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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT

HAMPSHIRE, SS.

SUPERIOR COURT NO. 1780CV00105

TIMOTHY FONDAKOWSKI,

Plaintiff,

v.

PLANNING BOARD OF THE TOWN OF WESTHAMPTON
THROUGH ITS MEMBERS MARK SCHWALLIE, THOMAS
HATHAWAY, ROBERT TURNER, ROBERT DRAGON, JR.,
COTTON TREE SERVICE, INC., DODGE MAPLE GROVE
FARM, LLC, AND HAMPSHIRE SUPERIOR COURT,
Defendants.

DEPOSITION OF CHARLES MILLER

TAKEN JUNE 13, 2018

AT THE LAW OFFICES OF

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SPRINGFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS

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2 CHARLES MILLER, Deponent, having produced

3 satisfactory identification by means of

4 Massachusetts Driver's License, was duly sworn,

5 deposes and states as follows:

6 EXAMINATION BY MR. JORDAN:

7 Q. Could you state your name, please?

8 A. My name is Charles Miller.

9 MR. JORDAN: And I'm assuming

10 usual stipulations on this?

11 MS. ECKER: Yes, whatever you

12 have been doing.

13 MR. JORDAN: Okay.

14 Q. (By Mr. Jordan) Mr. Miller, where

15 do you live?

16 A. I live at 2 Dewey Circle in

17 Haydenville, Massachusetts.

8 Q. And how long have you lived there,

19 sir?

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20 A. Eight years.

Q. What's your current occupation?

A. I'm retired.

Q. Prior to being retired, what was

24 your last occupation?

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6 8 1 1 before that, I worked for myself starting back Assistant building commissioner in 2 2 in about '73. Northampton, Massachusetts and building official 3 3 in Westhampton, Massachusetts. Q. Doing designing and building? 4 4 Are those simultaneously or Yes, hands-on building. A. 5 5 different dates? Okay. Now, you earlier stated that 6 6 in Westhampton your responsibility and duties I started first in Westhampton and 7 7 then started in Westhampton three years later, was to enforce the zoning? 8 8 and they ran contiguous at that point. Zoning ordinances and building A. 9 9 What date in Westhampton? codes. 10 10 A. Oh, God, I don't remember. Q. Okay. And that would include any 11 11 Q. Was it prior to 2012? kind of special permits, I would assume, right? 12 12 A. Well, I was there for ten years and That would include referring 13 13 I just retired last June, so work it backwards. someone for a special permit. I had nothing to 14 14 Okay. So what is that, 2008? do with the special permit process, actually. Q. 15 15 Right. But if there were A. 2007. 16 16 Okay. So you think approximately conditions on a piece of land that -- to operate Q. 17 17 to have a special permit, would you be the 2007? 18 18 person that would enforce the conditions? A. 19 19 And then assistant building Yes. If they violated conditions Q. 20 20 of a special permit, I would be the person that inspector, you said, with what town? 21 21 Northampton. would have to act on that. A. 22 22 Q. And that was three years later? Specifically, I want to talk about 23 23 A. the land on Northwest Road that was Maple Grove Yes. 24 24 That would be about 2010. Let's Q. Farm. And at one point it was also referred to 7 9 1 talk about the Westhampton piece of this. You as Cotton Tree Service as the owners of that 2 were the building inspector for Westhampton? 2 property? 3 3 That's correct. A. 4 4 As building inspector, what are Are you familiar with the property Q. Q. 5 5 your duties? that now contains the sawmill that we're talking 6 6 To enforce the building and zoning about? A. 7 7 codes. A. Yes, I know the property you're 8 Do you have special training to do 8 Q. speaking of. 9 9 that? And prior to it being a sawmill, it 10 10 was operated as something else; is that right? Yes. You have to pass a series of 11 11 tests to get an inspector's license. That's There was a different owner that 12 really the training that you have. And there's 12 operated as a farm, I believe. 13 different courses and miscellaneous other things 13 Okay. And at some point it came 14 14 that you attend, but that's about it. into the ownership of Maple Grove Farm or Dave 15 15 Do you get certifications? Q. Cotton? 16 16 Yes, you do. You get Yes. A. A. 17 certifications in building, not in zoning. 17 Do you know when that was, Q. 18 18 Prior to being a building approximately?

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A.

I don't recall today.

for what he was using that land for?

to written complaints for zoning only. I

Do you remember at any point giving

Policy in Westhampton is to respond

what they call a -- any violations to Mr. Cotton

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inspector, did you work in the trades at all?

I spent four or five years doing

trainings for the building inspectors and other

groups for energy efficiency. And before that,

Northampton as a designer and estimator. And

I spent twenty years with Wright Builders in

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1 received a written complaint about Cotton's use 2 of the property and it was implied that he was 3 using it for a commercial sawmill. I looked at 4 the site, concluded that in my view his use was 5 not allowed by zoning by right and that he would 6 need a special permit. It appeared that he was 7 stockpiling logs and that he was sawing them 8 on-site. 9

- And if you could, just go through the process of how you discovered that information.
 - A. Written complaint.
- Q. Okay.

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- 14 And I walked the property. A. 15
 - And then you walked the property? Q.
 - And Mr. Cotton gave me permission A. to go on the property and walk it.
 - Okay. So when you got the initial letter, was it addressed to you or was it addressed to the selectmen?
 - It was addressed to me as the zoning enforcement officer.
 - And if you could, could you -- is there a procedure that you would follow as the

was fine and I did.

- Q. Did you give him a cease and desist order?
 - A. I did give him a cease and desist.
- If I could, I'm going to show you a document here. I'm going to show you a letter dated May 30, 2012 from you addressed to Cotton Tree Service, Inc., 248 Hatfield Street. And I will show it to your attorney first.

MS. ECKER: Are you going to mark it?

MR. JORDAN: I don't know yet. MS. ECKER: It may be easier

14 for the transcript if you just marked it. 15 MR. JORDAN: Okay. 16

MS. ECKER: Because we wouldn't know what he's referring to.

18 MR. JORDAN: I described it, 19 but that's fine.

20 (Exhibit 1, Letter dated May 30, 2012, 21 marked for identification)

> (By Mr. Jordan) Sir, could you review that and tell me if you remember sending that letter?

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- 1 zoning enforcement officer when you receive a 2 complaint?
 - A. I investigate it, whatever that takes.
 - Is there any written procedures or is that just something that --
 - Not that I recall, no.
 - So you get a complaint, a written complaint, and then you said at this point you went and spoke to Mr. Cotton?
 - A. Yes. I spoke to Mr. Cotton -well, I went to the site, actually, looked from the neighbor's property, so I knew what the neighbor was talking about in his complaint. And then I went to Mr. Cotton because I wanted to go on the property, but I wanted his permission to do that.
 - Okay.
 - So I told Mr. Cotton that what I saw there, I felt, did not meet the prescriptive allowances under zoning and that I would likely have to give him a letter and tell him to cease and desist. But I wanted to go and walk on the property and he was accommodating. He said that

1 A. Yes.

- That's your signature? Q.
- A.
- O. Was that the letter you were just referring to prior to me showing you that, the cease and desist?
 - That's the letter I gave him for A. cease and desist, that's correct.
- Did you give more than one letter to him for cease and desist for the same activity?
- The same property, no, I don't believe so. I don't recall.
 - As a result of that, what happened? Q.
- Well, as a result of that, I continued to get complaints of log deliveries on the site. I attempted to ticket Mr. Cotton, but technically messed up the tickets. They went nowhere. I got nowhere with ticketing, so I decided just to take it to court, went to court with Mr. Cotton and his attorney. And at that point we were assigned an arbitrator and a decision was made that Mr. Cotton could leave his equipment on-site where it was pending his

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appeal or approach for special permit. And he was pursuing other avenues because he felt his use fit under land use for farms, which I did not agree with, so we made an agreement that -and I made an agreement that he could leave his equipment there, he would cease all operations and stop hauling logs into that site.

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And that was then brought into the judge. The judge said all right, and that is where it went. After that, it rolled through court cases and it just sat in limbo. I used to get calls occasionally that he might be doing something, but I walked the site several times and didn't feel that he was continuing operations on that site.

- Okay. Just to go back to the beginning part, at some point you said you -technically there was a problem with the tickets?
 - I wrote tickets --A.
 - Q. What was that?
- 22 A. I wrote tickets wrong. I didn't 23 sent them to the right place. One time the 24 Court didn't have a copy of it that we sent in,

And the Court, you're talking about Hampshire -- which court?

- Yes, in Northampton, the Hampshire Court.
 - **Superior Court?** Q.
 - I don't know what it's called. A.
 - Q. What floor were you on?
 - The main floor. A.
- So just to clarify here, you said at some point you went to the court for some kind of arbitration?
- Okay. That's a separate and A. different court.
 - Where was that? Q.
- We actually had a building A. department training and we had some representatives come in that explained that depending on the type of issue it may be possible to take it to Land Court. So because it involved residential complaints, I was able to take Mr. Cotton to Land Court in Hadley, Massachusetts. That's where we came to an agreement that he would cease and desist his work, he could leave equipment and the logs that

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1 so they were all -- had some problem that I did

- 2 not pursue further. You could get thirty days 3 on the ticket, and then you could appeal it.
- 4 You know, so then we went forward with the
- 5 appeals. But then the ticket was invalid
- 6 because it was written incorrectly, so I got 7 nowhere essentially.
 - Did you issue more than one ticket? Q.
 - I believe I issued two. A.
 - Two tickets. If you could, approximately how long apart from the tickets that you issued?
 - A. I don't recall.
 - Could you approximate? Are we were talking a year, two months?
 - Within weeks.
 - So you learned from your mistake on the first one. And the second one, did you do that one properly?
 - We actually had more tickets made in Westhampton, so they had all the correct copies. And we followed procedure, but the second one the Court claimed never to receive.

were there at the time, and he would pursue his special permit and also his case for farm use that he was trying to achieve.

- So as I can assume from your answer there, you felt, as the zoning enforcement officer, it was up to your discretion to either enforce the ticket or to enter into an agreement of some sort; you have that authority?
 - A. I felt I had that authority, yes.
- And did anyone from Westhampton ever tell you you didn't have that authority?
 - A. Not to my knowledge.
- And as a zoning enforcement Q. officer, did you have anyone that was supervising you, that you're aware of?
 - Well, the selectmen were my bosses.
- And you say they're your bosses. Q. Why did you feel that?
 - They hired me. A.
- Did you report to them? Q.
- 21 When necessary, but not regularly. A.
- 22 Q. What would be a necessary time to 23 report?
 - Probably if I wanted a raise.

24 It also went nowhere.

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Q. More specifically, with regard to your duties, like enforcement, et cetera?

A. I usually didn't unless they requested that I come and talk to them, and I don't recall that happening, maybe once. I didn't go to their meetings. I didn't attend any of those meetings. And if I thought that they needed to know what I was doing, then I would copy them on the documents, which I did on several occasions.

MR. JORDAN: Off the record. (A recess was taken)

MR. JORDAN: Back on the record. I'm going to mark this as Exhibit 2.

(Exhibit 2, Letter dated November 6, 2014, marked for identification)

Q. (By Mr. Jordan) Please review it and let me know when you're set.

A. Okay.

Q. Do you remember receiving that letter, sir?

A. I do.

Q. And when you receive letters such

November 6, 2014 -- you had already had your arbitration at the Hadley Land Court and you had come to some kind of an agreement with respect to those tickets you had issued?

A. Yes, I believe that's correct.

Q. And as a result of that agreement, part of the agreement was that he would be able to pretty much leave the land in the status quo but not do anything further on it?

A. That was the assumption, yes.

Q. So the original reason for issuing the ticket was due to the fact that he was storing what on the property?

A. The original reason for issuing the ticket is to try to encourage Mr. Cotton to cease and desist, and the ticketing process didn't go well for me. It also extends the time period. It just drags out because there's thirty days at first. There is other appeal. It was an expedited process once I knew I could go to Land Court with him and have a judge decide something.

Q. All right. So at that point, after you had entered into that agreement, were there

as that, do you have a filing system at your office or anywhere?

A. There's a file on that piece of property. Everything goes in the same file.

Q. As a result of receiving this, what did you do, this letter?

A. Truthfully, I don't recall. At that point I don't recall what I did. I certainly didn't try to ticket Mr. Cotton for what that letter states.

Q. Is there a reason that you didn't enforce the cease and desist at that point when you received this?

A. Well, I enforced the cease and desist.

Q. But then let me withdraw that. Enforce in terms of the tickets that you had issued?

A. I didn't believe it was his place to tell me to ticket or not to ticket. And an agreement from the Court, as I saw it, was what stood until resolution of the issue.

Q. Okay. So by the time you had received this letter -- and this letter is dated

any further violations that you were made aware

of?

A. I don't recall. I received calls sometimes. But if there was a truck that went down the road, sometimes I had a call about it whether it was Cotton or not.

Q. Okay.

A. I could not stand on the property at the gate and watch Mr. Cotton come in and out. If the calls came on the weekend or if they weren't at a time where I could physically go and catch them there and show and prove they were there, then they weren't useful. So I went by the property several times after receiving calls that he was still loading logs on-site, but I never physically found him there.

Q. In fact, as a result of those experiences and other things, you expressed the opinion that the amount of trucks going in and out of the property was almost impossible to enforce, right?

A. At some point I expressed that, yes, it would be very difficult to enforce whatever conditions ended up being placed on the

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property.

Q. And that was due -- why would it be difficult to enforce those conditions?

A. Because of those reasons. One, typically we respond to written complaints, by practice. So if, by the time I got a written complaint, I couldn't tell -- and how could I tell if there was ten trucks that went in or 1,000 trucks that went in unless there was a counter at the gate or video surveillance that could be reviewed? It's impracticable. And that's much the same with many things, but in this condition it lent itself to being abused.

- Q. So it would be your opinion with respect to the number of -- limiting the number of trucks, at least on the property during the specified period of time, is essentially almost worthless because you can't really monitor that unless were you there 24/7?
- A. In my opinion, it would have been near impossible to validate any of that. I did speak to Mr. Cotton's attorney about it. His attorney was encouraging him to record logs of everything that happened all of the time in all

difference at any point that I walked through there that I recognized.

- Q. So today what you would say from your memory is that things were fairly consistent. You didn't see any increase or decrease of wood chips or logs on the property?
- A. No, I did not. Wood chips initially were a large pile. They ended up being pushed over and bulldozed out, so that changed before the agreement. But after that, I didn't see anything.
- Q. Now, with regard to Mr. Cotton and at least his company using the property as a sawmill, were you the building inspector or building enforcement officer at that time when he brought those large grinders onto the property?
- A. Yes. They were brought on before the first time I was involved, so yes.
- Q. They were. So what was on there had been there since when you said you were involved, which would have been around 2012 when initially you got involved?
 - A. I believe so. He may have brought

of the vehicles, but, again, that would have been something that he was maintaining as a record and subject to whatever.

- Q. Okay. Now, what about in terms of stockpiling? The original ticket, as I reviewed in there, was due to the fact where you would ask him to at least cease and desist. At that point the property was being used commercially and there was a stockpile of logs and wood chips. And you were also concerned there was grinding going on at that time, correct?
- A. Yes. I believe that was part of it, yes.
- Q. So after you entered into that agreement that it basically would stay status quo, did you ever monitor whether the amount of logs or chips or anything on that property had decreased or increased?
- A. I photographed the property from time to time and I did walk through there. It didn't appear that after that point there were additional logs, but it's hard to tell. He could have snuck one in here or there, but I didn't see that. There wasn't a vast amount of

additional equipment after I was not involved, but I don't know that.

- Q. But certainly not during the period of time when you had the agreement for the Land Court, that you didn't see any new machinery?
 - A. That's correct.
- Q. So do you remember what machinery was on the property when you entered into that agreement?
- A. Well, there were miscellaneous pieces scattered around, but the largest piece of equipment was a machine that picked up logs and essentially ground them into nothing. And there was a saw, I believe, attached to that same machine, so it was made to mill logs all in one shot.
- Q. Did you ever hear those machines run?
 - A. Had I heard them run?
 - Q. Had you heard his machines run?
- A. No, I never heard his machines run. And there was some testing done on-site, apparently that he was given permission to do in

order to see what the sound levels were at, but

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I didn't attend it. I didn't hear much about it. And Westhampton didn't have any kind of ordinance with a set decibel level for anything, so it would have been challenging again to try to enforce anything like that.

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- But you are aware, with regard to a sawmill, it's a requirement that the person that is seeking the special permit for the running of that has to hire an independent, qualified person to take sound levels. Are you aware of that?
- No. I don't recall that in the A. zoning.
- When we're talking about zoning, Q. it's not just the bylaws that we're talking about in the Town of Westhampton. You understand there is also state regulations and state statutes that have to be followed?
- That would be something that Mr. Cotton would have to follow. Once he had the right to do that, my piece of that was to see that he got the special permit to have the right.
 - At some point you said that his Q.

that letter that was sent from Attorney Jonathan 2 Breton from Bacon and Wilson, did you ever 3 respond to this letter? 4

- A. I believe I did.
- Did you tell him there had been an agreement and there really wasn't a violation at
- A. I don't recall. I would have to go find the document.
- Were you ever asked to give your input, by anyone, with regard to the conditions of allowing a sawmill to run in Westhampton?
- I believe I did go to a selectmen's meeting about that and expressed that it would be -- well, expressed that if there were going to be conditions that there be some way to enforce them or they'd be conditions that were enforceable, which I had a hard time believing could happen truthfully. I knew it would become a zoning enforcement officer's nightmare.
- So this is a discussion you had with the selectmen?
- A. I believe I did that at the selectmen's meeting, yes.

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- attorney had made the recommendation to Mr. Cotton that he log the coming and going of the trucks?
 - That was long after the Town had A. decided whatever they were doing, and it was in a conversation that I had with him when I was visiting for a different issue.
 - Okay. Q.
 - It was just coincidental. A.
- 10 So you weren't necessarily part of 11 that. You just happened to be around and heard 12 that?
 - Yes, I just happened to be with A. him.
 - Q. At the time his attorney was Patrick Melnik?
 - That's correct. A.
 - At some point did Patrick Melnik 0. represent you also?
 - Yes. A.
- 21 Q. Was that before or after?
- 22 A. I have known Pat forever and he is 23 my attorney.
 - Now, just going back to Exhibit 2,

1 Did they ask you to come so you 2 could give them information?

- Yes. I believe that was the issue they asked me to come for.
- Q. Do you have any more specific details of that conversation?
 - I don't. A.
- 8 So you felt -- all right. Because 9 what you just stated is whatever conditions that 10 be put on it be something that could be 11 adequately monitored?
 - I believe that is what I told them, A. yes.
 - Did the selectmen ask you for specific recommendations --
 - No. Α.
 - Q. -- concerning conditions?
 - A.
 - But at some point you did state that -- at least with regard to the number of trucks that continued to the property, that it would be virtually impossible to monitor?
 - At some point I stated that I felt it would be problematic and near impossible to

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1 enforce conditions that counted numbers of 2 trucks, hours of the day. You know, days of the 3 week might have been reasonable. You might have 4 had a shot to catch them on a weekend if it was 5 only weekdays, but it had to be some condition 6 that was reasonable. And looking at that 7 operation and how I thought that it would work, 8 I didn't believe that there were going to be 9 conditions that would be reasonably enforceable.

- What was the date you retired as the enforcement officer?
 - June 30 of last year. A.
 - Q. So 2017?

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- That is correct. A.
- Were you at some point made aware Q. that an agreement was entered into by the Town with Maple Grove Farm and Mr. Cotton to allow the sawmill to operate under a special permit?
 - A. No.
- When was the first -- do you know today that there was an agreement made by the 22 Town to allow Mr. Cotton and his company to operate a sawmill in Westhampton under a special permit?

So today you could not -- you don't know what conditions were put on the special permit?

- I still don't know.
- Have you reviewed any documents from that lawsuit at all?
 - A. No.
- Now, Mr. Quinlan took over from Q. you?
 - That is correct. A.
- Was there a period of transfer where you stayed on and he came in to replace you and you sort of showed him the ropes, or how did that work?
- A. He visited me a couple of times before he started while I was still working, and that was about it.
- Did you have a chance to inform him about what was happening in your office in terms of enforcement activities at the time?
- I told him what I thought the pending issues might be around town, the hot spots for zoning and basically what building was going on, how things were kept, basic things.

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- A. I only know by chance. Again, when I was with his attorney, I believe I asked how that was going and his attorney said that the Court had ordered that permit. So I didn't know the circumstances of it or what details there were, but I knew then that at least he did have a permit of some fashion.
- Q. But his attorney did not tell you that the Court had entered it as an order because of an agreement between the parties?
 - A.
- So today is the first time you're aware of that, when I told you that?
- In preparation for this meeting and speaking with the town's attorney, she gave me some background. I'm aware of that now.
- So are you aware that on April 3, 2017 -- that an Agreement for Judgment was filed in the Hampshire Superior Court with respect to settling of the case between Maple Grove Farm, Dave Cotton and Cotton Tree Service, and the Town of Westhampton?
- No. I don't know any details of that.

Q. Included in that was there a 2 reference to the whole issue for the special 3 permit for the sawmill?

- I told him that property was involved in a special permit process and court cases, and that's about it.
- Q. And would that have been in a June statement?
- That would have been the end of A. June, yes.
- At that point, at the end of June, you still did not know that an agreement had been entered into by the Town?
- No, not at all. Was it by then? Communication in Westhampton is lacking.
- With regard to the sawmill itself, have you, yourself, ever experienced listening to the grinders and such, not -- certainly not the property. You said you haven't. But any other place, log grinders and such, have you experienced that?
- A. I have had occasion to be at sawmills and listened to the logs being sawn, more than grinding and chipping. But I've been

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in some places where chipping was happening, probably not to the extent that he was going to do it. Chipping is a very loud, annoying process, in my opinion.

Q. When you say how he was going to do it, could you describe it?

A. I think he was going to do it in bulk more than, you know, a contractor would do for a couple trees on the side of the road. I think he was going to have 100 trees on the side of the road that he was going to chip up, so I think his operation was going to expand. That was one of my worries. It's hard to keep a handle on those types of things and there's --you know, it's difficult because you know, as a zoning enforcement officer, that you're responsible for it; yet you know, in fact, it would be a challenge to enforce and to oversee.

Q. And if you were an abutter to that property, would you want to have a sawmill beside your house?

A. Absolutely not.

Q. That would be primarily due to the sounds and the coming and going of traffic or

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS Hampshire, ss.

I, RAYMOND F. CATUOGNO, JR., a Notary Public in and for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, do hereby certify that there came before me on June 13, 2018, at the offices of Kotfila & Jordan, One Monarch Place, Suite 1340, Springfield, Massachusetts, the following named person, to wit: CHARLES MILLER, who was by me duly swom to testify to the truth and nothing but the truth as to his knowledge touching and concerning the matters in controversy in this cause; that he was thereupon examined upon his oath and said examination reduced to writing by me; and that the statement is a true record of the testimony given by the witness, to the best of my knowledge and ability.

I further certify that I am not a relative or employee of counsel/attorney for any of the parties, nor a relative or employee of such parties, nor am I financially interested in the outcome of the action.

WITNESS MY HAND June 19, 2018.

Raymond F. Catuogno, Jr. Notary Public

My Commission expires: February 12, 2021

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trucks?

A. I like peace and quiet and I can certainly understand the neighbors's position, but my only purpose there was to decide whether or not it was allowed by zoning and let someone else decide whether or not he could have it if it wasn't.

Q. And this should be the last question. So it would be a fair assumption that since you entered into the agreement in Land Court and when you retired, you were unaware of any kind of operations by Mr. Cotton or his companies in operating the sawmill?

A. That's correct.

MR. JORDAN: I have no further questions.

MS. ECKER: I have no

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June 22, 2018

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Re: FONDAKOWSKI v. TOWN OF WESTHAMPTON, et al.

Dear Counselor:

Enclosed is a copy of the deposition of CHARLES MILLER taken on June 13, 2018, in the above-entitled action.

According to Rule 30(e) of the Massachusetts Rules of Civil Procedure, the deponent has thirty days to sign the deposition from the date of its submission to the deponent, which is the above date.

Please have the deponent sign the enclosed Signature Page/Errata Sheet and return it to the offices of:

> Richard T. Jordan, Esq. LAW OFFICES OF KOTFILA & JORDAN One Monarch Place, Suite 1340 Springfield, MA 01144

Whereupon it will be attached to the original deposition transcript, and a copy thereof to all counsel of record.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Raymond F. Catuogno, Jr.

cc: Richard T. Jordan, Esq.

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ARM, LLC, AND HAMPSHIRE SUPERIOR COURT, Defendants.		
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