TO: Conservation Commission/Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Agency

FROM: Alter & Pearson, LLC

DATE: April 24, 2020

RE: Narrative for Application of Eastern Ave Holdings, LLC for a Proposed Parking Lot at 233 Eastern

Boulevard – Planned Employment Zone & Groundwater Protection Zone 1

The Site is a $1.04\pm$ acre ($43,376\pm$ s.f.) vacant lot located on the northerly side of Eastern Boulevard, directly west of the existing Central Rock Gym located at 259 Eastern Boulevard. The Applicant is also the owner of Central Rock Gym. The Applicant entered into a 10-year long-term lease with the owner of the property, 233 EASTERN BLVD ASSOCIATES, LLC, and after the expiration of the initial 10-year term has the right to either buy the Site or extend the lease for an additional 10 years. The Applicant is proposing to construct a fifty-five (55) space bituminous parking lot which will address the parking shortage associated with the Central Rock Gym. Wetlands are located on Site in the northeast corner of the lot and total $5,460\pm$ s.f. ($0.13\pm$ acres). The Site has $21,080\pm$ s.f. ($0.48\pm$ acres) of upland review area, and $20,080\pm$ s.f. ($0.46\pm$ acres) will be disturbed as part of this proposal.

The Site currently slopes from the south (elevation 120) to the north (elevation 110). The Applicant is proposing to construct a 3-foot landscape berm along Eastern Boulevard (top of berm elevation is 123) to screen the parking area from the street. The proposed parking lot does not have direct access to Eastern Boulevard and will instead connect to the gym's existing parking lot by both a driveway connection and a 5-foot bituminous pedestrian walk. Additionally, lawn areas will straddle the property line between 233 and 259 Eastern Boulevard creating a green pathway between the two parking lots. The Applicant is amenable to a condition of approval that a bike rack be added to the plan.

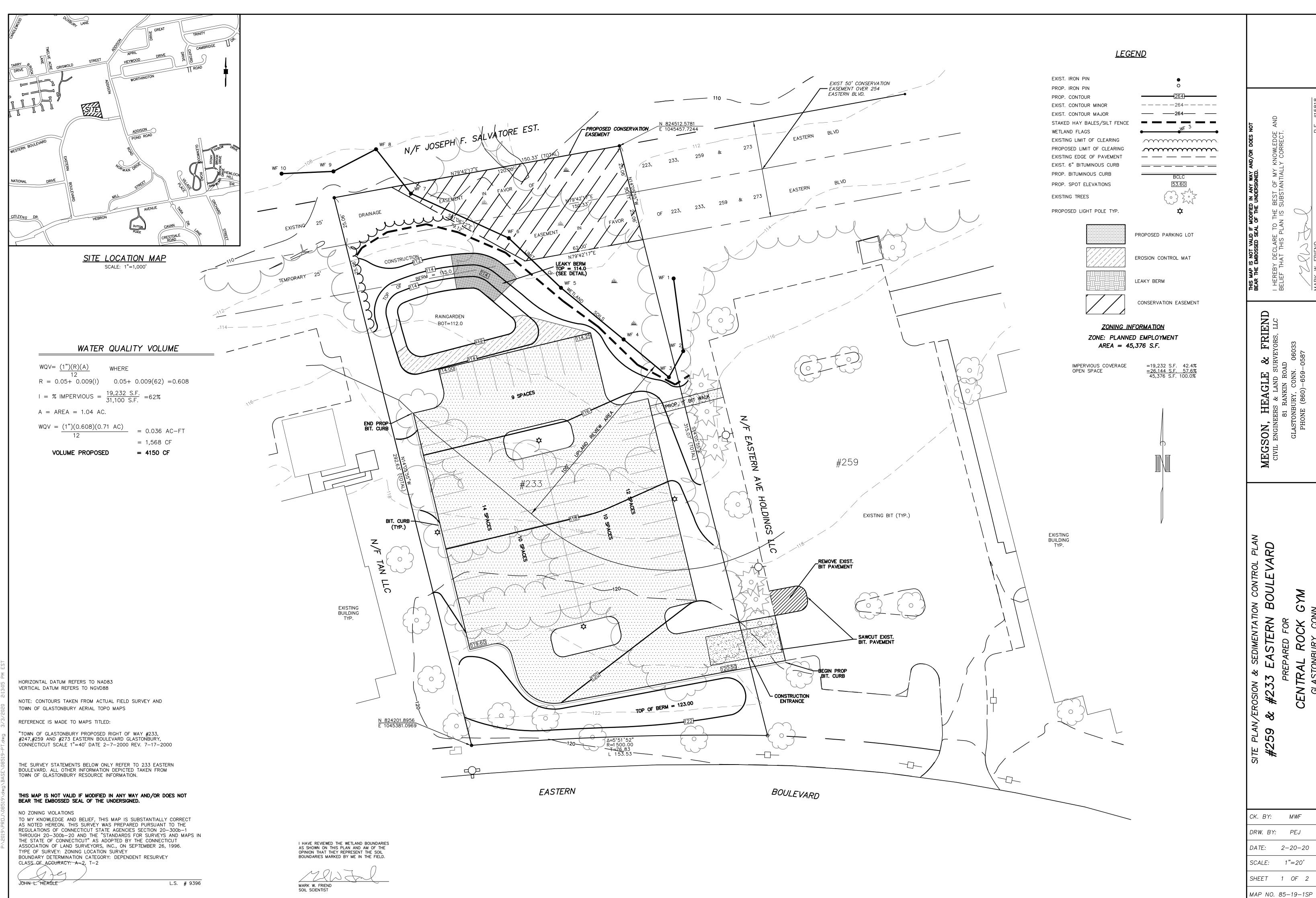
The proposed parking lot has curbs on both the south and west sides allowing the stormwater to sheet flow off the parking lot into a proposed raingarden which has a leaky berm directed towards the wetlands. The project engineer pulled the raingarden away from the existing easements in the northern portion of the Site to greatest extent possible. As noted at the informal meeting, these easements were part of the original subdivision of Eastern Boulevard and contemplated a unified drainage system for the lots in this area. As nearly all lots have been developed and have not utilized this drainage easement, the Applicant anticipates that the potential for the raingarden to be disturbed in the future is minimal. Water quality volume calculations are provided on Sheet 1 of 2 of the plan set. The Landowner has consented to placing a 50-foot Conservation Easement in the northeast corner of the site. The proposed Conservation Easement is contiguous to the existing Conservation Easement on the adjacent gym property. The landowner will *not* consent to installation of sidewalks along the frontage of the Site.

The landscaping plan was presented to the Beautification Committee on March 11, 2020, and received a positive recommendation. The Applicant included all requested changes from that Committee in the landscape plan which appears as the third sheet in the plan set. The plan includes shade trees in the parking islands, wetland plantings adjacent to the raingarden and three types of seed mixes – a basin mix, wet meadow mix and wet & dry disturbed mix.

A lighting plan appears as the fourth sheet in the plan set, and shows the location of the four proposed light poles which are 12 feet tall on a 2-foot concrete base. A detail of the proposed light fixture appears Sheet 2 of the plan set.

After development, impervious coverage for the Site will be 42.4% (19,232 s.f.) and open space will total be 57.6% (26,144 s.f.) – which exceeds the minimum requirement of open space in the zone of 35%.

Please see the wetland application for additional information regarding this proposal.



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SCALE: 1"=20' SHEET 1 OF 2