Site Plan Amendment

Application: Site Plan Amendment to approved Site Plan and Special Permit under

construction

Project Name: Mixed Use Development – 104 Episcopal Road and Berlin Turnpike

Phase: Northerly Commercial Building, parking and drives

Address:

250 Berlin Turnpike (4-4-82-18)

Zone:

Berlin Turnpike Development Zone - BTD (PS-B underlying)

Applicant:

224 Berlin Turnpike, LLC and John L. Orisini

Owner:

224 Berlin Turnpike, LLC,

Proposal:

Revision to approved and revised plan - parking and drives to the west and

south of the northerly commercial building

BACKGROUND AND PROPOSAL

The Planning & Zoning Commission approved the Mixed-Use Development Plan on September 5, 2019. At the January 23, 2020 PZC meeting, the Commission authorized administrative sign-off for modifications to the northerly entry drive in response to DOT permitting which allowed a single southbound entry drive off the Berlin Turnpike at the northerly end of the site and modification that shifted the building to the north to accommodate existing utilities (including the transformer pad located between the two multi-tenant commercial buildings.) Related modifications to parking rows and landscape islands also resulted.

The applicant has requested further modifications to the driveway around the northerly commercial building and creating 2-way traffic flow between the multi-tenant commercial buildings.

STAFF COMMENTS

- 1. The Commission should note that any approval applied only to modifications and areas discussed and presented for this application and
- 2. Applicable conditions of the original approval and modification remain in place
- 3. Modification to landscaping be provided in accordance with the Regulations relating to parking areas.
- 4. The applicant presents any modifications of landscaping and screening to the satisfaction of the Commission, including
 - the area previously approved with enhanced buffering to the north of the northerly and rear drives to protect and buffer the adjacent residential neighborhood from commercial activity
 - b. Any landscaping between the commercial buildings
- 5. Handicap parking be installed to the satisfaction of the Building Official
- 6. The style and materials of the "proposed screen wall extension" to the south of the phase-2 building patio area be presented for Commission approval.

- 7. Dumpster location and enclosure be consistent with the approved materials throughout the site.
- 8. Parking area and traffic flow signage, including pavement markings be presented for staff review prior to installation and use of related development areas.
- 9. Provide crosswalk markings between the phase-1 and phase-2 buildings' sidewalks where traffic is now proposed
- 10. Existing and proposed transformer location protection design be the satisfaction of the Commissions and as required by code
- 11. New tenants requiring parking in excess of 1:250 sf GFA must show that adequate excess parking remains at the time of their CZC approval.

EXISTING CONDITIONS

The Master Plan development area (combined as Lot 18) contains 18.53 acres contiguous with 767 ft of frontage on the Berlin Turnpike and a depth of 620 ft. The development area is situated between the Berlin Turnpike and Episcopal Road and zoned BTD (PS-B).

The mixed-use project encompasses a previously developed new automobile dealership and an associated multi-tenant retail building. The development of the combined site with the BTD rezoning has allowed phased construction for a second multi-tenant commercial building along the Berlin Turnpike and a final development phase of residential apartments on the westerly portion of the site. Site improvements for the second commercial building are under construction (referred hereafter as Phase-2 commercial).

Approved plans show a southbound entry drive at the northerly end of the site from the Berlin Turnpike. Traffic splits and flows into 1) two-way flow to the south to parking in front of the commercial buildings and extending through to the existing shared entry/exit drive between the southerly retail building (phase-1) and auto dealership; and 2) one-way flow along the north side and around the westerly/rear side of the phase-2 commercial building and to additional parking that merges into the existing flow to the south for the existing Phase-1 commercial area.

PROPOSED CONDITIONS

The applicant proposes to alter the approved plan by:

- Increasing the driveway width around the rear/west from 18 ft. to 28ft.
- Realign the parking along that area from angled to 90° spaces.
- Relocate the proposed transformer from a peninsula in the parking strip to the landscape area west of the rear bank of spaces.
- Eliminate a link at the end of the one-way rear drive to the existing driveway behind the phase-1 building and create forced flow through the approved rear parking area
- Relocate dumpster pad behind the buildings.
- Allow existing 2-way driveway between the commercial buildings to remain
- Redesign the parking along the easterly/front of the commercial buildings to allow twoway flow between the buildings.

The existing multi-tenant commercial building, automobile dealership building, and associated site improvements will remain. All other structures will be demolished.

ANALYSIS

The Do Not Enter sign prohibiting northbound traffic flow around the back of the phase-2 building is set back from the two-way flow parking area. The applicant should substantiate the location.

The original approval allocated spaces for each portion of the mixed-use development with overflow spaces throughout the site. 168 parking stalls were allocated for the multi-tenant commercial buildings a total of 196 spaces adjacent to the two commercial buildings. The parking chart on the proposed plan shows the revised layout for the two multi-tenant commercial buildings provides 187 spaces. Staff notes that zoning approval for tenant occupancy has resulted in some of the approved excess stalls being allocated for more intense uses, such as restaurants. Specific tenants where parking greater than 1:250 SF GFA will require parking calculation updates at the time of review of their Certificate of Zoning Compliance for new business (CZC).

The new driveway between the two buildings will eliminate a continuous sidewalk. A crosswalk in this area should be added. Additional crosswalk markings to enhance pedestrian connectivity should be considered to the rear parking area.

DEPARTMENTAL COMMENTS:

Berlin Water Control: Suggest identifying sewer line/water line locations while the information is readily available. As-built would be helpful.

Board of Police Commissioners; Police Chief; Fire Marshal; Conservation Commission; Inland Wetlands; and, Building Official issued "No Comment"

April 13, 2021

Updated April 14, 2021 (Conservation Commission; Inland Wetlands; Building Official)

TOWN OF BERLIN PLANNING & ZONING DEPARTMENT - STAFF COMMENTS

APPLICATION:

Site Plan Amendment

Modification to front and rear parking areas and rear access drive aisle

APPLICANT:

224 Berlin turnpike, LLC (John Orsini)

LOCATION:

224-256 Berlin Turnpike

AGENDA:

May 6, 2021

To the Applicant:

• These are the comments received to date, additional comments may be forthcoming. Please submit any written response to Maureen Giusti, Acting Town Planner/Zoning Enforcement Officer at mgiusti@town.berlin.ct.us or revised plans directly to the Planning & Zoning Department in Room 121. We will forward your comments or distribute materials to the relevant department.

Board of Police Commissioners

No comment

Police Chief

No comment

Berlin Water Control

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Fire Marshal

No comment

Conservation Commission

No comment

Inlands Wetlands

No comment

Building Official

No comment

Emailed to J. Cassidy, PE: April 13, 2021



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Planning and Zoning Department

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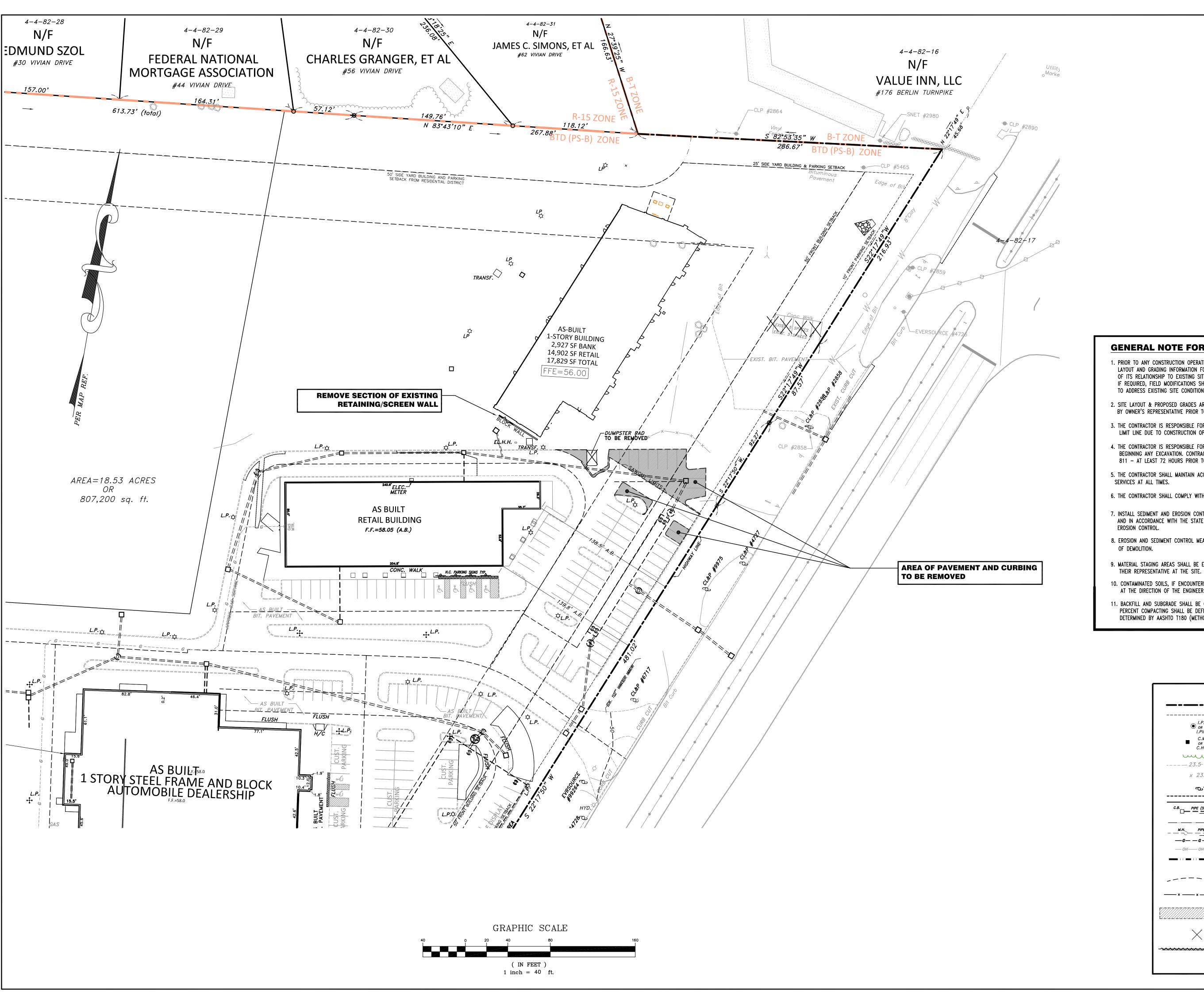
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^{*}Any town official and/or employee that the town deems necessary may entropersely to perfect the property information submitted with this application.

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SITE PLAN ZONING STATISTICS *					
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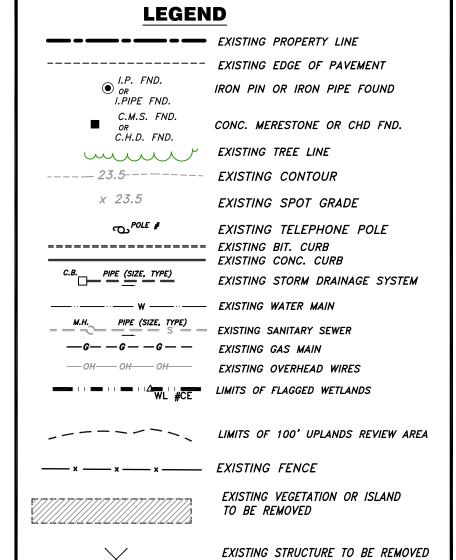
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GENERAL NOTE FOR SITE PREPARATION

- 1. PRIOR TO ANY CONSTRUCTION OPERATIONS, THE CONTRACTOR SHALL ESTABLISH ADEQUATE LAYOUT AND GRADING INFORMATION FOR PROPOSED WORK TO ALLOW FOR THE EVALUATION OF ITS RELATIONSHIP TO EXISTING SITE FEATURES AND VEGETATION. IF REQUIRED, FIELD MODIFICATIONS SHALL BE MADE AS AUTHORIZED BY THE ENGINEER
- TO ADDRESS EXISTING SITE CONDITIONS.
- 2. SITE LAYOUT & PROPOSED GRADES ARE TO BE STAKED IN THE FIELD AND APPROVED
- 3. THE CONTRACTOR IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY DAMAGE INSIDE AND OUTSIDE THE PROPERTY LIMIT LINE DUE TO CONSTRUCTION OPERATIONS FROM THIS PROJECT.
- BEGINNING ANY EXCAVATION. CONTRACTOR SHALL CONTACT "CALL-BEFORE-YOU-DIG" -811 - AT LEAST 72 HOURS PRIOR TO START OF WORK.
- SERVICES AT ALL TIMES.
- 6. THE CONTRACTOR SHALL COMPLY WITH ALL STATE, LOCAL AND FEDERAL REGULATIONS.
- AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT GUIDELINES FOR SEDIMENT AND EROSION CONTROL.
- OF DEMOLITION.
- 9. MATERIAL STAGING AREAS SHALL BE ESTABLISHED IN COORDINATION WITH THE OWNER, OR

- 11. BACKFILL AND SUBGRADE SHALL BE COMPACTED TO 95% OF MAXIMUM DRY DENSITY. PERCENT COMPACTING SHALL BE DEFINED AS THE RATIO OF THE FIELD DRY DENSITY,



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4. THE CONTRACTOR IS RESPONSIBLE FOR LOCATING ALL UTILITIES IN THE FIELD BEFORE

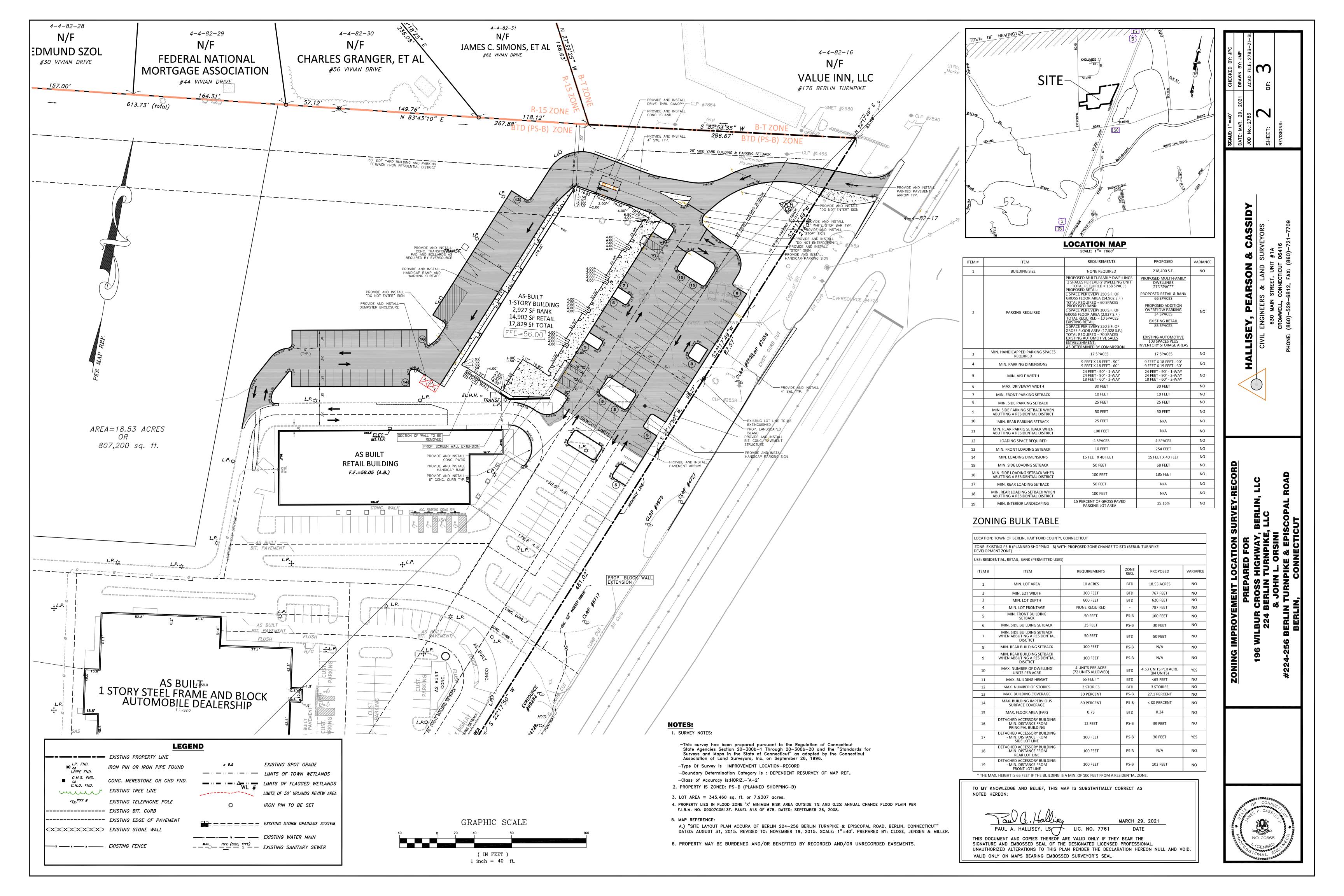
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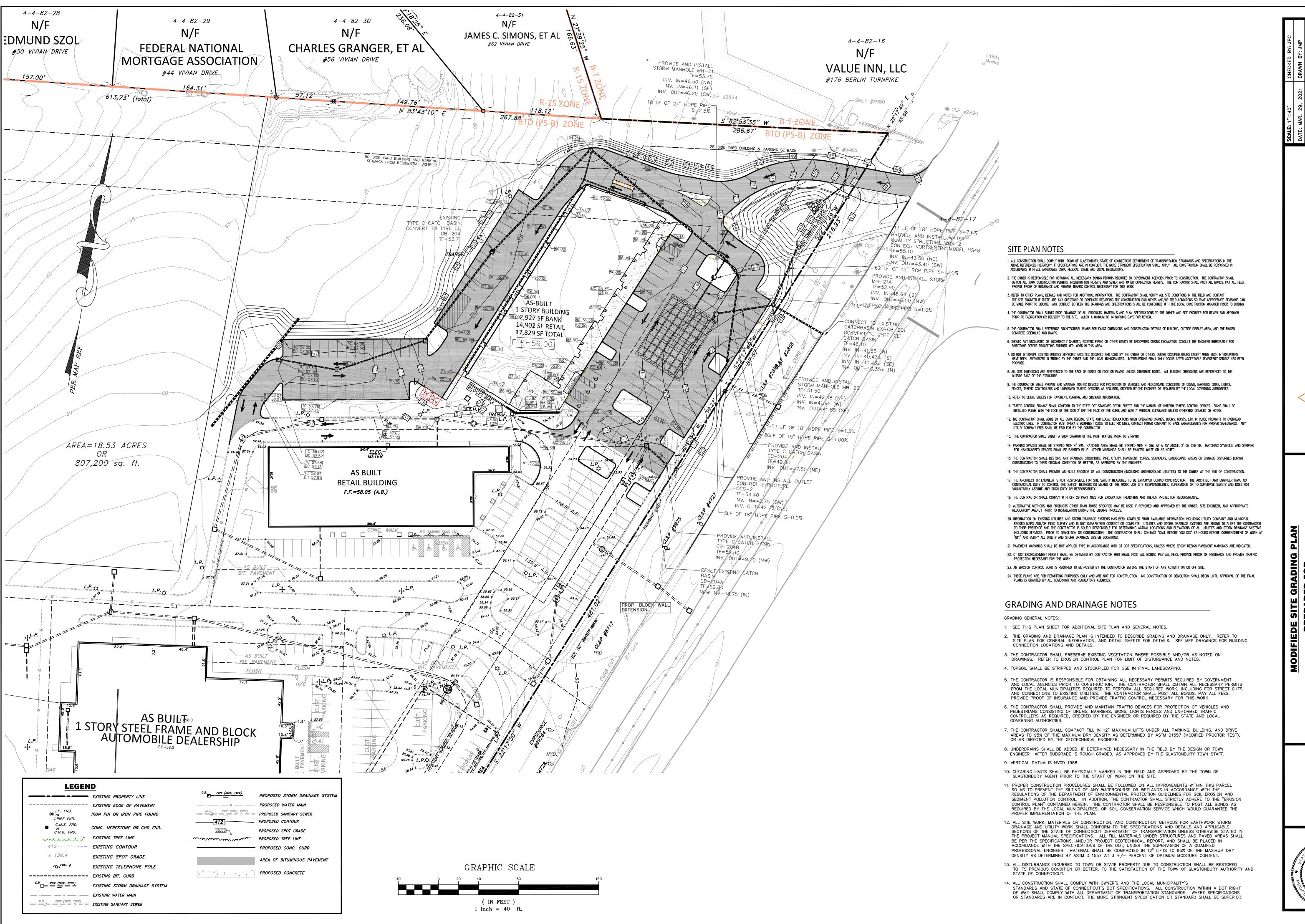
7. INSTALL SEDIMENT AND EROSION CONTROL MEASURES AT THE DIRECTION OF THE ENGINEER

8. EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL MEASURES ARE TO BE INSTALLED PRIOR TO COMMENCEMENT

10. CONTAMINATED SOILS, IF ENCOUNTERED, SHALL BE STOCKPILED ON-SITE (SEE PREVIOUS NOTE) AT THE DIRECTION OF THE ENGINEER, PRIOR TO OFF-SITE DISPOSAL/RECYCLING.

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