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Planning, Zoning
and Assessing

Proposal for Selective Brush Cutting Adjacent to Wetland

Submitted to: Durham Conservation Commission

Submitted by: Gary Hochgraf

Date: November 3, 2025

Property Address: 9 Old Landing Rd <and> 14 Old Landing Rd, Durham NH

1. Project Overview

The purpose of this project is to conduct limited brush and small tree cutting on a portion of land located adjacent to an existing wetland, in order to restore and maintain a historical view from the residence of Frederick Hochgraf. The proposed work area is approximately 15 meters by 10 meters, roughly triangular in shape. Please see attached map.

The intent is not to grade, fill, or alter the natural contours of the land, but solely to remove overgrown brush, small woody vegetation and small trees. No soil disturbance or removal of stumps is planned.

2. Site Description

The project site lies immediately upland of a small wetland characterized by continuous growth of cattails (*Typha* spp.). This line of continuous cattail growth will serve as the demarcation of the wetland boundary for purposes of this work.

3. Scope of Work

Brush/tree Cutting Limits: Brush cutting will occur no closer than one (1) meter from the wetland boundary, as defined above.

Erosion and Sediment Controls: A silt fence will be installed one (1) meter upland of the wetland edge and will remain in place until all work is complete and the ground is stabilized.

Extent of Work: Work area is approximately 150 square meters (15 m × 10 m triangle).

Method: Professional brush cutting machine which leaves wood chips behind. No heavy machinery, excavation, or stump removal will occur.

Debris Handling: Cut material will be chipped and left on site.

4. Environmental Protection Measures

No grading, digging, or alteration of drainage patterns.

No chemical herbicides or fertilizers will be used.

Work will be conducted during dry weather to minimize any potential for runoff.

The silt fence will be inspected and maintained throughout the project, and removed after the area is stable and cleared of loose debris.

5. Purpose and Benefit

This project aims to maintain and restore an existing scenic view without impacting the wetland or altering habitat value. The area will remain in natural cover, with low vegetation allowed to re-grow to provide soil stability and prevent erosion.

6. Ongoing maintenance

Yearly manual cutting will continue through the future utilizing hand clippers, loppers and/or machete.

7. Requested Action

I respectfully request that the Conservation Commission review this proposal and confirm that the described work qualifies as minor activity within the buffer zone that may proceed under a Determination of Applicability (or as a minor permit, if applicable).

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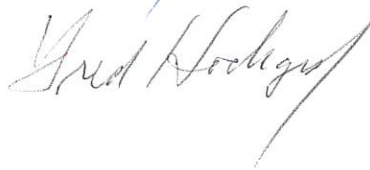
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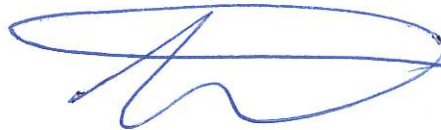


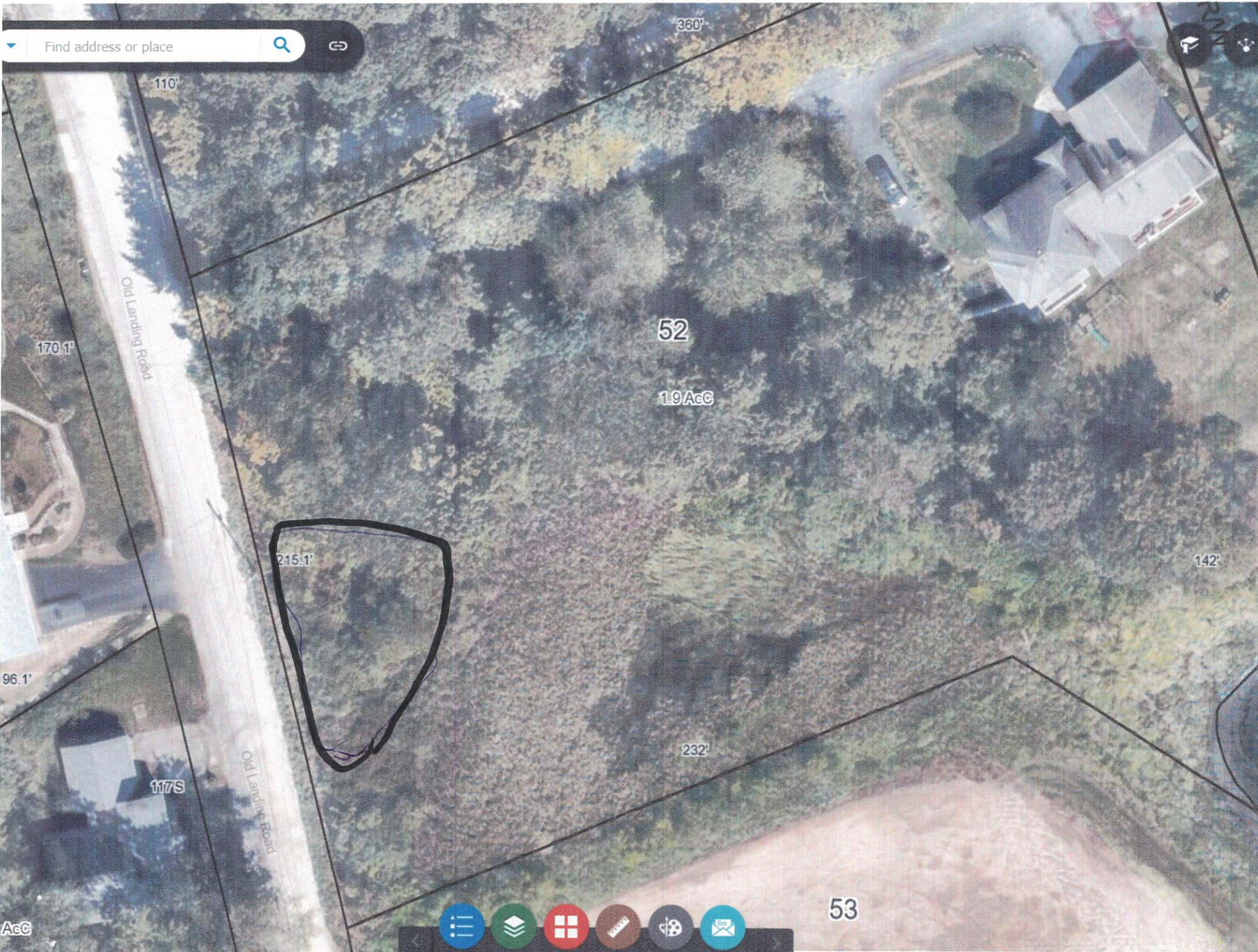
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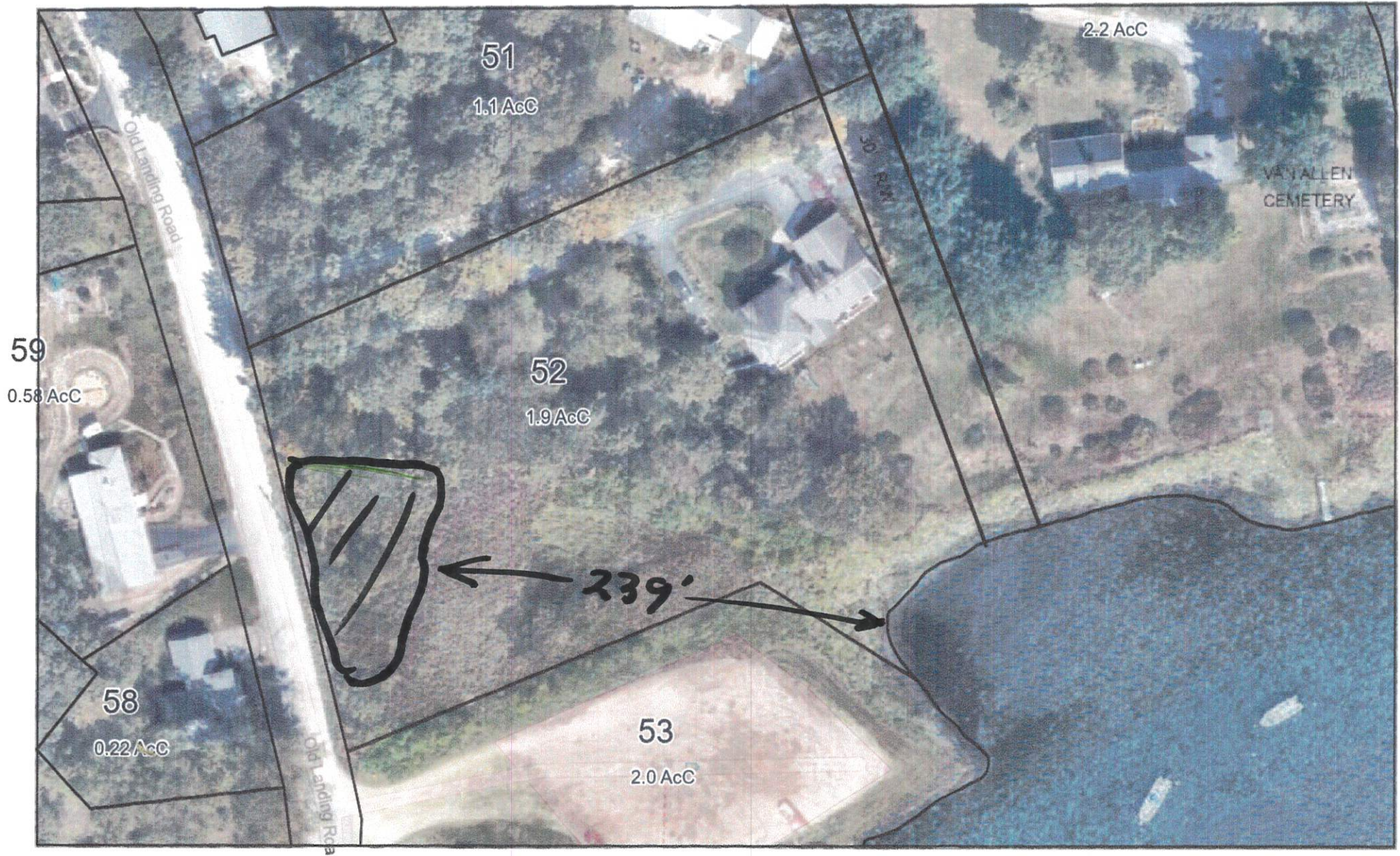
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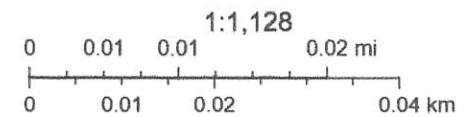


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