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	DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIA	
HAMPSHIRE,	, SS.	SUPERIOR COURT NO. 1780CV00105
TIMOTHY FO	ONDAKOWSKI, Plaintiff,	
v.		
THROUGH IT HATHAWAY, COTTON TRE	BOARD OF THE TOWN OF W TS MEMBERS MARK SCHWAL ROBERT TURNER, ROBERT EE SERVICE, INC., DODG , AND HAMPSHIRE SUPERI Defendants.	LIE, THOMAS 'DRAGON, JR., E MAPLE GROVE
	DEPOSITION OF PHILIP	DOWLING
	TAKEN MAY 8, 201	8
	AT THE LAW OFFICES	OF
	KOTFILA & JORDA	N
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	SPRINGFIELD, MASSACH	USETTS
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BY: RICHARD T. JORDAN, ESQ. 413-746-0077/413-781-5399	raised at the time of trial for the first time.
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BY: KATHERINE D. LAUGHMAN, ESQ. 617-556-0007	une of that for the first time.
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In Attendance:	deposition transcript is hereby waived.
Timothy Fondakowski	It is further agreed by and between the
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	the receipt of the original deposition
	transcript is hereby waived.
INDEX: WITNESS: PHILIP DOWLING PAGE Examination by Mr. Jordan	1 * * * * * 2 PHILIP DOWLING, Deponent, having produce 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. 8 the ground of depositions. You probably 9 remember this from last time, but 10 A. 11 don't. 12 MS. LAUGHMAN: The first 13 ground rule is don't speak over him. 14 Q. (By Mr. Jordan) That's right. 15 Wait until I finish my question, and then you 16 can start your answer. If you anticipate it and 17 you start answering the question before I'm 18 finished with it, it makes it difficult not only 19 for myself but he has to try to remember what 20 the other person was saying. It just doesn't
	 work. So that's what you need to do with respect to that, so wait until the end of the question. The second thing is that when you

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1	give a response, it has to be audible. So going	1	Q. Is it less than a mile?
2	mm-hmm, nodding your head or shaking your head,	2	A. No.
3	et cetera, he can't pick that up. Try to	3	Q. Is it more than a mile?
4	remember. Everyone forgets from time to time,	4	A. Yes.
5	but try to say yes or no and answer the	5	Q. Could you approximate how far it is
б	question. When I'm asking questions, if you	6	from the sawmill, sir?
7	don't understand the question I'm asking, just	7	A. I would be guessing.
8	say so and I'll try to restate it if it's	8	MS. LAUGHMAN: Don't guess.
9	confusing or you just don't understand it.	9	A. Don't guess. No, I can't tell you.
10	However, if you do answer a question, I will	10	Q. All right. Have you ever driven to
11	assume that you understand that question.	11	the sawmill site?
12	And lastly, let's see what else. I	12	A. Absolutely.
13	think that is all I can think of.	13	Q. Have you driven to the sawmill site
14	MS. LAUGHMAN: Mr. Jordan,	14	from your home?
15	stipulations?	15	A. Yes.
16	MR. JORDAN: Yes. And same	16	Q. And you drove in a car?
17	stipulations as last time?	17	A. Yes.
18	MS. LAUGHMAN: Yes, please.	18	Q. Approximately how long did it take
19	MR. JORDAN: The usual.	19	you to get there by car to the sawmill?
20	Q. (By Mr. Jordan) Could you state	20	A. Less than ten minutes.
21	your name, please?	21	Q. Less than ten, more than eight?
22	A. Philip Dowling.	22	A. I don't know.
23	Q. And what's your address,	23	Q. Now, you're a current Select Board
24	Mr. Dowling?	24	member, is that correct, for the Town of
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	7		9
1	A. 40 Hathaway Road, Westhampton.	1	Westhampton?
2	Q. And how long have you lived in	2	A. Yes.
3	Westhampton?	3	Q. And how long have you been a member
4	A. Thirty-three years.	4	of the Select Board?
5	Q. With regard to 33 Hathaway Road, is	5	A. Four years in June.
6	that close to Northwest Road?	6	Q. Is that your first elected office?
7	A. You said 33.	7	A. No.
8	Q. Whatever your address what's	8	Q. What other elected offices have you
9	your address?	9	held?
10	A. 40 Hathaway Road.	10	A. Board of Health.
11	Q. 40 Hathaway. Is the location of	11	Q. Is that also in the Town of
12	your home close to Northwest Road?	12	Westhampton?
13	A. Yes.	13	A. Yes.
14	Q. Okay. And is it close to the site	14	Q. How long were you on the Board of
15	of the sawmill?	15	Health?
16	A. Please define close.	16	A. Two years.
17	Q. All right. Within 2,000 feet?	17	Q. What years?
18	A. No.	18	A. I don't remember.
19		19	
20		20	
21		21	A. No.
22	Q. 4,000?	22	Q. Past twenty years?
23	A. No. Ω A mile?	23	A. Yes.
23	Q. A mile?	23	Q. How long were you elected for as a
24	A. No.	27	Selectmen?

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10 12 1 1 A. Could you repeat that, please? run the meeting. 2 2 О. What is the period of time that Q. Who is the current chairman of the 3 3 you're elected as a Selectmen? Select Board? 4 4 Three years. Α. A. Jim Houston. 5 5 Fair assumption you're in your Is there a reason why you're no Q. Q. 6 second period of election? 6 longer the chairman? 7 7 A. Yes. A. We elected Jim Houston chair. 8 8 Q. What's your current position with Just to clarify, do you put Q. 9 9 yourself forward as being open to being elected the Select Board? 10 10 A. Clerk. chairman or is the voting process something like 11 11 Were you ever chairman of the Q. who do you want to be chairman and everyone 12 12 Select Board? votes and whoever gets the most votes, along 13 13 those lines? A. Yes. 14 14 Correct. **O**. Are you currently chairman of the A. 15 15 Select Board? Q. Okay. So it's not something you, I 16 16 No. guess, pursue. It's just whoever votes for A. 17 17 whoever is on the Select Board gets the most Q. For what years were you chairman of 18 18 the Select Board? votes is elected? 19 2016 to 2017. 19 A. Correct. A. 20 20 Now, do you know David Cotton? How are you elected to be chairman? Q. Q. 21 21 A. The Board. Three of us decide by I have met him. A. 22 22 vote. 0. You're not in a business 23 23 relationship with him at all, not in any type of Q. Is that a position that you apply 24 24 business relationship with him? for or is it just informally at a meeting of the 11 13 1 1 Select Board? A. No. 2 It's informal. It's a vote. 2 Q. And you don't know him socially? A. 3 3 Okay. And it's done at the A. No. О. 4 4 Q. How about members of his family? initiation of, I guess, the -- strike that. 5 5 How often does it come to pass that A. No. 6 6 you informally vote for a chairman? Q. Now, when was it -- as a Select 7 7 A. Once a year. Board member, you got involved with Mr. Cotton's 8 application for the sawmill on Northwest Road? 8 Are the duties of the chairman of Q. 9 9 I don't think we were ever involved the Select Board any different than the Select A. 10 10 in the application. Board? 11 11 A. You run the meetings. Q. Did you ever review the 12 What does that mean? 12 application? Q. 13 13 You're the chair. You run the No. A. A. 14 14 meeting. Q. So when did you get involved? 15 15 MS. LAUGHMAN: Objection. Q. What is run the meeting? Describe 16 16 Involved with what? your duties. 17 17 You call the meeting to order. You Q. (By Mr. Jordan) Again, when did A. 18 18 you get involved in the process of Mr. Cotton call votes. It's pretty much it. 19 19 And you state now you're the clerk? seeking a special permit for the sawmill on Q. 20 20 Correct. Northwest Road? A. 21 21 0. And what are the duties of the A. I don't recall, other than request 22 22 clerk of the Select Board? from Planning Board for consulting with town 23 23 counsel. I don't recall when that first date None, that I'm aware of, other A. 24 24 than -- if the chairman is not present, then you was, but that has been an ongoing situation from

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1	the time I was on the Select Board.	1	A. To lay out the settlement of the
2	Q. So somebody approached you from the	2	case with conditions.
3	Planning Board asking you to consult with the	3	Q. And when you say to lay out the
4	Town's attorney?	4	settlement, to lay out to who?
5	A. No.	5	A. To the people attending the
6	Q. Maybe I didn't hear it right then.	6	hearing.
7	Did you say somebody asked for legal consult on	7	Q. And that would have been considered
8	the Planning Board?	8	an open meeting; is that correct?
9	A. As I understand it, people who are	9	A. Absolutely.
10	on the Planning Board requested to the Select	10	Q. And are you aware of the reasons
11	Board, probably through the administrative	11	that for the need to have an open meeting?
12	assistant, to have Select Board approval to	12	A. I don't understand the question.
13	contact town counsel for advice.	13	Q. You know there's an open-meeting
14	Q. All right. And as a result of	14	law in the State of Massachusetts?
15	that, was the approval given?	15	A. Correct.
16	A. Yes.	16	Q. And you wanted to comply with the
17	Q. Do you know approximately when that	17	open-meeting law. Is that why you had this
18	was?	18	meeting?
19	A. I have no dates.	19	A. It was not my meeting.
20	Q. Did you prepare at all for this	20	Q. When I say you, I mean the Town of
21	deposition? Did you review any documents prior		Westhampton, the Planning Board.
22	to attending the deposition today?	22	A. Yes.
23	A. I talked with town counsel.	23	Q. And the Select Board was there too,
24	Q. Other than conversation with your	24	right?
	15		17
1	legal counsel I will ask that further on, but	1	A. I believe all members of the Select
2	have you reviewed any documents prior to your	2	Board attended that meeting.
3	deposition?	3	Q. Is that unusual that the Select
4	A. No.	4	Board would attend a meeting of the Planning
5	Q. Other than your town counsel, legal	5	Board?
6	counsel, have you discussed your deposition with	6	A. I don't know.
7	anyone prior to attending?	7	Q. Well, you have been on the Select
8	A. My wife knows I'm here to be	8	Board for four years. Have you other than
9	deposed, but other than that, no.	9	that meeting for the sawmill, have you ever
10	Q. At some point you attended I	10	attended any other Planning Board open meetings?
11	believe it was May 3 when you had the remand	11	A. I can't be sure if I have or not.
12	hearing, which would have been, I believe, the	12	I don't remember.
13	third vote on the application for the sawmill	13	Q. Have you ever attended any open
14	requested by Mr. Cotton and Maple Grove Farm?	14	meeting other than this one? When I say this
15	MS. LAUGHMAN: Objection.	15	one, I mean the one that was conducted in May
16	What is the question?	16	2017.
17	MR. JORDAN: Could you read	17	A. Could you repeat the question,
18	that back, please.	18	please?
19	(Question read by reporter)	19	Q. Have you ever attended any open
20	Q. (By Mr. Jordan) So you attended	20	meeting in the Town of Westhampton other than
21	that meeting?	21	the one that we're talking about, which is the
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22	A. Yes.	22	one that occurred in May of 2017?
22 23	A. Yes.Q. And what was the purpose of that	23	A. Yes.
22	A. Yes.		

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18 20 1 1 А. Town meetings, Select Board A. I said, based on the advice of town 2 2 meetings. I've been to ZBA meetings. I've been counsel, we felt it was prudent to settle this 3 3 to Board of Health meetings. case with conditions because, if we did not, 4 4 And why were you at those meetings? this case was going to go to trial and there was Q. 5 5 In some cases to add information a strong likelihood, according to town counsel, A. 6 6 that -- you know, finance committee meetings, we that we would lose the case and it would be 7 7 talk about finances. without conditions. There would be no 8 8 Okay. With regard to the conditions applied. Q. 9 9 planning -- you stated other than this meeting Q. Now, what was your understanding of 10 10 you don't remember if you attended any other why it was likely that the Town of Westhampton 11 11 Planning Board meetings; is that correct? or the Planning Board would lose the case, based 12 12 I don't remember. on what facts? A. 13 13 Basically, for me, it was advice of Q. Okav. A. 14 14 A. I can't give you a definitive counsel. It was their opinion that this thing 15 15 answer. was going to trial and that there was a strong 16 16 likelihood, in their opinion, that we would lose Q. So tell me, why did you attend this 17 17 particular meeting, the one that happened in May the case. 18 18 of 2017? Q. And that's all you know? 19 19 A. I was asked to attend. That's what the town counsel's A. 20 20 Q. By who? advice was, and this was coming up quickly. 21 21 A. By Tom Hathaway. My question to you, based on what Q. 22 22 Q. Did Mr. Hathaway tell you why he facts made it likely that Westhampton would lose 23 23 asked you to attend? the case? 24 24 He was hoping -- no, I have no A. A. I don't remember specifically. 19 21 1 1 idea. He asked me if I would attend. Q. What do you remember generally? 2 That's all that he said? 2 That town counsel advised that we Q. A. 3 3 No. He asked me if I would attend could potentially lose the case and, if we A. 4 4 and say what the Select Board did in regards to applied conditions to it, it would be a better 5 5 this case. result. 6 6 Q. Okay. Did he say anything else? Q. But your testimony today is you 7 7 A. No. cannot remember one factual basis as to why it 8 So when you say what the Select 8 would be likely that the Town of Westhampton Q. 9 9 would lose this case? Board did, you mean to explain it to the town 10 10 residents that showed up at the open meeting? A. Correct. 11 11 Could you repeat that question, Now, I reviewed a letter -- I guess A. О. 12 please? 12 you wrote a letter to Hampshire Gazette dated 13 13 Tuesday, May 30, 2017. Is that about the time О. When you say he asked you to say 14 14 you wrote the letter to them? what the Select Board did, my question to you 15 15 is: Do you mean by that to explain the process A. If you say so. 16 16 by which -- strike that. Okay. Well, I'm going to show О. 17 17 What did you take that to mean when you -- I would like you to review this. And 18 18 he said to explain what the Select Board did? this was an attachment to the Complaint filed by 19 The Select Board was responding to 19 Mr. Fondakowski. So if could read that over and A. 20 20 tell me if you wrote that letter or not. advice from town counsel and were in support of 21 21 I did write the letter. Some of settling the case. A. 22 22 Okay. So you spoke at the meeting? the words have been changed by the editor. The Q. 23 23 word "amplify" is not a word I used. A. I did. 24 Do you remember what you said? 24 Why don't you read it through and Q. Q.

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1	tell me what is not yours, something you did not	1	effect than just a violation of a regular permit
2	write?	2	issued by the Town?
3	A. Yes. I would own the rest of it.	3	A. It's my understanding that's true.
4	Q. So other than amplify, I guess?	4	Q. So who in the Town of Westhampton
5	A. Yes. I don't remember what word I	5	monitors those conditions?
б	used.	6	A. Building inspector, zoning
7	Q. All right. So it sounds like your	7	inspector.
8	concern at that time was that you were concerned	8	Q. Who is that?
9	that you couldn't set conditions if there was no	9	A. Tom Quinlan.
10	agreement to settle the case, if they were	10	Q. And was that a concern prior to
11	successful? And when I say "set conditions," I	11	entering into this agreement, that it would
12	mean set conditions on the operation of the	12	be that certain conditions would be
13	sawmill.	13	essentially unenforceable strike that.
14	A. This is a question?	14	Not unenforceable, very difficult
15	Q. It is. What I said was, your	15	to monitor?
16	concern was that you wouldn't be able to set	16	A. Not in my opinion.
17	conditions if the Town of Westhampton lost the	17	Q. Okay. Since the issuance of that
18	case. That was a concern to you, correct?	18	special permit, have there been any reported
19	A. Relevant to this letter or just in	19	violations, that you're aware of, by Mr. Cotton
20	general?	20	at the sawmill?
21	Q. Just in general at this point.	21	A. We have received a letter or two
22	A. In general, yes.	22	talking about violations.
23	Q. Okay. And in fact, you mention	23	Q. There are actually three, that I'm
24	that as one of the reasons that settlement was	24	aware of. Do you remember what those violations
	23		25
1	reached, correct?	1	were?
2	A. Correct.	2	A. Not specifically, truck traffic.
3	Q. Now, why was it important that	3	Q. Well, do you remember a violation
4 5	those conditions why was it important for you	4	that was reported by Mr. Fondakowski?
6	as I guess as a Select Board member that	5 6	A. No.
7	there be conditions on the special-permit issue?	7	Q. And if a violation is reported at
8	A. It seemed like a better option than	8	the meeting that was held in May of 2017 I think it was May 22 actually did you not
9	no conditions.	9	think it was May 23, actually did you not
10	Q. Okay. And what would be the	10	explain that it could be reported to the
11	purpose of having those conditions? What would be your understanding?	11	enforcement officer or building inspector and/or the selectmen if any violations were known?
12	A. To limit the amount of the use of	12	
13	that facility for grinding stumps.	13	A. No. Q. If Mr. Fondakowski sent a letter to
14	Q. Okay. And if, indeed, there was a	14	the Town, what would be the procedure for
15	violation, what would be what was your	15	following up on a reported violation?
16	expectation if there was a violation of	16	A. I believe it would go to the
17	conditions? What would be your expectation of	17	building inspector.
	what action the Town of Westhampton would take?		Q. So if it was reported that it could
10			χ . So if it was reported that it could
18 19			also be reported to the Select Roard, that would
19	A. It was told by counsel that	19	also be reported to the Select Board, that would be erroneous advice?
	A. It was told by counsel that violation would be a contempt of court, of the		be erroneous advice?
19 20	A. It was told by counsel that violation would be a contempt of court, of the agreement. That would have much more yes.	19 20	be erroneous advice? A. It may go to the Select Board as
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1	inspector.	¹ If we ask him to look at something generally we
2	Q. So one method of reporting would be	 If we ask him to look at something, generally we would ask him to get back to us after the fact.
3	to report to the Select Board, violations?	³ Q. So the building inspector in this
4	A. Yes, sure.	⁴ case at least of the special permit in the Town
5		⁵ of Westhampton is the enforcement officer for
6	Q. Is there a procedure set up	⁶ those conditions?
7	where if a violation is reported, that it is	7 A. Correct.
8	reviewed by some Select Board member? A. No.	n. contect.
9		Q. So is it your testimony today that
10	Q. So the procedure would be, if it's reported to the Select Board, you don't even	 ⁹ he's essentially responsible for following up on ¹⁰ all violations that are reported?
11	review it. You just pass it on to the building	¹¹ A. That's my understanding.
12	inspector. Is that the procedure?	12 Q. And he has no duty to report to the
13	A. Generally speaking.	¹³ selectmen the results of any investigation that
14	Q. So you personally have never	 ¹⁴ he did concerning the violations?
15	reviewed any of the letters that were sent	15 A. I do not think that he has the
16	recording violations by Mr. Cotton at the	¹⁶ responsibilities of reporting violations to the
17	sawmill?	¹⁷ Select Board.
18	A. As I said before, I remember seeing	¹⁸ Q. Does he have responsibility to
19	a letter or two reporting violations.	¹⁹ report to anyone, that you're aware of?
20	Q. How did you see those letters?	²⁰ A. I believe that his responsibility
21	A. They were part of the Select Board	²¹ is to act on violations.
22	meeting that were handed to us about the Select	22 Q. Okay. And in reviewing one of
23	Board meeting.	²³ the I guess the meetings that you had with
24	Q. By who?	²⁴ Mr. Quinlan I remember him basically
1	27	29
1 2	A. By the administrative assistant.	¹ responding to the Select Board and saying that ² he drove by and didn't see any violations. Was
3	Q. And what did you do with those	 ² he drove by and didn't see any violations. Was ³ that the extent of his investigation?
4	after you reviewed them?	
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5	A. We didn't do anything with them.	4 A. I have no idea.
5 6	Q. Did you hand them back to whoever	 ⁴ A. I have no idea. ⁵ Q. So you don't know if he spoke to
6	Q. Did you hand them back to whoever gave them to you?	 A. I have no idea. Q. So you don't know if he spoke to any of the people that reported the violation?
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30 32 1 1 the conditions? What is your understanding? investigation that took place? 2 2 A. I would assume that the zoning A. I don't know what Tom Quinlan did 3 3 enforcement officer would do that. exactly. 4 4 Q. Was that left up to his total Well, he told you what he did, Q. 5 5 discretion or is he supervised or monitored by didn't he? Didn't he tell you he drove by and 6 б didn't see any violation and spoke to Mr. Cotton anyone at the Town? 7 7 A. I would assume that he would bring and he denied it? 8 8 something like that before the selectmen. That's not what he said. A. 9 9 And why would you assume that? Q. What did he say? Q. 10 10 A. Well, if he were going to incur He said that he talked with Cotton, A. 11 11 town counsel's costs, money, then it would come visited the site, and he did not find any 12 12 to the Select Board. violations. 13 13 To ask for permission to talk to Q. **Q**. All right. And you understand the 14 14 counsel? Is that what you mean? violation that was reported was that he was 15 15 operating outside the stated time? A. Correct. 16 16 Are you aware it was reported that I don't remember. Q. A. 17 17 Cotton Tree Service and, I guess, Maple Grove Q. Did you ever review the site plan 18 18 Farm were operating the sawmill at times outside that was approved for the sawmill? 19 19 what the conditions were? Were you ever made No. A. 20 20 aware of that? Q. Why did you not review it? 21 21 A. No. It's not my job. A. 22 22 Q. If you were made aware of that, **Q**. Are you aware of the frontage 23 23 what would be your obligation to respond to requirement for a sawmill in the Town of 24 24 Westhampton? that, if any? 31 33 1 1 What I would do is contact the A. A. No. 2 zoning enforcement officer and have him look 2 Q. Are you aware of the need for a 3 3 Chapter 61 forest plan for the sawmill in the into it. 4 4 Town of Westhampton? And in fact, he did do that at one Q. 5 5 time, correct, that you're aware of? A. No. 6 6 Yes. Q. Did you receive a complaint by a А. 7 7 Q. And what did he tell you? resident of the Town that the sign that is 8 I don't remember specifically, but 8 erected is in violation of the zoning A. 9 9 regulations in the Town of Westhampton? the gist of it was that they were not operating 10 10 stump grinding on that site. I believe I read recently an e-mail A. 11 11 So it would be a fair statement to that said something to that effect. Q. 12 12 say there is no monitoring whatsoever with As a result of that e-mail, did you Q. take any action on that? 13 regard to what kind of investigation is done for 13 14 14 reports of violations of the stump dump? No. A. 15 15 MS. LAUGHMAN: Objection. And the e-mail alleged that the Q. 16 16 sign was not in conformance with the permit that A. That is not true. 17 17 Q. It's not true, is that what you was granted; is that correct? 18 18 said? A. I glanced at the letter. 19 19 You glanced at it. What did you do A. Correct. Q. 20 20 with it after you glanced at it? Q. Again, let's go back to the 21 21 violations that were reported. What is your It's an e-mail. A. 22 22 understanding of what investigation took place? Q. All right, the e-mail. 23 23 Other than talking to Mr. Cotton and driving by, A. Nothing. 24 do you know of any other part of that 24 Have you ever even seen the site Q.

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34 36 1 1 plan for the sawmill on Northwest Road? Q. And that was the only discussion 2 2 A. Yes. I have seen it. about that? 3 3 And what were the circumstances О. A. Correct. 4 that you have seen it? 4 Q. So you gave them a letter from town 5 5 I don't recall. counsel and essentially said that there is a A. 6 6 Q. When did you see it? high likelihood, or words to that effect, that 7 7 A. I don't recall. you would lose and you should come up with some 8 8 Now, it states that Mr. Dowling, in conditions? О. 9 9 your letter that you sent to the Hampshire A. I don't remember exactly what words 10 10 Gazette -- and did you -- you made this were exchanged, but I would not say that is 11 11 statement, "I have complete empathy for the exactly -- precisely what I said. 12 abutter's loss of peace and quiet in the 12 Q. Well, can you tell me -- you cannot 13 13 neighborhood, particularly of the canopy dirt tell me precisely? 14 lane I once lived on that has now become a paved 14 No. A. 15 15 highway." You made at that statement? So then would that have been the Q. 16 16 Correct. gist of it? A. 17 17 Q. And that was a truthful statement? A. No comment. 18 18 Yes or no? A. Absolutely. Q. 19 19 Now, what was your involvement in Would you repeat what you just Q. A. 20 20 the Agreement for Judgment? Do you know what said? 21 21 that is, sir? Do you know what the Agreement MR. JORDAN: Can you read that 22 22 for Judgment was that was filed in the case back, please? 23 23 between the Town and Mr. Cotton? (Testimony read by reporter) 24 24 A. Yes. No. A. 35 37 1 1 Q. What was your involvement in that? Q. So that was not the gist of it? 2 I don't believe I had any 2 A. A. No. 3 3 involvement in that directly. Q. Did you review the Agreement for 4 4 Q. How about indirectly? What was Judgment prior to being filed? 5 5 vour involvement? A. Yes. 6 6 As I stated earlier, we received a О. Sir, on Page 2, Number 2, it states A. 7 7 letter from counsel recommending that we settle this, "The Planning Board shall hold a public 8 8 the case with conditions and we passed that on hearing and issue its special-permit decision 9 9 to the Planning Board because it was a short -within sixty days from the date the Court enters 10 10 it was going to go to court, we understood, this Agreement for Judgment. Failure of the 11 11 within a week or so. We had a meeting with the Planning Board to hold a public hearing and 12 Planning Board and presented that recommendation 12 affirmatively vote to approve the special-permit 13 13 to them and left it to them to decide what they decision within sixty days shall result in the 14 14 did with it. Court directly issuing this special permit in 15 15 So what did you tell the Planning the form agreed upon by the parties pursuant to Q. 16 16 Board? the Agreement for Judgment. In the event the 17 17 A. We told them that town counsel special permit is issued by the Court, the 18 18 recommended that they settle with conditions parties shall file the special permit in the 19 19 because there was a likelihood that the case form attached with the Westhampton town clerk 20 20 would be lost. and in accordance with General Law 40A, Section 21 21 Did you give them any explanation 9, thirteen paragraphs. Notice of such filing Q. 22 22 as to why it was likely to be lost? shall forthwith be mailed to all parties of 23 23 We gave them the letter from town A. interest as defined in general Law 40A, Section 24 24 counsel. 11, and to any person who requested that the

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1	notice be sent to him and stated the address to	1	when you went to explain to the town residents
2	which such notice was to be sent."	2	that any vote that was taken was irrelevant,
3	Now, with respect to that	3	that the special permit was going to be granted
4	statement, sir	4	no matter what, correct?
5	MS. LAUGHMAN: Mr. Jordan,	5	A. Correct.
б	before you write on it, I'm going to ask	6	Q. Did you have any conversation with
7	that you place it before him.	7	Mr. Dragon concerning the Agreement for
8	MR. JORDAN: I'm not writing	8	Judgment?
9	on it.	9	A. No.
10	Q. (By Mr. Jordan) I'm going to ask	10	Q. And what was the reason for putting
11	you to read the second sentence there where it	11	into the Agreement for Judgment that there had
12	says "failure." And the second sentence, I mean	12	to be an affirmative vote strike that.
13	Page 2, Paragraph 2, second sentence.	13	What was your understanding why
14	A. "Failure of the Planning Board to	14	that second sentence was put in there, which
15	hold a public hearing and affirmatively vote to	15	basically made the vote of the Planning Board
16	approve the special-permit decision within sixty	16	irrelevant to whether the permit was granted or
17	days shall result in the Court directly issuing	17	not?
18	a special permit in the form agreed upon by the	18	A. It was my understanding that when
19	parties pursuant to the Agreement for Judgment."	19	the Planning Board presented those conditions,
20	Q. Okay. So what did you understand	20	hammered out those conditions and presented them
21	that sentence to mean?	21	to town counsel, that that agreement was the
22	A. That if no hearing was held, that	22	final decision in that regard.
23	the Court would issue those conditions and	23	Q. And that is why so that is your
24	settle the case.	24	understanding as to why that second sentence of
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2	is from the Planning Board.	2	reason?
3	Q. So are you aware, sir, as a result	3	A. Absolutely.
4	of this agreement, that the it was the Court	4	Q. Did the Select Board have any
5	that issued the special permit?	5	involvement at all in the negotiation of the
6	A. I have no opinion on that.	6	settlement?
7	Q. What did you understand when it was	7	A. No.
8	explained to you that a special permit issued by	8	Q. Prior to the filing of the
9	the courts would be able to be enforced by	9	Agreement for Judgment, were the details of that
10	filing a Complaint for Contempt?	10	agreement ever explained to you?
11	A. I have no opinion on that.	11	A. I don't recall.
12	Q. Sir, I'm not asking what your	12	Q. Now, this is part of a
13	opinion is. I asked you what your understanding	13	transcription of the remand hearing that was
14	was.	14	held on May 23, 2017. That hearing was
15	A. It's not something I thought about.	15	recorded?
16	MR. JORDAN: Off the record.	16	A. Yes.
17	(A recess was taken)	17	Q. It was also videotaped, was it not?
18	MR. JORDAN: Back on the	18	A. No.
19 20	record.	19 20	Q. It states here, Mr. Dowling, that
20 21	Q. (By Mr. Jordan) Mr. Dowling, right	20 21	you stated at that hearing that this is page
21 22	now I'm looking at the minutes of the public	21 22	5, starting at Line 9. It says, "So the Select
23	hearing held on May 23, 2017. Have you	23	Board voted unanimously to direct the Planning
24	reviewed, at any time, the minutes from that	24	Board to come up with a set of conditions to
21	public meeting that was held concerning the	21	attempt to settle the case." Do you remember
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1	that. Was it your understanding that the	1	A. To myself?
2	conditions were put in place to protect the	2	Q. Yes.
3	neighborhood from potential impact?	3	A. Okay.
4	A. It was my understanding the	4	Q. So sir, based on statements that
5	conditions were better than no conditions.	5	you made at the May 23, 2017 open meeting, it
6	Q. But your statement is, sir, it was	6	was your understanding at that time that you had
7	to protect the neighborhood from potential	7	been told by counsel you were not going to win
8	impact. Was that a true or false statement made	8	the case between Cotton versus Westhampton; is
9	by you?	9	that correct?
10	A. Would you read it again?	10	MS. LAUGHMAN: Objection.
11	Q. "Had the Court overturned the	11	A. That is not correct.
12	Board's decision and ordered the issuance of a	12	Q. So sir, where it says, on Line 17,
13	special permit, the Town would have lost its	13	you were recounting to the residents of the Town
14	opportunity to condition the project in order to	14	based on what information she had from years of
15	protect the neighborhood from potential impact"?	15	dealing with the Court, was that we were not
16	MS. LAUGHMAN: Mr. Jordan, I	16	going to win this case, that the special permit
17	ask that you put the document in front of	17	would be granted and would give us no conditions
18	the witness so he can look at it.	18	and no power.
19	MR. JORDAN: Sure.	19	So my question to you again is:
20	A. Yes.	20	That is incorrect, you were not told that you
21	Q. So that is a true statement?	21	were not going to win the case?
22	A. As far as I'm concerned.	22	A. Correct.
23	Q. Now, sir, these are not your words,	23	MS. LAUGHMAN: Could we have
24	but they are the words of Mr. Schwallie. My	24	that in front of him while he is answering
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1	question to you is whether you would agree with	1	the question?
2	the statement by Mr. Schwallie. And this is	2	A. We were not told that we were not
3	Page 6, starting Line 11, "With the conditions,	3	going win. We were told that we were unlikely
4	I would like to say we tried. The goal was to	4	to win the case.
5	make the conditions as restrictive as possible."	5	Q. So that statement you made at the
6	Was that your goal, sir?	б	hearing is not accurate?
7	A. I have no goal whatsoever in	7	A. Based on what is on this piece of
8	regards to the conditions other than suggesting	8	paper, it's not accurate.
9	the Planning Board look at what they can do.	9	Q. On Page 45 of the transcript of the
10	Q. On Page 14 of the transcript, Line	10	May 23, 2017 meeting, you made the statement,
11	11, there is another statement that was	11	"It's my understanding that regardless of what
12	transcribed that you made at that open meeting	12	the Planning Board does, this agreement is part
13	that says, "So we hired counsel and we listened	13	of the agreement, then it's indiscernible, has
14	to them." I'm going to have you read it first,	14	already been decided. It will go into effect."
15	sir, and then I will ask you specific questions	15	And Line 8, "MR. DOWLING: Regardless of how the
16	instead of me reading that into the record.	16	Planning Board votes, that's that." What did
17	A. You want me to read where it	17	you mean whether you stated that, sir?
18	starts?	18	A. Just what it says.
19	Q. From Line 11.	19	Q. Well, I would ask you to repeat.
20	MS. LAUGHMAN: To himself or	20	What does it mean and you want me to read it?
21	aloud?	21	MS. LAUGHMAN: Excuse me,
22	Q. (By Mr. Jordan) Just read it so I	22	please put the document in front of the
23	can ask you questions about it.	23	witness that you're reading from. You
		24	
24	MS. LAUGHMAN: To yourself.	24	should really have copies of this document
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1	for the witness' use, not just keep the	1	Q. In terms of enforcement, I have
2	document for yourself.	2	asked you questions about the enforcement part.
3	MR. JORDAN: I'm not keeping	3	So from your previous answers, it's my
4	the document for myself.	4	understanding that the Select Board really has
5	MS. LAUGHMAN: It's regular	5	nothing to do with regard to making decisions
6	practice to have copies before the	6	about the enforcement of any violations of
7	witness.	7	
8		8	special permits for the sawmill; is that
	Q. (By Mr. Jordan) My question is		correct?
9	you stated "that's that" what did you mean by	9	A. No.
10	that?	10	Q. What is incorrect about that
11	MS. LAUGHMAN: And I'm saying	11	statement?
12	don't answer the question until he puts	12	A. We're in the loop, so the zoning
13	the document that he is reading from in	13	enforcement officer deals with us when there is
14	front of you. Please put the document in	14	issues he's dealing with.
15	front of the witness. Thank you.	15	Q. And he confers with you in what
16	A. It's my understanding that	16	manner?
17	regardless of what the Planning Board does this	17	A. He would come to a meeting and
18	agreement has already been decided and it will	18	explain to us what he's doing or what the
19	go into effect. That's my understanding.	19	violations were and, perhaps, asks for our
20	Q. And that's what you meant when you	20	permission to talk to town counsel or tell us
21	said "and that's that"?	21	
22		22	that he was going to go to court with a violation
23	A. Regardless of how the Planning	23	violation.
	Board votes, then that's that. Yes, the		Q. But in terms of a other than the
24	agreement had already been agreed to.	24	Select Board passing on whether they can talk to
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1	Q. On Page 27, starting at Line 19, I	1	town counsel, he would the town enforcement
2		2	
3	would ask you to read that, if you could, sir.	3	officer has the discretion to either enforce it
	You can read it to yourself.		himself or to seek advice from, I guess, town
4	A. Okay.	4	counsel if the Select Board authorizes it?
5	Q. Now, again, with respect to this	5	A. Correct.
6	hearing that was held on May 23, 2017, the open	6	Q. But in terms of the Select Board
7	meeting, you're explaining this transcript is	7	itself, the Select Board has no authority to
8	you explaining to questions from residents of	8	direct the enforcement officer to file
9	the Town when they asked you questions about how	9	violations?
10	it came about that special permit was granted,	10	A. I don't believe that has ever
11	correct?	11	happened. I don't know that it could.
12	A. I believe so, yes.	12	Q. Are you aware of any procedures,
13	Q. And in this you state that it was	13	written procedures, rules, regulations, or
14		14	
15	conveyed to the Select Board, recommending that		anything in the Town that outlines the duties of
16	conditions on the blank on the special permit	15	the enforcement officer to enforce, I guess,
	could take advantage of the teeth that it would	16	bylaws in the Town of Westhampton?
17	give us to enforce it rather than allowing this	17	A. I believe it's in the bylaws that
18	thing to go forward without conditions. Was it	18	the zoning enforcement officer enforces zoning
19	important to the Select Board that these	19	rules and regulations.
20	conditions would give teeth for enforcement by	20	Q. But my question was, with regard to
	the town officials?	21	procedures, any written procedures, what the
21		22	enforcement officer is supposed to follow, that
21 22	A. It's my understanding it would set	22	
	A. It's my understanding it would set the course of a Court Order and that was more	23	
22	A. It's my understanding it would set the course of a Court Order and that was more than just a zoning violation.		you're aware of? A. Not that I'm aware of.

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1	Q. How long were you at that meeting,	1	the fact that you wanted to clarify that it was
2	Mr. Dowling?	2	not a decision specifically derived by the cost
3	A. I was there for the whole time.	3	of the litigation. You did say that was really
4	Q. And what was the from the	4	one of the driving issues of the settlement; is
5	residents of the Town, what was the tone of that	5	that correct?
6	meeting?	6	A. I think what I meant was that it
7	A. There was a lot of grumbling.	7	was not the primary issue. It was definitely an
8	There was a lot of, I will call it,	8	issue, but it was not a primary issue.
9	hostilities in that meeting towards the Planning	9	Q. In fact, currently are you aware of
10	Board, particularly Mark Schwallie and the way	10	other lawsuits that are that Westhampton is
11	he presented.	11	involved in currently?
12	Q. And when you say there was the	12	A. Of course.
13	way he presented, what did you mean by that?	13	Q. Besides this one that we're dealing
14	A. He was not it's difficult to be	14	with, how many others?
15	heard in that room, so I think that if you were	15	A. Two.
16	sitting in the back of the room it would have	16	Q. Two others. Are any of those
17	been difficult to understand what he said	17	having do with zoning violations?
18	because he was not speaking it's very	18	A. One of them.
19	difficult in that room to be heard.	19	Q. How long has that one been going
20	Q. Well, in terms of people that were	20	on?
21	speaking up, I reviewed the transcript and there	21	A. It's pretty recent. Let me take
22	were concerns issued about certainly the thing	22	that back. It's not about a zoning violation.
23	we already discussed, which was the fact that	23	Q. So no other zoning violations
24	that was that, the decision had already been	24	currently?
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1	made and the special permit was going to be	1	A. Correct.
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 decision of the Court. This is the copy of what was filed in the court, so this is the assessor's map so you can actually see it if you want to look it over. A. It doesn't look like the same thing to me 	 dealing with some elderly-parent issues for the last couple weeks. My father fell out of bed and broke his leg at ninety-five, so I have been out of town up until last week. So that letter did come, but I don't recall where or how I received it. But I did have a letter that was sent regarding a sign.
 Q. Okay. A but it might be. This little triangle is going one way and this little triangle is going the other way in that one. Q. I'm just trying to make it easier for you. If you would prefer to have this one to look at, that's fine with me. Are you aware that it's Lot 15 that was given the special permit to operate the sawmill in the Town of Westhampton? A. No. Q. Are you aware that this is a requirement that you have a to get the special permit you need approval of a site plan for the special permit for the Town of Westhampton? A. No. 	 Q. In fact, you sent a quick note saying that words to the effect that you would pass on the information or consider the information? A. No. Q. What did you say? A. What? Q. You didn't send anything? A. I didn't do anything. Q. I will just go by your memory, sir. So you don't remember a quick letter back to Mr. Silvernail? A. I don't remember writing a quick response to Mr. Silvernail? A. I don't recall. Like I said, I was dealing with life and death issues.
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15 A. I definitely made the statement he 15 Mr. Quinlan?	15		15	
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				Mr. Quinlan, but I believe that was passed on to
18 that Mr. Quinlan spoke to anyone that made the 18 Mr. Quinlan.				
¹⁹ complaint? ¹⁹ Q. Okay. So given what that letter				
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and regarding his investigation of the				
speak whit is to be enderly wh				speak with Mr. Fondakowski to see exactly what
Q. Who would evaluate Mi. Quintait to he observed.				
²⁴ see if he is investigating complaints properly? ²⁴ A. I would not make that judgment, no.	⊿4	see if ne is investigating complaints properly?	24	A. I would not make that judgment, no.

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¹ Q. Well, it states here and this is	¹ Q. And reported?
2 one of the conditions, that and this would be	2 A. Yes.
³ condition Number 8, "Applicant shall be allowed	11. 105.
⁴ to cut and split firewood for personal nonretail	⁴ Town take action and enforce the contempt
⁵ purposes using a conventional chainsaw and a	⁵ against Mr. Cotton for violating the condition
⁶ conventional portable splitter services for	⁶ if it's found to be accurate?
 ⁷ Monday through Friday during the hours of 9 a.m 	If it's found to be decurate.
⁸ to 4 p.m. Saturday would be 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.	⁸ Q. And what would you be seeking as a
 Activities relating to the cutting and splitting 	⁹ sanction for that contempt?
¹⁰ of wood shall not exceed twelve hours in a	10 A. Denial of the special permit.
¹¹ single week."	¹¹ MR. JORDAN: I have just a few
¹² So does it state in there what time	¹² more questions.
¹³ he observed it, stated in the letter from	¹³ Q. (By Mr. Jordan) You stated
¹⁴ Mr. Fondakowski?	¹⁴ earlier, I guess, at one point you were on the
15 A. It says Saturday, September 23,	¹⁵ Board of Health?
¹⁶ 7:38 p.m.	16 A. Correct.
17 Q. And one of the conditions for at	17 Q. And if you're aware, does a
¹⁸ least the cutting and splitting of firewood	¹⁸ commercial does a sawmill at Northwest
¹⁹ would be Saturday it could only operate	¹⁹ Road is it required that they have as a
²⁰ between 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.?	²⁰ commercial property, is it required that they
21 A. Correct.	²¹ have sanitation facilities on the site?
²² Q. So I guess, again, my question to	A. My time on the Board of Health was
²³ you is: As the enforcement officer, would it	²³ at least roughly twenty years ago and I don't
²⁴ not be prudent on the part of the enforcement	²⁴ know if that's a requirement or not, then or
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¹ officer to at least speak to Mr. Fondakowski,	1 currently.
² who is a resident of the Town who is making a	2 Q. On the site plan that was
³ complaint that there has been a violation of	³ submitted, are you aware that there was an arrow
⁴ conditions at the sawmill and what he observed?	⁴ on that site plan pointing to sanitation
⁵ A. I would not make that judgment, no.	⁵ facilities and they pointed to another lot
⁶ Q. And you would not make that	⁶ unconnected with Lot 15, which is the site for
⁷ judgment as someone that Mr. Quinlan or part	⁷ the sawmill?
⁸ of a body that Mr. Quinlan reports to?	⁸ A. No.
⁹ A. Correct.	⁹ Q. Do you know today if a Chapter 61
¹⁰ Q. So if a town resident's observed a	¹⁰ forest plan has been filed by Mr. Cotton for the
¹¹ violation and it's reported to either you or	¹¹ sawmill?
¹² Mr. Quinlan, I guess, is it your testimony today	¹² A. I do not know.
¹³ that you relied just on Mr. Quinlan's discretion	¹³ Q. Do you think it's important to know
¹⁴ in what he will do to investigate	$\frac{14}{14}$ those things?
	¹⁵ A. I don't know if that is important.
¹⁵ A. To an extent.	
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1	forest plan?	1	addressed, October 11, 2017, to Pichette.
2	A. I do not.	2	A. Yes.
3	Q. And there was a condition of	3	Q. Now, was this the letter in
4	limitation of trucks that could access the	4	response to that letter?
5		5	
6	property where the sawmill is located. Were you	6	A. I believe so.
	aware that the enforcement officer for the Town		Q. Okay. So my question to you is: it
7	of Westhampton said it would be impossible to	7	states, "We'll take your concerns under
8	monitor?	8	consideration." So the question is: What did
9	A. I believe that was the previous	9	you do?
10	enforcement officer. And I have heard that	10	A. We sent it to town counsel.
11	quote, but I was not present when he said it.	11	Q. That's it?
12	That's not the current officer in any case.	12	A. Yes.
13	Q. Are you aware that there is a	13	Q. You did nothing else?
14	provision that there needs to be a buffer strip	14	À. Correct.
15	of some sort between abutting property and the	15	Q. Did you receive a response from
16	lot where the sawmill is located?	16	town counsel?
17	A. Not specifically, no.	17	A. I don't recall. I don't recall
18	Q. There was a site visit. I believe	18	receiving a response.
19	it was done before the approval of the sawmill	19	U
20		20	
21	permit. The Planning Board and, I believe, some	21	the previous I believe it was the previous
	of the Selectmen went out to the site to listen		enforcement officer was issuing violations to
22	to the machines that were running. Did you	22	Mr. Cotton for the use of the property on
23	attend that?	23	Northwest Road?
24	A. No.	24	A. I may have been, so you would have
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74 76 1 1 Q. Or were they waived? A. No. 2 2 I don't think the word would be A. MR. JORDAN: I have no further 3 waived. I think that once it's in court, once 3 questions. 4 4 it's been contested or whatever, then that puts MS. LAUGHMAN: Off the record. 5 5 a stop to it for any fines until the thing has (A recess was taken) б б been resolved. I could be wrong, but that's my MS. LAUGHMAN: Back on the 7 7 understanding. record. Page 14 from the transcript of 8 So you are unaware of any agreement 8 the agreement hearing that Mr. Jordan was Q. 9 9 for the Town to waive the right to collect on asking you, could I have that marked as 10 10 those? Exhibit 1. And the October 17 letter 11 11 A. Certainly not aware of anything referenced during the examination, could I 12 12 have that marked as Exhibit 2, please? like that. 13 0. When you were at the hearing on May 13 And the October 11, 2017 letter from 14 23, 2017, you did hear some residents of the 14 Mr. Silvernail, could I have that marked 15 15 Town bring that up with regard to the large as Exhibit 3? 16 16 amount of money that was due from Mr. Cotton for (Exhibit 1, Page 14 and 15 of Transcript; 17 17 his previous violations. Do you remember Exhibit 2, Letter dated October 2, 2017; 18 18 hearing that? Exhibit 3, Letter dated October 11, 2017, 19 19 A. Yes, absolutely. marked for identification) 20 20 MS. LAUGHMAN: That's all. No But it's your testimony today you О. 21 don't know really anything else besides the fact 21 questions. 22 that there have been previous violations, but 22 MR. JORDAN: I have no further 23 23 you don't know today -- you could not state questions. 24 24 whether the Town agreed to waive those fines or (Deposition concluded) 75 77 COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS 1 not? Hampshire, ss. 2 So again, two things: I know of no A. I, RAYMOND F. CATUOGNO, JR., a Notary 3 agreement to waive any violations. And it's Public in and for the Commonwealth of 4 also my understanding that once something has Massachusetts, do hereby certify that there came before me on May 8, 2018, at the offices of 5 been -- I don't know what the right term would Kotfila & Jordan, One Monarch Place, Suite 1340,

6 be -- but goes to court, then that process stops 7 until that's resolved. That's my understanding. 8 And I was not involved in any of those. I don't 9 know the dollar amounts. 10 О. The fact that he had violated 11 earlier citations by the town enforcement 12 officer, did that concern you about whether he 13 would follow the conditions that were agreed to 14 in the special permit decision? 15 A. Absolutely. 16 0. Do you know who Charles Miller is? 17 A. Yes. 18 0. Was he the previous building 19 inspector or town enforcement officer for the 20 Town of Westhampton? 21

A. Yes.

- 22 0. Do you know the process at all
- 23 about how a violation is ticketed or fined for
- 24 violation of permit for use of property?

Springfield, Massachusetts, the following named person, to wit: PHILIP DOWLING, who was by me duly sworn 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 May 15, 2018.

Raymond F. Catuogno, Jr. Notary Public

My Commission expires: February 12, 2021

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May 16, 2018 Katherine D. Laughman, Esq. KP LAW, P.C. 101 Arch Street Boston, MA 02110		
Re: FONDAKOWSKI v. TOWN OF WESTHAMPTON, et al.		
Dear Counselor:		
Enclosed is a copy of the deposition of PHILIP DOWLING taken on May 8, 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 natter.		
Raymond F. Catuogno, Jr.		
c: Richard T. Jordan, Esq.		
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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS Hampshire, ss. 1780CV00105		
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I, PHILIP DOWLING, do hereby certify, under the pains and penalties of perjury, that the foregoing testimony is true and accurate, to the best of my knowledge and belief, with the addition of the following changes/corrections: Page Line Change/Correction		
WITNESS MY HAND, this day of , 2018.		
PHILIP DOWLING		
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