FARMHOUSE SALON SUITES

MSP# 01-22 STAFF REPORT

March 4, 2022

SITE: 9 River Road; Tax Map 234 Lot 001-000

ZONING: General-One (G-1), Residential-Two (R-2)*

*Only a small fraction of the property is within the R-2 district. All of the existing buildings and the proposed use are within the G-1 district.

PURPOSE OF PLAN: To amend the previously approved site plan to show two (2) additional salon operators (personal service establishments) within the existing building.

PLANS UNDER REVIEW:

Master Site Plan (Map 234, Lot 1), Proposed Site Plan, 9 River Road, Hudson, New Hampshire; prepared by: Hayner/Swanson, Inc (HSI), 3 Congress Street, Nashua, NH 03062 & 131 Middlesex Turnpike, Burlington, MA 01803; prepared for: Steele Farm, LLC, 2 Friel Golf Road, Hudson, New Hampshire 03051; consisting of 2 sheets with 1-23 general notes on Sheet 1; dated February 7, 2022.

APPLICATION TRACKING:

- February 11, 2022 Application received.
- March 4, 2022 Public hearing scheduled.

COMMENTS & RECOMMENDATIONS:

BACKGROUND

The 42.2±-acre property currently contains a 20,000-s.f. retail operation known as "Golf and Ski Warehouse", a golf driving range, a detached 4,180-s.f. barn, and a 4,024 s.f. two-story building with a storage addition. Two driveways currently access from River Road and a private drive, Friel Golf Road, has access from both River Road and Steele Road.

Aside from developed buildings, driveways, and parking lots, the property has an open driveway range green in the western half, two separate patches of woods along Limit Brook (one on the north side along Steele Road, and the other on the west side along the lot line), and landscaped open lawn along River Road.

The submitted plan is proposing to increase the number of hair-care/salon operators from 10 to 12 allowed to operate from the existing 4,024-s.f. building. No exterior changes are proposed in the plan. The property is currently and will continue to be serviced by municipal water and a private septic system.

STAFF COMMENTS

- 1. Use (§ 334-21): The proposed use would fall under personal service establishment (D.3), and is permitted in the G-1 district.
- 2. **Dimensional Requirements (§ 334-27, § 334-14):** The submitted plan includes an existing and nonconforming building that is partially located within the 50' front setback along River Road. The plan is conforming to all other dimensional requirements.
- 3. Waiver for Parking Space Requirement [§ 275-8 C (2)]: The Applicant is requesting a waiver to reduce the number of required parking spaces, from 186 to 180, the existing number of parking spaces on-site. The Applicant stated that the 30 spaces that specifically serve the two-story personal service establishment building will be adequate to support 12 operators, given that:
 - It is unlikely that all operators will be seeing clients at once for any extended period of time,
 - Most of the operators book their clients through appointments as opposed to walkin customers.
 - The 150 parking spaces that serve the Golf and Ski Warehouse could be used as backup parking, and
 - Eighteen vehicles are the most that have been seen using this 30-space lot at any one time.
 - The Applicant has shown adequate room for 6 additional spaces to be constructed, if needed in the future.
- 4. Parking Space Dimensions [§ 275-8 C (4)]: Not noted on the submitted plan but staff verified the existing parking spaces are 10' x 20', which meet the required dimensions.

DEPARTMENT COMMENTS

Town staff, including the Fire Chief and Town Engineer, had reviewed the application and had no comments.

DRAFT MOTIONS

ACCEPT the minor site plan application:

I move to accept the minor site Tax Map 234 Lot 001.	e plan application for the Farr	nhouse Salon Suites, 9 River Road
Motion by:	Second:	Carried/Failed:

CONTINUE the	public hearing to a date cer	tain:
	he minor site plan application 01, to date certain,	for the Farmhouse Salon Suites, 9 River Road, 2022.
Motion by:	Second:	Carried/Failed:
<u>DEFER</u> the publi	c hearing to a date certain:	
	minor site plan application for 01, to date certain,	the Farmhouse Salon Suites, 9 River Road;, 2022.
Motion by:	Second:	Carried/Failed:
To <u>GRANT</u> a wa	aiver:	
180 spaces, based or	n the Board's discussion, the	reduce the parking requirement from 186 to testimony of the Applicant's representative, and abmitted Waiver Request Form for said waiver
Motion by:	Second:	Carried/Failed:

(MOTION TO APPROVE ON FOLLOWING PAGE)

APPROVE the minor site plan application:

I move to approve the minor site plan application for the Master Site Plan (Map 234, Lot 1), Proposed Site Plan, 9 River Road, Hudson, New Hampshire; prepared by: Hayner/Swanson, Inc (HSI), 3 Congress Street, Nashua, NH 03062 & 131 Middlesex Turnpike, Burlington, MA 01803; prepared for: Steele Farm, LLC, 2 Friel Golf Road, Hudson, New Hampshire 03051; consisting of 2 sheets with 1-23 general notes on Sheet 1; dated February 7, 2022; subject to, and revised per, the following stipulations:

- 1. All stipulations of approval shall be incorporated into the Notice of Decision, which shall be recorded at the HCRD, together with the Plan.
- 2. This approval is to add two additional salon operators to the establishment known as Farmhouse Salons for a total of twelve operators. Approval is also granted for the construction of six additional parking spaces in the event the Town of Hudson's Planning Department fins they are necessary for the safe operation of the site.
- 3. Prior to the Planning Board endorsement of the Plan, it shall be subject to final administrative review by Town Planner and Town Engineer.
- 4. Prior to application for a building permit, the Applicant shall schedule a preconstruction meeting with the Town Engineer.
- 5. Construction activities involving the subject lot shall be limited to the hours between 7:00 A.M. and 7:00 P.M. No exterior construction activities shall be allowed on Sundays.
- 6. Hours of refuse removal shall be exclusive to the hours between 7:00 A.M. and 7:00 P.M., Monday through Friday only.

Motion by:	Second:	Carried/Failed:	

MINOR SITE PLAN APPLICATION

Tax Map #:Lot #:001
General MSP#:
(For Town Use Only)
DEVELOPER:
Same as Owner
SURVEYOR:
Hayner/Swanson, Inc.
3 Congress Street
Nashua, NH 03062
603-882-2057
jpetropulos@hayner-swanson.com
approved site plan to show two (2) additional salon the existing building.
u Use Only)
Meeting Date:
re comments (attach to form)
Date:
e:Fire: DPW: Consultant:

MINOR SITE PLAN DATA SHEET

PLAN NAME: Proposed Site Plan				
PLAN TYPE: <u>SITE PLAN</u> LEGAL DESCRIPTION: MAP DATE: ⁷ February 2022	234	LOT_001		
Location by Street:	2 Friel Golf Ro	 		
Zoning:	G-1 General, I	R-2 Residential		
Proposed Land Use:		ce Establishment (salon)		
Existing Use:	Personal Servi	ce Establishment (salon)		
Surrounding Land Use(s):	Commercial/R	esidential		
Number of Lots Occupied:	One	One		
Existing Area Covered by Building:	35,994 SF			
Existing Buildings to be removed:	None			
Proposed Area Covered by Building:	35,994 SF			
Open Space Proposed:	91%			
Open Space Required:	40%			
Total Area:	S.F.: 1,838,559 Acres: 42.208			
Area in Wetland:	135,438 SF Area Steep Slopes: None			
Required Lot Size:	G-1: 87,200 SF, R-2: 60,000 SF			
Existing Frontage:	Steele Road: 1,304 LF, River Road: 1,082 LF			
Required Frontage:	G-1: 200 FT, R-2: 150 FT			
Building Setbacks:	Required*	Proposed (Existing)		
Front: Side: Rear:	30 & 50 FT 15 FT 15 FT	18.3 FT 251.07 FT 261.88 FT		

MINOR SITE PLAN DATA SHEET (Continued)

Flood Zone Reference:	FEMA Maps: 33011C0656D & 33011C0658D	
Width of Driveways:	See Plan	
Number of Curb Cuts:	3 (existing)	
Proposed Parking Spaces:	180	
Required Parking Spaces:	186* (see waiver)	
Basis of Required Parking (Use):	Salon: 3 spaces/operator, Retail: 1SP/200 SF,	
Dates/Case #/Description/Stipulations of ZBA, Conservation Commission, NH Wetlands Board Actions: (Attach stipulations on separate sheet)	Driving Range: 1SP/2 Tees None	
Waiver Requests Town Code Reference: Reg	rulation Description:	
Town Code Reference: Reg 275-8c(2)(b) - Minimum Required Parl		
	(For Town Use Only)	
Data Sheets Checked By:	Date:	

MINOR SITE PLAN APPLICATION AUTHORIZATION

I hereby apply for *Minor Site Plan* Review and acknowledge I will comply with all of the Ordinances of the Town of Hudson, New Hampshire State Laws, as well as any stipulations of the Planning Board, in development and construction of this project. I understand that if any of the items listed under the *Minor Site Plan* specifications or application form are incomplete, the application will be considered rejected.

Pursuant to RSA 674:1-IV, the owner(s) by the filing of this application as indicated above, hereby given permission for any member of the Hudson Planning Board, the Town Planner, the Town Engineer, and such agents or employees of the Town or other persons as the Planning Board may authorize, to enter upon the property which is the subject of this application at all reasonable times for the purpose of such examinations, surveys, tests and inspections as may be appropriate. The owner(s) release(s) any claim to or right he/she (they) may now or hereafter possess against any of the above individuals as a result of any examinations, surveys, tests and/or inspections conducted on his/her (their) property in connection with this applications.

	Signature of Owner:	Date: 2.9.22
	Print Name of Owner: DIVIDE. FEIEL	
**	corporate officers.	
	Signature of Developer: Lail E. Time	Date: 2 9.22
	Print Name of Developer: DIVID E. FRIEL	

The developer/individual in charge must have control over all project work and be available to the Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector during the construction phase of the project. The individual in charge of the project must notify the Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector within two (2) working days of any change.

WAIVER REQUEST FORM

Name of Subdivision/Site Plan:				
Street Address: 2 Friel Golf Road			7 - 7 - 7	
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waive the requirements of item 2'	75-8c(2)(b)	of the Hud	lson Land Use Re	egulations
in reference to a plan presented by	Hayner/Swanson, Inc	3.		
		d engineer) dated 7 F	ebruary 2022	for
property tax map(s) 234		in the Town of		
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documentation hereto).	ched waiver letter)	30,700,000,000		
Reason(s) for granting this waiver Regulations: (if additional space is	r, relative to not being of needed please attach the	contrary to the spirit a ne appropriate docume	and intent of the intation hereto):	Land Use
(See atta	ched waiver letter)			
	Signed:) wil E (0	

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Applicant or Authorized Agent

PROJECT NARRATIVE

The project area under consideration for this application is located at 2 Friel Golf Road in Hudson, NH. The site is known to the Hudson Assessors Department as Map 234, Lot 1. The parcel is split over two zones; G-1: General and R-2: Residential. The location of this property is just south of where Lowell Road splits into River Road and Dracut Road. The parcel is 42.2+/- acres in size and has frontage along River Road and Steele Road. It is abutted by residential homes to the north, south, and east and Green Meadow Golf Course to the west.

The lot currently contains a 20,000 square foot retail operation known as "Golf and Ski Warehouse, a golf driving range, a detached 4,180 square foot barn, and a 4,024 square foot, 2-story building with a storage addition, located along River Road. This particular building has been used in the past as offices for the Friel Golf Management Company and, most recently, by a limousine business. As can be seen on the site drawings the property has three curb cuts onto River Road. Two driveways are in close proximity to the front building and the other access is a private drive known as Friel Golf Road, which runs from River Road through the lot and connects with Steele Road. The site is currently serviced by municipal water, a subsurface sewage disposal system, telecommunications and power utilities. Wetlands associated with Limit Brook exist in the northeastern and western part of the property. Test pits were performed on the site. There result was that sandy soils, with deep depths to groundwater are present.

In 2018 Steele Farm, LLC successfully changed the use of the existing 4,024 square foot building to a personal service establishment which will include up to ten (10) hair-care/salon operators. The existing garage adjacent to the office building and the current 7-space parking lot were razed so that a new thirty (30) space parking lot could be constructed in its place to service the salon. Stormwater runoff from this small parking lot was directed into a grassed swale located on the north side of the lot that eventually reaches a rain garden (bio-retention basin) located just off the paved surface. Rain gardens provide qualitative treatment by the vertical movement of

runoff through a soil filter layer. The free-draining sandy soils on this property are ideal for promoting recharge of rainwater runoff. Other site improvements associated with that project include the construction of a new subsurface sewage disposal system for the proposed salon use, a new water service and a new ADA compliant access ramp leading into the building. The lot currently has 91% open space, where 40% is required. The hours of operation for the business is Monday-Saturday from approximately 8 AM to 6 PM.

It is being proposed to add two (2) salon operators on the second floor of the existing building. The expansion of these two personal service establishments should not have an impact to the every-day use of this facility. Even though the addition of the two (2) salons does technically require six (6) additional parking spaces; a waiver is being requested since recent parking counts of the facility show that there has never been more than eighteen (18) spaces occupied at any one time. No building or site improvements are proposed as part of this application.

Given the size of the existing building, the type of business and the number of operators for this facility, impacts to traffic, utilities and to local schools are not anticipated.

Civil Engineers/Land Surveyors

WAIVER REQUEST MEMORANDUM

WAIVER REQUEST #1:

Site Plan Regulation: Hudson Site Plan Regulation Chapter 275-8 C (2) – Required number of Parking Spaces.

Waiver Request: A waiver is requested from **Chapter 275-8 C (2)** to allow 180 parking spaces on a lot where 186 spaces are required per the regulation.

Basis of Waiver:

This section of the Hudson Site Plan regulations grants the Planning Board the authority to vary the parking requirements if the applicant can demonstrate that fewer spaces are consistent with the land uses. The subject site is a large tract of land that contains a golf-related retail store, driving range, and a former office building, which is being proposed to change to a personal service establishment (hair salon). As can be seen on the Master Site Plan, the breakdown of uses and their required parking totals 186 spaces. There currently exists 150 spaces adjacent to the Golf & Ski Warehouse building/driving range and another 30 spaces located north of the existing 2-story building located along River Road. It is being proposed to add two (2) salon operators to the existing farm house building. This expansion, which is proposed within the existing building, would, by code, require six (6) additional parking spaces to be constructed. Our client is of the opinion that the existing 30 parking spaces is sufficient to serve all 12 operators (personal service establishments) of this building.

There are several reasons to approve this waiver request. First, it is highly unlikely that all twelve (12) operators will be seeing clients at once for any extended period of time. Thus, there should almost always be vacant spaces in the parking lot. Secondly, most of the operators book their clients through appointments as opposed to walk-in customers. Third, in the event that the salon does experience a high volume of clients, there are 150 parking spaces a short walk away adjacent to the Golf and Ski Warehouse on Friel Golf Road that could be used by employees of this building. The Golf & Ski Warehouse and driving range has operated for almost twenty years without a parking problem. Fourth, the building has operated in this manner for almost three (3) years. Eighteen (18) vehicles is the most that has been seen using this lot at any one time. Lastly, if parking became an issue, there is plenty of land area to add six (6) spaces.

Waiver Request Form Standards

The hardship reason for granting this waiver is the financial burden of constructing the six additional spaces required to comply with the Site Plan Regulation. Should the salon discover that the two additional operators, and their accompanying clientele, create a consistent parking shortage, six parking spaces could be constructed at the end of the existing lot. Those six future spaces were shown on the original site plan as part of the Site Plan approval from 2018.

Granting this waiver will not be contrary to the spirit and intent of the Town's Land Use Regulations because the spirit and intent of Chapter 275-8 C (2) is that adequate parking is provided for the intended use. As has been stated above, given the lack of parking issues since the site has functioned as a salon and the additional spaces at the Golf & Ski Warehouse for salon employees to park, adequate parking is provided.

Chapter 276-7 Waivers

The requirements of Chapter 275-8 C (2) are unnecessary.

The purpose of Chapter 275-8 C (2) is to ensure adequate number of parking spaces are provided for a particular use. Given the above stated reasons, it is Steele Farm, LLC's opinion that ample parking is provided for this business operation.

Granting the waiver will not violate the purposes or general standards of the Land Use Regulations.

This waiver will not violate the public safety purposes of Chapter 275-8 C (2), in that the plan represents good planning principles and is balanced with regard to parking, building and open spaces.

Granting the waiver shall result in a general benefit to the Town and surrounding properties.

Granting the waiver will support the salon business expansion and increase annual tax revenue. It will not impact any of the surrounding businesses or residential homes as there is no proposed construction with this plan. The change is strictly internal to the existing building. As a result, the waiver will result in a general benefit to the Town.

In summary, it is our opinion the above waiver request is reasonable and meets the criteria outlined in Section 275-15, Waivers of the Hudson Site Plan Regulations. Given that this request does not adversely impact any abutting properties and that there is already ample parking spaces and land area available for future parking if needed, it is our opinion the above request meets the spirit and intent of the Town of Hudson Site Plan Regulations. A strict enforcement of the above regulation would simply be adding pavement where it is not needed.

Thank you for your consideration of this waiver request.

Respectfully,

Steven J. Auger Project Manager

Hayner/Swanson, Inc.

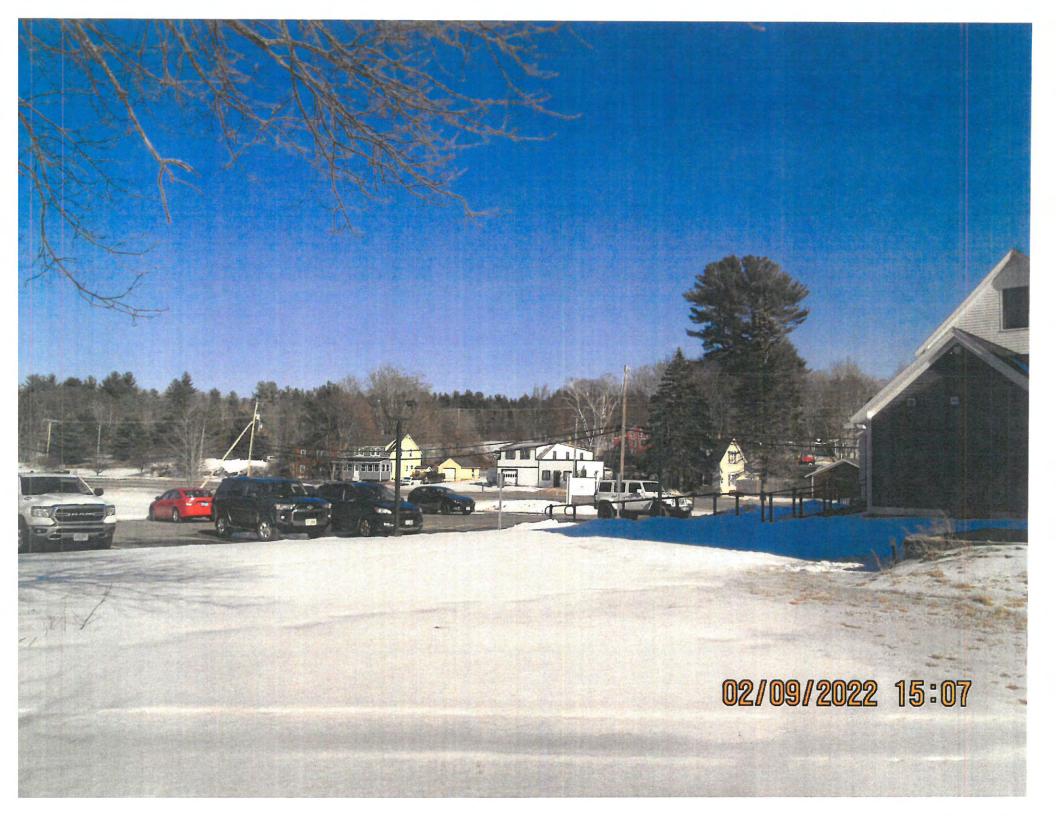
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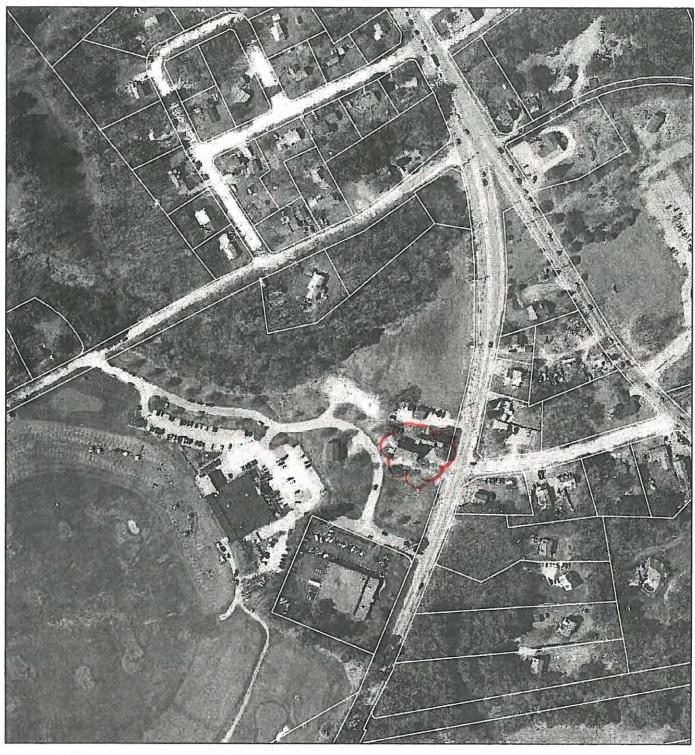








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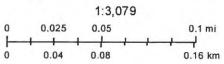


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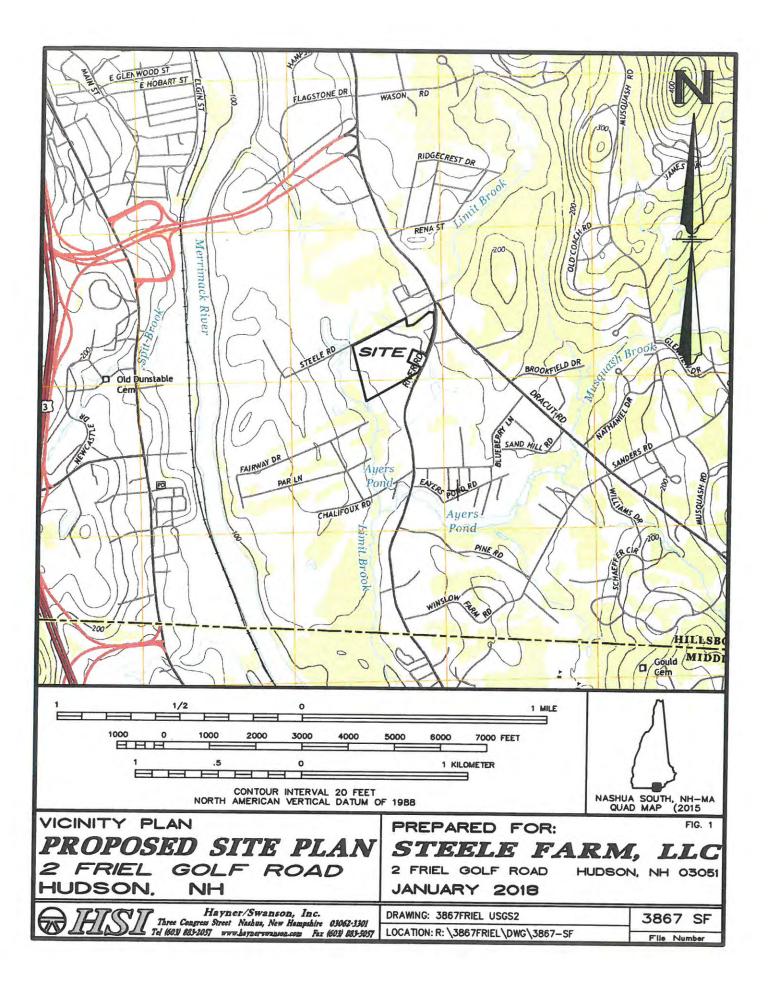
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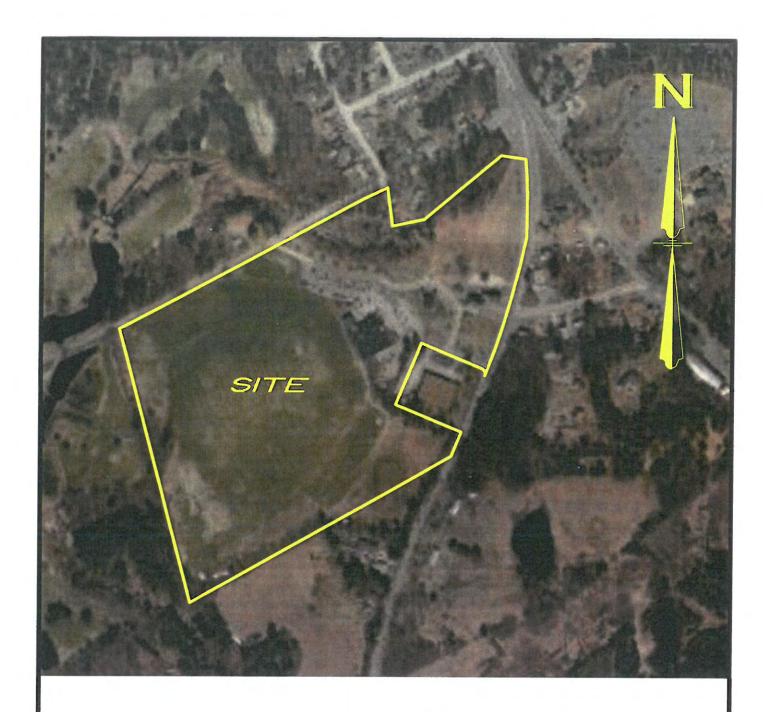
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HUDSON, NH PREPARED FOR:

STEELE FARM, LLC

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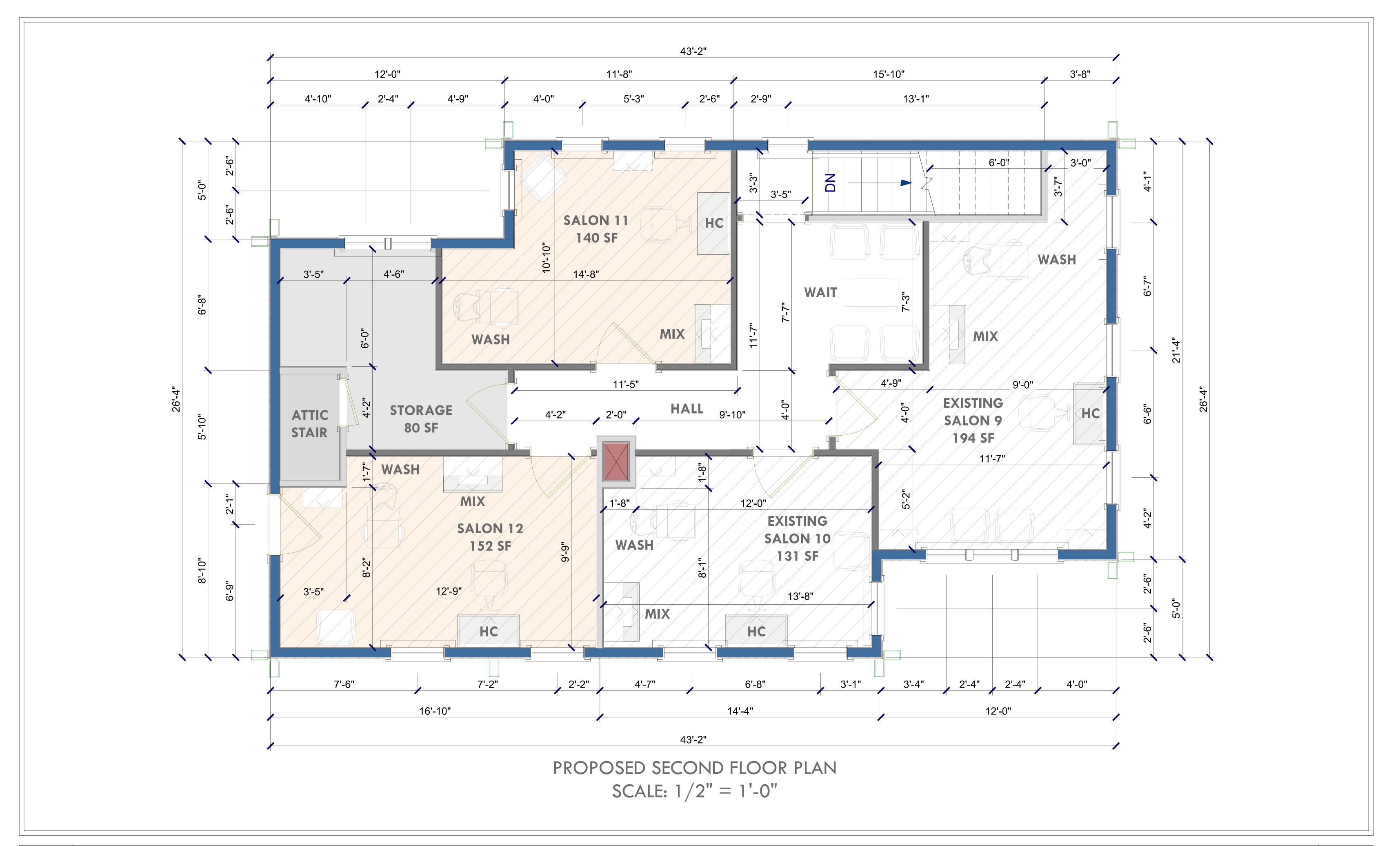
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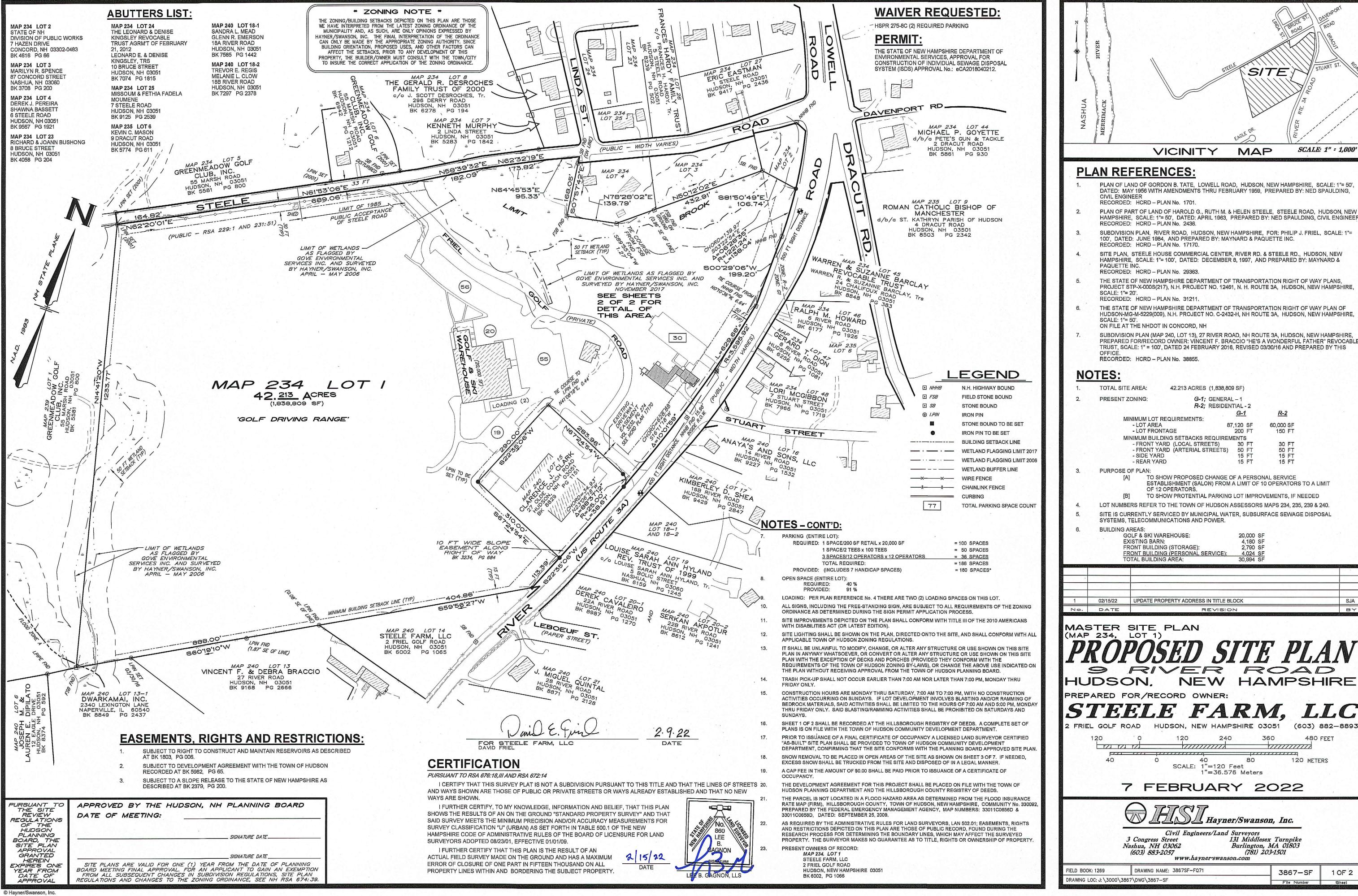
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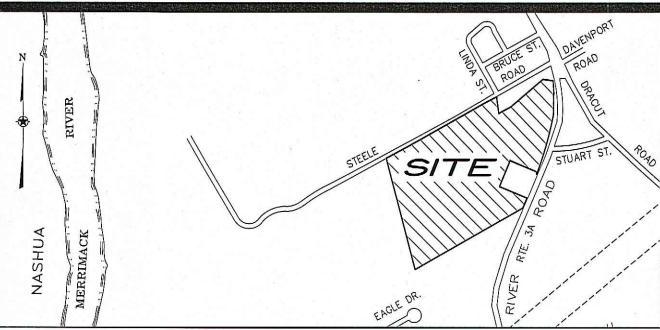
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ESTABLISHMENT (SALON) FROM A LIMIT OF 10 OPERATORS TO A LIMIT TO SHOW PROTENTIAL PARKING LOT IMPROVEMENTS, IF NEEDED

LOT NUMBERS REFER TO THE TOWN OF HUDSON ASSESSORS MAPS 234, 235, 239 & 240. SITE IS CURRENTLY SERVICED BY MUNICIPAL WATER, SUBSURFACE SEWAGE DISPOSAL

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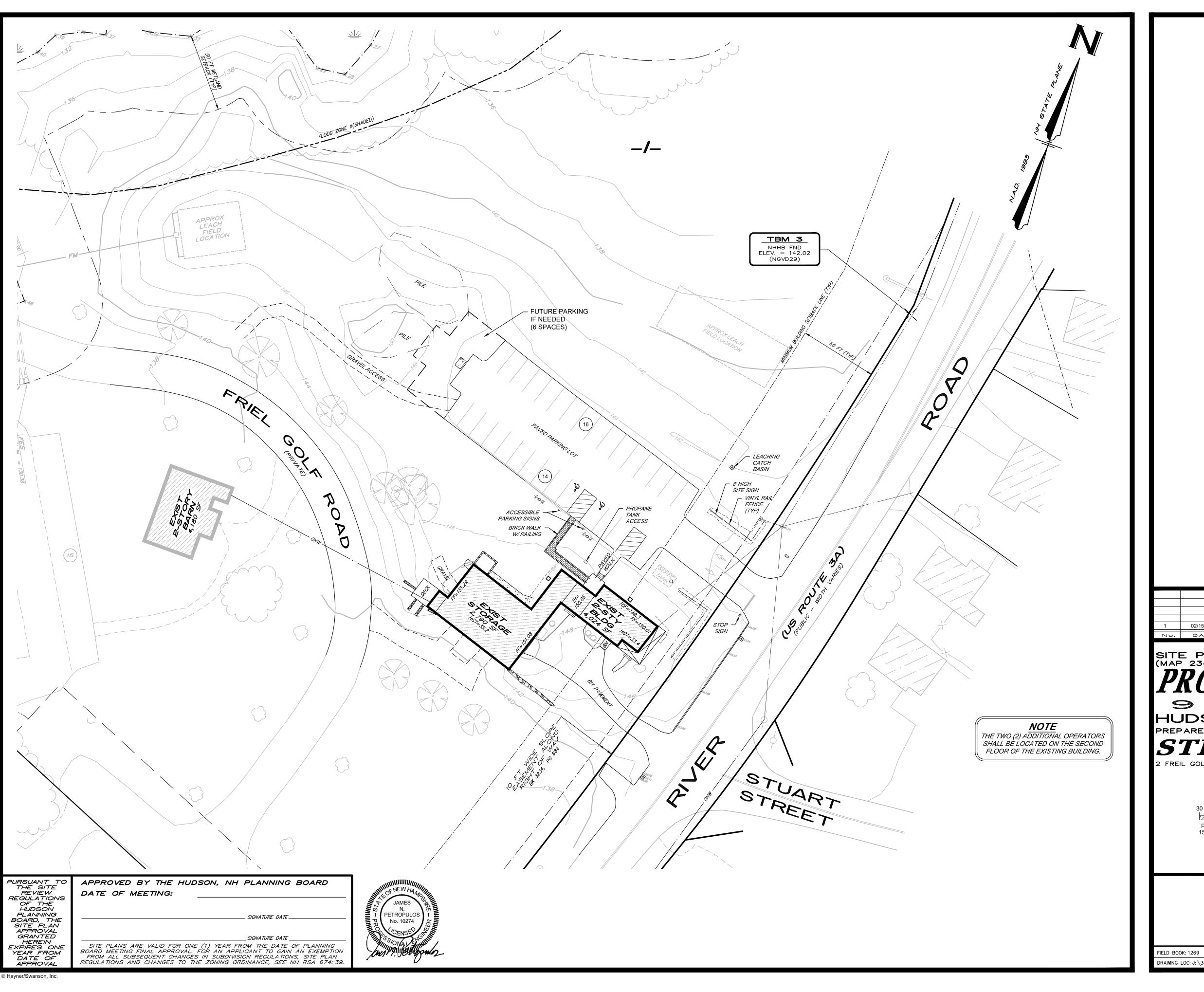
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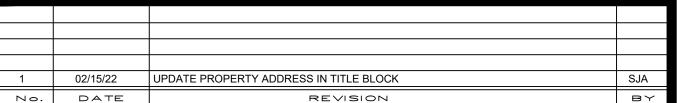


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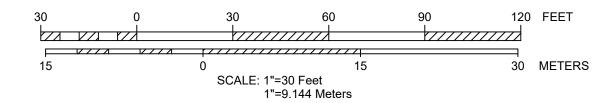




SITE PLAN (MAP 234, LOT 1) PROPOSED SITE PLAN

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7 FEBRUARY 2022



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