

**TOWN OF NARRAGANSETT
COUNCIL COMMUNICATION**

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Amend No. _____

Date Prepared: 02/22/2021
Council Meeting Date: 03/01/2021

TO: Honorable Town Council

FROM: Council Member Patrick Murray

SUBJECT: Survey of Public Ocean Access Points on Conant & Pilgrim Avenues

RECOMMENDATION:

A MOTION to DIRECT the Town Manager to hire (through an RFP) a surveyor to execute a survey of the Town's right-of-ways (R.O.W.) that terminate at the east end of both Conant and Pilgrim Avenues for the purpose of adding safe parking options for public ocean access.

SUMMARY:

Conant and Pilgrim Avenues have been long-standing generational public access points to the ocean, which are currently underutilized as Town right-of-ways. This is a proposal to survey these two (2) public ocean access points to determine possible expansion for safe parking and access on both the north and south sides of the streets, where practical. It is critical to preserve these public ocean access points with parking for future generational use.

ATTACHMENTS:

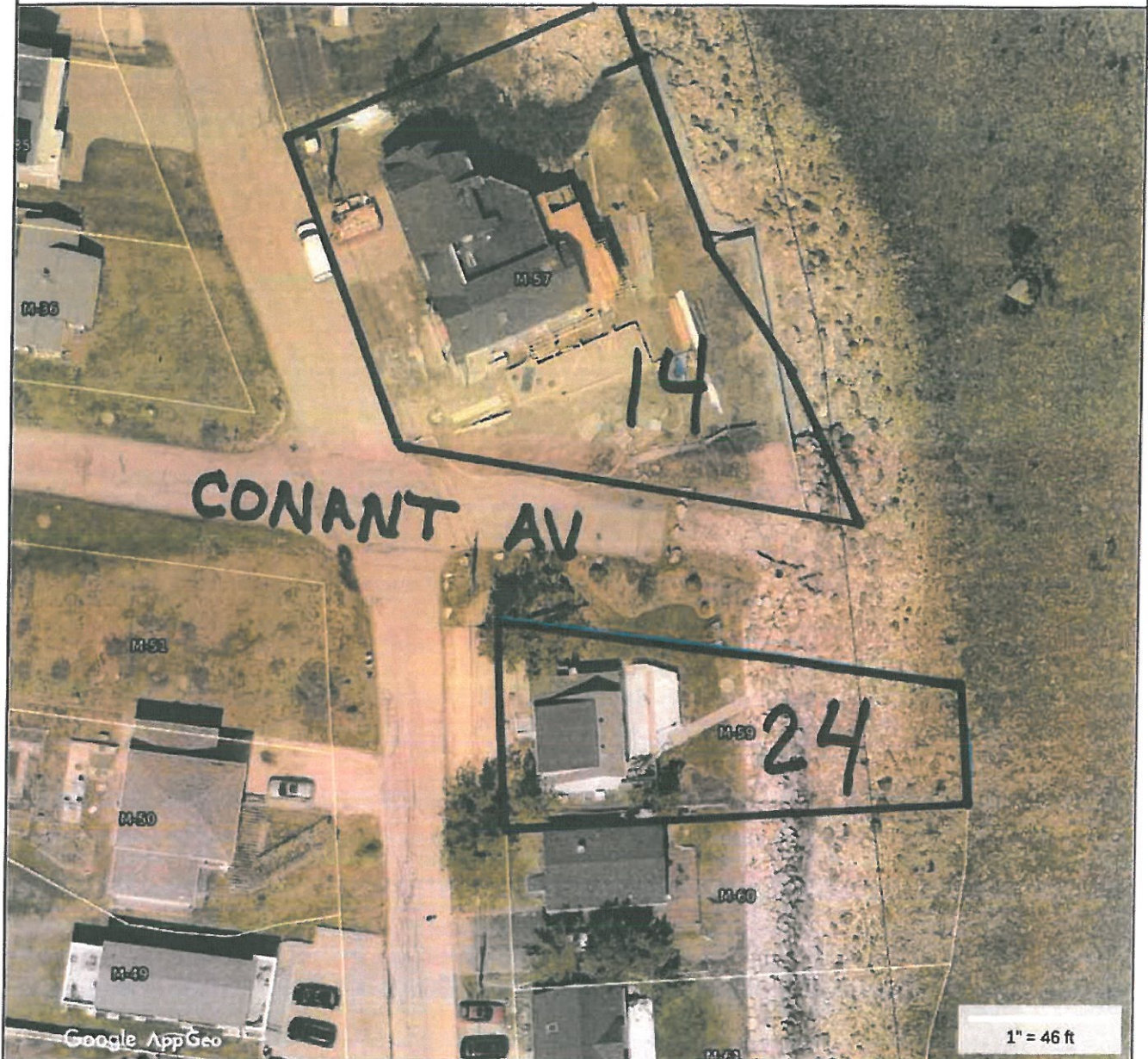
1. RI Constitution, Articles 16 & 17
2. Aerial Map – Conant Avenue
3. Aerial Map – Pilgrim Avenue

Articles 16 & 17, the Rhode Island Constitution

Section 16. Compensation for taking of private property for public use — Regulation of fishery rights and shore privileges not public taking. — Private property shall not be taken for public uses, without just compensation. The powers of the state and of its municipalities to regulate and control the use of land and waters in the furtherance of the preservation, regeneration, and restoration of the natural environment, and in furtherance of the protection of the rights of the people to enjoy and freely exercise the rights of fishery and the privileges of the shore, as those rights and duties are set forth in section 17, shall be an exercise of the police powers of the state, shall be liberally construed, and shall not be deemed to be a public use of private property.

Section 17. Fishery rights — Shore privileges — Preservation of natural resources. — The people shall continue to enjoy and freely exercise all the rights of fishery, and the privileges of the shore, to which they have been heretofore entitled under the charter and usages of this state, including but not limited to fishing from the shore, the gathering of seaweed, leaving the shore to swim in the sea and passage along the shore; and they shall be secure in their rights to the use and enjoyment of the natural resources of the state with due regard for the preservation of their values; and it shall be the duty of the general assembly to provide for the conservation of the air, land, water, plant, animal, mineral and other natural resources of the state, and to adopt all means necessary and proper by law to protect the natural environment of the people of the state by providing adequate resource planning for the control and regulation of the use of the natural resources of the state and for the preservation, regeneration and restoration of the natural environment of the state.

14 & 24 Calef Avenue Narragansett, RI 02882



Property Information

Property ID M-59
Location 24 CALEF AVENUE
Owner SEA HORSE PROPERTIES, LLC

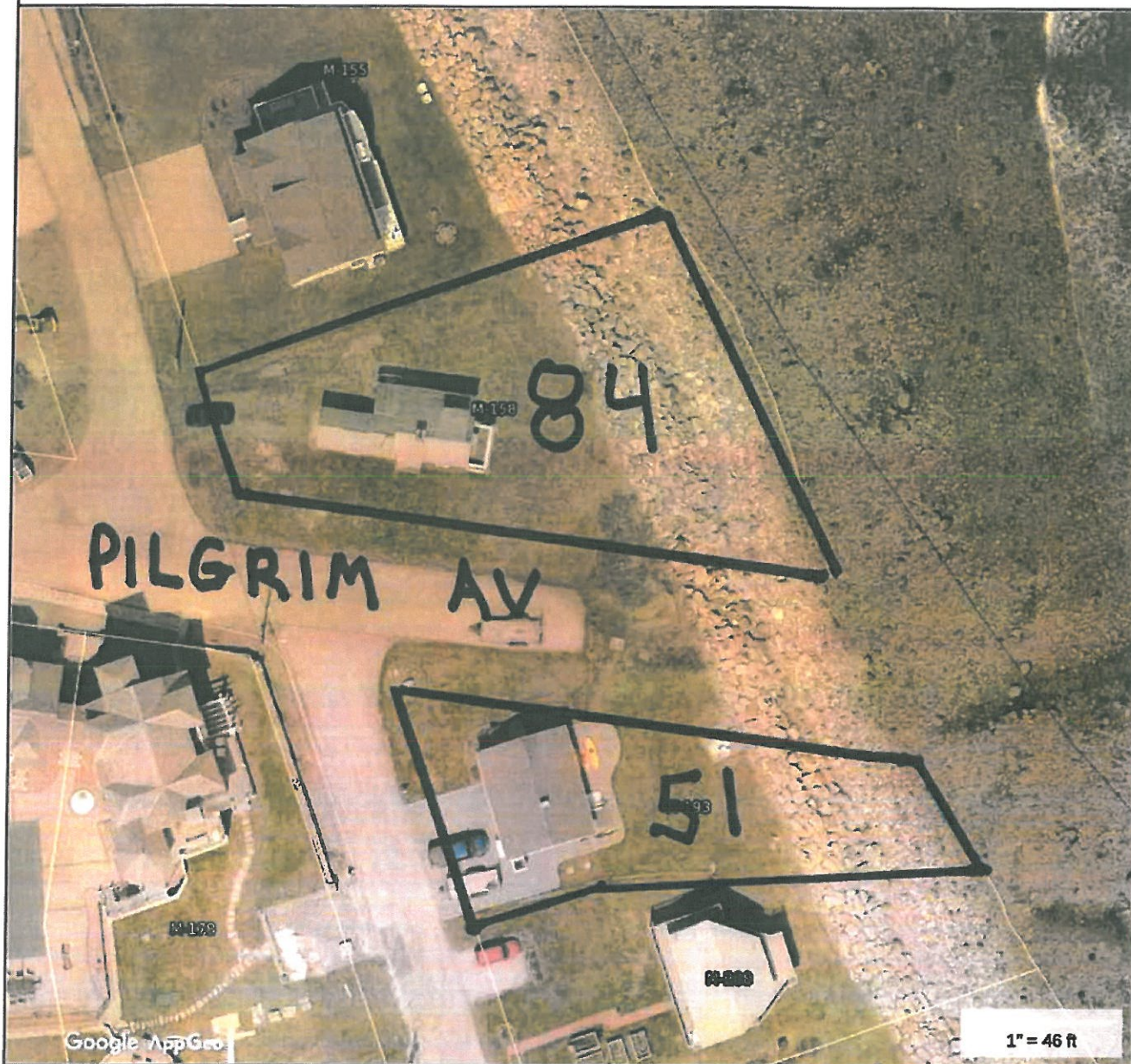


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84 Calef Ave & 51 Pilgrim Ave



Property Information

Property ID M-193
 Location 51 PILGRIM AVENUE
 Owner CHERELLA, WILLIAM P



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