

June 29, 2020

(Via Email & Delivery)

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Scott Dvorak Code Enforcement Officer Town of Raymond Raymond, Maine 04071

## Buckley Lot, Raymond Hill Road Back Lot Driveway – Request for Planning Board Waiver (Map 012 Parcel 59B)

Dear Scott:

As you are aware from our recent correspondence, Jeff Buckley has purchased a 27+/- acre parcel located off Fire Lane 185-1 on Raymond Hill Road (Assessors Map 012 Parcel 59B) to develop as a single family residence. (Refer to *Exhibit 1*.) The property is located in the Rural Residential (RR) district and was divided from a larger parcel of William Miller (Map 012 Parcel 59). Access to the lot requires a back lot driveway approval from the Code Enforcement Officer pursuant to the Raymond Land Use Ordinance Article 9.T –Back Lots and Back Lot Driveways and Sections 4.8 and 5.5 of the Raymond Street Ordinance.

Our team has completed a survey of the lot driveway area and are preparing final driveway and stormwater management plans for your review and approval under the Back Lot provisions. There exists a gravel drive currently servicing the Miller "back lot" created in a 50 foot ROW easement over the "front lot" (Map 012 Lot 59A – Griffeth) as permitted under the Ordinance. The Buckley lot will also be serviced by an extension of this ROW easement over the Buckley lot with a turnaround - creating two (2) "back lots" as permitted under the Ordinance. Refer to the proposed Back Lot driveway survey concept, *Exhibit 2*.

However as we have discussed there is a provision under Article 9.T.5 which states, *"If the front lot is already developed, the existing driveway shall be relocated to the back lot right of way unless there exists a minimum of 100 feet between the existing driveway and the newly proposed right of way, or the <i>Planning Board determines that such relocation is prohibited by site conditions or the orientation of the buildings.*" The front lot paved driveway (Griffeth) is located directly off Raymond Hill Road and is less than 100 feet from the Fire Lane 185-1 back lot driveway. Refer to *Exhibit 3* for a photo from North Raymond Road. Changing the Griffeth lot drive, E911 and postal address, mailbox, culvert, etc. to the proposed back lot drive would create a significant hardship with no benefits to either party. (The Griffeth lot has only an informal grass/gravel connection to that drive.) Furthermore the current residence faces North Raymond Road and having a primary access off the back lot driveway to the side of the lot would be difficult at best. Additionally such a change, in addition to significant cost for no benefit, would require the Griffeth property to be included in the maintenance agreement/covenants for the back lot drive. For this reason we are formally requesting that the Planning Board consider and grant a waiver of the Land Use Ordinance Article 9.T.5 to allow the Griffeth lot (lot 59) to maintain their existing driveway and not connect to the proposed back lot ROW.



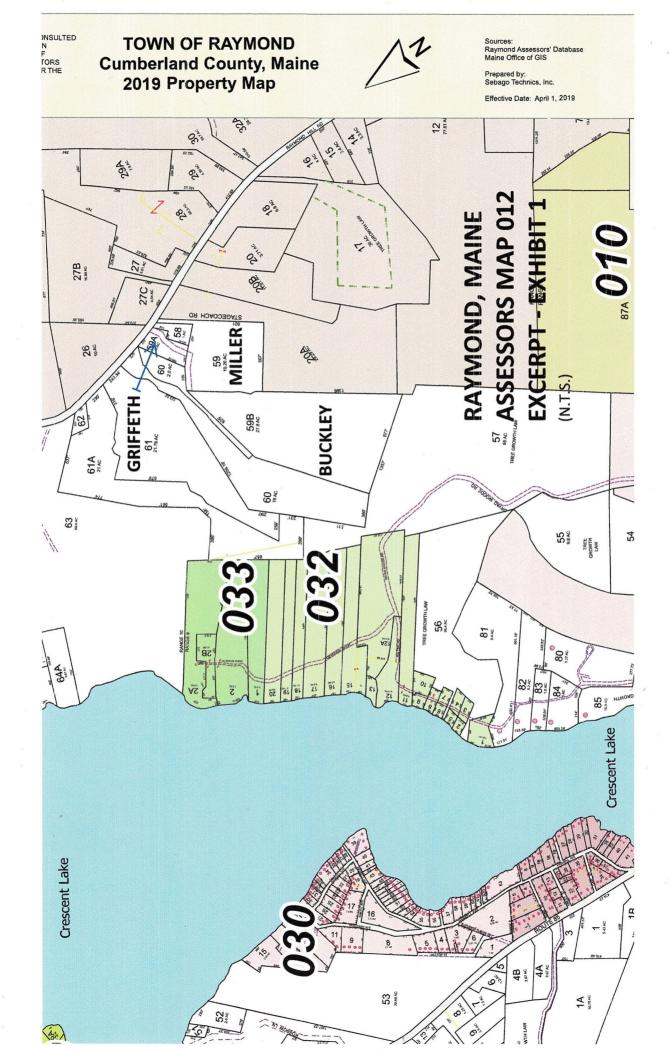
We are requesting only this one waiver with the understanding that, subject to the granting of this waiver, we would remand the Back Lot Driveway plans for CEO review and approval as required by the Ordinance.

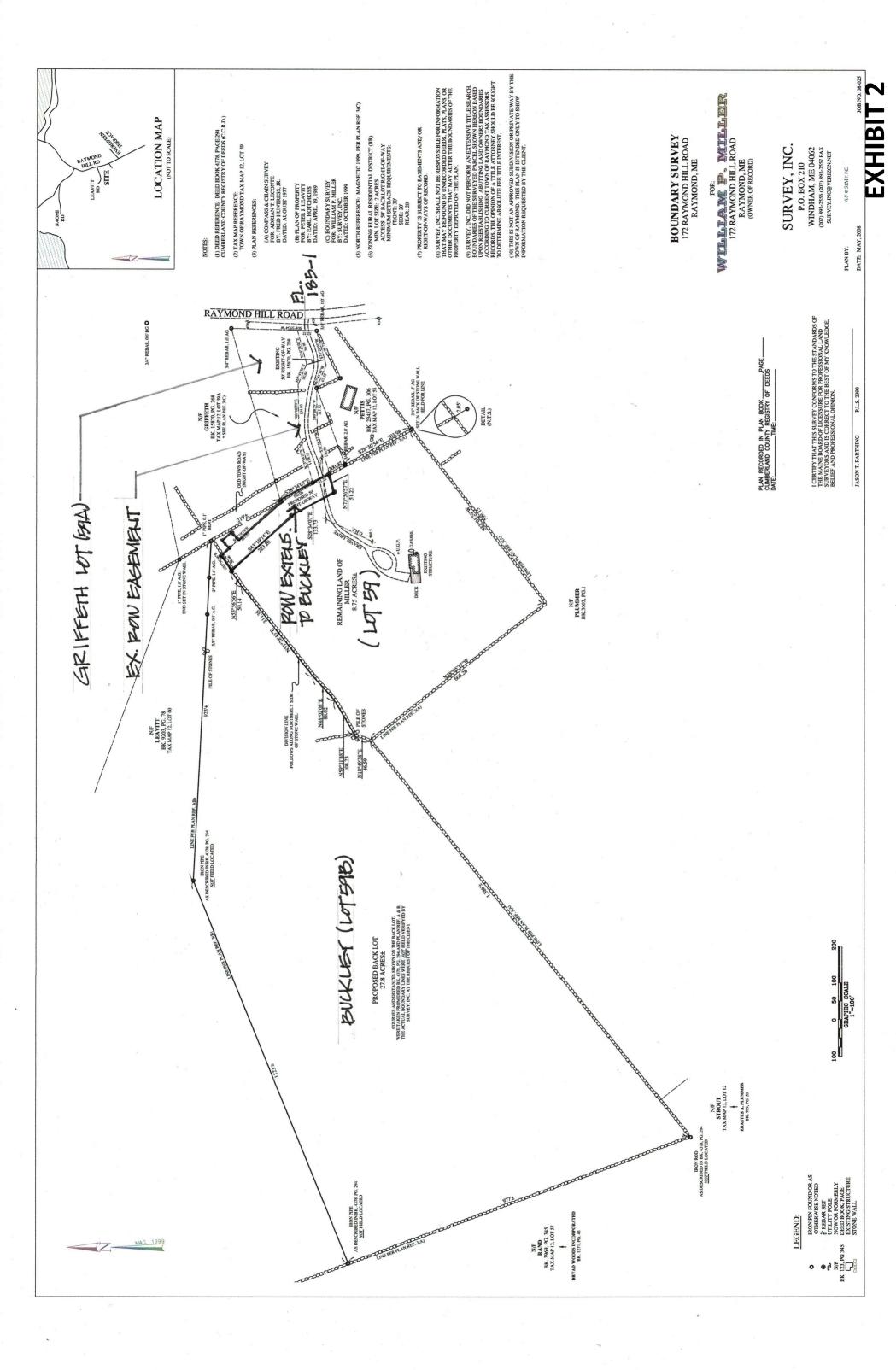
Should you have any questions or require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me. We have submitted this request electronically and will deliver 15 copies to the Town Hall. We look forward to meeting with the Planning Board either in person or virtually, at the next available meeting.

Sincerely,

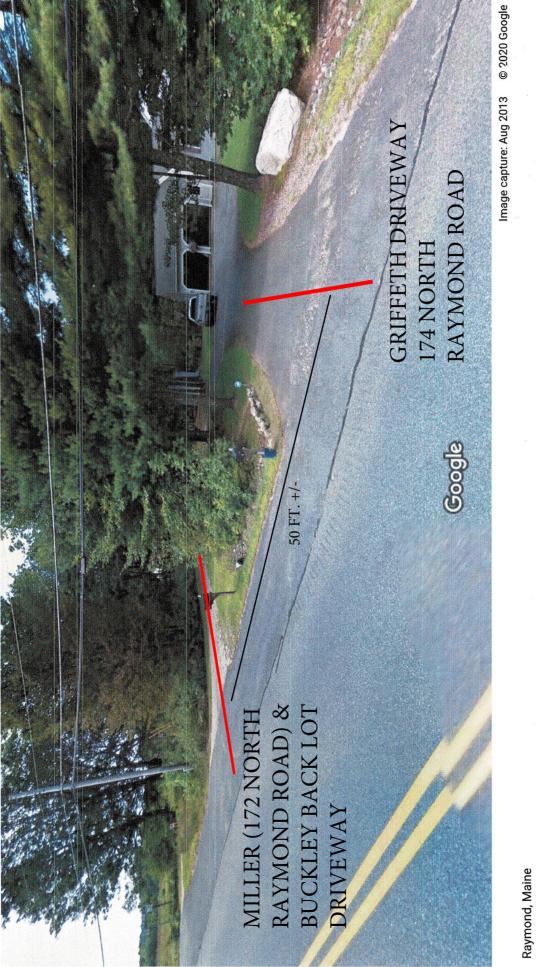
Frederic (Rick) Licht, PE, LSE Principal

- Encl: Exhibit-1 Assessors Map Exhibit-2 Back Lot ROW Concept Plan Exhibit-3 North Raymond Road Entrances
- Cc: Mary Quirk, Codes Office, Administrative Assistant Jeff Buckley Silas Canavan –WEA Mike Hartman, Jones Associates Jim Seymour – Sebago Technics





## 174 Raymond Hill Rd



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Street View



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**EXHIBIT 3** 

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MAP 012 LOT 59B

BUCKLEY BACK LOT DRIVEWAY

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