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PLANNING BOARD REPORT #43-02

NEWELL AVENUE STREET VACATION REQUEST JOHN AND LISA J. VEILLEUX AND PHILLIP AND LISA HATCH, APPLICANTS

Submitted to: Portland Planning Board Portland, Maine

June 11, 2002

Submitted by: Kandice Talbot, Planner

I. INTRODUCTION

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56 notices were sent to area residents. A legal ad appeared in the June 3rd and 4th editions of the *Portland Press Herald*.

II. UTILITIES

The applicants have received letters from Portland Water District, Northern Utilities, Verizon and Central Maine Power. The utility companies have no objection to the street vacation. However, both Portland Water District and Central Maine Power are requesting a utility easement for future use.

Public Works Engineering has reviewed the request and has no objection to the street vacation, although if vacated, they do recommend an access easement be required. Public Works' memo is included as Attachment 2.

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between Tucker Avenue and Milton Street. Attachment 6 is a map produced by the City's GIS Workgroup. This map shows existing paved roads, existing dirt roads and paper streets, with building footprints.

IV. STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff is recommending that the Planning Board not vacate this portion of Newell Avenue. As stated previously, the Transportation Plan promotes interconnection between neighborhoods for both pedestrian and vehicle use. Vacating this portion of Newell Avenue would eliminate the potential for a connection between the Milton Street/Beverly Street neighborhood with the Tucker Avenue neighborhood.

V. MOTIONS FOR THE BOARD TO CONSIDER

On the basis of the plans and petition submitted by the applicant and on the basis of information contained in Planning Report #43-02, the Planning Board recommends the following to the City Council:

i. That the vacation of the portion of Newell Avenue, as depicted on Attachment 4 Jis/is not in conformance with the Comprehensive Plan of the City of Portland, with a public access easement and utility easement retained within the Newell Avenue right-of-way.

Attachments:

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 - 3. Traffic Engineer's Memo
 - 4. Map of Area Proposed to be Vacated
 - 5. Vacant Land Map
 - GIS Map

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April 2, 2002

Sarah Hopkins City of Portland Planning & Urban Development Division 389 Congress Street Portland, Maine 04101

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BY: The Ottobe
(Petitioner's Signature) R. Veiller (Print Name)
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August 23, 2001

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From:

Anthony Lombardo

To:

Kandi Talbot

Date:

Wed, May 1, 2002 7:53 AM

Subject:

Newell Avenue Vacation Request....5/1/02

Kandi,

I have reviewed the application and Public Works has no objection to the request to vacate Newell Avenue. However, in support of the City's "Transportation Policy", I would recommend that Planning visit the subject area to assess the need to retain rights for a pedestrian trail easement.

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From:

Larry Ash

To: Date: Kandi Talbot; Sarah Hopkins Thu, Jun 6, 2002 1:16 PM

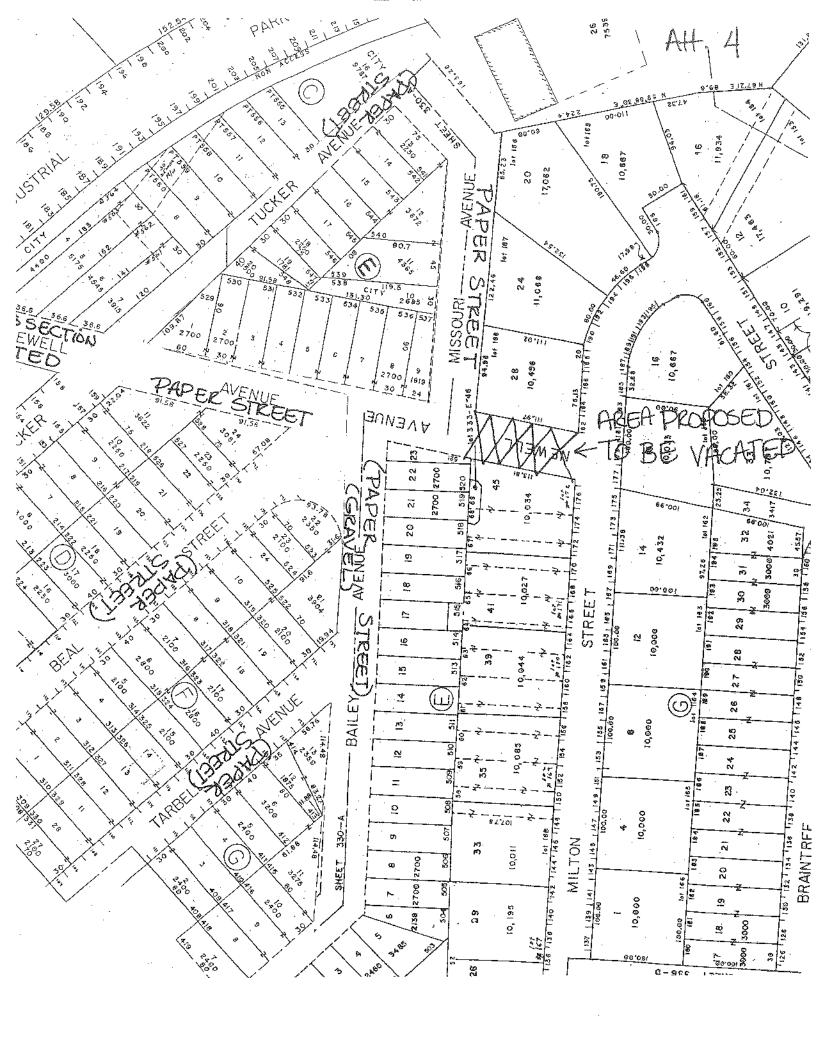
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Kandi: I do not wish to vacate Newell Street and thereby keep open future options for the City should more development occur and vehicular circulation/movement become necessary or desirable in this subdivision.

CC:

Penny Littell



CITY OF PORTLAND, MAINE MEMORANDUM

TO:

Chair Caron and Members of the Portland Planning Board

FROM:

Kandice Talbot, Planner

DATE:

May 14, 2002

SUBJECT:

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From: Anthony Lombardo
To: Kandi Talbot

Date: Wed, May 1, 2002 7:53 AM

Subject: Newell Avenue Vacation Request....5/1/02

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CITY OF PORTLAND, MAINE MEMORANDUM

TO: Chair Caron and Members of the Portland Planning Board

FROM: Kandice Talbot, Planner

DATE: May 14, 2002

SUBJECT: Newell Avenue Street Vacation Request

John and Lisa J. Veilleux and Phillip and Lisa Hatch, Co-Applicants

Introduction

John and Lisa Veilleux, 186 Milton Street, and Phillip and Lisa Hatch, 174 Milton Street is requesting street vacation of a portion of Newell Avenue. The request to vacate is for the portion of Newell Avenue between Milton Street and Bailey Street. The portion of Newell Avenue that the applicant is petitioning to vacate is shown on Attachment 3.

This paper street was referenced and recorded in the Woodfords Garden Subdivision Plan. As part of the subdivision approval, the developer was required to build a 20 ft. x 100 ft. walkway through this portion of Newell Avenue. The developer has stated that he will be constructing the walkway in the near future.

Utilities

The applicants have received letters from Portland Water District, Northern Utilities, Verizon and Central Maine Power. The utility companies have no objection to the street vacation. However, both Portland Water District and Central Maine Power are requesting an easement for future use.

Public Works Engineering has reviewed the request and has no objection to the street vacation, although if vacated, they do recommend an access easement be required. Public Works' memo is included as Attachment 2.

Comprehensive Plan

Newell Street was reserved from automatic vacation in 1997 when the City went through a complete review of paper streets within the City. The City, at that time, elected to continue its public rights in Newell Street. Streets were continued for such reasons as future street connections or utility right of ways.

A policy statement of the Transportation Plan reads:

"The City should promote the interconnection of neighborhood streets and pathways, so that there are multiple paths of travel to get to destinations within and between neighborhoods by foot and bicycle, as well as auto."

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The Board may consider maintaining this portion of Newell Avenue for potential street connection from the Milton Street neighborhood to the neighborhood recently developed on Tucker Avenue. There are also vacant lots that could potentially be developed in the future on Tarbell Avenue, Beal Street and Missouri Avenue.

As stated above, the Planning Board made the last phase of construction on Milton Street contingent on the developer building a 20 ft. x 100 ft. walkway through the paper street. The proposed walkway would lead to a driveway on Bailey Avenue. However, the driveway appears to be within Newell Avenue right of way. The applicants are requesting the street vacation to remove the requirement to construct a walkway between their properties. If the Board did elect to recommend vacation of Newell Avenue to the City Council to address the applicants' concerns, the Woodfords Gardens Subdivision Plat would have to be amended to remove the note referencing the walkway and approved by the Planning Board and then recorded in the Registry of Deeds. Staff would recommend against such an amendment since it would be inconsistent with the City's Transportation Plan.

Attachments:

- 1. Applicant's Submittal
- 2. Public Works' Memo
- 3. Map Showing Street Status in Area

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April 2, 2002

Sarah Hopkins
City of Portland
Planning & Urban Development Division
389 Congress Street
Portland, Maine 04101

Re: Application to vacate a portion of Newell Avenue

Dear Ms. Hopkins:

In accordance with 23 M.R.S.A. § 3027(1), I, along with my wife, Lisa J. Veilleux, and Phillip and Lisa Hatch, co-abutters, hereby petition the Planning Board to vacate that portion of Newell Avenue, a paper street, between Milton Street and Bailey Avenue in the Forest Avenue Terrace/Woodford Gardens subdivision, all located within the City of Portland. A more thorough legal description is contained in Exhibit A, attached hereto. My wife and I live at 186 Milton Street; the Hatches live at 174 Milton Street. We are the direct abutters to the subject portion of Newell Avenue.

The above-referenced paper street was referenced and recorded in the Cumberland County Registry of Deeds on April 26, 1996 in Plan Book 196 at Page 140. The City never accepted the street. See attached Plan, Exhibit B. The subject area is depicted on Tax Map Nos. 330 and 333, attached hereto as Exhibit C, on file at the City's offices. Pursuant to Portland City Council Order #84, passed on September 3, 1997, the City excepted this portion of Newell Avenue between Milton Street and Tucker Avenue from deemed vacation after a change in the law pursuant to 23 M.R.S.A. § 3032. The City has already vacated that portion of Newell Avenue running between Beverly Street and Milton Street, and from Tucker to Riverside Industrial Parkway, some of which is depicted on the above-referenced Subdivision Plan. The applicants here are only seeking to have the City vacate that part of Newell Avenue that runs from Milton to Bailey/Missouri/Tarbell.

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The part of Newell Avenue at issue in this petition is approximately 50 feet by 100 feet in size and does not extend or connect to other roads, streets, trails, schools, fire stations, or the like. Apparently, the Planning Board made the last phase of construction on Milton Street contingent on the developer building a 20 foot by 100 foot walkway through the paper road, which leads to no where. In fact, an existing home, deck, garage, and shed not depicted on Tax Map Nos. 330 and 333 are located on a part or the whole of the subject portion of Newell, and any path or accepted road would lead to and through that home's front yard and driveway. Photos of the subject property will be provided, if necessary. There is simply no public interest preserved by constructing this walkway. A similar "walkway" was constructed in the nearby Buca Run development as a condition to approval of that project. That path, although it did connect Buca with the Harris Avenue neighborhood in the area across the street from Riverton Elementary School, was loamed over and seeded by the abutters.

Vacating this small part of Newell Avenue would not affect the public's rights to egress and ingress. Although the City apparently has a preference for "connecting" the various streets in its subdivisions, vacating the subject portion of Newell Avenue would not affect that preference. Bailey Avenue and Tarbell Avenue are currently dead-end streets that abut Missouri Avenue, yet another paper road that abuts primarily wetlands. Most of the land abutting Missouri Avenue was developed as part of the Tucker Avenue Ext. project and the extension of Milton Street. Much of Bailey Avenue is now undevelopable because various owners of Milton Street and Saugus Street properties have purchased vacant lots abutting Bailey to the rear of their respective properties. However, on the slight possibility that Bailey and Tarbell Avenues are developed in the future, vacating the subject portion of Newell Avenue would not affect such development because Bailey Avenue is connected to the neighborhood via Lynn Avenue and Dover Street. Tarbell Avenue is currently connected to the subdivision via Dover Street, and Bailey and Tucker Avenue. Connection could also be made in the future along the remaining, non-vacated portions of Newell Avenue and Beal Street.

I have enclosed copies of letters from all relevant public utilities, which indicate that they have little interest in the portion of Newell Avenue to be vacated. Pursuant to my communications with Corporation Counsel's office, I understand that the City will mail out notices as required by 23 M.R.S.A. § 3027 using the information contained in the City's tax maps. I enclose a check for \$500.00 to cover the costs associated with providing such notice to potentially affected property owners and mortgagees, together with an executed waiver and indemnification agreement provided by the Planning Board.

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I further request that you take all further action necessary to complete vacating the above-described paper street. Please let me know if you need any further information. If necessary, I would be happy to meet with a member of the planning department at the subject street. I understand that the matter will be eventually be brought before the Planning Board for workshop and public hearing, and that the Planning Board will then make a recommendation to the City Council. I also understand that final action on this application will be made by the City Council. If the subject part of Newell Avenue is vacated, the co-applicants understand that the respective abutters will own, equally, to the former centerline of Newell Avenue pursuant to 33 M.R.S.A. § 465.

Very truly yours,

JRV/vas Attachments

ce: Danny and Lisa Hatch

Penny Littell, Corporation Counsel's Office, w/o Puclosures

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EXHIBIT A

That portion of Newell Avenue, so-called, as shown on that Plan of Woodfords Gardens, said Plan being recorded in the Cumberland County Registry of Deeds on April 26, 1996 at Plan Book 196, Page 140, which Plan was a retracement of a prior plan entitled "Woodford Gardens, Portland, Maine, owned by J.W. Wilbur Co., Inc.", dated November 16, 1916 and recorded in the Cumberland County Registry of Deeds at Plan Book 13, Page 75, which is bounded to the north by Lot 158 as shown on the Plan (Veilleux), to the south by Lot 45 on City of Portland Tax Map No. 333 (Hatch), to the east by Milton Street, and to the west by the continuation of Newell Avenue and Missouri Avenue, both paper roads, all as depicted on the Plan and Tax Map Nos. 330 and 333.

VACATION WAIVER AND INDEMNIFICATION

WHEREAS, John R. Willew and Phillip Ownel Hattoff 186 and 174 Milton Street (Petitioner) (Petitioner's Address)	Ĵ
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(Name of proposed Town way) particularly described as Exhibit A attached to the Application for	
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WHEREAS, the City of Portland as a condition precedent to any vacation of the proposed Town way or portion thereof requires a waiver of any and all claims which the Petitioner may have against the City for such vacation, and further, requires indemnification against any and all claims of any and all third persons arising out of or resulting from the vacation of said proposed Town way or portion thereof;	
NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the City vacating said proposed Town way or portion thereof, the Petitioner for itself, its successors, heirs and assigns, agrees as follows:	
l. The Petitioner hereby waives any and all claims for damages which it may now or hereafter have against the City arising out of or resulting from any vacation of said proposed Town way or portion thereof by the City pursuant to 23 M.R.S.A. § 3027 et seq.;	
2. The Petitioner hereby agrees to defend, indemnify and hold harmless the City against any and all claims by any and all third persons against the City for damages arising out of or resulting from any vacation of said proposed Town way or portion thereof by the City pursuant to 23 M.R.S.A. § 3027 et	
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(Petitioner's Signature) John R. Veilleux Millip Daniel Hatch	
r (Print Name)	

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(207) 774-5961 FAX (207) 761-8307 www.pwd.org

August 23, 2001

Mr. John Veilleux Norman, Hansen & DeTroy 415 Congress Street P.O. Box 4600 Portland, ME 04112-4600

Re: Proposed Vacation of a Portion of Newell Avenue

Dear Mr. Veilleux:

Per your request, the District currently has no facilities in the portion of Newell Avenue between Milton Street and Bailey Avenue. If the remainder of Newell Avenue is ever developed with a water main in the future, the District will want to tie the main through to Milton Street. The District has no objection to the proposed vacation of the street provided the two abutting owners grant the District an easement for a water line potentially needed in the future.

Do not hesitate to call me at 774-5961 ext. 3057 if you have any further questions regarding this request or need any further information.

Sincerely yours,

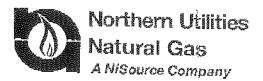
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Norman Hanson & Detroy

After reviewing the parcel of land on Newall St. in Portland Maine. Northern Utilities Inc. will have no future interest in development of that area of land.

Sincerely,

Rick Bellemare - New Construction

Troy F. Mcdonald, P.L.S. Right-of-Way Specialist



5 Davis Farm Road Portland, ME 04103

Phone 207 797-1785 Fax 207 797-1098 troy.f.mcdonald@verizon.com

September 12, 2001

John R. Veilleux Norman, Hanson & DeTroy, LLC P.O. Box 4600 Portland, Maine 04112-4600

RE: Partial Vacation of Newell Avenue - Portland, Maine

Dear John:

Our engineering department has review that portion of Newell Avenue you desire to have vacated. Please be aware that Verizon has no objections to the vacation of this portion of Newell Avenue and would not request the retention of a public easement.

If you have any questions, or would like to discuss this matter further, do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

Troy F. McDonald, PLS Right-of-Way Specialist

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Real Estate Services

September 4, 2001

John Veilleux Norman, Hanson & Detroy P.O. Box 4600 Portland, Maine 04112-4600

Re: Vacating Paper Street

Dear Mr. Veilleux:

Upon vacating paper streets, Central Maine Power Company requests that easements be reserved for electric distribution and communication equipment and facilities, consisting of poles, wires and cables, together with all necessary fixtures and appurtenances over, under and across the surface, that may exist within the paper street, if any.

Thank you for contacting Central Maine Power Company on this matter and please let me know if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

Alice Richards

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NOTICE

On September 3, 1997, the Portland City Council passed Order # 84, entitled Order Excepting Streets From Deemed Vacation. This Order contains a listing of paper streets subject to 23 M.R.S.A. §3032, and sets forth the City's action on each street in a subdivision that is covered by that statute. The list indicates whether the City elected to continue its public rights in a street, to allow the street to be vacated and terminate the public rights, or to do some combination of the two.

A certified copy of Portland City Council Order #84 is recorded in the Cumberland

County Registry of Deeds in Book

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Dated: September 16, 1997

Nadeen M. Daniels, City Clerk

ORDER

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NADEEN M. DANIELS CITY CLERK, PORTLAND, ME

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ordered, pursuant to 23 M.R.S.A. §3032(2), the streets indicated on Attachment A are hereby excepted from the operation of 23 M.R.S.A. §3032(1) for a period of twenty (20) years.

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PLANNING REPORT #4-00

MILTON STREET SUBDIVISION

VICINITY OF MILTON STREET BETWEEN SAUGUS STREET AND BEVERLY STREET

DIVERSIFIED PROPERTIES, APPLICANT

Submitted to:

Portland Planning Board Portland, Maine

February 8, 2000

I. INTRODUCTION

A public hearing has been scheduled to consider a proposed 11 lot subdivision on Milton Street proposed by Diversified Properties.

390 notices were sent to area residents.

II. FINDINGS

Zone:

R-2 Residential

Land Area:

3.27 acres

Number of Lots:

11

Lot Sizes:

10,000 sq. ft. to 10,195 sq. ft.

This development involves reconfiguring an old subdivision to meet current zoning.

As the Board will recall, at the September 28th workshop, the applicant eliminated the double frontage lots. The Bailey Avenue lots are no longer part of this proposal. The subdivision includes only Milton Street lots except that the rear part of lots 171 and 167 borrowed a small segment of several Bailey Avenue lots.

III. STAFF REVIEW

This development has been reviewed for conformance with the review standards of the subdivision ordinance.

1. Water or Air Pollution

The development will not result in undue water or air pollution.

2/3. Water Supply

A letter from the Portland Water District that "there should be an adequate supply of clean and healthful water" to serve the needs of the subdivision as well as an "adequate capacity" (see Attachment C.)

With an 8 inch water main in Saugus Street and Newell Street, the applicant will need to extend the water main 560 feet through Milton Street to serve the subdivision lots.

4. Soil Erosion

Attachment A-4 indicates measures to prevent soil erosion. These measures include a geotextile sediment filter barrier, a temporary check dam in drainage ways and placement of hay bales as a sediment filter for drop inlets.

5. Traffic

The applicant will construct a public street along Milton Street (dedicated but not presently built) between developed sections of Saugus Street and Beverly Street.

The street is proposed to be 24 feet wide with granite curb and sidewalks on both sides of the street. The lower part of Milton Street by Beverly Street is 32 feet wide so that the new street will be tapered to transition into a 24 foot wide roadway. The existing lower part of Milton Street predates changes in the technical standards that allow for a 24 foot wide residential street.

Comments from Larry Ash, City Traffic Engineer, are shown on Attachment D. Mr. Ash indicates that Newell Street should be extended to create a stub for future development to Bailey Avenue. This would provide for a future connection to streets such as Bailey Avenue, Tarbel Avenue and Newell Avenue and is in accordance with the <u>Transportation Plan</u> which encourages street connections.

Mr. Ash's recommendation would involve extending Newell Avenue along the street frontage of lot 172, a distance of 113 feet.

6/7. Sanitary Waste and Stormwater Disposal

Sanitary waste will flow into a proposed 8 inch sewer line. Due to elevation differences, there will be a separate line for the upper part of Milton Street, while the lower part of Milton Street (most of the lots) will be served by an 8 inch line connecting into lower Milton Street/Beverly Street. A sewer capacity letter should be obtained from Public Works.

A 12 inch storm drain is also planned in Milton Street. It too will be divided into two sections in a similar manner as the sewer line.

A stormwater analysis was prepared for the Hillcrest West Subdivision as well as other subdivisions in the area which took into account the downstream impact of the Woodfords Garden Subdivision. The downstream impact of this development is deemed acceptable. The stormwater from this site will be connected into storm drains originally planned for this subdivision. The outlet for this system is the Milliken Brook which eventually flows into the Presumpscot River.

The plan incorporates drainage easements along the rear and side yards of all lots. The drainage plan facilitates the movement of stormwater from the lots to the city's storm drain system in Milton Street rather than on abutting lots outside the subdivision. The drainage easements are intended to work in tandem with one another to address drainage concerns. Two catchbasins are shown in the rear yards of lots 167-168 and lots 170-171. No catchbasins are shown on the southerly side of Milton Street.

Steve Bushey, Development Review Coordinator (see Attachment E) and Anthony Lombardo, Public Works Engineer, have reviewed and approved the plans. Copies of drainage easements and slope easements will need to be submitted for staff review and approval.

8. Effect on Scenic or Natural Beauty, Aesthetic

This 3.27 acre parcel is located between Beverly Street and Saugus Street in an area of recent single family subdivisions. There are no known significant natural features on this site that would be adversely affected by this proposal.

9. Land Development Plan

The subdivision meets the minimum lot size of the R-2 zone.

11. Financial and Technical Capacity

A letter from a bank has been submitted regarding financial capacity. See Attachment F.

12. <u>Groundwater</u>

The development is served by public water and sewer.

13. Wetlands

Wetland areas are shown in the plan.

14. Fire

The Fire Department has reviewed and approved the plan. There is an existing fire hydrant near lot 162 and a second hydrant at the corner of Milton Street and Saugus Street.

IV. MOTIONS FOR THE BOARD TO CONSIDER

On the basis of plans and materials submitted by the applicant and on the basis of information contained in Planning Board Report #4-00 relevant to the standards for subdivision review [and/or other findings as follows.]

- 1. That the plan is in conformance with the Subdivision Standards of the Land Use Code.
 - A. Potential Conditions of Approval:
 - i. That the applicant submit drainage easements and slope easements for review and approval by city staff.
 - ii. That a sewer capacity letter from Public Works be submitted documenting adequate capacity to serve this subdivision.

Attachments

- A. Subdivision Plan
- B. Background Information
- C. Letter from Portland Water District
- D. Memo from City Traffic Engineer
- E. Memo from Development Review Coordinator
- F. Letter from Peoples Heritage Bank
- G. Vicinity Map

February 9, 2000

Mr. Jim Wolf Diversified Properties P.O. Box 10127 Portland ME 04104

RE: Milton Street Subdivision

Dear Mr. Wolf:

On February 8, 2000 the Portland Planning Board voted 6-0 (Rodriguez absent) on the following motions regarding the 11 lot Milton Street subdivision:

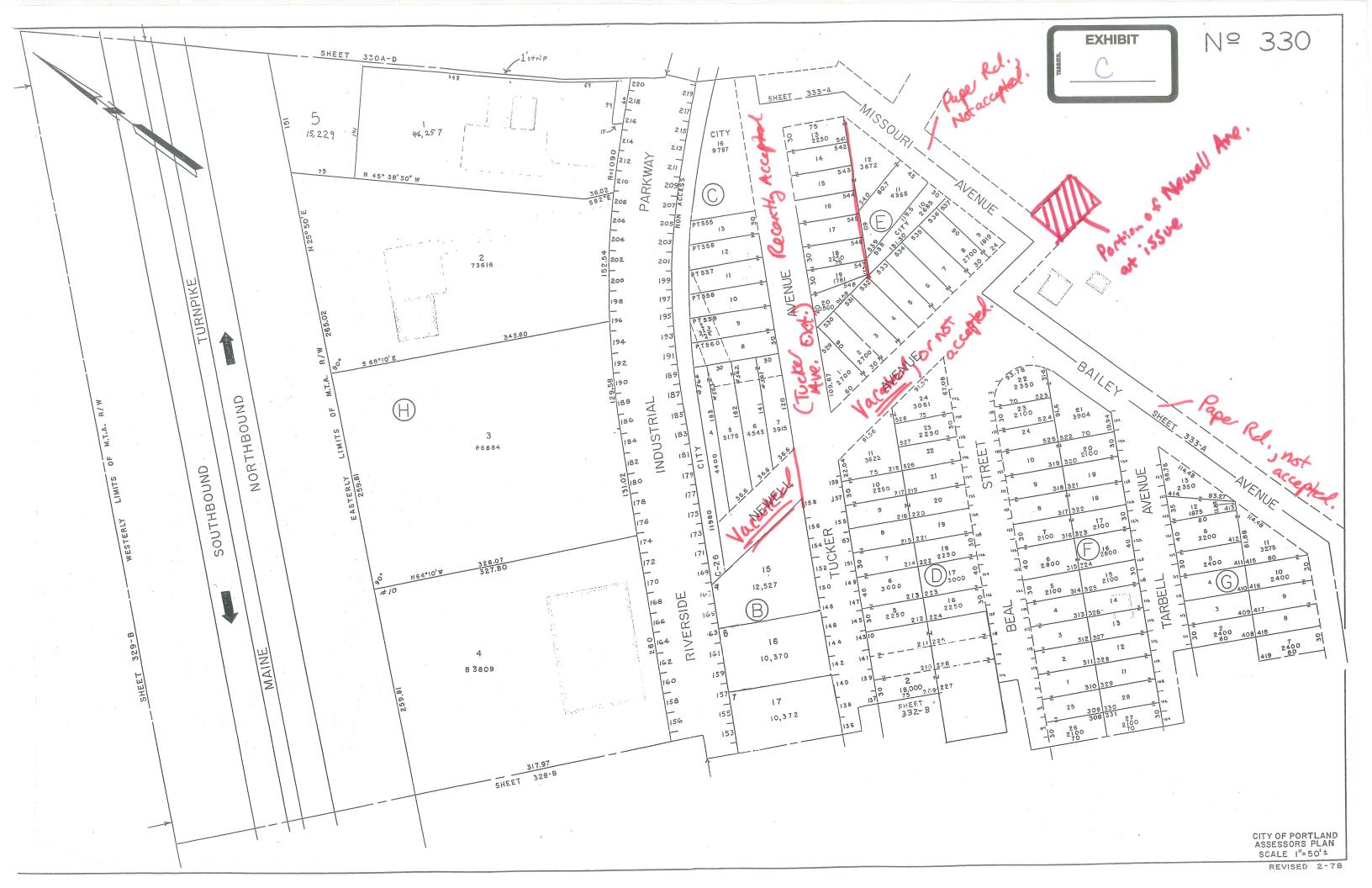
- 1. That the plan was in conformance with the Subdivision Review Ordinance of the City Land Use Code with the following condition(s):
 - i. That the applicant submit drainage easements and grading easements for review and approval by city staff.
 - ii. That the applicant shall construct a pedestrian walkway within Newell Street between Milton Street and Missouri Avenue.

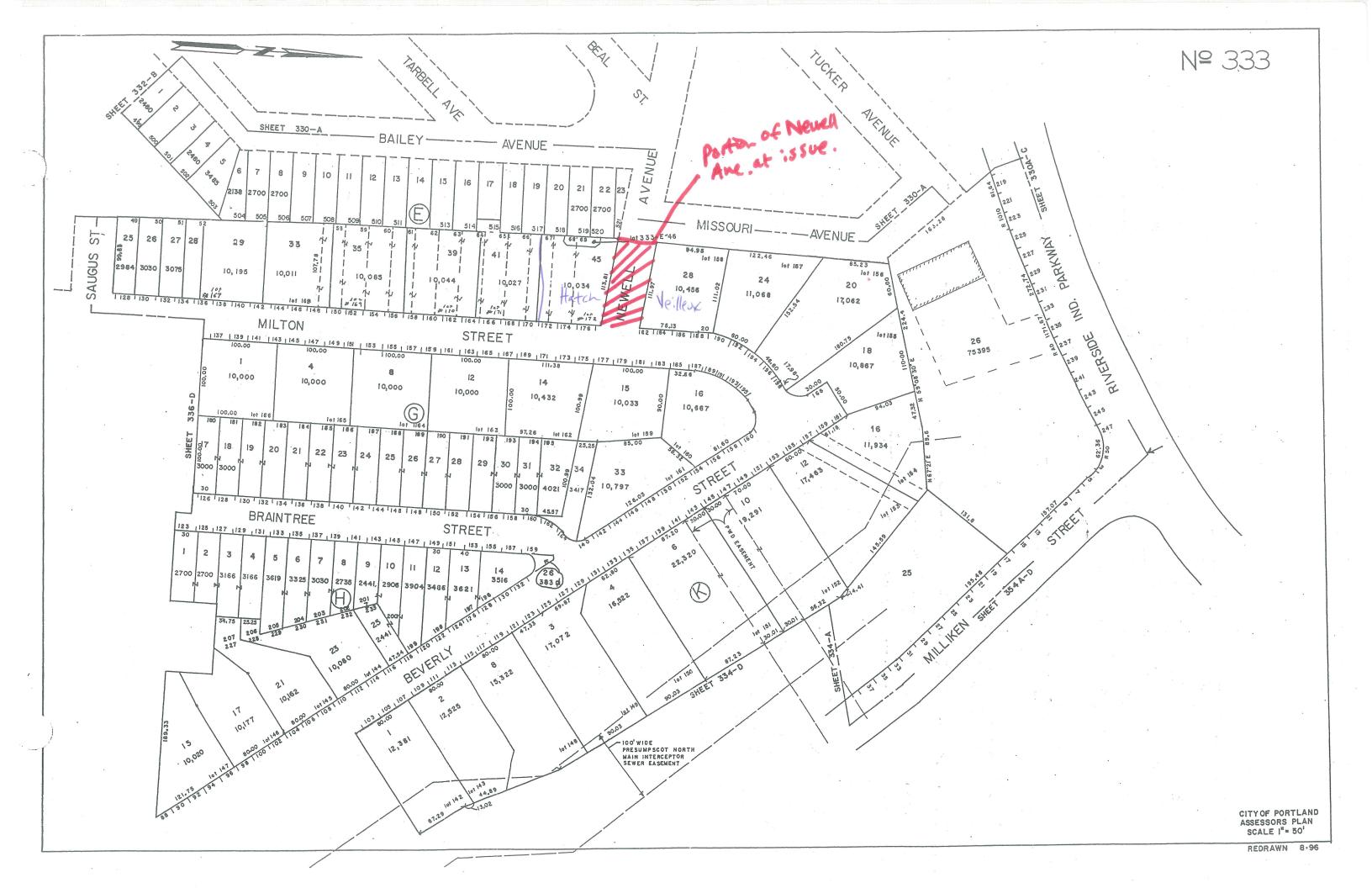
The approval is based on the submitted plan and the findings related to site plan review standards as contained in Planning Board #4-00, which is attached.

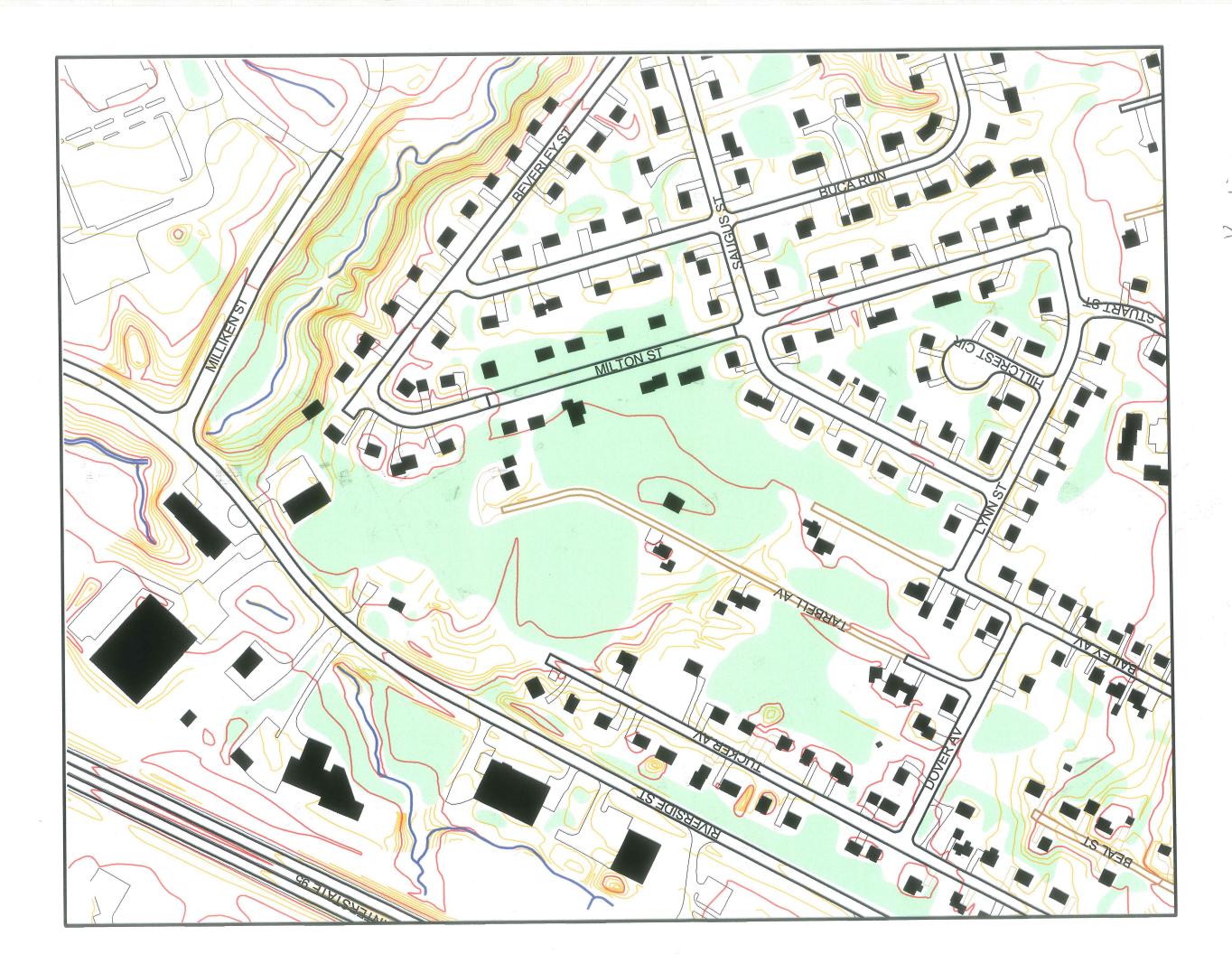
Please note the following provisions and requirements for all subdivision approvals:

- 1. Mylar copies of the construction drawing for the subdivision must be submitted to the Public Works Department prior to the release of the plat.
- 2. A performance guarantee covering the site improvements as well as an inspection fee payment of 1.7% of the guarantee amount must be submitted to and approved by the Planning Division and Public works prior to the recording of the subdivision plat. The subdivision approval is valid for three (3) years.
- 3. A defect guarantee, consisting of 10% of the performance guarantee, must be posted before the

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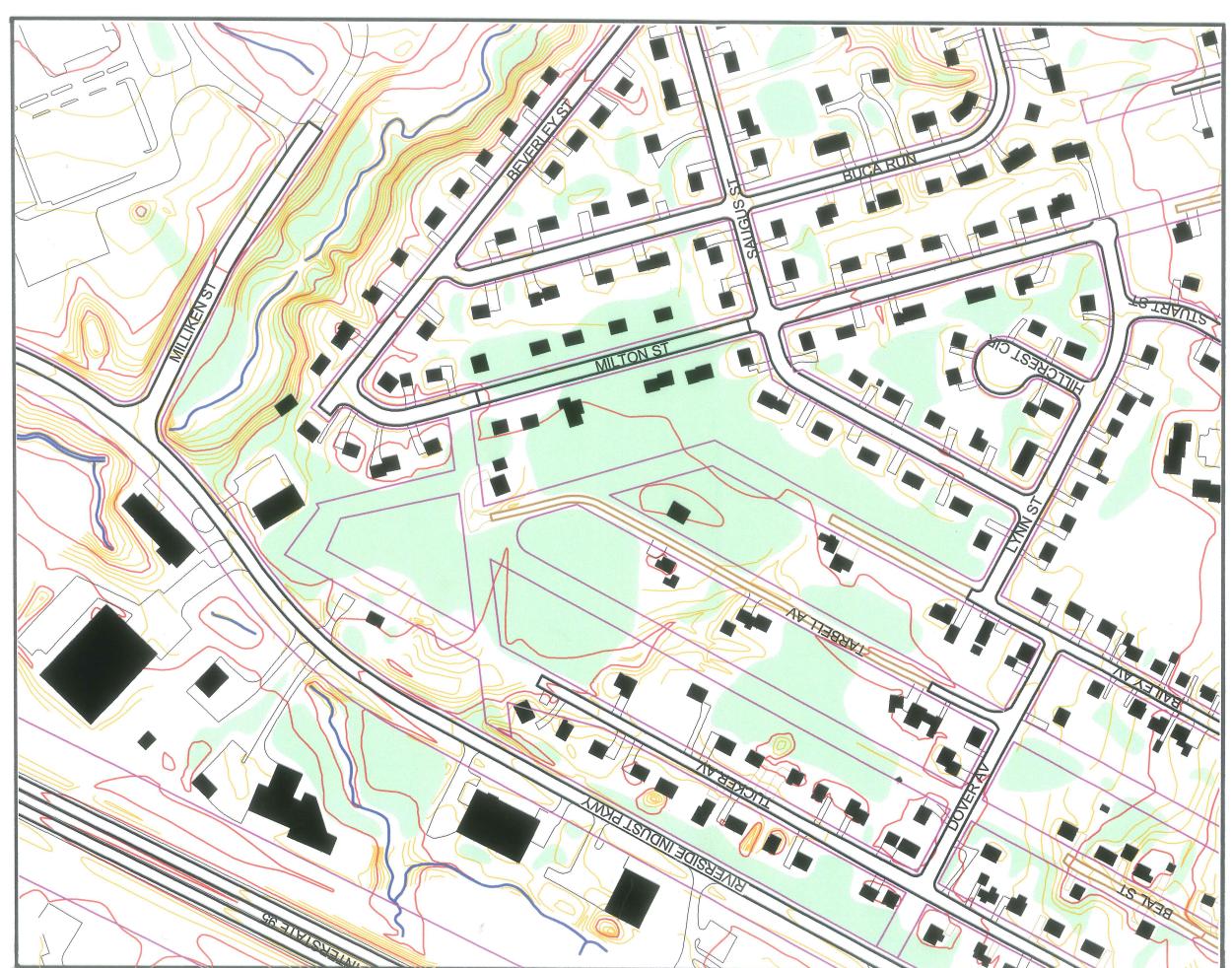


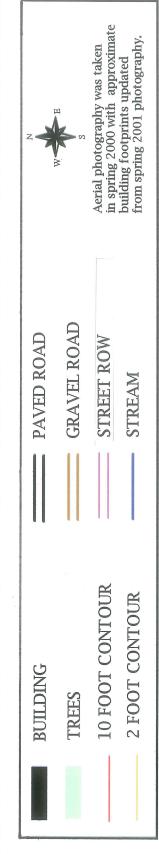




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