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November 22, 2021

Mr. Adam Kaufman Town of North Castle Planning Board c/o Ms. Valerie Desimone 17 Bedford Road Armonk, NY 10504

RE: JMC Project 19141
One Kent Place Inc.
I Kent Place
Town of North Castle, NY

Response to Memorandums

Dear Mr. Kaufman and Members of the Planning Board:

As you are aware, JMC represents the current owners of One Kent Place, Inc. (A.K.A. Amore Pizzeria & Italian Kitchen), regarding legalizing certain improvements to their property undertaken without the proper permits. As part of that process our firm has obtained certain variances for these improvements including a parking variance as well as side yard and rear yard variances related to location of on-site terrace improvements. In addition, One Kent Place, Inc. also appeared before the Town Conservation Commission and received approvals subject to certain additional mitigation measures to offset disturbances related to terrace construction. As required, this matter is now back before your Board requesting your approval. We are in receipt of comments from your consultants and staff. We herein are addressing what we believe are the remaining comments for your consideration.

I. JMC Drawings:

<u>Dwg.</u>	<u>Title</u>	Rev. #/Date	
S-I	"Site Plan"	4	11/22/2021
WMP-I	"Wetland Mitigation Plan"	2	11/22/2021

For your convenience we have identified the comments noted in the various memorandums below, which are followed by our responses:

A. Kellard Sessions Memorandum, dated November 19, 2020

Comment No. 1

The owner has constructed a patio and wall at the rear of the property, located within five (5) feet of the rear and side lot lines. It appears an area variance from Section 355-15 A of the Town Code is required. This should be verified by the Building Department.

Response No. 1

A variance was granted by the Town of North Castle Zoning Board of Appeals, on October 7, 2021, for the encroachment on the side and rear yard setbacks as noted.

Comment No. 2

The plan proposes to remove a portion of a storage shed, which encroaches onto the adjacent Shell Station property. The final location of the shed will result in a zero lot line set back. A determination from the Building Department regarding the need for an area variance will be required.

Response No. 2

Variances were granted by the Town Zoning Board of Appeals for the improvements determined by the North Castle Building Department.

Comment No. 3

The plan proposes to maintain an existing cooler, constructed at the rear of the restaurant building, which encroaches onto the adjacent property. This will result in a zero lot line set back. It appears an area variance will be required. This should be verified by the Building Department.

Response No. 3

Improvements are noted on the JMC Site Plan entitled S-I "Site Plan", last revised I I/22/2021, which remove the noted encroachment. Variances have been obtained for the various encroachment required by the Building Department.

Comment No. 4

The plan indicates various easements and agreements with the adjacent property owners that will permit these improvements to remain. Copies of any agreements [or easements] should be provided to the Town for review by the Town Attorney.

Response No. 4

As required we have attached the easement documents requested for review by the Town Attorney.

The plan appears to have been coordinated with the proposed improvements for the Shell Station, currently before the Planning Board for Site Plan Approval. We note that should any modifications to the Shell Station plan be required for approval, the applicant will need to coordinate their plan for the subject property.

Response No. 5

The applicant has worked in connection with its easterly neighbor as indicated above.

Comment No. 6

The Planning Board and Conservation Board should determine whether the applicant will be required to provide a long-term monitoring and maintenance plan, for a period of at least five (5) years.

Response No. 6

As a condition of the Conservation Board, the One Kent Place Inc. owners will be required to provide a monitoring and maintenance plan for the Towns consideration.

Comment No. 7

The applicant will be required to obtain a Floodplain Development Permit demonstrating compliance with Chapter I 77 — Flood Damage Prevention of the Town Code. The applicant will be required to demonstrate that appropriate flood mitigation is provided as it relates to the required "no-rise" analysis and compensatory storage for fill placed within the floodplain; specifically:

- a. Section 177-14 (B)(2) requires that in order to permit development on streams with a regulatory floodway, the applicant shall provide:
 - i. a technical evaluation demonstrating that encroachment will not result in any increase in flood levels ("no rise"); or
 - ii. the Town agrees to apply to FEMA for a conditional FIRM and floodway revision.
- b. Section 177-14 (3) requires that whenever any portion of a floodplain is authorized for development, the volume of space occupied by the authorized fill or structure below the base flood elevation is compensated for and balanced by a hydraulically equivalent volume of excavation taken from below the base flood elevation.

Response No. 7

a. The inclusion of the rear outdoor patio area has been constructed at grade and therefore will not create an increase in potential flood levels.

b. As requested the Applicant will be providing compensatory flood storage area along the west side of the stream for the gas pit, fountain and raised beds along the fountain. These areas calculate to be ±500 cubic feet. The compensatory storage area will provide ±550 cubic feet.

Comment No. 8

The applicant will be required to provide appropriate stormwater mitigation for the previously completed improvements. A Stormwater Management Design Report and sizing calculations shall be provided for review. Depending upon the need for flood storage mitigation and how that maybe provided by the applicant, it may be more beneficial to provide stormwater quality practices vs. additional detention above what will already be required to mitigate the floodplain development.

Response No. 8

The comment is so noted. Stormwater management information is provided on the JMC site plan entitled S-I "Site Plan", last revised I I/22/2021 for the Planning Boards consideration mitigation measures proposed include:

- 1. Converting outdoor patio area to act as porous pavers by removing the silicon joints, since the pavers where constructed on a gravel base.
- 2. Providing compensatory storage area and reconstructing a portion of the western stream bank to promote flow into new area.

Comment No. 9

The applicant will be required to perform deep and soil percolation testing, as required for the design of any stormwater practices. Soil testing shall be witnessed by this office. Please contact our office to schedule.

Response No. 9

JMC has coordinated with Kellard Engineering to determine feasible mitigation measures to offset the minor impacts associated with new terrace area. See the response to comment No. 8 above.

Comment No. 10

The plan shall be updated to include existing topography with spot grades is appropriate.

Response No. 10

Grades associated with terrace improvements did not vary from existing grade conditions. It was determined that there would be no benefit in obtaining additional topographic information.

The plan shall include construction details for all improvements subject to this Amended Site Plan Approval, including the patio, walkway and walls, as well as any stormwater management systems that may be required.

Response No. 11

The comment is so noted. JMC has provided the required plan information for the Planning Boards consideration.

Comment No. 12

The applicant will be required to provide an erosion and sediment control plan for any improvements that may become necessary. Provide details.

Response No. 12

JMC drawing WMP-1 "Wetland Mitigation Plan", last revised 11/22/2021 indicates the required sediment and erosion control measures as requested.

B. Town of North Castle Planning Department Memorandum, dated January 15, 2021

Procedural Comments

Comment No. 1

The application for site plan approval requires referral to the Westchester County Planning Board pursuant to § 239-m of New York State General Municipal Law (GML). This referral is required because the subject site is located within 500 feet of NY Route 128.

Response No. 1

Comment so noted.

Comment No. 2

The Proposed Action would be classified as a Type II Action pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA).

Response No. 2

The comment is so noted.

Comment No. 3

A Public Hearing for the proposed site plan and wetlands permit will need to be scheduled.

Comment is noted.

Comment No. 4

Pursuant to Section 340-5.B(I) of the Town Code, the Conservation Board is required to review the proposed wetland application and, within 45 days of receipt thereof, file a written report and its recommendation concerning the application with the Planning Board. Such report is required to evaluate the proposed regulated activity in terms of the findings, intent and standards of Chapter 340.

Response No. 4

The Applicant has appeared before the Conservation Board on November 16th, 2021 and received approval on the improvements to the site. Conservation Board approved the matter with certain conditions which are addressed herein.

Comment No. 5

The site plan should be forwarded to the Chief of Police, Fire Inspector and the Armonk Fire Chief so that they may make any pertinent recommendations to the Planning Board including, but not limited to, the designation of no-parking zones, emergency vehicle access or any other issued deemed important to providing emergency services.

Response No. 5

A letter has been forwarded to the Chief of Police Peter J. Simonsen, Fire Inspector and the Armonk Fire chief as well as a copy of the JMC Site Plan, dated 11/09/2020.

Comment No. 6

Pursuant to Section 12-18(1) of the Town Code, all site development plans submitted to the Planning Board are required to be referred to the Architectural Review Board (ARB) for review and comment.

Response No. 6

As requested, we herein request this matter be referred to the Town ARB for review and comments.

General Comments

Comment No. 1

The Applicant has made several improvements to the site without the benefit of Planning Board site plan approval and building permits:

- New patio, fire pit and water fountain located in the Town regulated wetland buffer.
- New 10'x8' shed located in the Town-regulated wetland buffer.
- New trellis over a portion of the existing patio located in the Town-regulated wetland buffer.
- New 6'x4' cooler located in the Town-regulated wetland buffer.
- New 8'x10' cooler and new 4'x9' cooler replacing the previously approved 8'x8' cooler located in the Town-regulated wetland buffer.

Comment noted.

Comment No. 2

All of the new sheds and coolers will need to be incorporated in the GFA and off-street parking analysis.

Response No. 2

Comment is noted and variances were granted by the Town's Zoning Board of Appeals for the three (3) additional parking spaces required by Zoning.

Comment No. 3

The site plan depicts several zoning non-conformities that will need variances from the Zoning Board of Appeals:

- 6'x4' cooler is not located entirely on the subject lot. The Applicant will need to secure a rear yard variance from the Zoning Board of Appeals.
- The outdoor patio does not meet the five foot setback requirement for terraces from the side and rear lot lines pursuant to Section 355-15.A of the Town Code.
- The existing off-street parking variance will need to be amended to accommodate the additional FAR associated with the new sheds and coolers.

Response No. 3

Comment is noted and variances were granted by the Town's Zoning Board of Appeals.

Comment No. 4

The site plan depicts disturbance within the Town-regulated wetland buffer. The site plan should be revised to depict the location of the wetland and wetland buffer. In addition, the site plan should quantify the proposed amount of Town-regulated wetland buffer disturbance (in sq. ft.). Furthermore, the Applicant is required to prepare a mitigation plan that is twice the area of the proposed wetland buffer disturbance.

JMC has prepared a drawing called WMP-I "Wetland Mitigation Plan", last revised I I/22/2021 which we have included with this submission. The noted plan provides mitigation on a two-to-one basis as required.

Comment No. 5

The plan depicts portions of the patio, cooler and walkways on adjacent properties.

Response No. 5

Improvements which encroach on adjacent properties are proposed to be removed with the exception of certain improvements on Shell Station site which may remain as part of an agreement between both owners. Removals of encroachments are noted on the attached site plans.

Comment No. 6

Based upon the most recent submission, it appears that the previously granted off-street parking variance will need to be increased by an additional three off-street parking spaces.

Response No. 6

A variance was granted by the Town's Zoning Board for three (3) additional parking spaces.

C. <u>Kellard Sessions Memorandum, dated November 11, 2021, Regarding North Castle Conservation Board Meeting</u>

GENERAL COMMENTS

Comment No. 1

The plan shall be revised to include the name and address of the owner/applicant.

Response No. 1

The JMC plan has been revised adding the name and address of the Owner/Applicant.

Comment No. 2

The plan shall be revised to bear the seal and signature of the Licensed Professional that prepared the plan.

This comment is noted and plan was submitted electronically with a seal and signature of a Licensed Professional.

Comment No. 3

The applicant should clarify the nature of the invasive and unwanted vegetation.

Response No. 3

We will work with the Town's consultant on delineating the extent of the removal of invasive vegetation.

Comment No. 4

The applicant should identify the existing trees and their size on the map.

Response No. 4

As requested, existing trees have now been identified.

Comment No. 5

The applicant should locate the existing floodway on the map to make sure that there is no encroachment from the new construction (patio).

Response No. 5

The comment is so noted. Existing flood boundaries are now identified on JMC Plan WMP-I "Wetland Mitigation Plan, last revised 11/22/2021.

Comment No. 6

There will be required stormwater mitigation for the patio. The Consulting Engineer met with the Project Engineer for the applicant, and it was agreed that the applicant would confirm the condition of the underlying subbase material to verify whether it has adequate mitigation capacity. If so, the existing joint material will need to be removed and replaced with a permeable joint filler.

Response No. 6

The underlying subbase has been confirmed as a porous material. Existing joint materials will be removed and replaced as required.

As previously noted by this office, the project site is located almost entirely within the FEMA regulated floodplain of a tributary to the Wampus River with a base flood elevation (BFE) of Elevation 379.0. This tributary is also a FEMA regulated floodway, as shown on the National Flood Insurance Program Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) Nos. 36119C0164F and 36119C0277F, effective September 28, 2007. The plan shall be revised to illustrate the limits of the regulated floodway and include the appropriate FEMA map references. Based on the plan and available FEMA mapping, it appears that all prior, unapproved development was completed within the floodplain and a majority of the patio and wall was constructed within the floodway. As such, the applicant will be required to obtain a Floodplain Development Permit demonstrating compliance with Chapter 177 – Flood Damage Prevention of the Town Code. The applicant will be required to demonstrate that appropriate flood mitigation is provided, as it relates to the required "no-rise" analysis and compensatory storage for fill placed within the floodplain. The applicant's Engineer has already indicted that a portion of the constructed seat wall may require removal to avoid encroachment within the floodway. In addition, a suggested solution for flood mitigation included creating a depression in the Wetland Mitigation Area #1, which would improve the site's capacity for water during flooding events.

Response No. 7

- a. The inclusion of the rear outdoor patio area has been constructed at grade and therefore will not create an increase in potential flood levels.
- b. As requested the Applicant will be providing a compensatory flood storage area along the west side of the stream for the gas pit, fountain and raised beds along the fountain. These areas calculate to be ±500 cubic feet. The compensatory storage area will provide ±550 cubic feet.

Comment No. 8

Compensatory storage should be provided, as needed, to off-set loss of floodplain storage, as a result of the recent construction of all structures, including the patio, planters and walls.

Response No. 8

Compensatory storage has been provided as indicated on JMC plan WMP-I entitled "Wetland Mitigation Plan", last revised 11/22/2021.

Comment No. 9

We recommend that mitigation areas be shifted on the north side to center around the trees, to create an appropriate understory of plantings.

Response No. 9

Previously submitted site plans have been revised to consider the existing trees.

The adjacent wetland is associated with the floodplain, and the seeds planted in this area are associated with a different type of wetland that receives more sun, even though some species would thrive in shady areas. We have identified the type of wetland at this location in accordance with the New York Natural Heritage Program, and we recommend that plantings have the characteristics of the "Forested Floodplain" to ensure that restoration plantings are appropriate to the type of conditions that would have been part of this ecosystem. We recommend that the applicant choose plantings from the list found on the NYDEC website link: Floodplain Forest Guide - New York Natural Heritage Program (nynhp.org), especially areas that are located west of the stream bank.

Response No. 10

The comment is so noted. Plans have been revised accordingly.

Comment No. 11

Plantings nearest to the edge of the rock lined stream (trees, sedges and shrubs) are typical of understory plants that thrive in part shade, with the exception of the Winter Red Holly. However, the planting locations may allow for enough sunlight to allow the plants to survive.

Response No. 11

As recommended, the use of Winter Red Holly has been replaced by Cornus Sericea/Red-Osier Dogwood.

Comment No. 12

The Conservation Board should consider requesting a long-term wetland mitigation and monitoring plan (typically 5 years) to ensure that plantings thrive.

Response No. 12

A long-term wetland mitigation and monitoring plan will be coordinated with the Conservation Board, a five year plan, to ensure that the plants thrive.

We thank the Planning Board for their consideration in this matter. We look forward to appearing at your meeting on December 13, 2021.

Sincerely,

JMC Planning Engineering Landscape Architecture & Land Surveying, PLLC

James A. Ryan, RLA

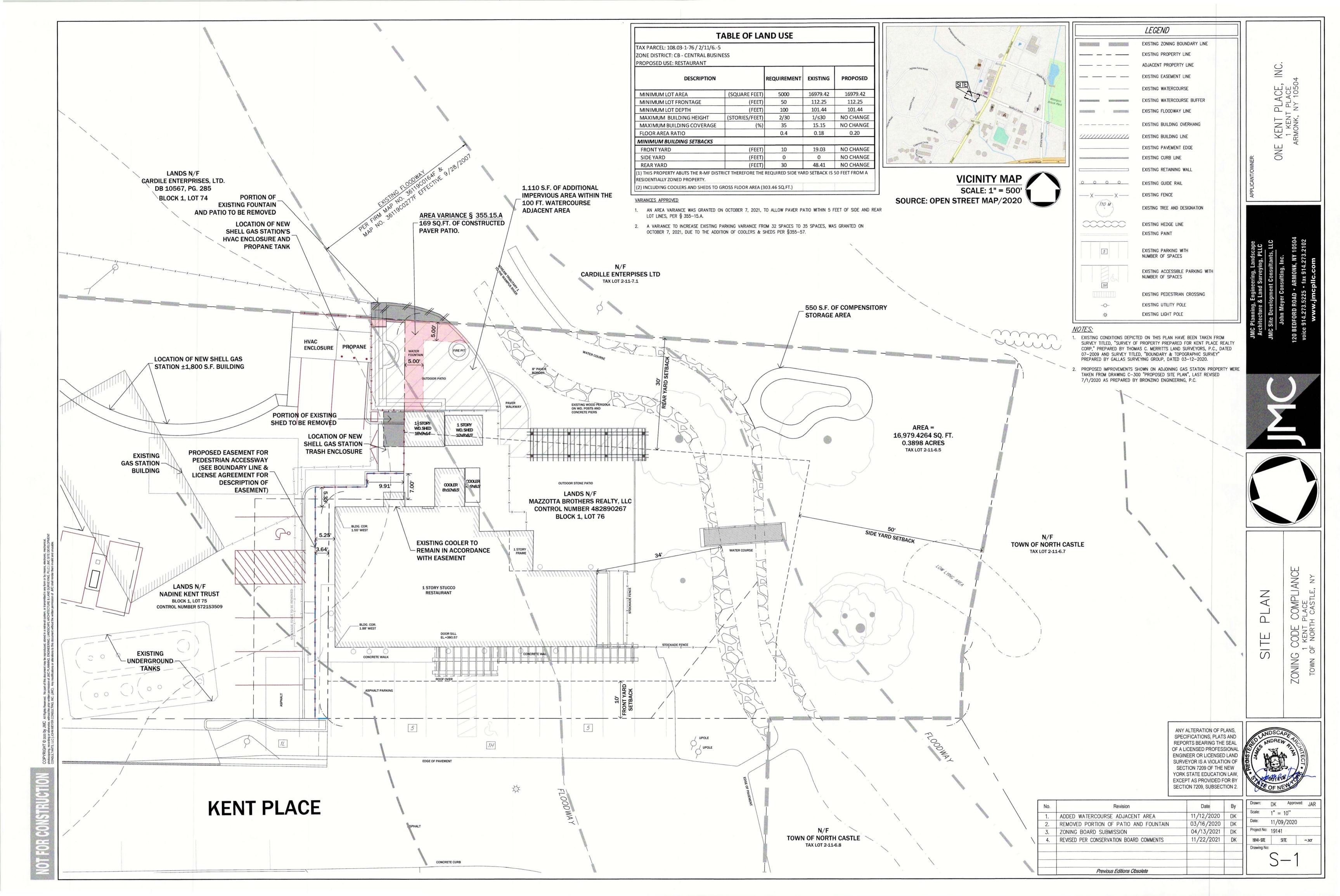
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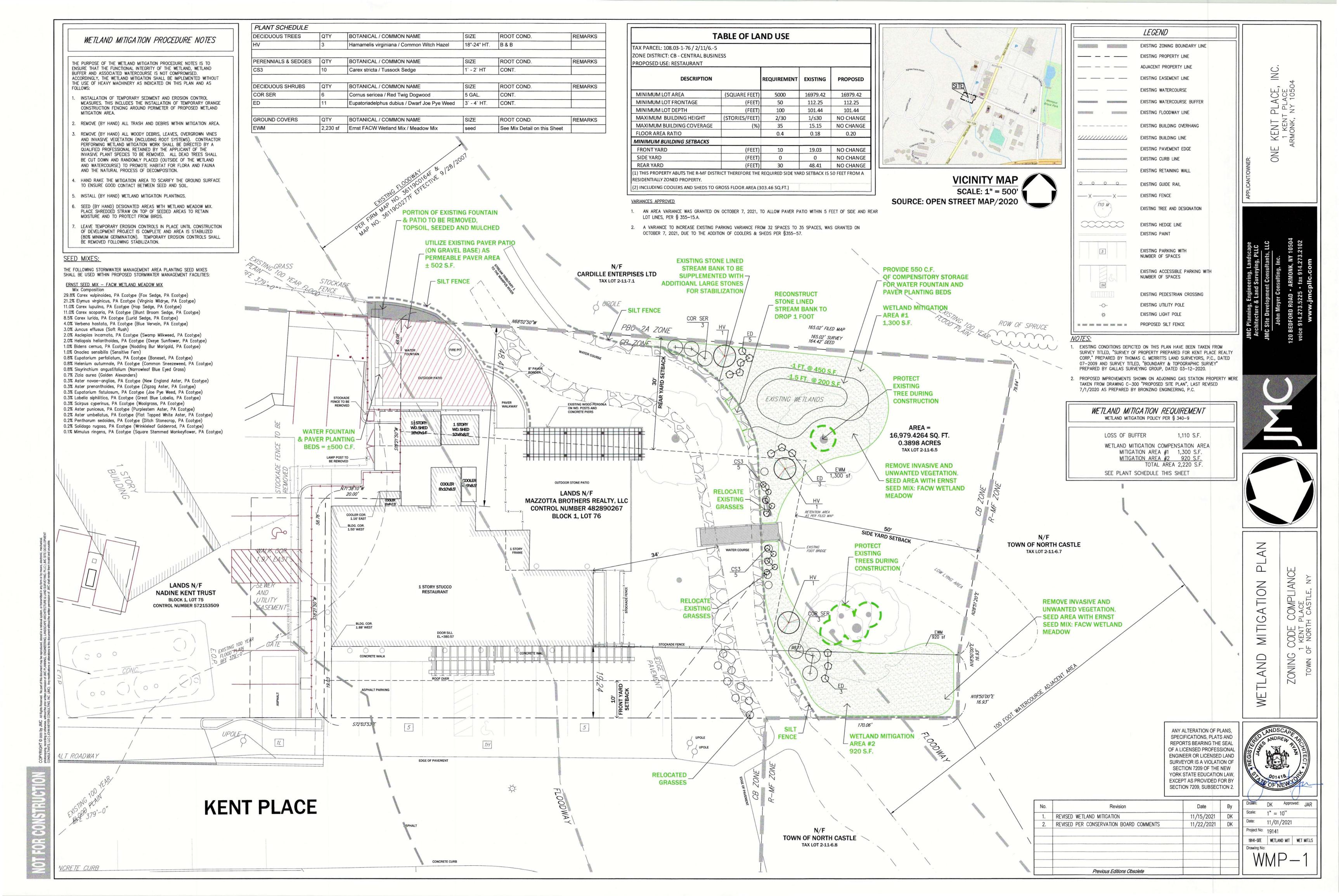
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Zoning Board of Appeals Town of North Castle 15 Bedford Road Armonk, NY 10504

RE:

#2020-049 – I Kent Place Site Plan and Wetlands Permit SBL - 108.03-1-76

To Whom It May Concern:

We have been advised that an application has been made to the Town's Zoning Board of Appeals regarding I Kent Place Inc. (Amore Pizzeria & Italian Kitchen) located at I Kent Place, Armonk NY 10504. We understand that the site owners are seeking three (3) variances for the following:

- I. Section 355-15A of the Town Code where the existing outdoor patio encroaches on the side yard lot line, requiring a 5 ft variance.
- 2. Section 355-15A of the Town Code where the existing patio encroaches on the rear yard lot line, requiring a 5 ft. variance.
- 3. Per Section 355-57 of the Town Code the existing use would require 35 off street parking spaces. In 2013 the property received a variance for 32 spaces, given existing conditions, the previous parking variance is required to be amended to 35 spaces.

As the authorized agent of an abutting property located at <u>375 Main Street</u>, <u>Armonk</u>, <u>NY</u>, we have reviewed the above noted application and have no objection to the granting of the variances for this property owner. We believe that the variance will have no negligible impacts on are property and in no way effect our operations. We thank you for your time.

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