



Town of Amherst, New Hampshire
Office of Community Development
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CASE #: PZ19986-070125
MEETING DATE: July 16, 2025
CREATED BY: Gloria Norcross, Town Planner
ZONING DISTRICT: Residential Rural (RR) with Historic District Overlay
APPLICATION DESIGNATION: Regional Impact
PLAN TITLE and DATE: Proposed Sewage Disposal System Plan, Lot 5-38,
Amherst, New Hampshire
Scale: 1"=20' May 17, 2023
PROPERTY OWNER: Jesse Maust
APPLICANT/AGENT: Jesse Maust
MAP/LOT: Map 5 Lot 38
LOT SIZE: 2.3 acres
ROAD FRONTAGE: Amherst Street
LOCATION OF PROPERTY: 113 Amherst Street

Project Overview:

- The applicant is seeking to construct an ADU for their in laws to live in.

Regional Impact:

- Pursuant to NH RSA 36:56, I. "A local land use board... upon receipt of an application for development, shall review it promptly and determine whether or not the development, if approved, reasonably could be construed as having the potential for regional impact. Doubt concerning regional impact shall be resolved in a determination that the development has a potential regional impact."
- Pursuant to NH RSA 36:55, "... 'development of regional impact' means any proposal before a local land use board which in the determination of such local land use board could reasonably be expected to impact on a neighboring municipality, because of factors such as, but not limited to, the following:
 - I. Relative size or number of dwelling units as compared with existing stock.
 - II. Proximity to the borders of a neighboring community.
 - III. Transportation networks.
 - IV. Anticipated emissions such as light, noise, smoke, odors, or particles.
 - V. Proximity to aquifers or surface waters which transcend municipal boundaries.
 - VI. Shared facilities such as schools and solid waste disposal facilities."
- Pursuant to NH RSA 36:57, I. "Upon determination that a proposed development has a potential regional impact, the local land use board having jurisdiction shall afford the regional planning commission and the affected municipalities the status of abutters as defined in RSA 672:3 for the limited purposes of providing notice and giving testimony."

- Pursuant to NH RSA 36:57, II. "Not more than 5 business days after reaching a decision regarding a development of regional impact, the local land use board having jurisdiction shall, by certified mail, furnish the regional planning commission and the affected municipalities with copies of the minutes of the meeting at which the decision was made. The local land use board shall, at the same time, submit an initial set of plans to the regional planning commission, the cost of which shall be borne by the applicant."
- **Board to discuss if a regional impact is identified.**

Planning Board Option(s):

- The Board could consider whether this application meets regional impact and requires notification of additional entities in advance of the public hearing of this item at the Planning Board's August 4, 2025, meeting.

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