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September 5, 2023

VIA OVERNIGHT MAIL AND EMAIL TO M. LIPE at Michele.Lipe@southwindsor-ct.gov

Chair Bart Pacekonis, and Planning and Zoning Commission Members Town of South Windsor 1540 Sullivan Avenue South Windsor, CT 06074

Michele Lipe, Town Planner Town of South Windsor 1540 Sullivan Avenue South Windsor, CT 06074

Re: Application of Metro Realty for Rezoning of 240 Deming Street and part of 440 Buckland Road

Dear Chair Pacekonis, Commission Members, and Ms. Lipe:

We are writing on behalf of Metro Realty to address the filing by Attorney Parks, representing opponents, at the August 15, 2023 public hearing. That filing made three claims:

- 1. Metro's pending rezoning application (and eventual development plan) violates a 2004 covenant that restricts occupancy at Berry Patch to people over the age of 62;
- 2. The proposed rezoning should not be approved because it includes the triangular parcel at the north/east boundary that is already encumbered by a conservation easement that was part of the 2004 Berry Patch approval; and
- 3. The parcel to be rezoned, due to its current GD Zoning, does not qualify for rezoning to MAHZ under § 7.22.1.A. of the Zoning Regulations.

Attorney Parks' filing is factually and legally deficient, as explained below:

Age Restriction

The claims are incorrect. *Occupancy of the residential units* at Berry Patch is subject to an age restriction. The age restriction applies to the units themselves, not the real property on which they are located. Put another way, the restriction is an occupancy/tenancy rule, for units, not a restriction on the use of the underlying land. The proposed rezoning and eventual

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development will not in any way alter or shorten the age restriction period at Berry Patch. Also, Attorney Parks' clients have no legal interest in age-restriction compliance, which is a regulatory compliance matter among the occupants of Berry Patch, the development owner, the Commission, its Zoning Enforcement Officer, and the Connecticut Housing Finance Authority. The development will remain in compliance. Finally, the proposed rezoning does not propose any units on Berry Patch land.

Conservation Easement

As shown on the attachments, at Tabs 1 and 2, the 2004 Conservation Easement to the South Windsor Land Trust does not include any of the land proposed for rezoning in the presently pending application, including the triangle. In addition, the Conservation Easement states, in its first paragraph, that ["This] easement shall not encumber any portion of the land of the Grantor [Berry Patch II Associates, L.P.] which is an upland review area (i.e., area not located within the limits of inland wetlands areas as designated by the applicable regulatory authority)." The same limitation appears on page 4 of the easement.

MAHZ § 7.22.1.A

This claim is incorrect in several ways. First, the MAHZ regulation allows parcels zoned GD to be proposed for rezoning to MAHZ: "Commercial properties adjacent to residential areas may be considered for MAHZ." All of the proposed rezoning parcels are zoned GD, a commercial zone. Second, the "triangle" is part of an overall parcel to be rezoned; it only makes sense to evaluate what is proposed for rezoning rather than existing parcels that may be separate lots. Third, the regulation refers to "adjacent" land, which means nearby but not necessarily having a common boundary. "Contiguous" is different from "adjacent."

Thank you for your attention.

Very truly yours,

Timothy S. Hollister

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cc: Attorney John Parks

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GRANT OF CONSERVATION RESTRICTION AND EASEMENT

KNOWN ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that BERRY PATCH II ASSOCIATES LIMITED PARTNERSHIP, of the Town of Farmington, State of Connecticut ("Grantor"), for the consideration of One (1) Dollar and other good and valuable consideration received to its full satisfaction of the SOUTH WINDSOR LAND TRUST, of the Town of South Windsor ("Grantee"), does hereby give, grant, bargain, sell and convey unto the Grantee, its successors and assigns, forever, a perpetual Conservation Restriction and Easement within the terms of C.G.S. Sec. 47-42a in, over, along and across a portion of land owned by the Grantor, situated in the Town of South Windsor and generally shown on a map entitled "Perimeter Survey ALTA/ACSM Survey Resurvey Prepared For: Berry Patch II Associates Limited Partnership Grandview Terrace & Deming Street South Windsor, Connecticut Sheets 1 and 2 of 2 Date: 7/20/04, Revised to 12/14/04 scale 1 inch = 50 ft., prepared by Design Professionals. Inc."("Map") which map is filed as Map No. 3172 in the in the office of the South Windsor Town Clerk, to which reference may be had. The specific portion of Grantor's land subject to this easement is more particularly is described in Exhibit A attached hereto ("Property"). Notwithstanding anything contained herein to the contrary, this easement shall not encumber any portion of the land of the Grantor which is an upland area (i.e. area not located within the limits of inland wetlands areas as designated by the applicable regulatory authority). The easement is granted for the following purposes:

PURPOSES

- 1. Subject to the Exceptions set forth below, to have the Property remain in its present natural and open condition in order for it to fulfill its present historic, scenic, vegetative, wildlife and/or hydrological functions.
- 2. To permit the Grantee to enforce by proceeding in equity, pursuant to C.G.S. Sec. 47-42b and Sec. 47-42c, the covenants hereinafter set forth, including but not limited to the right to require the restoration of the Property to the condition at the time of this grant. In no event shall the Grantee have any right to receive any damages whatsoever from the Grantor or the Grantor's successors or assigns in the event of any violation by the Grantor or the Grantor's successors or assigns or any other party of any of the provisions of this easement, the Grantee hereby acknowledging and agreeing that the Grantee's only remedies for any such violation shall be equitable remedies (e.g., specific performance and injunctive relief).
- 3. To enable the Grantee to enter the Property at all reasonable times for the purpose of inspecting the Property to determine if the Grantor, its successors and assigns, are complying with the covenants and purposes of this grant.

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COVENANTS

And in furtherance of the foregoing affirmative rights, the Grantor, for itself, heirs, successors and assigns, makes the following covenants, which covenants shall run with and be binding upon the Property in perpetuity:

- 1. No buildings, camping accommodations, or mobile homes shall be placed or erected upon the Property.
- 2. No signs, billboards or other such advertising materials or structures of any kind or nature will be placed or erected upon, below or above the Property.
- 3. The topography of the landscape of the Property shall be maintained in its present condition and no topographic changes shall be made, provided that nothing herein shall prevent any changes in the Property that occur as a result of acts of nature and the Grantor shall not be obligated to restore the Property after any such changes. Topographic changes shall include, without exclusion, cutting of trees (except as may be required by good tree husbandry and maintenance or as may be required as part of any landscaping of the Property, after receiving written approval of the Grantee), filling, excavating, dredging, mining or drilling, removal of topsoil, sand, gravel, rocks, or minerals, alteration of natural or existing watercourses or drainage, or the construction and installation of roads, driveways, or utilities, except as provided in the Exceptions set forth below.
- 4. There shall be no draining of wetlands, burning of marshlands or disturbance or change in the natural habitat of the Property, except as provided in the Exceptions set forth below.
- 5. There shall be no manipulation or alteration of natural watercourses, lakeshores, marshes or other water bodies, nor shall any uses of or activities upon the Property be permitted which uses or activities could be detrimental to water purity or to any vegetative, wildlife or hydrological function, except as provided in the Exceptions set forth below.
- 6. The Grantor shall not authorize the operation of vehicles, snowmobiles, dune-buggies, motorcycles, mini-bikes, go-carts, all-terrain vehicles, or any other type of motorized vehicle upon the Property, except as provided in the Exceptions set forth below.
- 7. There shall be no dumping or placing of trash, ashes, leaves (except for a limited number in a sightly manner), waste, rubbish, garbage or junk upon the Property. In the event that such materials are placed on the Property, the Grantor, upon notice from the Grantee, will remove said materials within 30 days of such notice.
- 8. There shall be no storage or placement of any equipment, natural or man-made materials or substances upon the Property.

The Grantee or its successors or assigns, does not waive or forfeit the right to take action as may be necessary or required in order to insure compliance with said covenants and/or the purposes of this grant by any prior failure to act.

EXCEPTIONS

The Grantor with the written consent of the Grantee, may enter upon the Property to conduct the following activities:

- 1. Removal of debris, dead trees, or brush for the purpose of promoting safety and aesthetic quality;
- 2. Pruning and thinning of live trees and brush for the purpose of promoting safety and aesthetic quality;
- 3. Planting of trees, shrubs, or other vegetation for the purpose of enhancing wildlife or aesthetic quality.

The Grantor shall notify the Grantee by written notice of an intention to undertake any activity in question. If the Grantee does not give written notice of objection within thirty (30) days of receipt of Grantor's written request, Grantee's approval shall be deemed to have been given. Grantee's approval for exempted activities may be withheld only upon a reasonable determination by the Grantee that the action as proposed would be inconsistent with the purpose of this easement. Consideration shall be given to the manner in which such activity is to be undertaken to insure no detrimental impact to the natural character of the land. In addition the wildlife value of brush and dead trees proposed to be removed shall be considered and weighed against the purpose of the request.

The above procedure shall not abrogate the requirement to acquire any permits required by local, state or federal law.

In addition, the Grantor may conduct the following activities upon the Property, without the written consent of the Grantee (and notwithstanding in this Grant of Conservation Restriction to the contrary):

- a. The Grantor may landscape the Property, including without limitation, planting and cutting of grass, and the use of fertilizers, pesticides and other materials normally used in landscaping.
- b. The Grantor may install, or permit the installation of, underground utilities through the Property, provided no trees shall be removed to accommodate any such underground utilities unless such trees are replaced with comparable trees that are acceptable to the Grantee.

- c. The Grantor may remove all existing construction debris from the Property, so as to restore the Property to grade.
- d. The Grantor may use the Property for recreational purposes, including without limitation, for athletic purposes (such as baseball or soccer games), as long as no structures are constructed on the Property in connection therewith.

In addition, the Grantor shall have no responsibility for ensuring that third parties do not use the Property for any activity that is prohibited herein.

Any act for which the Grantor has obtained the approval of, or a permit from, the South Windsor Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Agency shall be deemed to be permitted under this easement.

LIMITATION ON RIGHT TO AMEND

If circumstances arise under which an amendment to or modification of this easement would be appropriate, Grantor and Grantee may jointly amend this easement, provided that no amendment shall be allowed that will affect the qualification of this easement or the status of the Grantee under any applicable laws including Sections 47-42a through 47-42c of the Connecticut General Statutes, Revision of 1958, as amended, or Section 170(h) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended; and any amendment shall be consistent with the purpose of this easement and shall not affect its perpetual duration. Any such amendment shall be recorded in the land records of the Town of South Windsor, Connecticut.

The grant of this easement does in no way grant to the public the right to enter upon said Property for any purpose whatsoever.

ZONING REQUIREMENTS

The Grantor shall retain the right to utilize the acreage of the Property as part of the Grantor's property as shown on the Map.

CONDEMNATION

If said Property, or any part thereof, shall be taken by condemnation, then this easement shall automatically terminate as to that property taken, so that the Grantor, its successors and assigns, may be fully compensated as though this easement had never been granted.

NO AFFECT ON ADJACENT PROPERTY

In no event shall the covenants, restrictions and easements contained herein in any way affect, encumber or apply to the Adjacent Property.

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SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS

This easement shall be binding upon the Grantor's successors and assigns as owners of the Lots. This easement shall not be assignable by the Grantee and may only be enforced by the Town of Farmington.

HABENDUM

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD said Property unto the said Grantee, its successors and assigns, forever.

[signature to follow on next page]

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Grantor has hereunto set its hand and seal this 15⁴¹⁷ day of January, 2017.

Signed, sealed and delivered

BERRY PATCH II ASSOCIATES LIMITED PARTNERSHIP

By: Berry Patch II GP, LLC General Partner

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Geoffrey W. Sager Its Managing Member

Julie T. Mutter

STATE OF CONNECTICUT)

) ss: Farmington

COUNTY OF HARTFORD)

Personally appeared the said Geoffrey W. Sager, Managing Member of Berry Patch II GP, LLC, general partner of Berry Patch II Associates Limited Partnership, signer and sealer of the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged the same to be his free act and deed and the free act and deed of said Berry Patch II Associates Limited Partnership, before me.

Commissioner of the Superior Court

Notary Public Wendy L. Paciotti

My Commission Expires 5/31/19

EXHIBIT "A"

Description of Conservation Easement

The certain piece or parcel of land shown as "Proposed Conservation Easement in Favor of South Windsor Land Trust" (the "Property") on a map (the "Map") entitled "Perimeter Survey ALTA/ACSM Survey Resurvey Prepared For: Berry Patch II Associates Limited Partnership Grandview Terrace & Deming Street South Windsor, Connecticut Sheets 1 and 2 of 2 Date: 7/20/04, Revised to 12/14/04 scale 1 inch = 50 ft., prepared by Design Professionals, Inc." which Map is filed as Map No. 3172 in the office of the South Windsor Town Clerk, to which reference may be had and more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a point at the northwest corner of the property herein described, said point being in the southerly property line of N/F Dennis C. & Sharon E. Platt as shown on the Map and also being approximately 6.00 feet from an iron pin, in a northeasterly direction, as shown on the Map;

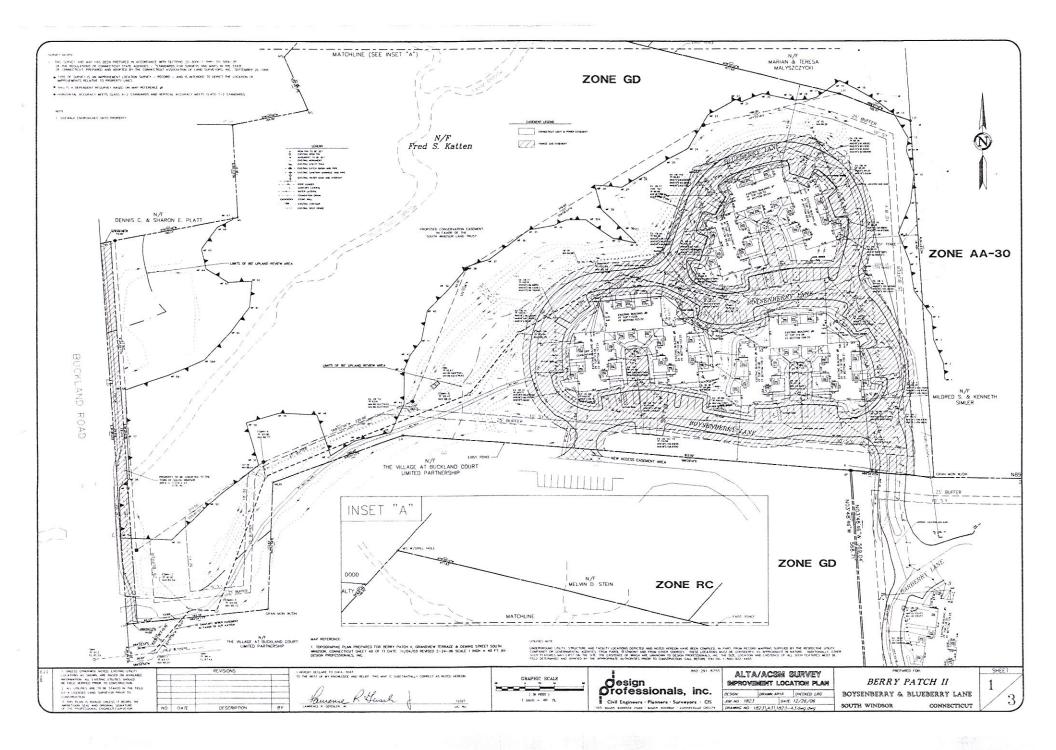
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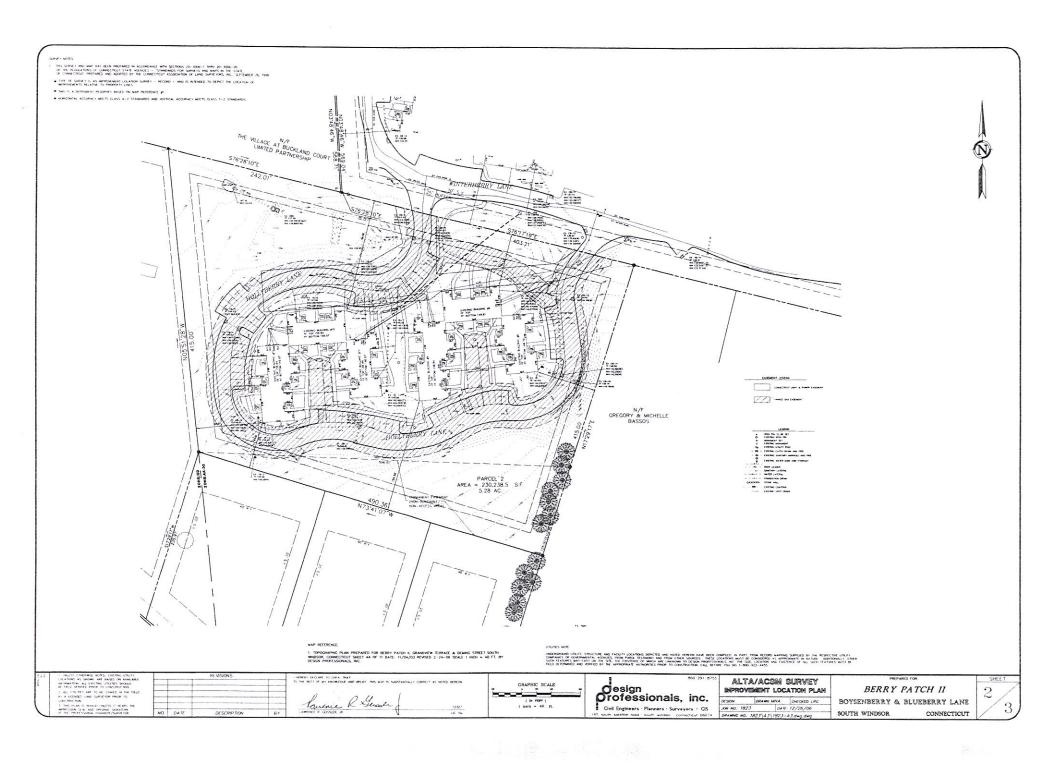
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