

The State of New Hampshire DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

Robert R. Scott, Commissioner

October 15, 2019

His Excellency, Governor Christopher T. Sununu and The Honorable Council State House Concord, New Hampshire 03301

REQUESTED ACTION

Authorize the State of New Hampshire through the Department of Environmental Services (Department) to accept the gift of a 0.213-acre parcel (parcel) of land, Pursuant to RSA 4:29 from Etchstone Properties, Inc., located at 65 Gilson Road in Nashua, New Hampshire, more particularly described in Attachment A.

EXPLANATION

The Department requests that the State accept the gift of the parcel for the purpose of accessing and maintaining two groundwater monitoring wells situated thereon, which are routinely sampled by the Department as part of the ongoing monitoring of the Sylvester Superfund Site (Site).

The Site is located at 57 Gilson Road in Nashua and was discovered in 1978 as an illegal hazardous waste dumping ground. The Environmental Protection Agency issued a Record of Decision in 1982 and remedial actions began thereafter. The remedy involved the construction of a slurry wall, an extraction and treatment system, contaminant removal, and provision of public drinking water to impacted properties. The active remedy is now complete and today the State, through the Department, owns and maintains two parcels and is responsible for the long-term operation and maintenance issues at the Site including groundwater monitoring. The area is fenced and contains multiple monitoring locations, some of which are off-site.

Etchstone Properties, Inc. currently owns a 13.15-acre lot that is being developed for residential housing and includes the parcel to be gifted to the State. Continued access to the two monitoring wells located on the parcel are necessary for continued operation and maintenance of the Superfund site, which the State is obligated to perform to ensure the Site's continued protectiveness of human health and the environment. Upon approval of this requested action and the Nashua Planning Board's approval of a lot-line relocation, the gifted parcel will be combined with the State's existing northerly property upon conveyance, as illustrated in Attachment B.

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Accepting the gift of real estate will give the State permanent access to the monitoring wells, eliminate the need for long term access agreements, and ensure the State's ability to conduct monitoring work on the Site, which will be required for the foreseeable future. Therefore, it is in the State's best interest to accept this gift of real estate.

This requested action has been approved as to form, substance, and execution by the Office of the Attorney General.

We respectfully request your approval of this item.

Robert R. Scott, Commissioner

ATTACHMENT A

Grantor: Grantee: Etchstone Properties, Inc. State of New Hampshire

OUITCLAIM DEED

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that Etchstone Properties, Inc., a New Hampshire corporation, having a principal place of business at 179 Amherst Street, Nashua, County of Hillsborough, New Hampshire 03064 (the "Grantor") for no consideration as a gift, grants to State of New Hampshire by and through its Department of Environmental Services, having a mailing address of the P.O. Box 95, Concord, New Hampshire 03302, (the "Grantee"), with QUITCLAIM COVENANTS, the following:

A certain tract or parcel of land in Nashua, County of Hillsborough, State of New Hampshire, with the improvements thereon, situated on the northerly side of Gilson Road, and being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a point on the northerly side of said Gilson Road and said point being the northeasterly corner of the within described premises, thence

S 53° 42' 14" W a distance of 62.24 feet to a point, thence turning

N 36° 17' 46" W a distance of 150.63 feet to a point, thence

N 37° 59'-11" W a distance of 86.72 feet to a point, thence turning

N 12° 46' 34" E a distance of 12.30 feet to a point, thence turning

S 50° 21' 59" E a distance of 252.97 feet to the point of beginning.

Said premises being showing as ______ on a plan of entitled "Subdivision Plan *[to be created]*", prepared by Hayner/Swanson, Inc. which plan is recorded in the Hillsborough County Registry of Deeds as Plan # _____.

Said premises is also shown as "WITHDRAWABLE LAND" on a plan entitled "Condominium Site Plan, (Map 'D', Lot 32), Thompson's Preserve Condominium, 65 Gilson Road, Nashua, New Hampshire" dated April 15, 2019, as amended, prepared by Hayner/Swanson, Inc. which plan is recorded in the Hillsborough County Registry of Deeds as Plan #_____ Said premises contains 0.213 acres of land, more or less, according to said plans.

Said premises is to be consolidated with other land of Grantee shown as "Map D Lot 460" on said plans.

Meaning and intending to convey a portion of the premises conveyed to the within Grantor by deed recorded in the Hillsborough County Registry of Deeds at Book 9095, Page 2453 of the Hillsborough County Registry of Deeds.

The within described premises are not subject to homestead rights.

THIS TRANSFER IS EXEMPT FROM TRANSFER TAXES PURSUANT TO NH RSA 78-B:2(I).

EXECUTED this ____ day of _____, 2019.

ETCHSTONE PROPERTIES, INC.

Ву:___

Kevin Slattery, President

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE COUNTY OF _____

On this the _____ day of _____, 2019, before me, personally appeared Kevin Slattery, President of Etchstone Properties, Inc., known to me (or satisfactorily proven) to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument and being authorized so to do, made oath that he executed the same as his free act and deed for the purposes therein contained on behalf of Etchstone Properties, Inc.

Notary Public/Justice of the Peace My commission expires:

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