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# MEMORANDUM

TO:	Planning Board
FROM:	Michael Behrendt, Durham Town Planner
DATE:	September 30, 2024
SUBJ:	Narrative for 65 Durham Point Road (Map 215, Lot 6) – 2-lot subdivision application

See the map at the bottom from Durham's GIS system. The realtor Val Shelton contacted me a few months ago to let me know that she is marketing the subject lot (Map 115, Lot 6), a vacant parcel owned by the Sally Ford trust. There was an agreement made in 1985 for the owner at the time to convey some land adjacent to the road to the Town of Durham so that Durham Point Road could be relocated.

The earlier road was hazardous with a tight 90 degree turn. The plan allowed the Town to create a more gentle curve in the road, rather than running straight alongside Lot 23 as can be seen in the map. Unfortunately, the expanded right of way to accommodate the new road was never conveyed. Now that the property is on the market, Ms. Shelton asked that the Town address the situation so that a new buyer will have a clear established front boundary line.

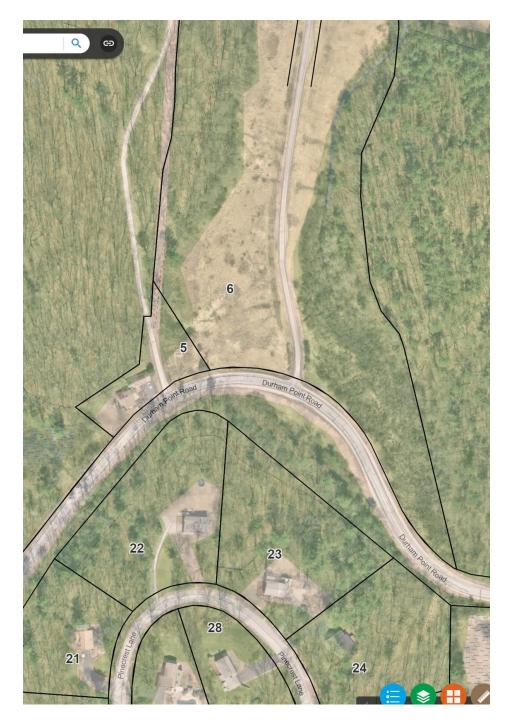
In exchange for the land that was supposed to be conveyed the Town of Durham relocated a driveway on the subject lot to better serve the lot. That work was completed at the time. The agreement called for the Town to survey the area to be conveyed and prepare the deed. No survey was ever prepared so the Town recently hired Doucet Survey for this purpose and that work is finished. We are working with the Town Attorney now to prepare the deed.

It appears that the right of way containing (the entirety of) Durham Point Road is not owned by the Town. Older roads were generally not conveyed to the municipality so the adjacent landowners typically retained ownership of the land to roughly the centerline of the road while the municipality acquired the right to operate the road for the benefit of the public, including necessary ancillary uses for drainage, utilities, sidewalks, etc. In modern development, roads created in new subdivisions are deeded to the town (except where a road is to remain private).

Thus, we are cutting out the front portion of the subject lot as depicted on the attached plat There are no earlier surveys of the lot so we do not know exactly where the old right of way line/front boundary line was, but we know it ran from the easterly front corner of the subject lot to the westerly front corner, probably in a fairly straight line.

The applicant will own the remainder of the subject lot to the northeast of the curved dashed line. The Town will own a curved parcel shown to the southwest of the curved dashed line. And the property owner will technically still own the area within the old right of way. Therefore, this is a 2-lot subdivision as the parcel being conveyed to the Town is being cut out of the subject lot. The deed will have language addressing the uncertainty of the southwesterly boundary of the lot being conveyed.

I will present the application to the Planning Board. If there are any questions that I cannot answer I will obtain an answer from the surveyor or realtor. Once the 2-lot subdivision is approved, we will record the plat and the deed, completing the conveyance to the Town. This is a Town project so it is exempt from zoning and approval but we think it best to approach the unusual situation conservatively: to notify abutters, hold a public hearing, and ask for official approval from the board.





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# **Subdivision Application**

# **Property Information**

Property address/location: 65 Durham Point Road

Tax map #: **115** Lot #('s): **6** Zoning district: **Rural** 

Size of site: 22 acres

Overlay zoning districts

Wetland Overlay? Yes: X Shoreland Overlay? Yes: X

Flood Overlay? Yes: X at the northerly end of the lot

Aquifer Overlay? No X

# **Proposed Project**

Name of project (if applicable): Adjustment of Right of Way line (See narrative).

Which kind of subdivision is proposed? Conservation: \_\_\_\_; Conventional: X (See narrative)

Total number of proposed lots: 2 Will there be a new street? No: X

Wetlands: Is fill proposed? No

# Utilities

Town water? yes \_\_\_\_ no X

Town sewer? yes \_\_\_\_ no X

Distance from nearest fire hydrant: At Schoolhouse Lane

## **Property Owner**

Name (include name of individual): Daniel Ford, trustee of 1999 Sally Ford Trust

Mailing address: 65 Durham Point Road, Durham, NH 03824

Telephone #: See agent information below. Email: See agent information below.

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# Applicant/developer (if different from property owner)

Name (include name of individual): Michael Behrendt for Town of Durham

Mailing address: 8 Newmarket Road, Durham, NH 03824

Telephone #: 603-868-8064 Email: mbehrendt@ci.durham.nh.us

# Surveyor

Name (include name of individual): Elizabeth Keegan for Doucet Survey, LLC

Telephone #: 603-659-6560 Email: elizabeth@doucetsurvey.com

# Other professional/designer/agent

Val Shelton, Realtor. Agent for property owner. APPLEDORE REAL ESTATE, INC 124 Cushing Road | Newmarket, NH 03857 C: 603-770-3410 | O: 603-659-0199 valerie@GreatBayNH.com

# Submission of application

This application must be signed by the property owner, applicant/developer (if different from property owner), *and/or* the agent. If not by the property owner, then a separate statement from the owner authorizing submission of the application with the authorization to enter the property (next page) is required.

*I(we)* hereby submit this Subdivision application to the Town of Durham Planning Board and attest to the best of my(our) knowledge that all of the information on this application form and in the accompanying application materials and documentation is true and accurate. I(we) understand that any additional costs for review of this application will be borne by the owner/applicant.

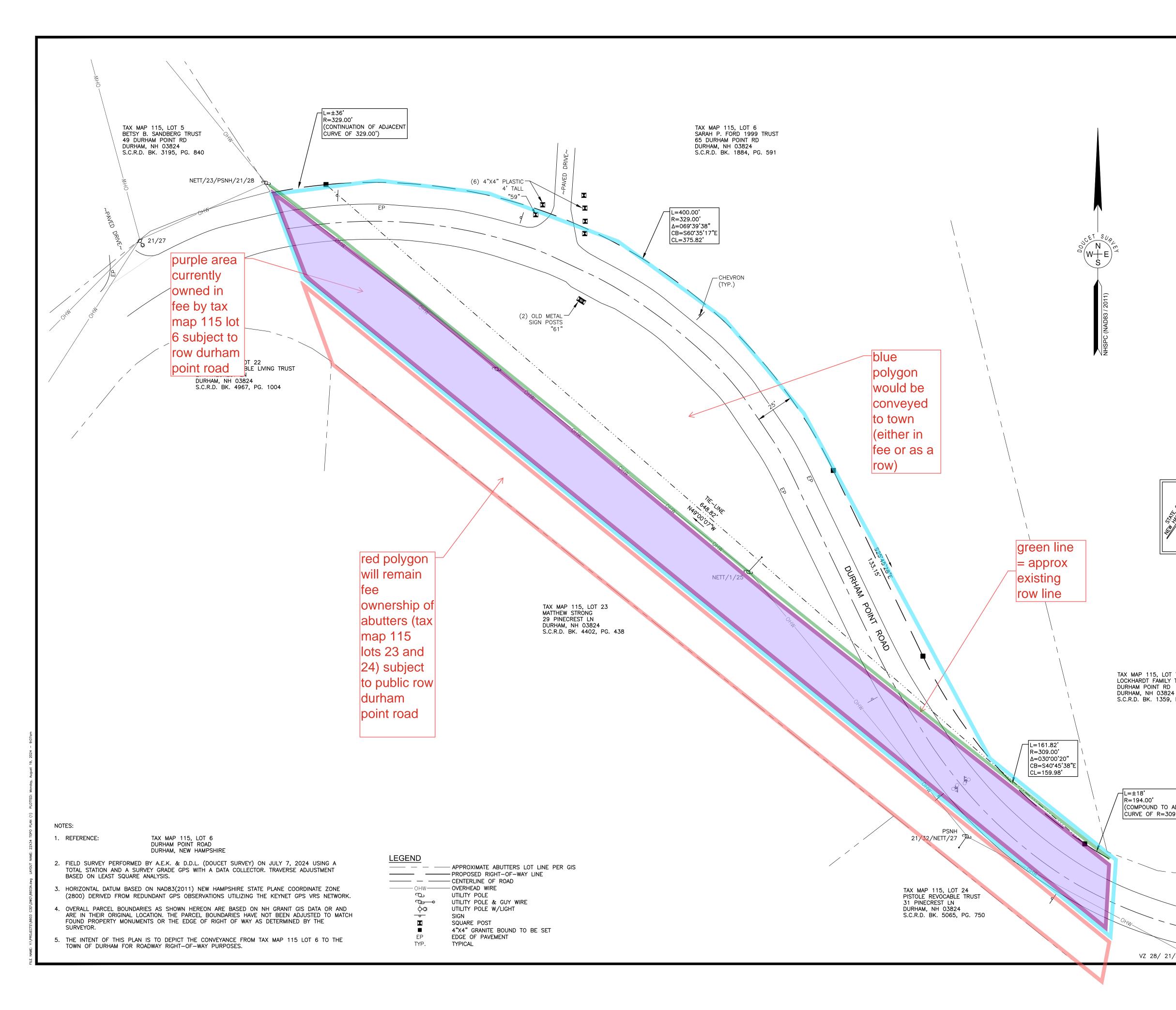
Signature of property owner. See authorization from owner for Val Shelton, agent

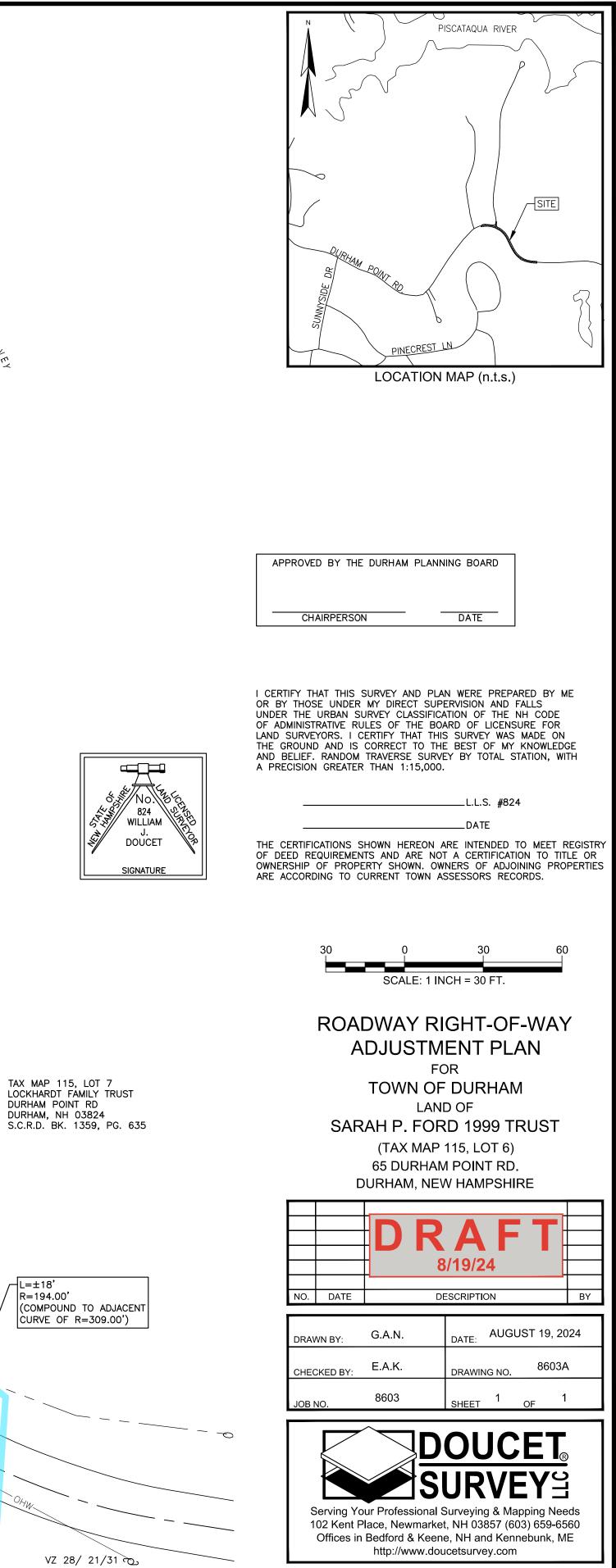
Signature of applicant:

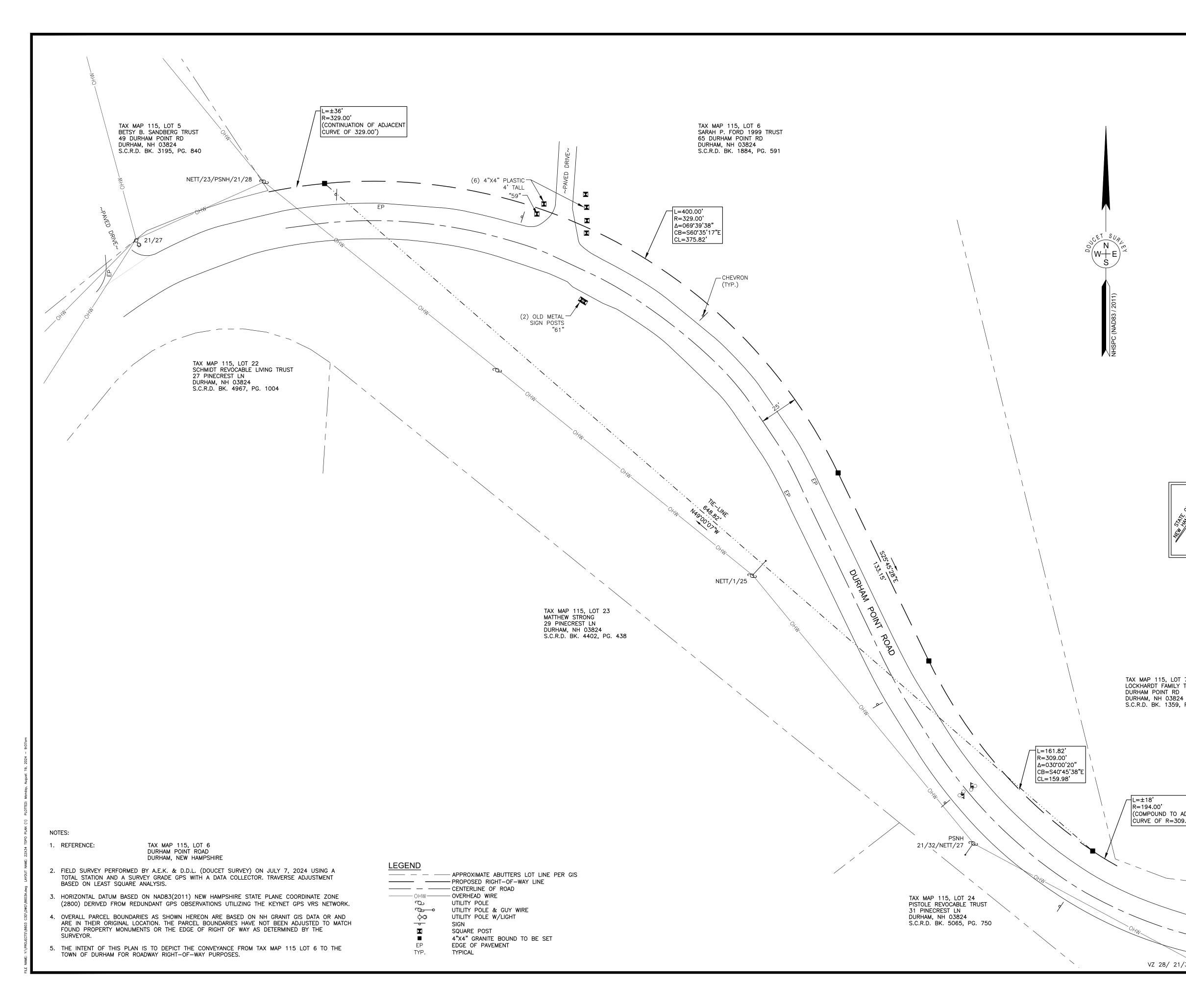
Todd Selig, Town Administrator, for the Town of Durham

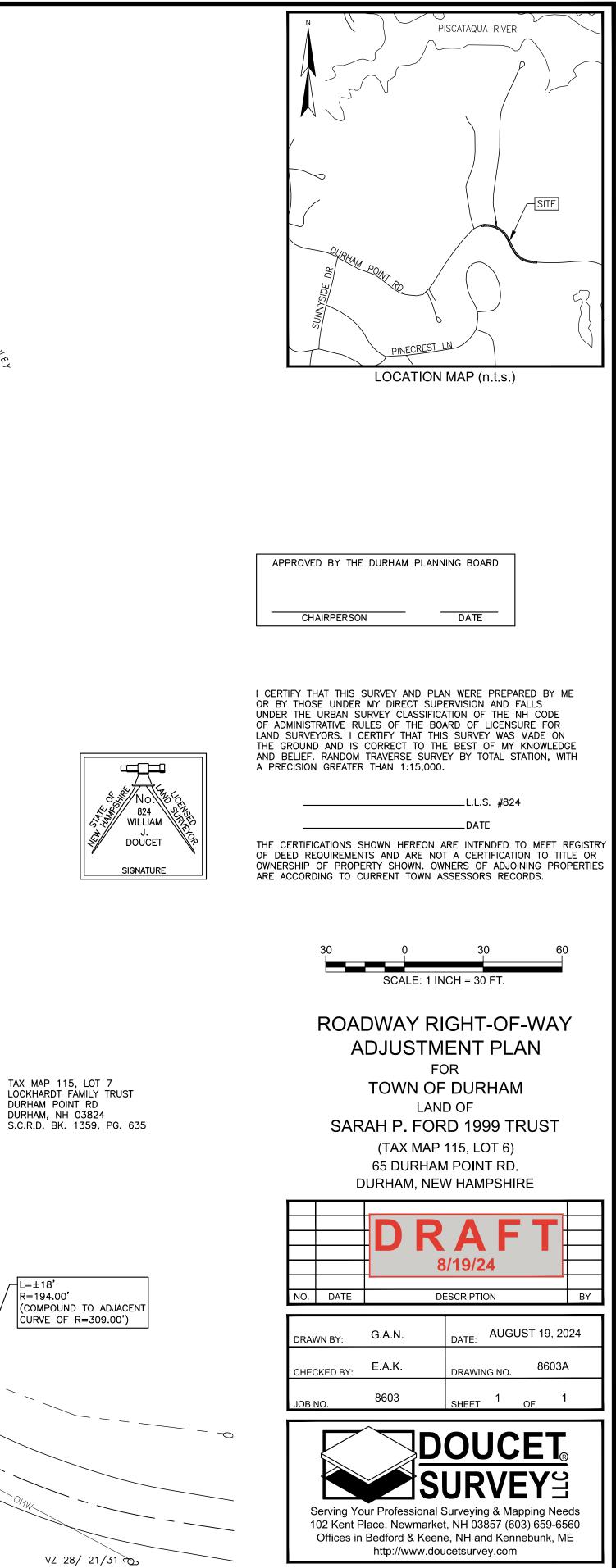
Date:

Signature of agent: See email from agent.









#### MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

NOW COMES THE TOWN OF DURHAM, a municipal corporation having a principal place of business at the Durham Town Hall in Durham, New Hampshire, and Serena Hurlbert of Durham Point Road, Durham, New Hampshire, individually and in her capacity as owner of property in Durham, Tax Map #11-36-4, and agree as follows:

1. The Town of Durham is desirous of obtaining fee simple ownership of a parcel of land owned by Serena Hurlbert located off of Durham Point Road in Durham, New Hampshire. Said parcel of land being shown on Exhibit A which is attached hereto and made part of this Memorandum of Understanding.

2. The Town of Durham is desirous of obtaining the property referred to in paragraph 1 in order to construct a new roadway, shoulders, and slopes across said property. Said construction to be in conjunction with Town of Durham Project Improvements to Paine's Corner.

3. Serena Hurlbert is desirous as compensation for conveyance of said property to the Town of Durham for obtaining appraisal of said property by a certified appraiser by the Town of Durham. Said appraisal shown by letter of Howard Promer, Representative for United Appraisal Company and being Exhibit B which is attached hereto and made part of this Memorandum of Understanding.

4. Serena Hurlbert agrees to convey said property to the Town of Durham within six (6) months of the signature of this Agreement on parcel Tax Map #11-36-4 and shown as land on said Exhibit A, one acre plus or minus, for the construction of new roadway, shoulders, and slopes across said property. The Town of Durham agrees to prepare formal registered survey of land to be conveyed, drawing of deed for said parcel in which roadway will be built and all legal costs thereto to complete above defined work.

5. Upon the execution of the Memorandum of Understanding, the Town of Durham can immediately go onto the property described in paragraph 1 and begin construction of the roadway, shoulders, and slopes across said property.

Dated: June 7, 1985

TOWN OF DURHAM:

 $O \mathcal{A}_{I}$ By:

NOTICE TO BUYERS: THE SURVEY AND DEED TO CONVEY THE LAND UNDER DURHAM POINT ROAD IS CURRENTLY BEING COMPLETED BY THE TOWN OF OURHAM. TRANSFER OF TITLE TO 65 OURHAM POINT SHALL BE AFTER THE SURVEY AND ROAD DEED TO THE TOWN IS RECORDED.

OWNER OF PROPERTY, TOWN OF DURHAM TAX MAP PARCEL #11-36-4

By: france CP Hurch

# Subdivision (Minor) Checklist – for formal application

For a subdivision with three or fewer total lots or one without a new road Town of Durham Planning Department **\*To be filled out by the applicant/agent** 

Project Name:65 Durham Point Road 2-lot subdivision Map: 15 Lot: 6 Date: September 30, 2024

Applicant/agent: Town of Durham Signature:



Please see the <u>Durham Subdivision Regulations</u> for more information. Note that various items may be submitted later.

				waiver	
General Items	Yes	No	N/A	Reque	sted Comments
15 sets completed application				Х	
<u>3</u> sets of full-size plans				Х	
15 sets of 11 X 17 reductions				Х	
Electronic copy of plans and application	Х				
15 sets letter of intent				Х	
Fee for application and notices			Х		Town is exempt from fees_
Completed abutters list	Х				
Copy of existing covenants, easements, and deed restrictions	Х				
Plan Information					
Basic information including:	Х				
<ul> <li>Tax map and lot #</li> </ul>	Х				
Name of project	Х				
• Date	Х				
North arrow	Х				
Scale	Х				
Legend	Х				
Revision block	Х				
• Vicinity sketch - no less than 1" = 1,000'	Х				
Name and address of applicant	Х				
Approval block (for signature by staff)	Х				
Name, stamp, and NH license # of land surveyor	Х				
References to neighboring plans and subdivisions	Х				

	Yes	No	N/A	Waiv Requ	er lested Comments
Information on abutting properties:					
owner name	Х				
• owner address	Х				
<ul> <li>tax map and lot #</li> </ul>	Х				
<b>Zoning</b> Zoning designations of subject parcel and in vicinity of parcel Zoning requirements for district:		Х			Will add
<ul> <li>frontage</li> </ul>		Х			Will add
<ul> <li>lot dimensions</li> </ul>		X			Will add
<ul> <li>setbacks</li> </ul>		X			Will add
Zoning overlay districts			X		
<ul> <li><u>Platting</u></li> <li>Surveyed property lines including:</li> <li>existing and proposed bearings</li> <li>existing and proposed distances</li> <li>existing and proposed pins</li> </ul>				X X X	Show for pertinent area Show for pertinent area Show for pertinent area
Existing and proposed locations of:				Λ	chew for pertinent area
<ul> <li>monuments</li> </ul>				Х	Show for pertinent area
<ul> <li>benchmarks</li> </ul>				X	
Proposed square footage for each lot				х <u> </u>	
Subdivision # on each lot (1, 2, 3, etc.)			X		
<b><u>Topographic and Site Features</u></b> Existing buildings and structures				Х	
Existing driveways and access points				Х	
Contour lines and spot elevations		$\square$	$\square$	Х	
Soil types and boundaries				Х	
Soil test pit locations, profiles, and depth to water table and ledge				х	
Percolation test locations and results				Х	
Water features (ponds, streams)				Х	
Wetlands, including name of certified wetlands scientist & license #				Х	
tement whether located in flood area, and if so, 100 year flood elevation				Х	
Delineation of treed and open areas				Х	

### Waiver

	Yes	No	N/A	Requested	Comments
Overview of types of trees and vegetation				Х	
Location of rock outcroppings				Х	
Stone walls and archaeological features				Х	
Locations of trails and paths				Х	
Other natural/cultural resources				Х	

Subject to NH Rivers Management Program RSA 483 or Shoreland Act 483B? Yes 🗌 No X

# <u>Utilities</u>

Show existing and proposed for all subject lots and within right of way. Include plans, profiles, sizes, materials, and all details, as appropriate.

Water lines/well (with appropriate radius)		Х		
Sewer lines/septic and leaching areas		Х		
Fire hydrant locations and details		Х		
Electric, telephone, cable TV (underground)		Х		
Gas lines		Х		
Any proposed drainage or grading plans		Х		
Additional Comments:				

### AUTHORIZATION TO ACT AS AGENT

VALERIE R. SHELTON of 124 Cushing Rd, Newmarket NH is hereby designated as the person whom is authorized to act as my agent with regards to meetings and discussions with the Town of Durham to complete the terms of the Memorandum of Understanding dated June 7, 1985 between the Town of Durham NH and Serena Hurlbert for property identified in the MoU as Tax Map 11-36-4, and now known as 65 Durham Point Road. The property is currently held by the Trust of Sarah P. Ford 1999 Trust, Daniel F. Ford, Trustee (see Probate 319-2023-ET-00452.) For title reference, see SCRD Bk. 1884 Pg. 0591 deed from Serena Coe Paine Hurlbert to Sarah P. Ford. I understand and agree, as the current holder of title to the property, I will be required to execute a deed as predicated in the 1985 MoU which conveys in fee to the Town of Durham NH the portion of the Trust's property depicting the Durham Point Road shown southerly of Lot 6, Tax Map 115; said area to be surveyed by a licensed NH land surveyor prior to conveyance.

All communications to the owner may be addressed to the Authorized Agent. This Authorization is in effect until such time as revoked in writing by the undersigned party.

BY: Daniel F Ford, Trustee Sarah P Ford 1999 Trust

represent them in the matters contained herein.

Signed:	Daniel F. Ford, Trustee	dotloop verified 06/23/24 11:53 AM EDT EXNK-I30M-JHPR-INN6	
e	Daniel F. Ford, Trustee	Date	

Acceptance: The undersigned hereby accepts the appointment by the above-named party to

Valerie Shelton	dotloop verified 06/23/24 11:26 AM EDT IP8Z-OVCM-A977-K3XR	
Valerie R. Shelton, Principal	Date	·
Appledore Real Estate, Inc.		
124 Cushing Road		
Newmarket, NH 03857		
Valerie@GreatBayNH.com	603-7	70-3410

Signed:

# **CERTIFICATION OF TRUST**

The undersigned Trustee, Daniel F. Ford, hereby certifies the following:

- 1) This Certification of Trust relates to the Sarah P. Ford 1999 Trust (the "Trust") created by agreement executed by Sarah P. Ford on May 24, 1999, as amended (the "Agreement").
- 2) The name of the Grantor is Sarah P. Ford.
- 3) The name of the Trustee is Daniel F. Ford.
- 4) The name and address of each trustee empowered to act under the Agreement at the time of the execution of this Certification of Trust is:

Primary: Daniel F. Ford, 433 Bay Road, Durham, New Hampshire 03824

5) The Trustees are afforded all powers provided trustees under N.H. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 564-B *et seq.*, the New Hampshire Trust Code, and N.H. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 564-A *et seq.*, Certain Provisions Regarding Trusts, as may be amended from time to time, and are authorized by the Agreement to acquire, sell, convey, pledge, mortgage, lease, manage, operate, control, transfer title, divide, convert or allot the trust property, including, without limitation, real and personal property, securities of all kinds, upon such terms and conditions as the Trustee may deem advisable except as limited by the following (if none, so indicate): NONE

A copy of the pertinent pages of the Agreement that contain the Trustee's powers may be provided upon request.

- 6) The Agreement provides that the signature of only one Trustee is required for trust administration.
- 7) The Trust currently is irrevocable.
- 8) The Trust's taxpayer identification number is 93-6451659.
- 9) Trust property may be titled as follows: Daniel F. Ford, as Trustee of the Sarah P. Ford 1999 Trust, dated May 24, 1999, as amended.
- 10)Pursuant to New Hampshire RSA 564-B:10-1012, a person (other than a beneficiary) who in good faith deals with a trustee is not required to inquire into the extent of the trustee's powers or the propriety of their exercise; and a person who in good faith delivers assets to a trustee need not ensure the proper application thereof.
- 11)Pursuant to New Hampshire RSA 564-B:10-1013, a person who acts in reliance upon this Certification of Trust without knowledge that the representations contained in it are incorrect is not liable to any person for so acting and may assume without inquiry the

existence of the facts contained in this Certification of Trust. Pursuant to RSA 564-B:10-1013(h), any person making a demand for the production of the entire trust instrument, in addition to this duly executed Certification of Trust or excerpts of the Trust, is liable for damages if a court determines such person did not act in good faith in demanding the instrument.

- 12)The Agreement has not been revoked, modified, or amended in any manner that would cause the foregoing representations to be incorrect.
- 13) The undersigned hereby represents that the statements contained in this Certification of Trust are true and correct, and that there are no other provisions in the Agreement or amendments to it that limit the powers of the Trustee to acquire, sell, convey, pledge, mortgage, lease, manage, operate, control, transfer title, divide, convert, allot or sell trust property including, without limitation, real and personal property. This Certification of Trust is being signed by the currently acting trustee of the trust.

Daniel F. Ford, Trustee

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE COUNTY OF <u>Smafford</u>

On this 3 day of 2023, before me, personally appeared the abovenamed Trustee, Daniel F. Ford, personally known to me (or proven to me on the basis of statutory evidence) to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that this individual executed the same in the individual's authorized capacity.

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Justice of the Peace/Notary Public/ Commissioner of Deeds My commission expires: State of My Commission expires:

CHERYL A HILDRETH NOTARY PUBLIC State of New Hampshire My Commission Expires May 4, 2027