# **SHEPHERD'S HILL**

December 9, 2020

#### **ATTACHMENTS**

- A. Settlement Agreement
- B. 2003 Approved Plan, Maynard & Paquette
- C. 2020 Proposed Plan, Keach Nordstrom & Associates

#### **SUMMARY**

As part of the Settlement Agreement (**Attachment A**) between the Town of Hudson and the Shepherd's Hill Homeowner's Association, there is a provision for the development of the remaining 126 pad sites. This provision states:

"Any redevelopment proposal of the remaining 126 Pad Sites which is inconsistent with or deviates from existing plans may require approval from the Town of Hudson, and shall be submitted as a single redevelopment proposal for the entire area of the remaining 126 Pad Sites."

**Attachment B** is the "existing plan" that was approved in 2003 and recorded at the registry. **Attachment C** is the new proposal prepared by KNA. The area bounded in red on both plan comprises Phase V and Phase VI although staff mislabeled this as just Phase VI. The area bounded in green on both plans show Phase VII.

Staff has advised the owner and their representatives that in his opinion, the new proposal signifies a change requiring Town approval consistent with the Settlement Agreement. Without having first-hand knowledge of previous discussions with the Board, this judgement is based solely on the plans and the text of the agreement.

Further, regardless of what the Board decides, if the KNA plan moves forward, it is recommended by Town Counsel that the owner formally acknowledge that if there are fewer units than 126 that they no longer hold claim to the difference.

#### **DRAFT MOTION**

The Board should make a motion indicating that the new plan either does, or does not, require Planning Board approval.

### Attachment A

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#### SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT by and between the **Town of Hudson** (hereinafter "Hudson"), a New Hampshire municipal corporation, with a principal address of 12 School Street, Hudson, NH 03051, and the **Shepherds Hill Homeowner's Association, Inc.** (hereinafter "Shepherds Hill"), a New Hampshire nonprofit corporation, with a principal address of 20 Trafalgar Square, suite 626, Nashua, NH, 03063.

WHEREAS, the Shepherds Hill Condominium (hereinafter "Condominium") is located on Route 111 and Kimball Hill Road, in Hudson, New Hampshire;

WHEREAS, the Condominium contains 274 units;

WHEREAS, by order of the Hillsborough County Superior Court, Southern Judicial District (hereinafter "Court"), dated March 18, 2014, in *Shepherds Hill Homeowners Association, Inc. v. Shepherds Hill Development Co., LLC*, Docket No. 2013-CV-00241, the convertible land rights for an additional 126 undeveloped units (hereinafter "Pad Sites") were deemed to have lapsed, effective February 26, 2013;

WHEREAS, the area of the convertible land is owned by the unit owners within the Condominium, as tenants in common, and may not be developed unless 80% of the unit owners present (or by proxy) at a duly called and noticed meeting approve an extension of the convertible land rights in accordance with RSA § 356-B:54, V;

WHEREAS, prior to March 18, 2014, Hudson assessed the Pad Sites as separate estates pursuant to RSA § 674:37-a, I, and the real estate taxes were taxed against the condominium declarant rather than the individual unit owners pursuant to RSA § 356-B:23, III;

WHEREAS, as result of the Court's decision, which was affirmed by the New Hampshire Supreme Court in *Shepherds Hill Homeowners Association, Inc. v. Shepherds Hill Development Co., LLC*, Docket No. 2014-306, a dispute arose between the Town and Shepherds Hill regarding unpaid real estate taxes for the tax years 2012, 2013, and 2014;

WHEREAS, in light of the Court's decision, Shepherds Hill has threatened to commence litigation against Hudson, requesting a declaratory judgment that the Pad Sites are not separately

taxable, and injunctive relief preventing Hudson from taking the Pad Sites for non-payment of taxes for the tax years 2012, 2013, and 2014;

FOR GOOD AND VALUABLE CONSIDERATION, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, including the settlement of all threatened claims, the parties hereby agree as follows:

- 1.0 Payment of 2012 Taxes. As consideration for this Agreement, Shepherds Hill has paid to the Town the sum of Seventy Nine Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty Six Dollars 94/100 Cents (\$79,856.94) in full payment of the outstanding real estate taxes for the tax year 2012.
- Abatement of 2013 and 2014 Taxes. Hudson shall abate the outstanding taxes for the tax years 2013 and 2014. In order for Hudson to administratively process and grant an abatement, Shepherds Hill shall file an application for an abatement with the Board of Selectmen, which shall be filed after execution of this Agreement according to existing procedures, citing the Court's decision and such other grounds as Shepherds Hill may deem appropriate in support thereof. No taxes have been assessed on the pad sites for 2015. Also, as of this date, no taxes have been assessed on the pad sites for 2016, the same being subject to possible future taxation in 2016 as provided for in paragraphs 3.0 and 4.0 below.
- Future Extension of Development Rights for Pad Sites. Shepherds Hill agrees that the 3.0 remaining Pad Sites, with their associated acreage, will not be developed unless 80% of the unit owners present (or by proxy) at a duly called and notice meeting approve and record an Amendment to the Declaration of Condominium extending the convertible land rights in accordance with RSA § 356-B:54, V. Shepherds Hill agrees that any such approval shall be for the entirety of the remaining 126 Pad Sites with their associated acreage. Any redevelopment proposal of the remaining 126 Pad Sites which is inconsistent with or deviates from existing plans may require approval from the Town of Hudson, and shall be submitted as a single redevelopment proposal for the entire area of the remaining 126 Pad Sites. In the event of a redevelopment proposal that requires Planning Board approval, and in the event such approval is granted, the parties recognize that there cannot be two (2) approved development plans for the 126 Pad Sites and associated acreage. Shepherd Hill agrees that an extension of the development rights shall require an amendment to the Declaration of Condominium and be submitted to the New Hampshire Attorney General as required by RSA § 356-B:54, V. Shepherds Hill shall record the Amendment to the Declaration within seven (7) days of approval by the New Hampshire Attorney General.
- 4.0 Future Taxation of Pad Sites. Prior to the recording of an Amendment to the Declaration making effective future extension of the development rights for the Pad Sites, Hudson shall not assess or tax the Pad Sites as separate estates. Real estate taxes for the common area, including the area of the Pad Sites, shall be assessed as part of the individual unit assessments as non buildable common area of the condominium, provided that, Hudson will not artificially increase the tax assessments for the individual units in order to

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recapture the value of the Pad Sites as buildable land. In the event that Shepherds Hill obtains the necessary approval of the unit owners to extend the convertible land development rights to the Pad Sites, Hudson will again assess the Pad Sites as separate estates pursuant to RSA § 674:37-a, I. Taxes for the Pad Sites will be prorated, if approvals are after April 1 of a given tax year, for the tax year during which such approval is granted as of the date of the unit owners' vote to extend the convertible land development rights. The taxes for the Pad Sites will not be prorated once the Pad Sites value enter a new April 1 property tax year. Pad Site taxes will be assessed against Shepherds Hill, or should the Pad Site development rights be transferred, Pad Site taxes will be assessed against any such successor developer.

- Reporting Requirements. Shepherds Hill shall notify, by certified mail to the Town Administrator's and Town Assessor's office, Hudson within seven (7) days of the unit owners' recording an Amendment to the Declaration extending the convertible land development rights to the Pad Sites. In the event that Shepherds Hill should transfer the development rights to the Pad Sites, Hudson shall be given, by certified mail to the Town Administrator's and Town Assessor's office, a copy of any such agreement effectuating any such transfer. Any such agreement shall include the requirement that the successor developer shall be responsible for payment of the taxes for the Pad Sites.
- 6.0 Recording. This Agreement may be recorded at the Hillsborough County Registry of Deeds, and shall be binding on Shepherds Hill, and its successors and assigns.

Executed on this 24th day of February, 2016,

Town of Hudson, By and through its Attorneys,

Tarbell & Brodich, P.A.

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By and through its attorneys,

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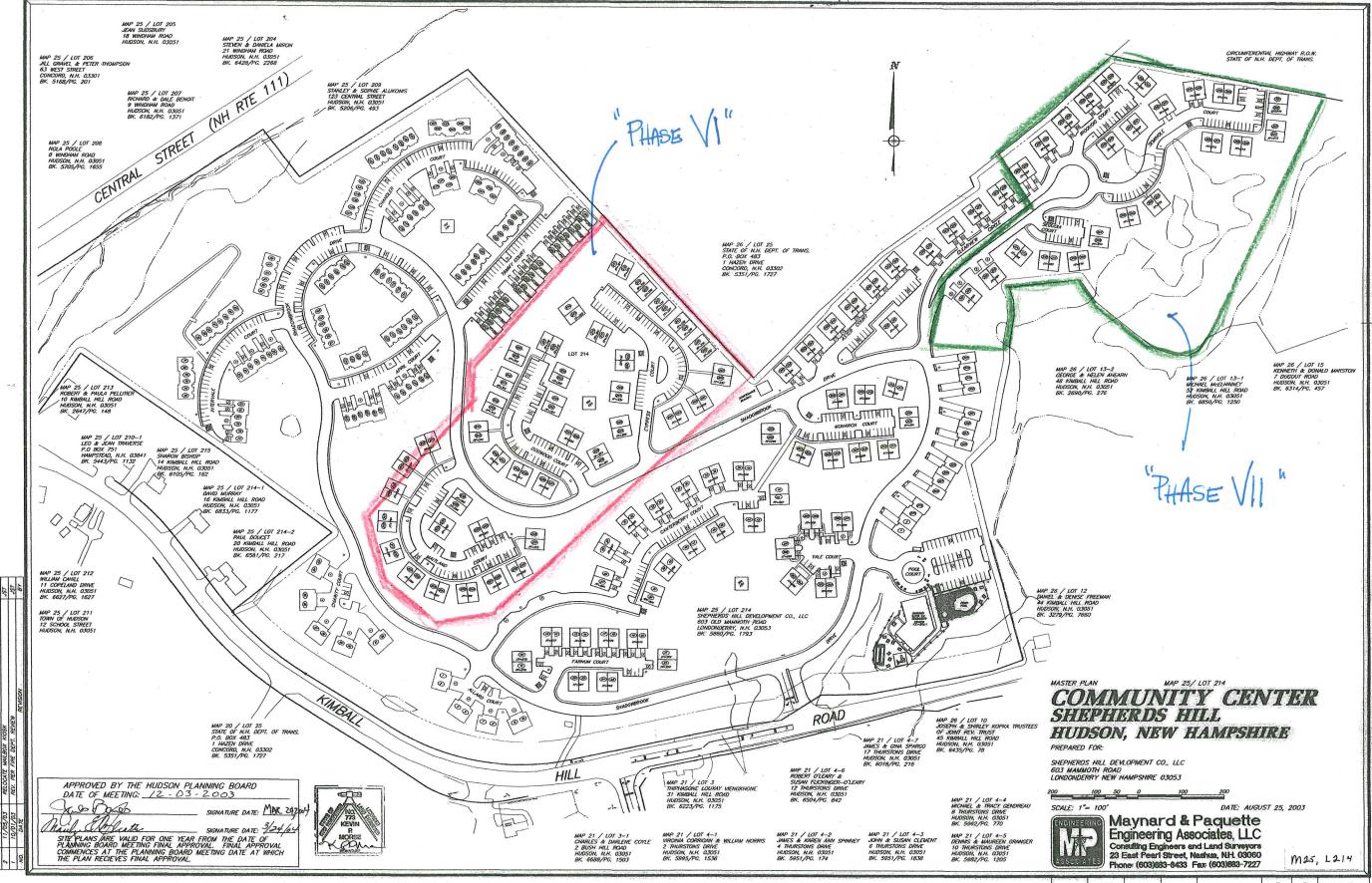
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Shepherds Hill Homeowner's Assoc., Inc.

Marchs, Errico, Emmer & Brooks, P.C.

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## Attachment B - 2003 Plan



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