

Marge Schmuckal - Re: 138 stroudwater

From: Marge Schmuckal
To: Michael J Morse
Date: 10/26/2010 4:10 PM
Subject: Re: 138 stroudwater

221-A-5

Mike,

I believe that is the same house. This picture is misleading. That "open" area has always been open because part of the river flows under tidal influence into where you can view that house. There were never any trees or shrubs in that area. When the house was built in 1980, it was placed to catch the natural open views. There is a partial lawn that does not look new in any way, right in front of the house there. I did not do a horizontal measurement, but it does look like the 75' setback is being honored. I believe the lawn not to be within the 75' protected area. As I said, the tides naturally bring the water into that opening. There are two higher wooded peninsulas on either side of that tidal opening. That is why it looks like it may have been cleared if you are looking from a distance.

As I mentioned to you on the phone, my site visit showed no evidence of any recent clear cutting. I saw no new stumps. I saw no areas of obvious disturbance to indicate recent stump removal. The lot is very densely wooded every where. Any change in that would be pretty obvious. I spoke with the owner, Elizabeth Hoglund, and she did mention that during the Patriot's day storm a while back, many trees were uprooted. They had those trees removed previously. The only recent activity was the removal of bittersweet, which is a common invasive species. It was starting to kill some of her trees. I cautioned the owner to be careful with any bittersweet removal so as not to cut or remove other natural species. I also reminded her not to increase the area of mowed lawn. I found no evidence of a Shoreland Zone violation.

Marge Schmuckal
Zoning Administrator

>>> "Morse, Michael J" <Michael.J.Morse@maine.gov> 10/26/2010 2:13 PM >>>

Marge, thank you for calling me back today to discuss this complaint. I've attached a scan of a photo from the complainant. Is this the same property you inspected?

Thanks,
Mike

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138 Stroudwater Road, Portland, Maine

Complainant's picture
from Mike Morse

Marge Schmuckal - 138 Stroudwater Rd in Portland

From: Marge Schmuckal
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Attachments: 2006 GIS photo.pdf

Mike,

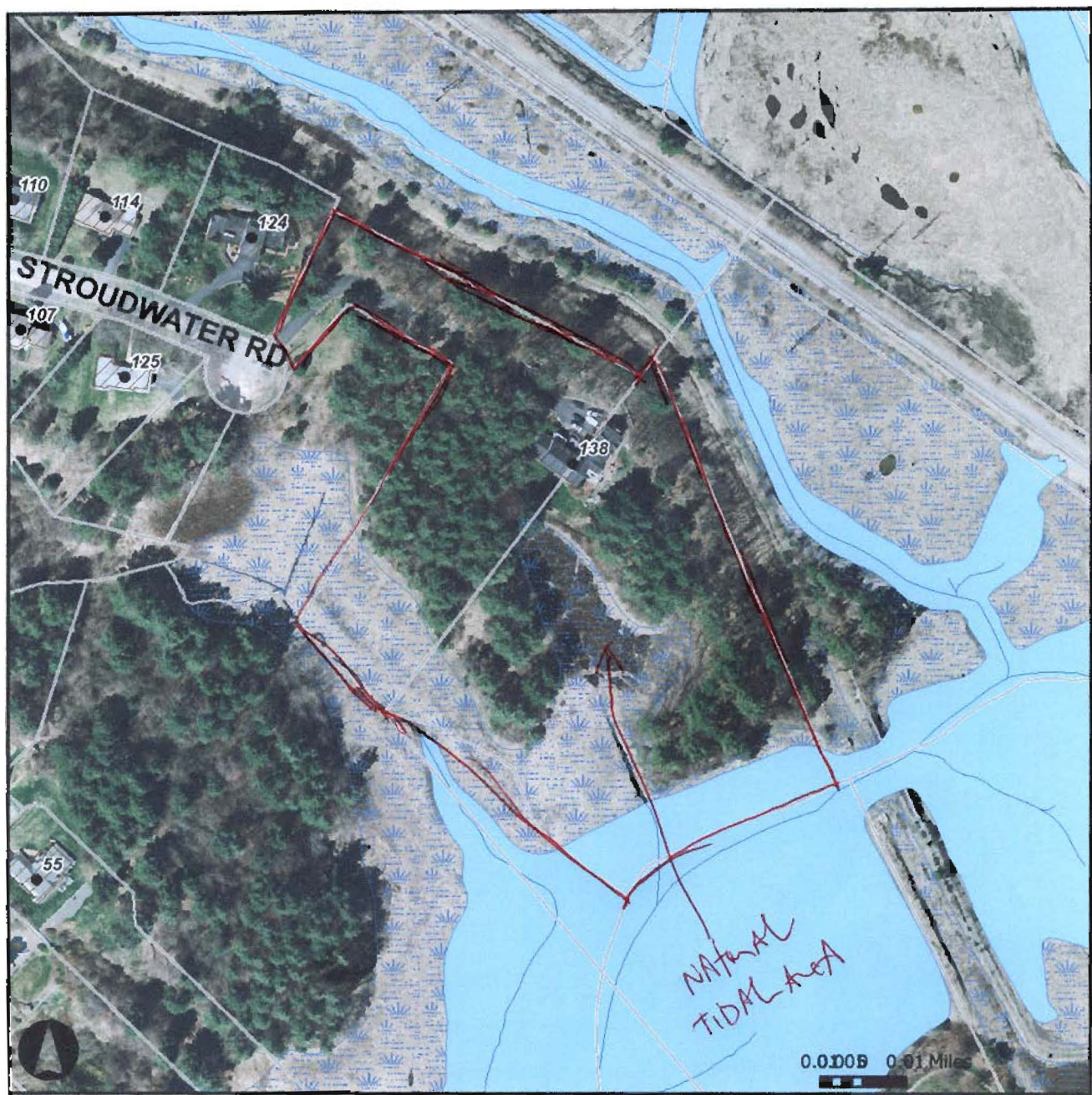
I also have a 2006 GIS photo of the property. It shows no changes and shows what I was trying to describe in the open tidal area.

I hope this helps you.

Marge

2006 Photo

Map



Interstate □	Stream —	County Streets — A15 — A21 — A31	ME Towns □ Land □ Water Body □ Ocean
Streets □	Wetland □ swamp	Photos 2006 (islands) ■ Red: Band_1 ■ Green: Band_2	
Buildings □ Building □ Out Building	Lake/Pond □ under_road □ waterbody		
Parcels			