonderry Zoning Ordinance to a allow a work within the Conservation Overlay District (work within the 50-foot wetland buffer consist of grading/slope transitions; no structures or pavement are proposed within the Conservation Overlay District).

Per Section 2.7.3.5.1 of the Zoning Ordinance, the following criteria must be satisfied in order for the Planning Board to grant a Conditional Use Permit in the Gateway Business District:

1. <u>The proposed use is consistent with the Objectives and Characteristics of the Gateway</u> <u>Business District, Section 2.7.1;</u>

The Objectives and Characteristics of the Gateway Business District are to allow for the development of gateways to the Town of Londonderry, centers or commerce, and employment centers for the Southern New Hampshire region. Developments shall be in a manner that serves business interests, conveys a campus atmosphere, provides for traffic circulation and alternate modes of transportation. It should also be developed in a manner that involves quality landscape, building and site design.

We feel that the proposed project meets all of the objectives and characteristics of the Gateway Business District. The facility is intended to have approximately 412 employees (projected in 8 years) which we believe qualifies as an employment center. A portion of Pettengill Road is being constructed for site access, and alternative modes of transportation will be available to employees (such as rideshare, bicycle parking, etc). In addition, landscaping meeting Town requirements will be installed, and the proposed building and site design are high quality designs.

48 Constitution Drive Bedford, NH 03110 Phone (603) 472-4488 Fax (603) 472-9747 www.tfmoran.com

2. Granting of the application is in the public interest;

Granting of this application is in the public interest. The project location is ideal for this type of development, and the project will consist of a quality business that will generate tax revenue for the Town, and will provide quality jobs and benefits for the employees that will work at the facility. Jobs will also be created by businesses that service the facility such as fire protection, security services, trucking services, utility services, landscape maintenance, catering, etc. The project will also provide numerous jobs during the construction process, including but not limited to designers, contractors, inspectors, etc.

3. <u>The property in question is reasonably suited for the use requested, and the design of the site represents to the extent practical preservation of natural resources, open space, and does not create a hazard to surface or underground water resources;</u>

The property is ideal for the proposed development. The proposed building (approximately 614,000 square feet) is approximately 1,200 feet in length by 500 feet in width; given this size a relatively flat site is desirable in order to minimize earthwork. Access to major road networks is also required, which this site will have once the portion of Pettengill Road is constructed.

In addition, given the amount of impervious area required for the building, parking, and loading areas, a parcel with good soils that can infiltrate runoff is beneficial for stormwater design and allows for groundwater recharge.

The limit of impact to wetland areas has been minimized to the extent practical, the proposed development will not create hazards to surface or underground resources.

4. <u>The applicant has demonstrated that the alternative design for which the Conditional Use</u> <u>Permit is sought better achieves the Objectives and Characteristics of the district, while</u> <u>not diminishing surrounding property values or the ability of nearby parcels to develop in</u> <u>accordance with the Objectives and Characteristics of the district;</u>

The Conditional Use Permit is being requested to allow a warehouse and storage building in excess of 250,000 square feet (the proposed building is approximately 614,000 square feet). Although the proposed building size exceeds that which is permitted without a Conditional Use Permit, we believe the proposed project achieves the goals and characteristics of the zoning district.

The proposed project will not diminish surrounding property values as the adjacent properties consist of Fed Ex to the east (similar type use and size) and what will be conservation land to the west.

In addition, no part of the project hinders future development of other surrounding properties. In fact we believe it promotes future development given the partial construction of Pettengill road and utility extensions.

5. <u>The application has demonstrates that the alternative design for which the Conditional</u> <u>Use Permit is sought does not impact the general health, safety, and general welfare of</u> <u>the Town, and is otherwise in compliance with all requirements of the Zoning Ordinance,</u> <u>Site Plan Regulations, and Subdivision Regulations, as applicable to the proposed project.</u>

The proposed project does not impact the general health, safety, and general welfare of the Town, and is otherwise in general compliance with the applicable requirements of the Zoning Ordinance, Site Plan Regulations, and Subdivision Regulations. We believe that the proposed project is a major benefit to the Town the project will consist of a quality business that will generate tax revenue for the Town, and will provide quality jobs and benefits for the employees that will work at the facility.

We appreciate your consideration in this matter. If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me at (603) 472-4488 or email <u>crice@tfmoran.com</u>.

Sincerely, TFMoran Inc.

Christopher Rice Senior Project Manager







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2.04	Town-Led Initiatives	Locate open space required in a form- based code to complement green elements depicted on the Green Print Initiative Map. Te Open Space Plan	(2016)	See Budget Allowance for Form-Based Code	Conservation Commission	Conservation Commission, Open Space Task Force, Community Development Department	N/A					6/20/2014	Open space identified by the Open Space Task Force will form a baseline; specific additional open space supporting a form-based code will be identified <i>after</i> specific code provisions are adopted; SmartCode v. 9.2 (www.smartcodecentral.org) will be used as a reference in developng
6.04	Town Center	Determine whether this area should become permanent open space, and secure funding for its purchase if deemed appropriate. Alternatively, develop provisions in a form-based code to allow this type and scale of neighborhood development contemplated in this location.	Near Term (2016)	See Budget Allowance for Form-Based Code	Conservation Commission	Community Development Department	N/A		 ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ 			6/20/2014	recommendations The Conservation Commission will begin a discussion of the Town Forest and Mack orchard at its 6/26/14 meeting with a view to making a recommendation on the role these parcels should play in the Town Center Focus Area

Lead		# of actions	
Com. Dev't.			
Dept.	10		
Planning			
Board	31		
Town			
Council	14		

TOWN COMMON VILLAGE



CHURCH INFILL

A church has expressed an interest in building in this location. The Town Center Common plan emphasizes the church by locating it on a formal green. A parish house and/or single family homes line the street and conceal the parking lot. Orchards at the rear of the site are preserved, providing an ideal setting for weddings and community events. If designed with quality and attention to detail, this new church could contribute to the civic life and beauty of the Town Center.



Create zoning regulations that emphasize form to allow the design proposed for the church site.

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SKATING POND & TRAIL NETWORK

During Planapalooza, we heard that the Town Forest is underutilized and functions poorly as habitat. We also heard that there is a strong interest in having a skating pond to provide additional activities for kids. The plan suggests celebrating this community asset by making the Town Forest an extension of the Town Common. In the plan, nature trails are pulled into the woods and a skating pond provides a focal point and special gathering place in the forest, capitalizing on the views across the countryside.



Evaluate the feasibility of a skating pond in the Town Forest and start pre-planning for extension of the trails leading to the pond.



Recreation Department Londonderry Recreation Committee

Londonderry Trailways Committee



FRAMING THE TOWN COMMON

The Town Common is the emotional heart of Londonderry, although the space is rarely used outside of scheduled events such as Old Home Day. For those not from Londonderry, there is nothing to indicate that this is the center of Town, and it is easy to miss the Common altogether as you drive by. In response to community interest, the Town Center Common plan transforms the Common into a destination and place for daily civic life, while carefully maintaining the rural character of this important corner. This careful redesign involves some complex land negotiations and is anticipated to take place incrementally over time.

This plan shows a narrow two lane road along the back edge of the Common, fronted by detached buildings that look like houses but could be used in a number of ways. Imagine a coffee shop, ice cream parlor, or bookstore, and maybe a small cafe, the kind of shops that would appeal to teens as well as adults. To enable this kind of change, a sliver of land from the underutilized Town Forest would need to be used, a tradeoff that most people seem comfortable with as long as new buildings are low scale in nature.

To further define the edge of the Common, homes, which could also be converted into retail or offices, line Pillsbury Road. New civic buildings are shown next to the Lion's Club to frame the Common along Mammoth Road. Parking is located in the rear so it is not visible from the street, with parallel parking to help slow traffic along the roads that front the Common and extend to the schools.

Complete a formal study of the Town Common area to refine recommendations and develop zoning regulations that will ensure proper execution of the vision.



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FORMALIZE THE GREEN SPACE

The Common currently lacks a functional layout reminiscent of a traditional common. There are no paths that invite you in, few places to sit, and nothing that defines the space. The Common is rarely used and if it weren't for the churches and statue, there would be little to identify this as an important civic space. There is general agreement that the Common should be improved to make it a place that people want to use more regularly.

This plan shows a central path that leads from the corner of Mammoth and Pillsbury Roads, terminating at a new, larger bandstand, with secondary paths leading in from the side. A low stone wall runs along the edge of the Common, helping to indicate to those passing by that this place is intentional and important.



Move forward with funding to make the recommended improvements to the Town Common.



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SAFE STREETS

To help people understand that they are entering the Town Center, Mammoth Road should be redesigned to slow traffic and give priority to pedestrians and cyclists. A retrofit with complete street design should be considered, with smaller curb radii to shorten pedestrian crossing distances at intersections. Wide sidewalks, a planting strip with street trees, on-street parking, and narrowed vehicular travel lanes are recommended from the southern end of the common to the high school.

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Work with the New Hampshire DOT to make improvements for Mammoth Road that emphasize complete street design; program funding for these improvements as a catalyst for redevelopment in the Town Commons area.



NEIGHORHOOD CREATION

There have been ideas discussed about what could happen on this parcel in the future. It is currently listed as a potential site for future conservation, but if permanent protection does not occur, the parcel may be considered for development. Understanding this possible outcome, this plan shows the best case for the kind of tradeoff that should be expected if open space doesn't receive permanent protection. Here, a complete neighborhood is created, with an interconnected system of narrow streets, sidewalks, street trees, parallel parking, and slow traffic speeds. This kind of block structure is flexible and can accommodate a variety of potential development scenarios. The result should be a real place that is walkable, safe, and interesting.



Determine whether this area should become permanent open space, and secure funding for its purchase. Alternatively, create zoning regulations that emphasize form and community character.



Londonderry Conservation Commission

Planning and Economic Development Department



ILLUSTRATIVE BIRD'S EYE VIEW OF THE TOWN CENTER COMMON





THIS BIRD'S EYE VIEW SHOWS THE ILLUSTRATIVE PLAN FOR THE TOWN CENTER COMMON, WHICH WOULD OCCUR INCREMENTALLY OVER TIME. TO THE RIGHT, YOU CAN SEE THAT THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PARKING LOT WAS RELOCATED TO THE REAR OF THE LOT, AND REPLACED BY A PROPER CHURCH GREEN THAT VISUALLY EXTENDS THE COMMON ACROSS PILLSBURY ROAD. NEW HOMES FILL IN THE GAPS ALONG THIS STREET, HELPING TO PROVIDE THE COMMON WITH A SENSE OF ENCLOSURE. FURTHER UP THE STREET, A NEW CHURCH HAS BEEN INCLUDED, WITH A PARISH HOUSE THAT CONCEALS THE PARKING LOCATED IN THE REAR.

IN THE FOREGROUND, A NEW SLIP LANE HAS BEEN ADDED THAT EXTENDS FROM THE GRANGE TO THE LIONS CLUB, TRANSFORMING AN EXPANSE OF ASPHALT ALONG THE STREET INTO A SHARED STREET WITH A SIDEWALK, PARALLEL PARKING, AND SLOW-MOVING TRAFFIC. OFF-STREET PARKING IS RELOCATED TO THE REAR OF THE BUILDINGS.

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STREETSCAPE VIEW OF THE TOWN COMMON





THIS VIEW OF THE TOWN CENTER COMMON HELPS TO ILLUSTRATE THE LOW IMPACT PRINCIPLES BEHIND THE PROPOSED VISION AND THE DESIRE TO PROTECT THE RURAL NATURE OF THIS IMPORTANT CROSSROADS. IN THE DISTANCE, YOU CAN SEE THE WAY IN WHICH ADDITIONAL BUILDINGS PROVIDE A SENSE OF SCALE AND ENCLOSURE TO THE COMMON AND GENERATE A LEVEL OF ACTIVITY THAT ATTRACTS THE PEDESTRIAN. YOU CAN ALSO SEE THE SKATING POND THROUGH THE WOODS.