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Project Description:	<p>Erik Christiansen, of South Coast Construction Inc, has submitted a Final Subdivision Amendment Application. The amendment application seeks approval to relocate the well and associated well exclusion zone for Lot 8-9 and alter the location of the reserve septic system on Lot 8-9. The subdivision is approved for a 10 lot/dwelling unit residential cluster major subdivision on 27.75 acres of land located off of Green Road. This is considered Phase 2 of the Webber Ridge Subdivision (4 lots approved off of Green Road/ previously). The property is within the Rural and 250' Shoreland Overlay Districts. The subdivision proposes a 50' wide ROW/private street, a fire pond, and 44% Open Space.</p>																														
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<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. On 3/17/2023 the applicant submitted a subdivision amendment application for the above described amendment. 2. On 3/24/23 the Planning Office mailed notice to abutters of the amendment application and of the 4/3/23 Planning Board meeting. 3. On 3/31/23 the Planning Office prepared a draft plan markup, completeness and draft compliance review checklists and a memo for the applicant and Planning Board.



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4. On 4/3/23 the Planning Board voted to receive the amendment application, _____

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<p>In reviewing applications for a subdivision, the Board shall consider the following general standards and make findings that each has been met prior to the approval of a final plan. In all instances the burden of proof shall be upon the applicant.</p>	
<p>A. Conformance with Comprehensive Plan. All proposed subdivisions shall be in conformity with the Comprehensive Plan of the municipality and with the provisions of all pertinent state and local codes and ordinances.</p>	<p>THE PLANNING BOARD FINDS THAT THIS STANDARD SHALL REMAIN MET.</p>
<p>B. Retention of open spaces and natural or historic features. [Amended 6-11-2013]</p>	<p>THE PLANNING BOARD FINDS THAT THIS STANDARD SHALL REMAIN MET.</p>
<p>(1) In any subdivision with no more than five lots or dwellings units, no dedicated open space is required. In any subdivision with at least six lots or dwelling units and no more than 10 lots or dwelling units, there shall be a minimum of 10% or 20,000 square feet, whichever is greater, of the total property net area dedicated as open space. Off site dedication of open space land may be approved by the Planning Board if excess land is provided and the land has a greater benefit to the public than land within the development. In any subdivision with more than 10 lots or dwelling units, there shall be a minimum of 35% of the total property net area dedicated as open space.</p>	<p>This residential cluster subdivision proposes 10 lots/ dwelling units and is required to provide a minimum of 35% Open Space. This subdivision proposes approximately 44% open space or 540,506 SF of the 27.74 acre parcel. See plan note 14 on 2019 plan.</p> <p>No change to open space proposed with this amendment application.</p> <p>Plan details plan referances.</p>
<p>(2) Land reserved for open space purposes shall be of a character, configuration and location suitable for the particular use intended. A site intended to be used for active recreation purposes, such as a playground or a play field, should be relatively level and dry. Sites selected primarily for scenic or passive recreation purposes shall have such access as the Planning Board may deem suitable. The configuration of such sites shall be deemed adequate by the Planning Board with regard to scenic or historic attributes to be preserved, together with sufficient areas for trails, lookouts, etc., where necessary and appropriate.</p>	<p>See plan note 14 on 2019 plan. The Open Space shall be retained by the Webber Ridge Phase 2 Homeowner’s Association and shall be used for passive recreation.</p>
<p>(3) Reserved open space land, acceptable to the Planning Board and subdivider, may be dedicated or conveyed to the municipality, a land trust, or other recognized conservation organization. Such reservation may also be accomplished by incorporation into homeowners’ association or condominium association documents or into restrictive deed covenants. (See § 145-49, residential cluster development standards.)</p>	<p>No such reservation proposed.</p>



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<p>(4) The Planning Board may require that the development plans include a landscape plan that will show the preservation of any existing trees larger than 24 inches in diameter at breast height, the replacement of trees and vegetation, graded contours, streams and the preservation of scenic, historic or environmentally significant areas. Cutting of trees on the northerly borders of lots should be avoided as far as possible, to retain a natural wind buffer.</p>	<p>Trees greater than 24” in diameter are not identified. 24” trees to be retained are not identified. See note 21 on 2019 plan and waiver granted by the Planning Board on 6/3/19 allowing such trees not to be depicted on the plan based on note 21.</p> <p>See also plan note 22 on 2019 plan.</p>
<p>C. Blocks. Where street lengths exceed 1,000 feet between intersections with other streets, the Board may require an utility/pedestrian easement, at least 20 feet in width, to provide for underground utility crossings and/or a pedestrian pathway of at least five feet in width. Maintenance obligations of the easement shall be included in the written description of the easement.</p>	<p>THE PLANNING BOARD FINDS THAT THIS STANDARD SHALL NOT APPLY.</p>
<p>D. Lots.</p>	<p>THE PLANNING BOARD FINDS THAT THIS STANDARD SHALL REMAIN MET.</p>
<p>(1) All lots shall meet the minimum requirements of Chapter 145, Land Use, for the zoning district in which they are located. The lot configuration should be designed to maximize the use of solar energy on building sites with suitable orientation.</p>	<p>§145-30. Rural District requirements apply to the 10 single family dwelling units approved The 10 single family lots proposed are also a Residential Cluster Development and are permitted by §145-49 to be 20,000 SF in size if not served by public sewer. All lots proposed are at least 20,000 SF in size. See note 9 on 2019 plan.</p> <p>Lots smaller than 40,000 SF in area are permitted 40% lot coverage. Lots 1, 8 and 9 are smaller than 40,000 SF in area.</p> <p>On 6/3/19 the Planning Board voted to allow reduced lot size, street frontage, setbacks and to permit 40% lot coverage for lots smaller than 40,000 SF in area. Buffers were also approved.</p> <p>The proposed cluster development’s Open Space area is located within the 250’ Shoreland Overlay District.</p> <p>No changes proposed to lot areas, lot size, open space or right of ways.</p>
<p>(2) Lot configuration and area shall be designed to provide for adequate off-street parking and service facilities based upon the type of development contemplated. Wherever possible, parking areas shall be laid out to coincide with building locations to maximize solar energy gain.</p>	<p>All driveways shall be designed to comply with Chapter 201 and must provide an on-site turnaround so vehicles are not backing out on to roadways. See plan note 15 on 2019 plan.</p> <p>See note 17 on 2019 plan which states parking along Webber Ridge Land and Green Road is prohibited.</p> <p>No change proposed to the driveway for Lot 8-9.</p>



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(3) Lots with multiple frontages shall be avoided wherever possible. When lots do have frontage on two or more roads, the plan and deed restrictions shall indicate that vehicular access shall be located only on the less traveled way.	See note 15 on 2019 plan which prohibits driveways accessing Green Road. All driveways serving Lots 1 to 10 shall be constructed off of Webber Ridge Lane. Deeds for Lots 1, 2, 3, and 4 shall restrict vehicular access to Webber Ridge Lane only. See note 15 on 2019 plan.
(4) Wherever possible, side lot lines shall be perpendicular to the street.	
(5) The subdivision of tracts into parcels with more than twice the required minimum lot size shall be laid out in such a manner as to preclude future resubdivision.	
(6) Where public utilities could be extended to the subdivision in the foreseeable future, the subdivision shall be designed to accommodate the extensions of utilities.	Extensions of such utilities in this area are not planned for the foreseeable future. Lots shall be served by private individual septic systems and private individual drilled wells.
(7) If a lot on one side of a river, tidal water, road or other similar barrier fails to meet the minimum requirements for lot size, it may not be combined with a lot on the other side of the river, tidal water or road to meet the minimum lot size.	No such lots proposed.
(8) Odd-shaped lots in which narrow strips are joined to other parcels in order to meet minimum lot size requirements are prohibited. The ratio of lot length to width shall not be more than three to one.	Odd shaped lots are not proposed.
(9) Lots shall be numbered in accordance with Chapter 201, Article I, Street Naming and Numbering, of the Wells Municipal Code.	
(10) Where the Board finds that safety considerations so require, driveways of adjoining lots shall be combined or joined so as to minimize the number of driveway entrances and maximize the distance between entrance points.	On 7/15/19 the Planning Board found that shared driveways are not required. All driveways shall be locted off of Webber Ridge Lane.
(11) Proposed lots shall not be permitted to have driveway entrances onto existing arterial or collector streets unless the Planning Board determines that no reasonable alternate exists.	See note 15 on 2019 plan which prohibits driveways accessing Green Road. All driveways serving Lots 1 to 10 shall be constructed off of Webber Ridge Lane.
E. Utilities.	THE PLANNING BOARD FINDS THAT THIS STANDARD SHALL REMAIN MET.
(1) Utilities shall be installed underground except as otherwise approved by the Board.	Plan note 16 on 2019 plan requires utility lines to be installed underground. Sheets 2 and 3 of 2019 approval show an existing overhead pole on Green Road and a new proposed utility pole to be installed within Webber Ridge Lane. Underground utilities are proposed within Webber Ridge Lane. No change to utilities proposed.
(2) Underground utilities shall be installed prior to the installation of the final gravel base of the road.	See plan note 16 on 2019 plan.



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(3) The size, type and location of streetlights, electric and gas lines, telephone and other utilities shall be shown on the plan and approved by the Board.	Sheets 2 and 3 of 2019 approval show an existing overhead pole on Green Road and a new proposed utility pole to be installed within Webber Ridge Lane. Underground utilities are proposed within Webber Ridge Lane.
F. Required improvements. The following improvements are required for all subdivisions unless waived by the Board in accordance with provisions of these regulations.	
(1) Monuments.	THE PLANNING BOARD FINDS THAT THIS STANDARD SHALL REMAIN MET. Plan identifies all Monumentation to be installed and monuments found.
(a) Stone or concrete monuments shall be set at all street intersections and points of curvature, but no further than 750 feet apart along street lines without curves or intersections.	
(b) Stone or concrete monuments shall be set at all corners and angle points of the subdivision boundaries where the interior angle of the subdivision boundaries is 135° or less. New monumentation shall not be required at corner or angle points where there is existing monumentation that complies with this section.	
(c) Stone monuments shall be a minimum of four inches square at the top and four feet in length and set in the ground at final grade level. After they are set, drill holes one-half-inch deep shall locate the point or points described above.	
(d) Concrete monuments shall be portland cement reinforced with half-inch reinforcement bar. Concrete monuments shall be either four inches square or four inches in diameter and four feet in length and set in the ground at final grade with their top flush to four inches above the final grade.	
(e) All other subdivision boundary corners and angle points, as well as all lot boundary corners and angle points, shall be marked by suitable monumentation.	On 7/15/19 the Planning Board found the Monumentation shown on the 2019 plan to be acceptable. No change to monumentation proposed. Bounds that are to be set are shown on the amended plan.
(2) Water supply.	THE PLANNING BOARD FINDS THAT THIS STANDARD SHALL REMAIN MET.
(a) When a subdivision is to be served by the Kennebunk, Kennebunkport and Wells Water District, the complete supply system, including fire hydrants, shall be installed at the expense of the subdivider.	Subdivision not served by the KKW Water District.



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<p>[1] The subdivider shall provide a written statement from the Water District that adequate water for both domestic and fire-fighting purposes can be provided without placing an undue burden on the source, treatment facilities or distribution system involved. The subdivider shall be responsible for paying the costs of system improvements necessary to serve the subdivision.</p>	
<p>[2] The size and location of mains, gate valves, hydrants and service connections shall be reviewed and approved in writing by the Water District and the Fire Chief.</p>	
<p>(b) When the location of a subdivision does not allow for a financially reasonable connection to the Kennebunk, Kennebunkport and Wells Water District, the Planning Board may allow the use of individual wells or a private community water system.</p>	<p>The subdivision proposes individual drilled wells for the proposed 10 lots.</p> <p>Note 11 on the 2019 plan states: "Well locations on Lots 1, 3, 9 and 10 shall be laid out by a surveyor or engineer."</p> <p>The well for lot 9 and 10 were not laid out by a surveyor or engineer. Lot 10's well fortunately was installed in the required location. Lot 9's well was not installed in the correct location.</p> <p>The applicant has provided another test pit to alter the location of the reserve septic system so that the 100' well exclusion zone from the well on Lot 9 can be met. The 100' setback from the installed septic system is met by 102.67'.</p>
<p>[1] Dug wells shall be permitted only if it is demonstrated to be not economically feasible to develop other groundwater sources and shall be constructed so as to prevent infiltration of surface water into the well. Unless otherwise permitted by the Board, the subdivider shall prohibit dug wells by deed restrictions and a note on the plan.</p>	<p>See note 11 on sheet 1 of 2019 approval. Dug wells are prohibited.</p>
<p>[2] If a central water supply system is provided by the subdivider, the location and protection of the source and the design, construction and operation of the system shall conform to the standards of the Maine Rules Relating to Drinking Water (10-144 A.C.M.R. 231).</p>	<p>Not applicable.</p>
<p>[3] Fire protection. [Amended 3-11-2002]</p>	

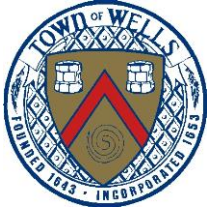


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<p>[a] The subdivider shall construct dry hydrants connected to ponds or water storage tanks, provide fire hydrants connected to a public water source or implement an alternative program approved by the Fire Chief to provide for adequate water for fire-fighting purposes within the subdivision. An easement shall be granted to the municipality providing access to the hydrants or other improvements where necessary. If a subdivision has fewer than 10 lots or dwelling units or any combination of lots and dwelling units, the Board, may waive the requirement for an adequate on-site water supply only upon submittal of evidence that:</p>	<p>The subdivision proposes to construct a Fire Pond, off-site, within the Open Space of Webber Ridge Phase 1, Map 16, Lot 8A.</p> <p>As the subdivision has 10 lots proposed (not fewer than 10 lots) an on-site water supply is required for Fire Protection. An on-site hydrant and off-site fire pond is proposed. On 7/15/19 the Planning Board found that the on-site hydrant satisfies the on-site water supply requirement.</p> <p>A letter from the Wells Fire Chief is required. On 7/15/19 the Planning Board granted a waiver of requiring a letter from the Fire Chief as a suitably designed fire pond with hydrant is proposed and shall be constructed on Map 16, Lot 8A. See plan note 24. See fire pond details on sheets PP1, PP2D1 and D2.</p> <p>Lot owners may construct individual sprinkler systems if the fire pond (see plan note 24a) is not completed or if a lot owner wishes to construct a home with a sprinkler system.</p> <p>Lot 8-9 shall install a sprinkler system.</p>
<p>[i] There is a fire pond, fire hydrant connected to public water, or another water source within one mile of the subdivision that the subdivider has obtained the legal right to use for fire protection purposes; and</p>	<p>On-site water supply is required.</p>
<p>[ii] The Fire Chief has determined that the proposed water source has sufficient capacity to serve the needs of the subdivision and any other subdivisions currently using or relying on the water source for fire protection.</p>	<p>On-site water supply is required.</p>
<p>[b] For purposes of this section, the 1-mile distance is measured from the pond, water source or fire hydrant to the driveway of the subdivision residence located farthest from the water supply along routes that fire trucks can safely travel year round.</p>	<p>On-site water supply is required.</p>
<p>[4] The results of the water quality test submitted shall indicate that the groundwater meets the primary drinking water standards of the Maine Rules Relating to Drinking Water for those categories tested. If the Board has reason to believe, due to previous uses of the property or due to previous or existing uses of neighboring property, that the existing water quality may be threatened by contaminants not tested for in the primary inorganic water analysis, it may require the water to be tested for those contaminants.</p>	<p>This is a condition of approval to be provided prior to the issuance of a building permit.</p>



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(c) Prior to the issuance of a building permit for the construction of any principal structure in a subdivision, the applicant shall present evidence of suitable water supply to the Code Enforcement Officer. This evidence shall consist of:	This is a condition of approval.
[1] A letter from the Kennebunk, Kennebunkport and Wells Water District indicating availability of service; or	Not applicable.
[2] The results of a primary inorganic water analysis performed upon the well to serve the structure indicating the groundwater meets the primary drinking water standards of the Maine Rules Relating to Drinking Water for those categories tested.	This is a condition of approval.
(3) Sewage disposal.	THE PLANNING BOARD FINDS THAT THIS STANDARD SHALL REMAIN MET.
(a) Public system.	Subdivision not served by the Wells Sanitary District.
[1] A sanitary sewer system shall be installed at the expense of the subdivider when there is a public sanitary sewer line located within 1,000 feet of the proposed subdivision at its nearest point. The Wells Sanitary District shall certify that providing service to the proposed subdivision is within the capacity of the district's collection and treatment system.	
[2] The district shall review and approve in writing the construction drawings for the sewage system.	
(b) Private systems.	Subdivision shall be served by individual subsurface wastewater disposal systems. See note 11 on sheet 1 of 2019 approval. Minor deviations in subsurface system placement shall be approved by the Town Code Officer (± 10 feet).
[1] The developer shall submit evidence of soil suitability for subsurface sewage disposal prepared by a Maine licensed site evaluator in full compliance with the requirements of the State of Maine Subsurface Wastewater Disposal Rules. In addition, on lots in which the limiting factor has been identified as being within 24 inches of the surface, a second site with suitable soils shall be shown as a reserve area for future replacement of the disposal area. The reserve areas shall be shown on the plan and restricted so as not to be built upon.	Test pits provided for all lots by David Moyses of Moyses Environmental Services, Inc. SE#264 SS#195 dated 5/15/2019. A reserve test pit for Lot 8-9 was provided. The Test pit is not signed or dated but is occupied by a cover letter that indicates the test pit was prepared by Brady Frick, LSE#352. The primary system subsurface wastewater disposal system was provided. Design signed by Brady Frick, LSE #352 dated 12/19/22.
[2] In no instances shall a disposal area be permitted on soils or on a lot which requires a new system variance from the subsurface wastewater disposal rules.	



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<p>(4) Stormwater management. [Amended 4-27-2007]</p>	<p>THE PLANNING BOARD FINDS THAT THIS STANDARD SHALL REMAIN MET.</p> <p>Stormwater Management Report for Webber Ridge Phase 2 prepared by Jayson Haskell of DM Roma dated 6-3-2019.</p> <p>Town Engineer/Planner Michael Livingston, PE reviewed the stormwater management report, see memo dated 7-11-19. Stormwater revisions provided on 7/12/19. Town Engineer to reviewed the revisions on 7/15/19 and found them to be acceptable.</p> <p>Changes proposed have no impact on stormwater management plan.</p> <p>12” driveway culvert proposed for Lot 8-9 is depicted on the plan.</p>
<p>(a) Where a subdivision is traversed by a stream, river or surface water drainageway, or where the Board feels that surface water runoff to be created by the subdivision should be controlled, there shall be provided easements or drainage rights-of-way with swales, culverts, catch basins or other means of channeling surface water within the subdivision and over other properties. This stormwater management system shall be designed by a registered professional engineer.</p>	<p>Easements provided on the plan. Sheet 1 of 2019 approval shows an easement area on Lot 9. Easement area is identified on the amended subdivision plan.</p>
<p>(b) Drainage easements for existing watercourses or proposed drainageways shall be provided and indicated on the plan.</p>	<p>Easements provided on the plan.</p>
<p>(c) The developer shall provide a statement from the designing engineer that the proposed subdivision will not create erosion, drainage or runoff problems either in the subdivision or in other properties. The engineer shall certify that peak runoff from the subdivision onto other properties shall not be increased either in volume or duration from the peak runoff characteristics existing prior to development.</p>	<p>Provided</p>
<p>(d) A stormwater management plan, meeting the standards of Chapter 201, Streets and Sidewalks, Articles II and III, Wells Municipal Code, shall be submitted.</p>	<p>Provided</p>
<p>(e) For subdivisions that require MDEP review under 38 M.R.S.A. § 481 et seq. (Site Location of Development), a stormwater management plan shall be submitted which complies with the Site Location of Development permit and the requirements of MDEP Chapter 500 Stormwater Regulations.</p>	<p>Not Applicable. This subdivision does not require a MDEP Site Location Permit.</p>



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<p>(f) For subdivisions that do not require a Site Location of Development permit, but that require a MDEP permit pursuant to 38 M.R.S.A. § 420-D, a stormwater management plan shall be submitted which complies with the requirements of MDEP Chapter 500 Stormwater Regulations.</p>	<p>Not Applicable. This subdivision does not require a full MDEP Stormwater Permit, but does require a PBR/NOI Permit.</p>
<p>(g) For subdivisions outside of the watershed of a great pond that neither require a Site Location of Development permit, nor a MDEP permit pursuant to 38 M.R.S.A. § 420-D, a stormwater management plan shall be submitted which incorporates the low-impact development techniques set forth in Volume I, Chapter 3 of the Maine Stormwater Best Management Practices Manual, 2006 (LID Techniques) on each individual lot approved by the Planning Board when such LID Techniques are adopted by MDEP. At such time that the MDEP adopts the LID Techniques, the Planning Board shall adopt them for use in approving subdivisions for the Town of Wells.</p>	<p>Not Applicable. The subdivision is not adjacent to a Great Pond.</p>
<p>(h) For subdivisions located within the watershed of a great pond containing: 1. five or more lots or dwelling units created within any five-year period; or 2. any combination of 800 linear feet of new or upgraded driveways and/or streets, a stormwater management plan shall be submitted that meets the phosphorus allocation across the entire subdivision in accordance with the methodology described in the MDEP Phosphorus Design Manual, Volume II of the Maine Stormwater Best Management Practices Manual, 2006.</p>	<p>Not Applicable.</p>
<p>(i) The Planning Board may require a hydrologic analysis for any site in areas with a history of flooding or in areas with a potential for future flooding, associated with cumulative impacts of development. This hydrologic analysis would be in the form of a “Downstream Analysis” under conditions of the ten-year, twenty-four-hour storm, the twenty-five-year, twenty-four-hour storm, and the one-hundred-year, twenty-four-hour storm, as described below:</p>	<p>Not Applicable.</p>
<p>[1] Downstream Analysis Methodology: The criteria used for the downstream analysis is referred to as the “10% rule.” Under the 10% rule, a hydrologic and hydraulic analysis for the ten-year, twenty-four-hour storm, the twenty-five-year, twenty-four-hour storm, and the one-hundred-year, twenty-four-hour storm is extended downstream to the point where the site represents 10% of the total drainage area. For example, a ten-acre site would be analyzed to the point downstream with a drainage area of 100 acres. This analysis should compute flow rates and velocities downstream to the location of the 10% rule for present conditions and proposed conditions. If the flow rates and velocities increase by more than 5% and/or if any existing downstream structures are impacted, the designer should redesign and incorporate detention facilities.</p>	



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G.	Streets.	THE PLANNING BOARD FINDS THAT THIS STANDARD SHALL REMAIN MET.
	(1) All streets in a subdivision shall meet Chapter 201, Streets and Sidewalks, Articles II and III, Wells Municipal Code.	The proposed street must comply with the requirements of Chapter 201. Webber Ridge Lane is a private road that shall not be considered for acceptance by the Town of Wells. See plan note 17 on 2019 plan.
	(2) Any subdivision expected to generate average daily traffic of 200 trips per day or more shall have at least two street connections with existing public streets, streets shown on an Official Map or streets on an approved subdivision plan for which performance guaranties have been filed and accepted. Any street with an average daily traffic of 200 trips per day or more shall have at least two street connections leading to existing public streets, streets shown on an Official Map or streets on an approved subdivision plan for which performance guaranties have been filed and accepted. Said two street connections' center lines shall be no closer than 400 linear feet apart. Traffic generation rates shall be based on the Traffic Generation Manual, 1988 Edition, Institute of Transportation Engineers. Some typical traffic generation rates are:	The subdivision is not expected to generate a daily traffic of 200 trips per day or more. Traffic generation is calculated to be 100 trips per day.
	(a) Single-family house: 10.0 trips per day per unit.	10 x 10.0 = 100.00 trips per day for the subdivision
	(b) Residential condominium: 5.9 trips per day per unit.	
	(c) Motel: 10.2 trips per day per room.	
	(d) Industrial: 7.0 trips per day per 1,000 square feet of floor space.	
	(3) In any subdivisions located in the Residential A Zoning District or east of U.S. Route 1 provisions shall be made for the interconnection of proposed streets with other subdivisions or adjacent properties if it is determined to be practical and desirable by the Planning Board.	The subdivision is not located within the RA zone or east of US Route 1.
H.	Land features.	THE PLANNING BOARD FINDS THAT THIS STANDARD SHALL REMAIN MET.
	(1) Topsoil shall be considered part of the subdivision and shall not be removed from the site except for surplus topsoil from roads, parking areas and building excavations. Topsoil shall not be removed from the site until completion of construction and inspection by the Town to assure four inches of topsoil has been spread over all areas to be grassed.	This is a condition of approval.
	(2) Except for normal thinning, landscaping and cutting trees to provide access to direct sunlight, existing vegetation shall be left intact to prevent soil erosion. The Board shall require a developer to take the following measures to correct and prevent soil erosion in the proposed subdivision: [Amended 4-27-2007]	This is a condition of approval.
	(a) The proposed subdivision shall prevent soil erosion and sedimentation from entering waterbodies, wetlands, and adjacent properties.	



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(b) The procedures outlined in the erosion and sedimentation control plan shall be implemented during the site preparation, construction, and clean-up stages.	
(c) Cutting or removal of vegetation along waterbodies shall not increase water temperature or result in shoreline erosion or sedimentation.	
(d) Topsoil shall be considered part of the subdivision and shall not be removed from the site except for surplus topsoil from roads, parking areas, and building excavations.	
(3) To prevent soil erosion of shoreline areas the cutting or removal of vegetation shall only be permitted as regulated in § 145-33 of Chapter 145, Land Use, of the Wells Municipal Code.	This is a condition of approval.
(4) Dedication and maintenance of common open space and services.	Webber Ridge Phase 2 Homeowner Association documents have been reviewed by the Town Engineer/ Planner for compliance with these standards. Town Attorney review comments provided 7/15/19. Revisions to be addressed by developer. No changes proposed to HOA documents.
(a) All common land shall be owned jointly or in common by the owners of the dwelling units by means of a homeowners' association, by an association which has as its principal purpose the conservation or preservation of land in essentially its natural condition or by the municipality.	See note 23 on sheet 1 of 2019 approval.
(b) Further subdivision of the common land or its use for other than noncommercial recreation or conservation purposes, except for easements for underground utilities, shall be prohibited. Structures and buildings accessory to noncommercial recreational or conservation uses may be erected on the common land.	See note 23 on sheet 1 of 2019 approval..
(c) The common open space shall be shown on the final plan with appropriate notation on the plan to indicate that:	See note 23 on sheet 1 of 2019 approval..
[1] It shall not be used for future building lots; and	
[2] A part or all of the common open space may be dedicated for acceptance by the municipality.	
(d) If any or all of the common open space and services are to be reserved for use by the residents, the bylaws of the proposed homeowners' association shall specify maintenance responsibilities and shall be submitted to the Board prior to final plan approval.	See note 23 on sheet 1 of 2019 approval.. HOA document address maintenance responsibilities.
(e) Covenants for mandatory membership in the homeowners' association setting forth the owners' rights, interests and privileges in the association and the common property shall be reviewed by the Board and included in the deed for each lot or dwelling.	HOA document address maintenance responsibilities.
(f) The homeowners' association shall have the responsibility of maintaining the common property.	HOA document address maintenance responsibilities.



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(g) The association shall levy annual charges against all owners of dwelling units to defray the expenses connected with the maintenance of common property and tax assessments.	HOA document address maintenance responsibilities.
(h) The developer or subdivider shall maintain control of the common property and be responsible for its maintenance until development sufficient to support the association has taken place.	HOA document address maintenance responsibilities.
(5) Construction in flood hazard areas. When any part of a subdivision is located in a special flood hazard area as identified by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the plan shall conform with Chapter 115, Floodplain Management, of the Wells Municipal Code.	The approximate limits of the 100 year flood zone (Zone A) are shown on the plan per FIRM panel 2301580017D dated 1/17/03. See plan note 13 on 2019 plan.
(6) Impact on groundwater.	
(a) When a hydrogeologic assessment is submitted, the assessment shall contain at least the following information:	A hydrogeologic assessment was not required.
[1] A map showing the basic soils types.	
[2] The depth of the water table at representative points throughout the subdivision.	
[3] Drainage conditions throughout the subdivision.	
[4] Data on the existing groundwater quality, either from test wells in the subdivision or from existing wells on neighboring properties.	
[5] An analysis and evaluation of the effect of the subdivision on groundwater resources. In the case of residential developments, the evaluation shall, at a minimum, include a projection of post-development nitrate-nitrogen concentrations at any wells within the subdivision, at the subdivision boundaries and at a distance of 1,000 feet from potential contamination sources, whichever is a shorter distance. For subdivisions within the watershed of a pond, projections of the development's impact on groundwater phosphate concentrations shall also be provided.	
[6] A map showing the location of any subsurface wastewater disposal systems and drinking water wells within the subdivision and within 200 feet of the subdivision boundaries.	
(b) Projections of groundwater quality shall be made at any wells within the subdivision and at the subdivision boundaries or at a distance of 500 feet from potential contamination sources, whichever is a shorter distance.	
(c) Projections of groundwater quality shall be based on the assumption of drought conditions (assuming 60% of annual average precipitation).	
(d) No subdivision shall increase any contaminant concentration in the groundwater to more than 1/2 of the primary drinking water standards. No subdivision shall increase any contaminant concentration in the groundwater to more than the secondary drinking water standards.	



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	(e) If groundwater contains contaminants in excess of the primary standards and the subdivision is to be served by on-site groundwater supplies, the applicant shall demonstrate how water quality will be improved or treated.	
	(f) If groundwater contains contaminants in excess of the secondary standards, the subdivision shall not cause the concentration of the parameters in question to exceed 150% of the ambient concentration.	
	(g) Subsurface wastewater disposal systems and drinking water wells shall be constructed as shown on the map submitted with the assessment. If construction standards for drinking water wells are recommended in the assessment, those standards shall be included as a note on the final plan and as restrictions in the deeds to the affected lots.	
§ 202-13. Performance Guaranties. [Amended 4-12-1999]		Findings & Decisions
A.	Types of guaranties.	
(1)	With submittal of the application for final plan approval, the applicant shall provide any one or a combination of the following performance guaranties for an amount adequate to cover the total site preparation and construction costs of all required improvements, taking into account the time span of the construction schedule and the inflation rate for construction costs:	Performance Guarantee notes are addressed in plan notes 30, 31 and 32 of 2019 approval.
	(a) Either a certified check payable to the municipality or a savings account or certificate of deposit naming the municipality as owner for the establishment of an escrow account.	The developer, Shree Durga, LLC has provided cash performance guarantes. The Town holds \$152,577.25 in cash for the as-built plans, site stabilization, monumentation, road realignment, fire cistern, finish course of pavement and 10% contingency.
	(b) A performance bond payable to the municipality issued by a surety company approved by the municipal officers or Town Manager.	
	(c) An irrevocable letter of credit (See Appendix B for a sample. Note: Appendix B, originally attached to the Subdivision Regulations, has not been reproduced in the Code. Consult the original Town records in the office of the Clerk.) from a financial institution establishing funding for the construction of the subdivision from which the municipality may draw if construction is inadequate, approved by the municipal officers or Town Manager.	



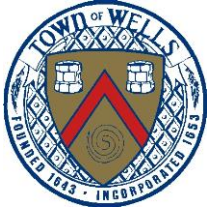
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	(d) An offer of conditional approval prohibiting the sale of any units or lots until all required improvements serving those units or lots have been constructed to the satisfaction of the Town and in compliance with all ordinances, plans and specifications.	The sale of any unit or lot is prohibited until Webber Ridge Lane is constructed to base course of pavement per 202-11B(7). See plan note 33 on 2019 plan.
	(2) The conditions and amount of the performance guaranty shall be determined by the Board with the advice of the Town Planner, Road Commissioner, municipal officers and/or Town Attorney. If an offer of conditional approval is made by the applicant, pursuant to Subsection A(1)(d), the applicant shall be required, in addition, to present a cash escrow, performance bond or irrevocable letter of credit, as described in Subsections A(1)(a) through (c) above, to cover the cost of restoring the site to a stable condition, should the applicant create erosion or sedimentation problems for an unreasonable duration during site preparation or during the construction of roads and/or utilities or other required improvements.	Performance Guarantee notes are addressed in plan notes 30, 31 and 32 on 2019 plan.
B.	Contents of guaranty. The performance guaranty shall contain a construction schedule, cost estimates for each major phase of construction, taking into account inflation, provisions for inspections of each phase of construction, provisions for the release of part or all of the performance guaranty to the developer and a date after which the applicant will be in default, and the municipality shall have access to the funds to finish construction. The Board may require the services of a third party inspector, to be paid for at the expense of the applicant upon recommendation of the Town Manager.	Cost estimate provided in 2019. Requested revisions addressed on 7/15/19. The developer, Shree Durga, LLC has provided cash performance guarantees. The Town holds \$152,577 in cash for the as-built plans, site stabilization, monumentation, road realignment, fire cistern, finish course of pavement and 10% contingency.
C.	Escrow account. If the applicant chooses to establish an escrow account, a cash contribution to the account shall be made by either a certified check made out to the municipality, the direct deposit into a savings account or the purchase of a certificate of deposit. For any account opened by the applicant, the municipality shall be named as owner or co-owner, and the consent of the municipality shall be required for a withdrawal. Any interest earned on the escrow account shall be returned to the applicant unless the municipality has found it necessary to draw on the account, in which case the interest earned shall be proportionately divided between the amount returned to the applicant and the amount withdrawn to complete the required improvements. The Town Attorney and Town Treasurer shall review and have final authorization on the establishment of escrow accounts.	The developer, Shree Durga, LLC has provided cash performance guarantees. The Town holds \$152,577.25 in cash for the as-built plans, site stabilization, monumentation, road realignment, fire cistern, finish course of pavement and 10% contingency. A pre-construction meeting is required for each phase, if phasing is done.
D.	Performance bond. If the applicant chooses to submit a performance bond, the performance bond shall detail any special conditions, the method for release of the bond or portions of the bond to the applicant and the procedures for collection by the municipality. The bond documents shall specifically reference the subdivision for which approval is sought.	Not applicable. Cash escrow is required.
E.	Letter of credit. If the applicant chooses to submit an irrevocable letter of credit from a bank or other lending institution, at a minimum the letter shall indicate that funds have been set aside for the construction of the subdivision and may not be used for any other project or loan. The Town Manager or Town Treasurer shall certify the bank or institution as acceptable to the Town. The Town Attorney shall review and, if found acceptable, approve the wording of all letters of credit.	Not applicable. Cash escrow is required.



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F.	<p>Standard condition of approval. As a standard condition of approval for all applications for which a performance guaranty is required pursuant to Subsection K, the Board shall require the applicant to enter into a binding agreement with the municipality regarding the development of the required improvements and the sale of lots or units in the subdivision until such time as one or more of the allowable performance guaranties have been accepted by the municipality.</p>	<p>The sale of any unit or lot is prohibited until Webber Ridge Lane is constructed to base course of pavement per 202-11B(7). See plan note 33 on 2019 plan.</p>
	(1) The agreement shall prohibit the sale or occupancy of any lot or unit in the subdivision for which the improvements to be covered by the guaranty are required for access to or intended use of the lot until either:	
	(a) It is certified by the Board, or its agent, that all of the required improvements have been installed in accordance with these regulations and the regulations of the appropriate utilities; or	
	(b) A performance guaranty, acceptable to the municipality, is submitted in an amount necessary to cover the completion of the required improvements at an amount adjusted for inflation and prorated for the portions of the required improvements already installed.	
	(2) Notice of the agreement and any conditions shall be on the final plan that is recorded at the Registry of Deeds. Release from the agreement shall follow the procedures for release of the performance guaranties contained in Subsection H .	
G.	<p>Phasing of development. The Board may approve plans to develop a major subdivision in separate and distinct phases. This may be accomplished by limiting final approval to those lots abutting that section of the proposed subdivision street which is covered by a performance guaranty. When development is phased, road construction shall commence from an existing public way. The subdivision shall be divided in such a manner that each phase, when aggregated with the previous phase(s), shall meet the standards of these regulations. Final approval of lots in subsequent phases shall be given only upon satisfactory completion of all requirements pertaining to previous phases.</p>	<p>The prior approved amendment application proposed roadway, utility and fire pond construction to occur in two phases.</p> <p>Phase 1 to include 30' gravel base roadway and utility installation to station 3+50 to achieve the minimum road length need for fire pond access by the Fire Department. Phase 1 to also include a 20 foot wide gravel turn-tee to be built on Lot 1 with a 15" DHPE culvert, 40 linear feet with a 0.5% slope as shown on sheet PP-1 (3 of 6). This turn-tee on Lot 1 may also serve as the driveway for Lot 1. Phase 1 to also include the full construction of the fire pond, fire hydrant, bollards, well, well pump, float alarm, and generator.</p> <p>Phase 2 to include the remainder of the roadway, utilities, pavement and and drainage systems.</p> <p>A pre-construction meeting is required for each phase, if phasing is done.</p> <p>No changes to phasing proposed with the current amendment application.</p>



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H.	<p>Release of guaranty. Prior to the release of any part of the performance guaranty, the Board shall determine to its satisfaction, in part upon the report of the Town Manager and whatever other agencies and departments may be involved, that the proposed improvements meet or exceed the design and construction requirements for that portion of the improvements for which the release is requested.</p>	
I.	<p>Default. If upon inspection the third party inspector, Municipal Engineer or other qualified individual retained by the municipality finds that any of the required improvements have not been constructed in accordance with the plans and specifications filed as part of the application, he or she shall so report in writing to the Code Enforcement Officer, the municipal officers, the Board and the applicant or builder. The municipal officers shall take any steps necessary to preserve the municipality's rights.</p>	
J.	<p>Private streets. Where the subdivision streets are to remain private streets, the following words shall appear on the recorded plan: "All streets in this subdivision shall remain private roads to be maintained to Town standards by the developer or the lot owners and shall not be accepted or maintained by the Town."</p>	<p>See plan note 17 on sheet 1 of 2019 approval. Webber Ridge Lane shall not be considered by the Town of Wells for acceptance as a Town Road/ Street.</p>
K.	<p>Improvements guaranteed. Performance guaranties shall be tendered for all improvements required to meet the standards of these regulations and for the construction of the public or private streets, stormwater management facilities, public or private sewage collection or disposal facilities and water systems that are shared by multiple dwelling units and erosion and sedimentation control measures, as well as any other improvements required by the Board.</p>	<p>Establishment of the Performance Guarantee is required prior to the pre-construction meeting. Cash escrow required.</p> <p>The developer, Shree Durga, LLC has provided cash performance guarantees. The Town holds \$152,577.25 in cash for the as-built plans, site stabilization, monumentation, road realignment, fire cistern, finish course of pavement and 10% contingency.</p>



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§ 202-2. Purpose, criteria for approval.		Findings & Decisions
<p>The purposes of these regulations are to assure the comfort, convenience, safety, health and welfare of the people of the Town of Wells, to protect the environment and to promote the development of an economically sound and stable community. To this end, in approving subdivisions within the Town of Wells, Maine, the Planning Board shall consider the following criteria and, before granting approval, shall make findings of fact that the provisions of these regulations have been met and that the proposed subdivision will meet the guidelines of 30-A M.R.S.A. § 4404.</p>		
A.	The subdivision:	The Planning Board finds that these standards shall be met.
(1)	Will not result in undue water or air pollution. In making this determination, the Board shall at least consider the elevation of the land above sea level and its relation to the floodplains; the nature of soils and subsoils and their ability to adequately support waste disposal; and the slope of the land and its effect on effluents;	
(2)	Has sufficient water available for the reasonably foreseeable needs of the subdivision;	
(3)	Will not cause an unreasonable burden on an existing water supply, if one is to be utilized;	
(4)	Will not cause unreasonable soil erosion or reduction in the capacity of the land to hold water so that a dangerous or unhealthy condition may result;	
(5)	Will not cause unreasonable highway or public road congestion or unsafe conditions with respect to use of the highways or public roads existing or proposed;	
(6)	Will provide for adequate solid and sewage waste disposal;	
(7)	Will not cause an unreasonable burden on the ability of the Town to dispose of solid waste and sewage if municipal services are to be utilized;	
(8)	Will not have an undue adverse effect on the scenic or natural beauty of the area, aesthetics, historic sites or rare and irreplaceable natural areas or any public rights for physical or visual access to the shoreline;	
(9)	Is in conformance with this chapter, the Comprehensive Plan for the Town and Chapter 145, Land Use, of the Wells Municipal Code, as amended;	
(10)	Whenever situated, in whole or in part, within 250 feet of any pond, lake, river or tidal waters, will not adversely affect the quality of the body of water or unreasonably affect the shoreline of that body of water; and	
(11)	Will not, alone or in conjunction with existing activities, adversely affect the quality or quantity of groundwater;	
B.	The subdivider has adequate financial and technical capacity to meet the above-stated standards;	The Planning Board finds that these standards shall be met.



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C.	If any part of a subdivision is located in a flood-prone area, as indicated on the Federal Emergency Management Agency’s Flood Boundary and Floodway Maps and Flood Insurance Maps, the subdivider shall determine the one-hundred-year flood elevation and flood hazard boundaries within the subdivision. The proposed subdivision plan shall include a condition requiring that principal structures will be constructed with their lowest floor, including the basement, at least one foot above the one-hundred-year flood elevation; and	Portion of the undevelopable Open Space is subject to a “A” flood zone.
D.	The long-term cumulative effects of the proposed subdivision will not unreasonably increase a great pond’s phosphorous concentration during the construction phase and life of the proposed subdivision.	Adjacent pond is not a “Great Pond.”

STANDARD CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

1. Any subdivision not recorded in the Registry of Deeds within 90 days of the date upon which the plan is approved and signed by the Board shall become null and void, unless an extension is granted by the Board in writing before the expiration of the ninety-day period. (§202-9C(2))
2. Prior to the issuance of a building permit for a principal structure in the subdivision, the applicant shall present evidence of suitable water supply to the Code Enforcement Officer. The evidence shall consist of the results of a primary inorganic water analysis performed upon the well to serve the structure, indicating the groundwater meets the primary drinking water standards of the Maine Rules Relating to Drinking Water for those categories tested. (§202-12F(2)(b)[4])
3. Prior to the issuance of a building permit in any approved subdivision, the subdivider shall provide the Code Enforcement Officer with a letter from a registered land surveyor stating that all monumentation shown on the plan for the lot receiving the building permit and for the approved subdivision perimeter boundaries or phase therein as approved by the Planning Board has been installed. (§202-11A(5))
4. No changes, erasures, modifications or revisions shall be made in any final plan after approval has been given by the Planning Board and endorsed in writing on the plan, unless the revised final plan is first submitted and the Board approves any modifications, except in accordance with § 202-10A(3). (§202-9C(4))
5. The approval by the Board of a subdivision plan shall not be deemed to constitute or be evidence of any acceptance by the municipality of any street, easement or other area shown on such plan. (§202-9C(5))
6. Failure to commence substantial construction of the subdivision within five years of the date of approval and signing of the plan shall render the plan null and void. (§202-9C(6))

SPECIAL CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

1. All previously approved conditions of approval remain in effect unless specifically amended by this subdivision amendment application.
2. A new pre-construction meeting(s) shall be scheduled with the Town if the development is to be constructed in phases. The financial guarantees may be phased proportionally with the phase to be constructed. The financial guarantees shall be in the form of cash escrow and shall be provided prior to the pre-construction meeting(s).



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Dated at Wells, Maine this _____ day of _____, 2023

Wells Planning Board

By: _____
Charles Millian, Chairman

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