

# Town of Amherst, New Hampshire

# **Office of Community Development**

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# AMHERST ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT AGENDA

**REVISED: JULY 27, 2016** 

The Amherst Zoning Board of Adjustment will hold a Public Hearing on **Tuesday**, **August 16**, **2016** at 7:00 PM in the Barbara Landry Meeting Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Amherst Town Hall, 2 Main Street, Amherst, NH concerning the following:

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE IN MEETING LOCATION:
Souhegan High School, 412 Boston Post Road, Theater Room, Amherst,
NH 03031

#### **Old Business:**

**1. Request for Rehearing: CASE #: PZ7330-041216;** Migrela Realty Trust II (Owner); 153, 155 & 169 Hollis Street; PIN #s: 001-008-002, 001-008-000, 002-007-000 is requesting a rehearing of an appeal of an administrative decision that was denied by the Board. *Continued from July 19*, 2016.

#### **New Business:**

- 2. CASE #: PZ7676-071516: Arboleda Realty, LLC (dba LaBelle Winery), 340 NH Route 101, PIN # 008-052-000 in the Northern Transitional Zone. Application for a variance from Article IV, Section 4.4, D. 4 to construct a building that would exceed the maximum 40-foot height by 12.5 feet.
- 3. CASE #: PZ7677-071516: Arboleda Realty, LLC (dba LaBelle Winery), 340 NH Route 101, PIN # 008-052-000 in the Northern Transitional Zone. Application for a variance from Article IV, Section 4.4, B to allow the following uses that are not permitted in the Zone: a distillery with tasting room/small function room, event center, office building, and an inn with a spa and restaurant.

#### **Other Business:**

**4. Minutes:** July 19, 2016

Application materials associated with the cases can be found on the Town of Amherst website at

http://www.amherstnh.gov/sites/amherstnh/files/agendas/zba\_packet\_8-16-16-2.pdf.



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Colleen Mailloux, Community Development Director

# **ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT APPLICATION**

|   |  |   | Case #        |             |            |  |
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| 1.  | Type of Application: (check all that apply)  Special Exception Appeal of Administrative Decision Equitable Waiver of Dimensional Requirement   |   |               | or the hand |            |  |
| 2.  | Project Name: Distillery and Inn at LaBelle Winery   |   |               |             |            |  |
| 3.  | Project Address: 340 Route 101   | Mar   | ): <u>008</u> | Lot_052     | _000       |  |
| 4.  | Zoning District and Subdistricts: (check all that apply)  Aquifer Conservation & Wellhead Protection District (ACWPD) Flood Plain Conservation District (FPCD) General Office (GO) Historic District (HD) Limited Commercial (LC) Northern Transitional (NTZ) Wetland & Watershed Conservation District (WWCD)  Commercial Zone (C) General Office (GO) Industrial (I) Northern Rural (NRZ) Residential/Rural (RR) |   |               |             |            |  |
| 5.  | Primary Contact: Amy LaBelle Email: amy@labellwinerynh.com   |   |               |             |            |  |
| Applicant Owner Attorney Surveyor/Engineer Phone: |  |   |               |             |            |  |
| 6.  | pplicant: Arboleda Realty, LLC   |   |               |             |            |  |
|   | Address: 345 Route 101 City: A   | nherst  | _ State:      | NH          | Zip: 03031 |  |
|   | Phone: 672-9898 Email: amy@labellwinerynh.com  |   |               |             |            |  |
| 7.  |  | wner's Name(s): Richard Bragdon, Trustee of the Richard N. Bragdon Family Trust |               |             |            |  |
|   | Address: c/o Betsy Noble, 43 High Street City: R   | chmond  | _State:       | ME          | Zip: 04357 |  |
|   | Phone:Email:   |   |               |             |            |  |
| 8.  | Surveyor/Engineer, Attorney, or Agent: Attorney Morgan A. Hollis   |   |               |             |            |  |
|   | Address: 39 East Pearl Street City: N  | ashua   | _State:       | NH _        | Zip: 03060 |  |
|   | Phone: 318-0455 Email: mhollis@  | one: 318-0455 Email: mhollis@nh-lawyers.com                                     |               |             |            |  |
| Э.  | Relief is requested from the provisions of Article: V, Section: 4.4, Paragraph: D.4  In order that he or she may: (purpose) construct a building (country inn) to a height of 52.5 feet from first floor elevation where a maximum of 40 feet from average ground elevation is permitted.  |   |               |             |            |  |

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If Applicable: Owner(s) authorization for Applicant or Agent to represent the application: The applicant or agent, as stated hereon, has authorization from the property owner to submit this application and represent the property owner on matters relative to the Town's Zoning Board of Adjustment

Owner's Clunature

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- 5. Literal enforcement of the provisions of the Ordinance would result in unnecessary hardship because:
  - (A) For the purpose of this subparagraph, "unnecessary hardship" means that owning to special conditions of the property that distinguish it from other properties in the area:
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    - (ii) The proposed use is a reasonable one because:
  - (B) Explain how, if the criteria in subparagraph (A) above are not established, an unnecessary hardship will be deemed to exist if, and only if, owning to special conditions of the property that distinguish it from other properties in the area, the property cannot be reasonably used in strict conformance with the Ordinance, and a Variance is therefore necessary to enable a reasonable use of it:

## Section 2 - Special Exception (SE) For a SE request, please answer the following questions:

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Explain why there was an error in the interpretation of the Amherst Zoning Ordinance made by the Administrative Official in the order, requirement, decision, or determination made by said Administrative Official?

# Addendum Sheet to Application to the Amherst Zoning Board of Adjustment for Variances for a Portion of Lot 52, Map 8 Route 101, Amherst, New Hampshire

**Applicant:** Arboleda Realty LLC

Owner: Richard Bragdon, Trustee of the Richard N. Bragdon Family Trust

#### 1. How will granting the variance not be contrary to the public interest?

Existing barns in the area are similar height so this will not alter the character of the neighborhood. The structure will meet all safety code requirements and will not threaten public health, safety or welfare.

# 2. How will the granting of the variance ensure the spirit of the ordinance will be observed?

The proposed increase in height over that permitted is similar to other large barns in the area and will not alter the character of the neighborhood. The proposed height increase will meet all safety code requirements.

#### 3. How will substantial justice be done?

It will allow appropriate scale of the building without any harm to the general public or other individuals.

## 4. How will the value of surrounding properties not be diminished?

Similar height to existing barns and because of its location the height difference from permitted height will neither be noticeable to the public nor have any effect on adjoining properties.

# 5. Literal enforcement of the provisions of the Ordinance would result in unnecessary hardship because:

- (A) (i) Because of this particular property's location and features, limiting the height to 40 feet versus 52 1/2 feet bears no fair and substantial relationship to the general public purposes of health, safety and welfare or scale of development in the zone. Requiring a shorter building simply because the ordinance requires it without any public purpose is unreasonable and imposes a hardship upon the applicant.
  - (ii) The height differential of 12 1/2 feet is minimal and appropriate for the proposed building size

#### **ABUTTERS LIST**

Town of Amherst P.O. Box 960 Amherst, NH 03031 Lot 8-54-1

Howling Hill, LLC 336 Route 101 Amherst, NH 03031 Lot 8-51-4

Donna E. Woods 332 Route 101 Amherst, NH 03031 Lot 8-51-2

Joseph G. Mahoney, Trustee 5 Winterberry Drive Amherst, NH 03031 Lot 8-53-19

Robert S. Carson 7 Winterberry Drive Amherst, NH 03031 Lot 8-53-18

Jacob Macedo 9 Winterberry Drive Amherst, NH 03031 Lot 8-53-17

Richard J. Fredette 3 Winterberry Drive Amherst, NH 03031 Lot 8-5-20

Charles E. Price 13 Harbourside Drive Moultonborough, NH 03254 Lot 8-53-16

Arboleda Realty, LLC 100 Chestnut Hill Road Amherst, NH 03031 Lot 8-57 Town of Amherst P.O. Box 960 Amherst, NH 03031 Lot 8-56

Friends of Young Judea 22 Priscilla Circle Wellesley, MA 02481 Lot 8-58-A

#### Owner:

Richard Bragdon Trustee c/o Betsey Noble 43 High Street Richmond, ME 04357

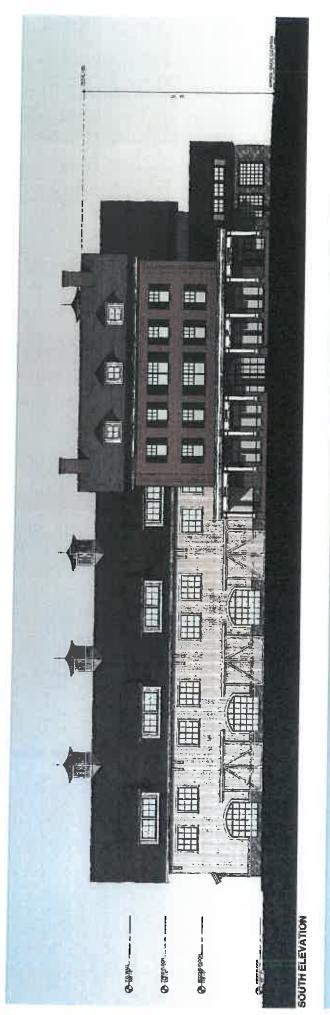
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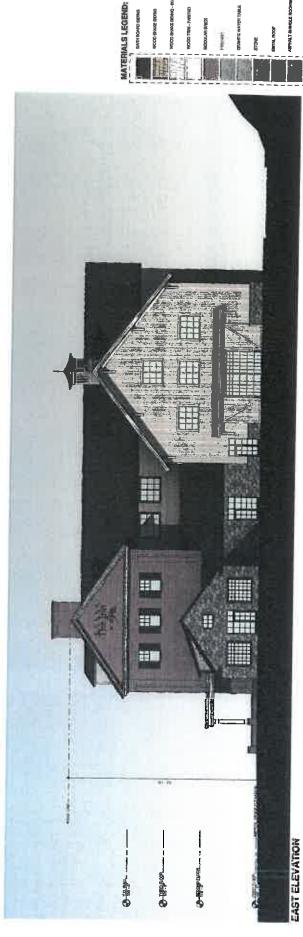
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### **Attorney**:

Morgan A. Hollis, Esquire Gottesman & Hollis, PA 39 East Pearl Street Nashua, NH 03060

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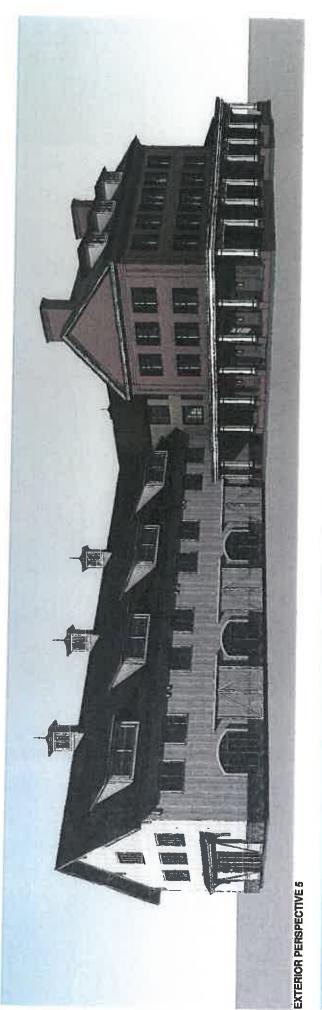
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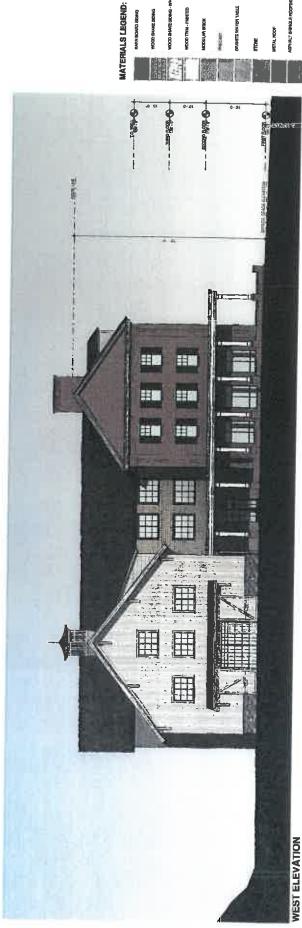
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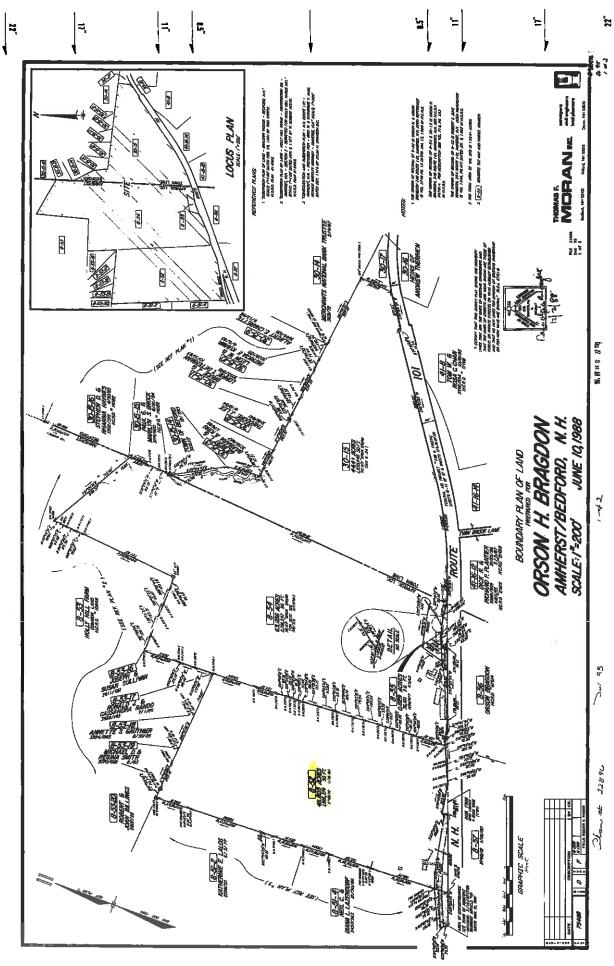
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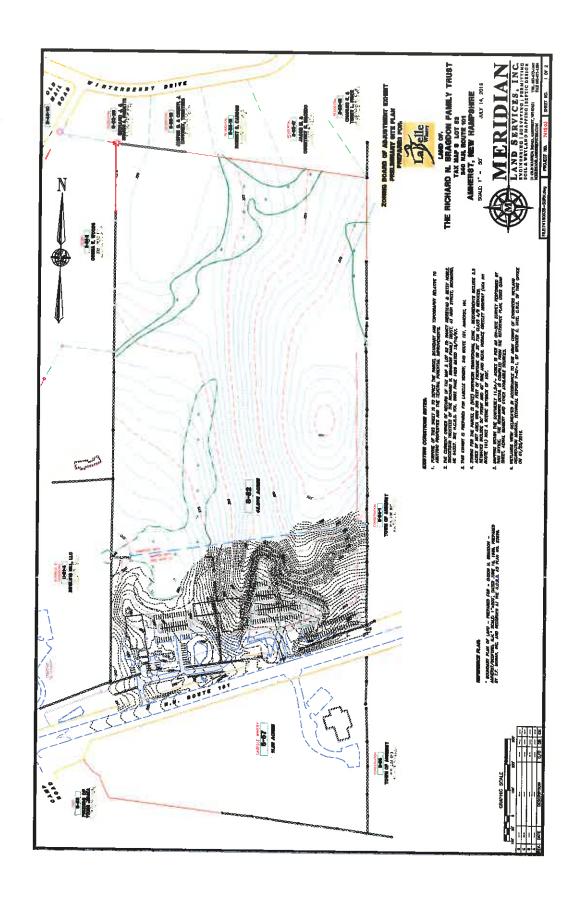
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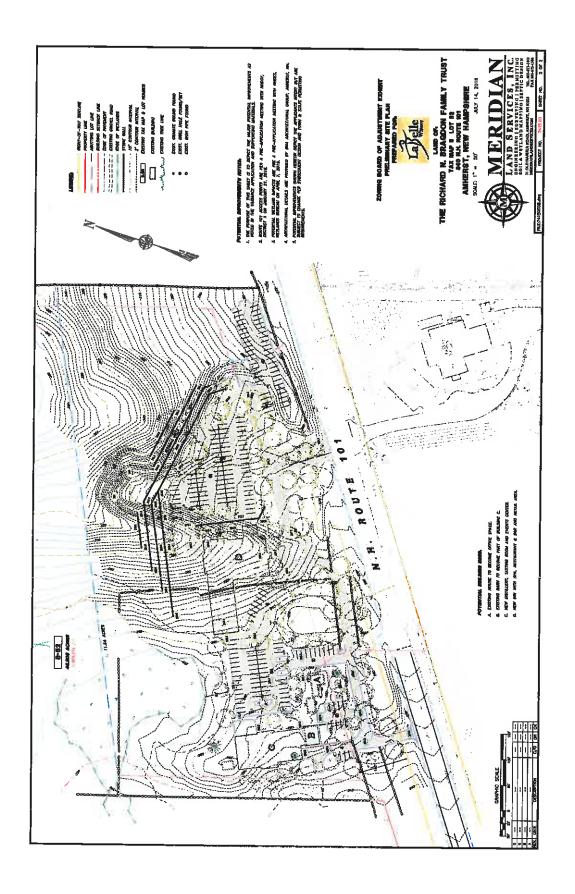


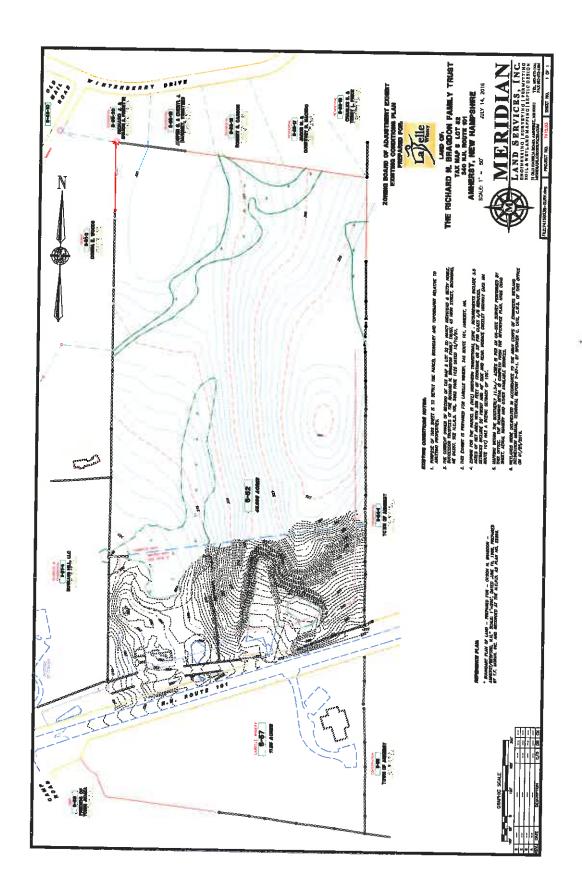


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| 5.  | Primary Contact: Amy LaBelle   | Email:      |        |             |            |  |  |
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|   | Address: c/o Betsy Noble, 43 High Street City: Richm   | nond        | State: | ME          | Zip: 04357 |  |  |
|   | Phone: Email:  |             |        |             |            |  |  |
| 3.  | Surveyor/Engineer, Attorney, or Agent: Attorney Morgan A. Hollis   |             |        |             |            |  |  |
|   | Address: 39 East Pearl Street City: Nashu  | ıa          | State: | VH          | Zip: 03060 |  |  |
|   | Phone: 318-0455 Email: mhollis@nh-   | lawyers.cor | n      |             |            |  |  |
| ₽.  | Relief is requested from the provisions of Article:, Section:  |             |        |             |            |  |  |
|   | guests, an office building (in former residence), an inn having up to 24 rooms, a spa, a restaurant and bar with seating not to exceed 150 seats inside and a retail area.   |             |        |             |            |  |  |

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For an application to be established on the next evaluate Zoning Board of Adjustment agends, the following items
SHALL be submitted to the Pleasing & Zoning Days, by close of business on the officially posted cabmittal date:

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| AUTHORIZED SIGNATURES  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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# Addendum Sheet to Application to the Amherst Zoning Board of Adjustment for Variances for a Portion of Lot 52, Map 8 Route 101, Amherst, New Hampshire

**Applicant:** Arboleda Realty LLC

Owner: Richard Bragdon, Trustee of the Richard N. Bragdon Family Trust

# 1. How will granting the variance not be contrary to the public interest:

The applicant proposes to subdivide approximately 11 acres of Lot 57/Map 8 along Route 101 for the proposed development. The applicant proposes to attempt to retain the existing barn and farmhouse, and structurally if architecturally sound adding to the barn and/or replacing the barn and converting it to a liquor distillery with a tasting room and an events center, and converting the farmhouse to office space. The applicant also proposes to construct a country inn adjacent thereto having up to 24 rooms with a spa and restaurant with bar (both of which will be open to the public) and a small retail area. The proposed cluster of uses is not dissimilar to similar clusters along Route 101 and is proposed in a manner which does not alter the character of the neighborhood nor threaten the health, safety or welfare of the public.

### 2. Is the variance consistent with the spirit of the Ordinance?

Granting the variances as proposed with a collection of uses as presented allows a reasonable use of an upscale model of the types of existing welcoming uses which are compatible with other uses along Route 101 in this area. The proposed uses as presented in plan accompanying the application create a village center concept, will not alter the character of the neighborhood and will not adversely affect the health, safety or welfare of the public.

### 3. Will substantial justice be done?

Farming of this site and other permitted rural uses are not reasonable and requiring such use imposes significant harm to the owner. Uses permitted by special exception, including other commercial use, are not compatible with the area. Granting the variances will not harm the public and denying the variances will carry significant harm to the owner while providing no benefit to the public.

# 4. Will the value of surrounding properties be diminished?

Because of the location and siting and the topography of the land, the proposed uses as shown on the submitted plans will have no impact on the values of surrounding properties.

### 5. Unnecessary hardship.

- (A) This lower portion of the property consisting of approximately 11 acres having frontage along Route 101 has unique and special conditions due to its location and nature and the topography of the property as well as extensive wetlands, it being a developed portion of the former farm located along the main entryway to the town which is one of the busiest roadways in town. There is no fair and substantial relationship between the purpose of recognizing the rural character of the zone and the neighborhood and the application of the ordinance permitting only residential, agricultural or restricted uses related to agriculture by right and prohibiting this unique type of commercial use on this parcel where this portion of the property is significantly different than other areas along Route 101 and has limited suitability for farming and its associated uses such as farm stand. The proposed uses which convert and yet maintain an existing barn and the existing farmhouse are reasonable and the proposed addition of a country inn with accompanying spa and restaurant and bar are reasonable and appropriate for the area. Requiring this collection of uses to be placed in a commercial zone or an industrial zone would both defeat the purposes of the ordinance of having appropriate uses in appropriate areas and essentially preclude this use within the town.
- (B) The special conditions of the property being the topography and extensive wetlands along Route 101 plus the need for multiple curb cuts for driveways distinguish it from other properties in the area and the property cannot be reasonably used in strict conformance with the ordinance.

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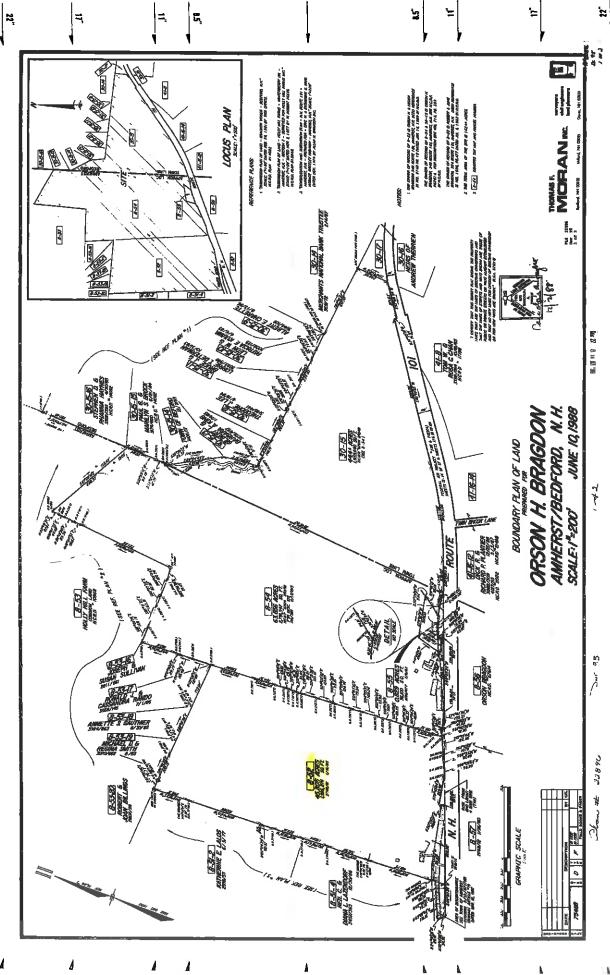
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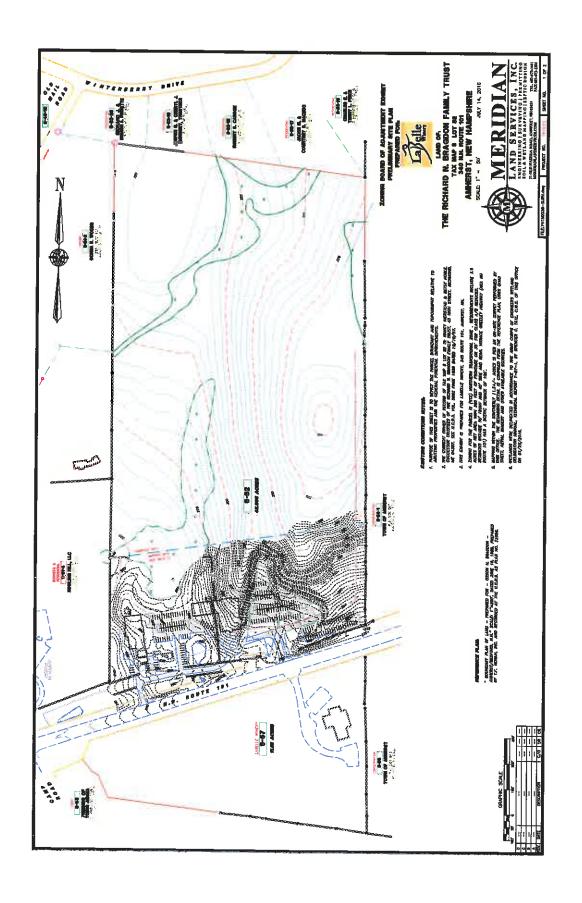
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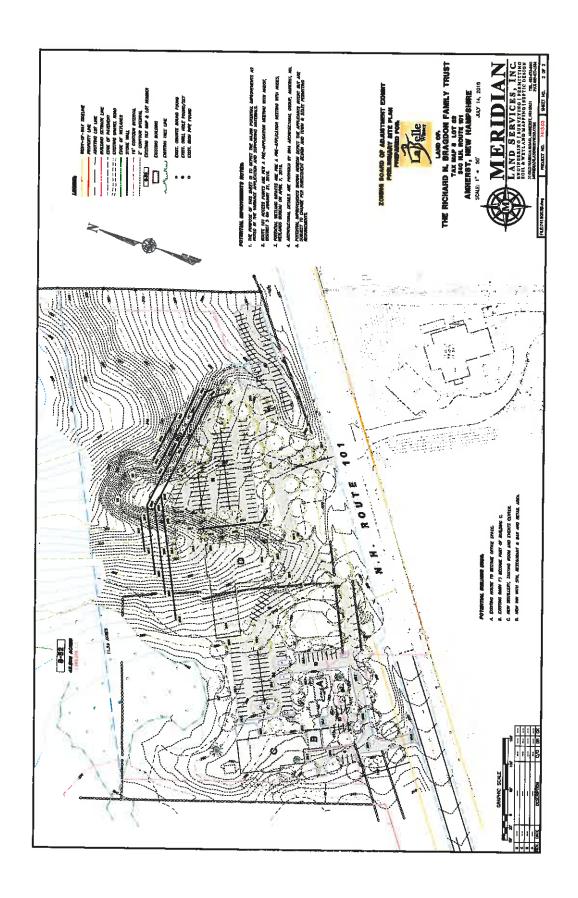
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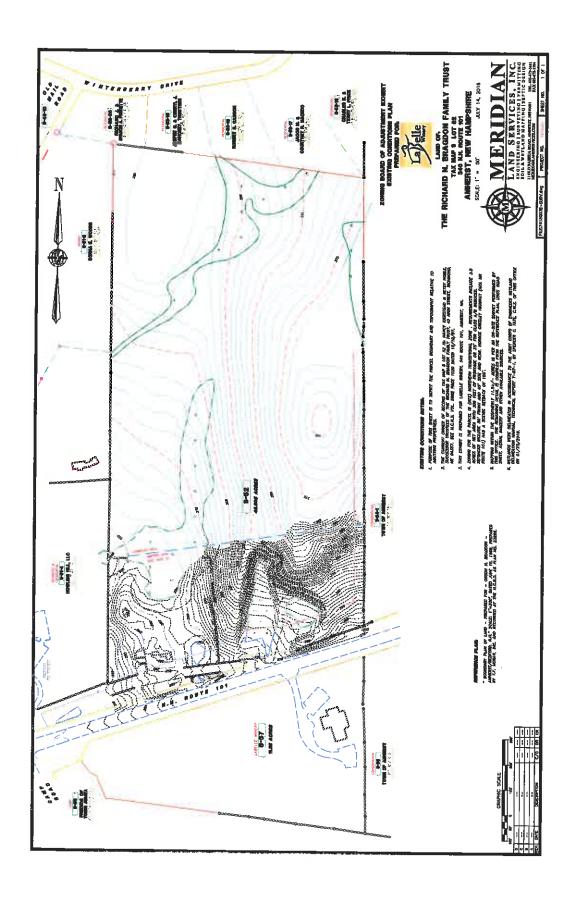


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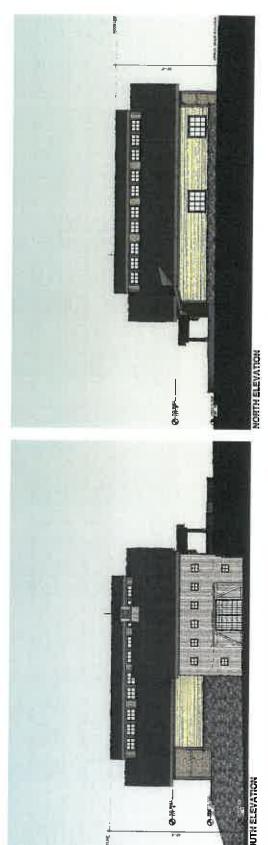
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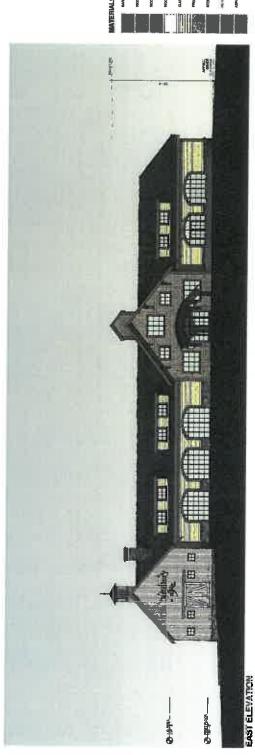












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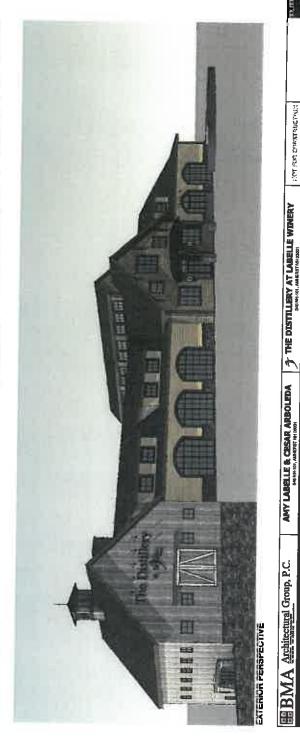


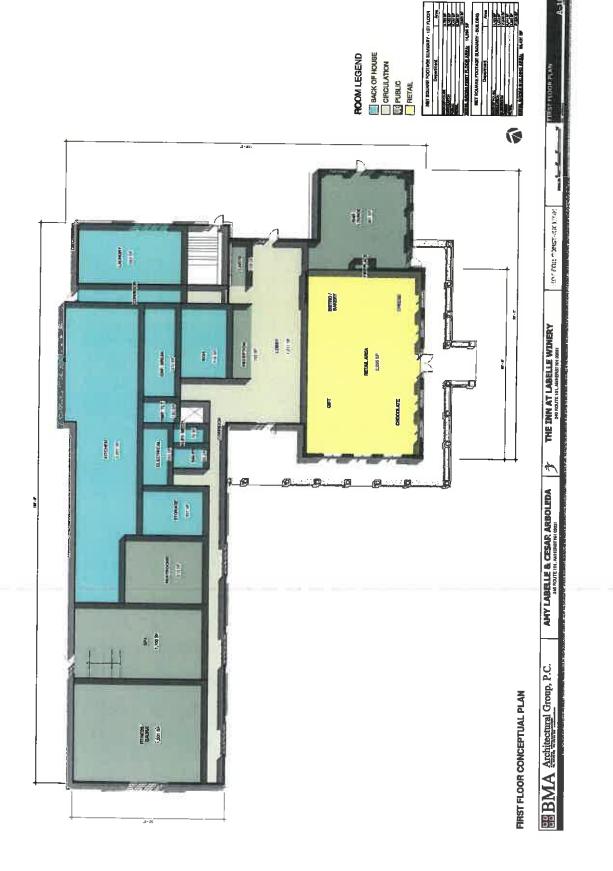


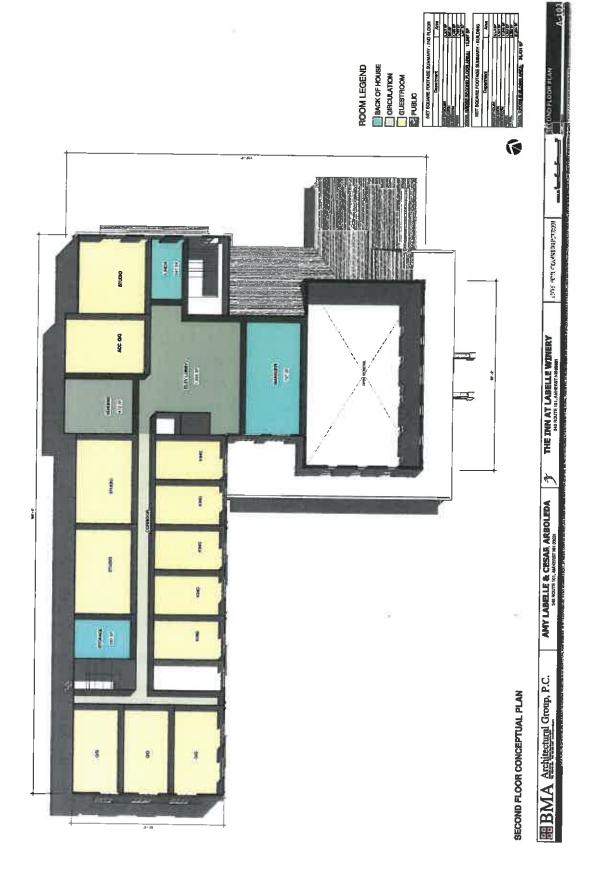
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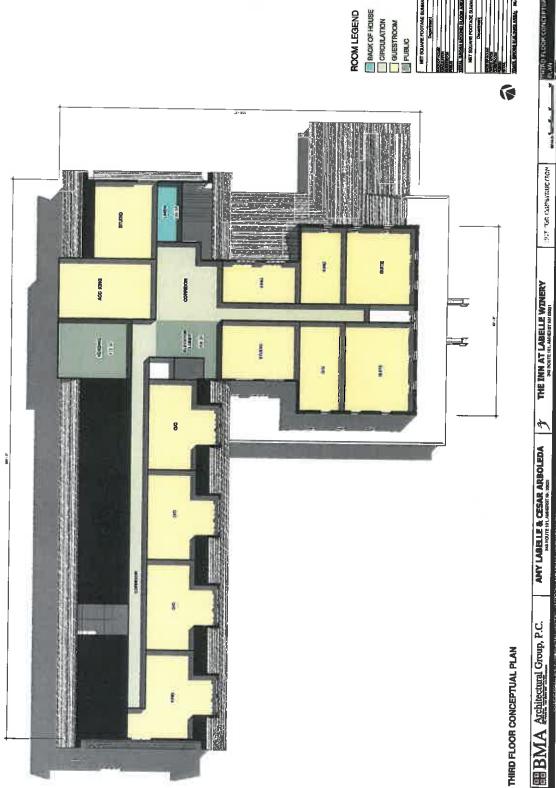
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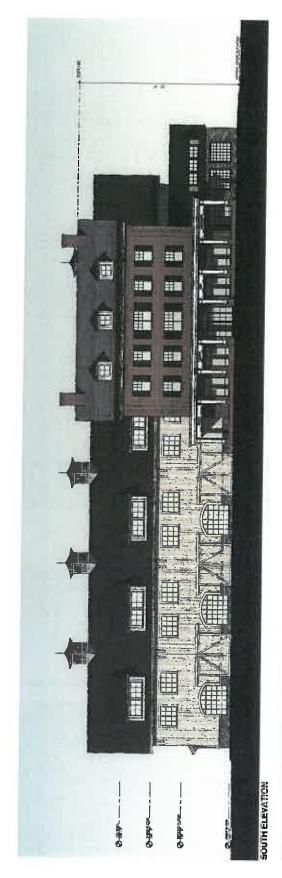


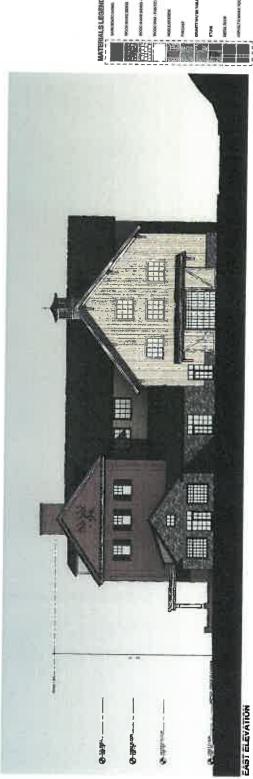




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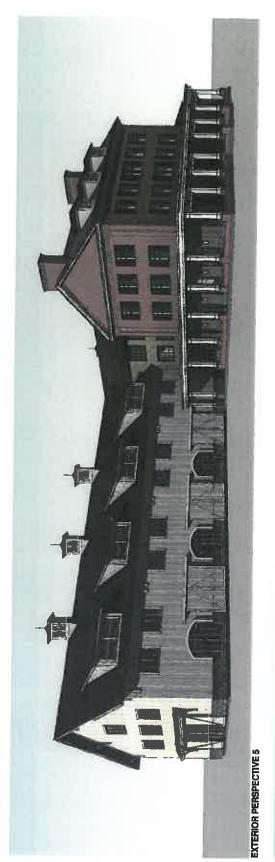


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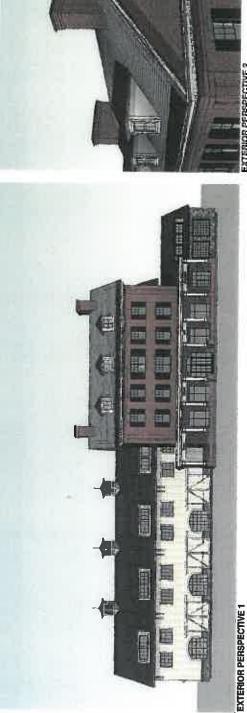


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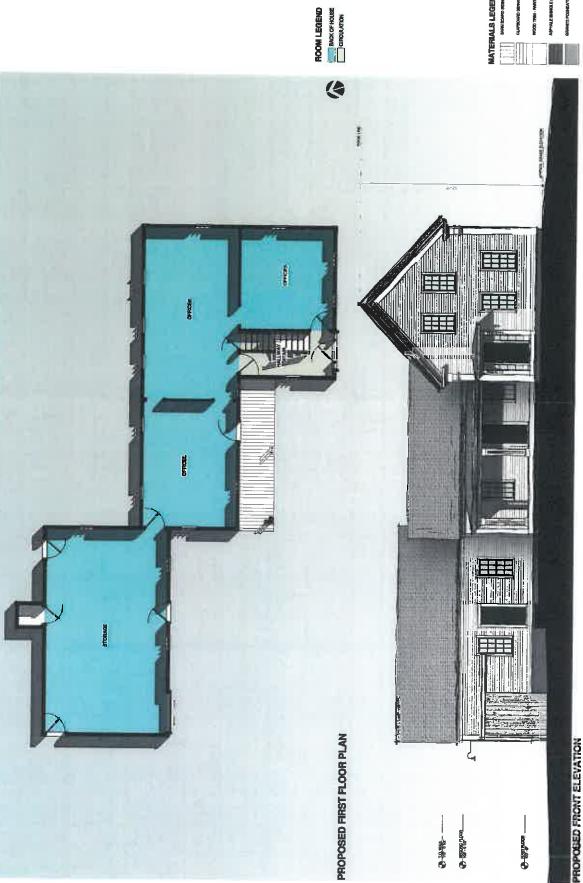




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