PROPERTY LOCATED AT: **51 Sheldon Street, Farmingdale,**

PROPERTY DISCLOSURE

Under Maine Law, certain information must be made available to buyers prior to or during preparation of an offer. This statement has been prepared to assist prospective buyers in evaluating this property. This disclosure is not a warranty of the condition of the property and is not part of any contract between Seller and any Buyer. Seller authorizes the disclosure of the information in this statement to real estate licensees and to prospective buyers of this property. The Seller agrees to provide prompt notice of any changes in the information and this form will be appropriately changed with an amendment date. Inspections are highly recommended.

DO NOT LEAVE ANY QUESTIONS BLANK. STRIKE, WRITE N/A OR UNKNOWN IF NEEDED.

SECTION I - WATER SUPPLY

TYPE OF SYSTEM: ☒ Public ☐ Private ☐ Seasonal _____ ☐ Unknown
☐ Drilled ☐ Dug ☐ Other _____

MALFUNCTIONS: Are you aware of or have you experienced any malfunctions with the (public/private/other) water system?

Pump (if any): ..... ☐ N/A ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unknown
Quantity: ..... ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unknown
Quality: ..... ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unknown

If Yes to any question, please explain in the comment section below or with attachment.

WATER TEST: Have you had the water tested? ..... ☐ Yes ☐ No
If Yes, Date of most recent test: _____ Are test results available? .. ☐ Yes ☐ No
To your knowledge, have any test results ever:

a) Been reported as unsatisfactory or satisfactory with notation?..... ☐ Yes ☐ No
b) Detected perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl (PFA) substances? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If Yes to (a) and/or (b) above, are test results available? ..... ☐ Yes ☐ No
What steps were taken to remedy the problem? _____

IF PRIVATE: (Strike Section if Not Applicable):

INSTALLATION: Location: _____
Installed by: _____
Date of Installation: _____

USE: Number of persons currently using system: _____
Does system supply water for more than one household? ☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ Unknown

Comments: Gardiner Water Dist

Source of Section I information: seller / Gardiner Water

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SECTION II - WASTE WATER DISPOSAL

TYPE OF SYSTEM: ☒ Public ☐ Private ☐ Quasi-Public _____ ☐ Unknown

IF PUBLIC OR QUASI-PUBLIC (Strike Section if Not Applicable):

Have you had the sewer line inspected? ..... ☐ Yes ☒ No

If Yes, what results: _____

Have you experienced any problems such as line or other malfunctions? ..None Known. ☐ Yes ☒ No

What steps were taken to remedy the problem? _____

IF PRIVATE (Strike Section if Not Applicable):

Tank: ☐ Septic Tank ☐ Holding Tank ☐ Cesspool ☒ Other: _____

☐ Overboard Discharge (38 MRS Section 413(3) and (3-A))

Tank Size: ☐ 500 Gallon ☐ 1000 Gallon ☐ Unknown ☐ Other: _____

Tank Type: ☐ Concrete ☐ Metal ☐ Unknown ☐ Other: _____

Location: _____ OR ☐ Unknown

Date installed: _____ Date last pumped: _____ Name of pumping company: _____

Have you experienced any malfunctions? ..... ☐ Yes ☐ No

If Yes, give the date and describe the problem: _____

_____

Date of last servicing of tank: _____ Name of company servicing tank: _____

Leach Field: ..... ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unknown

If Yes, Location: _____

Date of installation of leach field: _____ Installed by: _____

Date of last servicing of leach field: _____ Company servicing leach field: _____

Have you experienced any malfunctions? ..... ☐ Yes ☐ No

If Yes, give the date and describe the problem and what steps were taken to remedy: _____

_____

Do you have records of the design indicating the # of bedrooms the system was designed for? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If Yes, are they available? ..... ☐ Yes ☐ No

Is System located in a Shoreland Zone? ..... ☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ Unknown

Comments: Town of Farmingdale sewer dist

Source of Section II information: seller

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SECTION III - HEATING SYSTEM(S)/HEATING SOURCE(S)

Heating System(s) or Source(s)	SYSTEM 1	SYSTEM 2	SYSTEM 3	SYSTEM 4
TYPE(S) of System	FHA			
Age of system(s) or source(s)	2012 believe			
TYPE(S) of Fuel	oil			
Annual consumption per system or source (i.e., gallons, kilowatt hours, cords)	Richmond Fuel which became Crowley Energy			
Name of company that services system(s) or source(s)	unknown			
Date of most recent service call	unknown			
Malfunctions per system(s) or source(s) within past 2 years	unknown			
Other pertinent information				

Are there fuel supply lines? ..... [X] Yes [ ] No [ ] Unknown
Are any buried? ..... [ ] Yes [X] No [ ] Unknown
Are all sleeved? ..... [X] Yes [ ] No [ ] Unknown
Chimney(s): ..... [X] Yes [ ] No
If Yes, are they lined: ..... [ ] Yes [ ] No [X] Unknown
Is more than one heat source vented through one flue? ..... [ ] Yes [ ] No [X] Unknown
Had a chimney fire: ..... [ ] Yes [X] No [ ] Unknown
Has chimney(s) been inspected? ..... [ ] Yes [X] No [ ] Unknown
If Yes, date: _____
Date chimney(s) last cleaned: unknown
Direct and/or Power Vent(s): ..... [ ] Yes [X] No [ ] Unknown
Has vent(s) been inspected? ..... [ ] Yes [X] No [ ] Unknown
If Yes, date: _____
Comments: _____
Source of Section III information: seller

SECTION IV - HAZARDOUS MATERIAL

The licensee is disclosing that the Seller is making representations contained herein.

A. UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANKS - Are there now, or have there ever been, any underground storage tanks on the property? ..... [ ] Yes [X] No [ ] Unknown
If Yes, are tanks in current use? ..... [ ] Yes [X] No [ ] Unknown
If no longer in use, how long have they been out of service? _____
If tanks are no longer in use, have tanks been abandoned according to DEP? [ ] Yes [ ] No [ ] Unknown
Are tanks registered with DEP? ..... [ ] Yes [ ] No [ ] Unknown
Age of tank(s): _____ Size of tank(s): _____
Location: _____

What materials are, or were, stored in the tank(s)? _____

Have you experienced any problems such as leakage: ..... ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unknown

Comments: _____

Source of information: _____

B. ASBESTOS - Is there now or has there been asbestos:

As insulation on the heating system pipes or duct work? ..... ☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ Unknown

In the ceilings? ..... ☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ Unknown

In the siding? ..... ☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ Unknown

In the roofing shingles? ..... ☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ Unknown

In flooring tiles? ..... ☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ Unknown

Other: _____ ☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ Unknown

Comments: _____

Source of information: seller

C. RADON/AIR - Current or previously existing:

Has the property been tested? ..... ☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ Unknown

If Yes: Date: _____ By: _____

Results: _____

If applicable, what remedial steps were taken? _____

Has the property been tested since remedial steps? ..... ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unknown

Are test results available? ..... ☐ Yes ☐ No

Results/Comments: _____

Source of information: seller

D. RADON/WATER - Current or previously existing:

Has the property been tested? ..... ☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ Unknown

If Yes: Date: _____ By: _____

Results: _____

If applicable, what remedial steps were taken? _____

Has the property been tested since remedial steps? ..... ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unknown

Are test results available? ..... ☐ Yes ☐ No

Results/Comments: _____

Source of information: seller

E. METHAMPHETAMINE - Current or previously existing: ☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ Unknown

Comments: _____

Source of information: seller

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F. LEAD-BASED PAINT/PAINT HAZARDS - *(Note: Lead-based paint is most commonly found in homes constructed prior to 1978)*

Is there now or has there ever been lead-based paint and/or lead-based paint hazards on the property? ..... Yes ☐ No ☐ Unknown ☒ Unknown (but possible due to age)

If Yes, describe location and basis for determination: _____

Do you know of any records/reports pertaining to such lead-based paint/lead-based paint hazards: ☐ Yes ☒ No

If Yes, describe: _____

Are you aware of any cracking, peeling or flaking paint? ..... ☒ Yes ☐ No

Comments: _____

Source of information: seller

G. OTHER HAZARDOUS MATERIALS - Current or previously existing:

TOXIC MATERIAL:	☐ Yes	☐ No	☒ Unknown
LAND FILL:	☐ Yes	☐ No	☒ Unknown
RADIOACTIVE MATERIAL:	☐ Yes	☐ No	☒ Unknown

Other: none known

Source of information: seller

Buyers are encouraged to seek information from professionals regarding any specific issue or concern.

SECTION V - ACCESS TO THE PROPERTY

Is the property subject to or have the benefit of any encroachments, easements, rights-of-way, leases, rights of first refusal, life estates, private ways, trails, homeowner associations (including condominiums and PUD's) or restrictive covenants? ..... ☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ Unknown

If Yes, explain: _____

Source of information: seller/deed

Is access by means of a way owned and maintained by the State, a county, or a municipality over which the public has a right to pass? ..... ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unknown

If No, who is responsible for maintenance? _____

Road Association Name (if known): _____

Source of information: seller

SECTION VI – FLOOD HAZARD

For the purposes of this section, Maine law defines "flood" as follows:

(1) A general and temporary condition of partial or complete inundation of normally dry areas from:(a) The overflow of inland or tidal waters; or (b) The unusual and rapid accumulation or runoff of surface waters from any source; or

(2) The collapse or subsidence of land along the shore of a lake or other body of water as a result of erosion or undermining caused by waves or currents of water exceeding anticipated cyclical levels or suddenly caused by an unusually high water level in a natural body of water, accompanied by a severe storm or by an unanticipated force of nature, such as a flash flood or an abnormal tidal surge, or by some similarly unusual and unforeseeable event that results in flooding as described in subparagraph (1), division (a).

For purposes of this section, Maine law defines "area of special flood hazard" as land in a floodplain having 1% or greater chance of flooding in any given year, as identified in the effective federal flood insurance study and corresponding flood insurance rate maps.

During the time the seller has owned the property:

Have any flood events affected the property? ..... ☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ Unknown

If Yes, explain: _____

Have any flood events affected a structure on the property? ..... ☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ Unknown

If Yes, explain: _____

Has any flood-related damage to a structure occurred on the property? ..... ☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ Unknown

If Yes, explain: _____

Has there been any flood insurance claims filed for a structure on the property? ..... ☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ Unknown

If Yes, indicate the dates of each claim: _____

Has there been any past disaster-related aid provided related to the property or a structure on the property from federal, state or local sources for purposes of flood recovery? ..... ☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ Unknown

If Yes, indicate the date of each payment: _____

Is the property currently located wholly or partially within an area of special flood hazard mapped on the effective flood insurance rate map issued by the Federal Emergency Management Agency on or after March 4, 2002? ..... ☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ Unknown

If yes, what is the federally designated flood zone for the property indicated on that flood insurance rate map?

_____

Relevant Panel Number: _____ Year: _____ (Attach a copy)

Comments: _____

Source of Section VI information: seller / FEMA

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National Flood Hazard Layer FIRMette

FEMA

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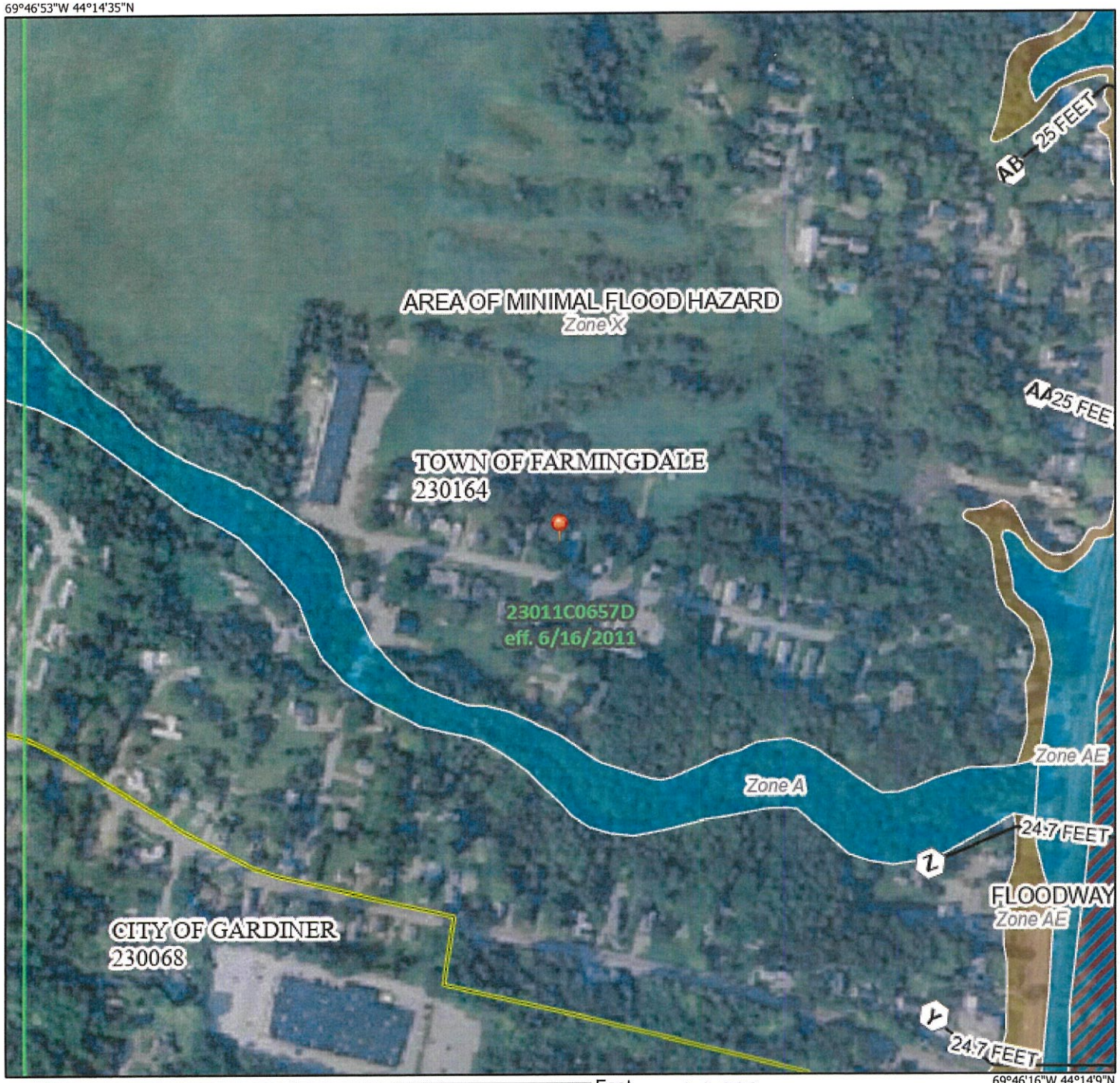

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0 250 500 1,000 1,500 2,000 Feet

1:6,000

Basemap Imagery Source: USGS National Map 2023

Legend

SEE FIS REPORT FOR DETAILED LEGEND AND INDEX MAP FOR FIRM PANEL LAYOUT

SPECIAL FLOOD HAZARD AREAS
- Without Base Flood Elevation (BFE) *Zone A, V, A99*
- With BFE or Depth *Zone AE, AO, AH, VE, AR*
- Regulatory Floodway

OTHER AREAS OF FLOOD HAZARD
- 0.2% Annual Chance Flood Hazard, Areas of 1% annual chance flood with average depth less than one foot or with drainage areas of less than one square mile *Zone X*
- Future Conditions 1% Annual Chance Flood Hazard *Zone X*
- Area with Reduced Flood Risk due to Levee. See Notes. *Zone X*
- Area with Flood Risk due to Levee *Zone D*

OTHER AREAS
- NO SCREEN Area of Minimal Flood Hazard *Zone X*
- Effective LOMRs
- Area of Undetermined Flood Hazard *Zone D*

GENERAL STRUCTURES
- Channel, Culvert, or Storm Sewer
- Levee, Dike, or Floodwall

OTHER FEATURES
- 20.2 / 17.5 Cross Sections with 1% Annual Chance / Water Surface Elevation
- Coastal Transect
- Base Flood Elevation Line (BFE)
- Limit of Study
- Jurisdiction Boundary
- Coastal Transect Baseline
- Profile Baseline
- Hydrographic Feature

MAP PANELS
- Digital Data Available
- No Digital Data Available
- Unmapped

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The pin displayed on the map is an approximate point selected by the user and does not represent an authoritative property location.

This map complies with FEMA's standards for the use of digital flood maps if it is not void as described below. The basemap shown complies with FEMA's basemap accuracy standards

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SECTION VII - GENERAL INFORMATION

Are there any tax exemptions or reductions for this property for any reason including but not limited to: Tree Growth, Open Space and Farmland, Veteran's, Homestead Exemption, Blind, Working Waterfront?..... ☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ Unknown

If Yes, explain: _____

Is a Forest Management and Harvest Plan available?..... ☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ Unknown

Is the property subject to any of the following relating to shoreland zoning ordinances: a) A notice of violation issued by a municipal official or state agency; b) A pending enforcement action; c) Litigation; d) A court judgment; or e) A settlement or consent agreement?..... ☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ Unknown

If Yes, explain: _____

Equipment leased or not owned (including but not limited to, propane tank, hot water heater, satellite dish, water filtration system, solar panels, wind turbines): Type: none

From Whom: _____

Year Principal Structure Built: 1950± What year did Seller acquire property? Parent built it

Roof: Year Shingles/Other Installed: metal - 20±

Water, moisture or leakage: none known

Comments: _____

Foundation/Basement:

Is there a Sump Pump? ..... ☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ Unknown

Water, moisture or leakage since you owned the property: ..... ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unknown

Prior water, moisture or leakage? ..... ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unknown

Comments: Heavy rain can get some - there is a drain by the furnace

Mold: Has the property ever been tested for mold? ..... ☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ Unknown

If Yes, are test results available? ..... ☐ Yes ☒ No

Comments: _____

Electrical: ☐ Fuses ☒ Circuit Breaker ☐ Other: _____ ☐ Unknown

Comments: _____

Has all or a portion of the property been surveyed? ..... ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unknown

If Yes, is the survey available? ..... ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unknown

Manufactured Housing - Is the residence a:

Mobile Home ..... ☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ Unknown

Modular ..... ☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ Unknown

Known defects or hazardous materials caused by insect or animal infestation inside or on the residential structure ..... occasional mice ..... ☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ Unknown

Comments: _____

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KNOWN MATERIAL DEFECTS about Physical Condition and/or value of Property, including those that may have an adverse impact on health/safety: _____

Comments: _____

Source of Section VII information: Seller

SECTION VIII - ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

This was my parents home + sisters home – some info unknown because I have not lived here for 40+ yrs.

Pool condition unknown.

ATTACHMENTS EXPLAINING CURRENT PROBLEMS, PAST REPAIRS OR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IN ANY SECTION IN DISCLOSURE: ..... ☐ Yes ☐ No

Seller shall be responsible and liable for any failure to provide known information regarding known material defects to the Buyer.

Neither Seller nor any Broker makes any representations as to the applicability of, or compliance with, any codes of any sort, whether state, municipal, federal or any other, including but not limited to fire, life safety, building, electrical or plumbing.

As Sellers, we have provided the above information and represent that all information is correct. To the best of our knowledge, all systems and equipment, unless otherwise noted on this form, are in operational condition.

[signature] 8 Oct 2026			
SELLER	DATE	SELLER	DATE
SELLER	DATE	SELLER	DATE

I/We have read and received a copy of this disclosure, the arsenic in wood fact sheet, the arsenic in water brochure, and understand that I/we should seek information from qualified professionals if I/we have questions or concerns.

BUYER	DATE	BUYER	DATE
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LEAD PAINT DISCLOSURE/ADDENDUM

AGREEMENT BETWEEN _____ (hereinafter "Seller")

AND _____ (hereinafter "Buyer")

FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT **51 Sheldon Street, Farmingdale,**

Said contract is further subject to the following terms:

Lead Warning Statement

Every purchaser of any interest in residential real property on which a residential dwelling was built prior to 1978 is notified that such property may present exposure to lead from lead-based paint that may place young children at risk of developing lead poisoning. Lead poisoning in young children may produce permanent neurological damage, including learning disabilities, reduced intelligence quotient, behavioral problems, and impaired memory. Lead poisoning also poses a particular risk to pregnant women. The seller of any interest in residential real property is required to provide the buyer with any information on lead-based paint hazards from risk assessments or inspections in the seller's possession and notify the buyer of any known lead-based paint hazards. A risk assessment or inspection for possible lead-based paint hazards is recommended prior to purchase.

Seller's Disclosure

(a) Presence of lead-based paint and/or lead-based paint hazards **(check one below):**

___ Known lead-based paint and/or lead-based paint hazards are present in the housing (explain).

X Seller has no knowledge of lead-based paint and/or lead-based paint hazards in the housing.

(b) Records and reports available to the Seller **(check one below)**:

___ Seller has provided the Buyer with all available records and reports pertaining to lead-based paint and/or lead-based paint hazards in the housing (list documents below).

X Seller has no reports or records pertaining to lead-based paint and/or lead-based paint hazards in the housing.

Buyer's Acknowledgment

(c) Buyer has received copies of all information listed above.

(d) Buyer has received the pamphlet Protect Your Family from Lead in Your Home.

(e) Buyer has **(check one below)**:

___ Received a 10-day opportunity (or mutually agreed upon period) to conduct a risk assessment or inspection for the presence of lead-based paint and/or lead-based paint hazards; or

___ Waived the opportunity to conduct a risk assessment or inspection for the presence of lead-based paint and/or lead-based paint hazards.

Agent's Acknowledgment

(f) Agent has informed the Seller of the Seller's obligations under 42 U.S.C. 4852(d) and is aware of his/her responsibility to ensure compliance.

Certification of Accuracy

The following parties have reviewed the information above and certify, to the best of their knowledge, that the information they have provided is true and accurate.

Buyer	Date	Seller [signature]	Date 10/6/26
Buyer	Date	Seller	Date
Buyer	Date	Seller	Date
Buyer	Date	Seller	Date
Agent	Date	Agent **Earle Kenney** [signature]	Date 10/5/26

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ATTEST: MATTHEW BOUCHER
REGISTER OF DEEDS KENNEBEC COUNTY, ME

REVOCABLE TRANSFER ON DEATH DEED

18-C M.R.S. §6-417

I, **KENDRA J. KYES**, whose mailing address is 51 Sheldon St., Farmingdale, ME 04344 hereby designate the following grantee: **RANDALL C. KYES**, whose mailing address is 13730 15th Ave NE, A305, Seattle, WA 98125, if he survives me; and if he does not survive me then to: **COLBY R. KYES,** whose mailing address is 398 School St., Watertown, MA 02472; and **RACHEL J. KYES**, whose mailing address is 13730 15th Ave NE, A305, Seattle, WA 98125, as tenants in common, if either or both survive me, as grantees of the real property described below to be TRANSFERRED UPON MY DEATH:

A certain lot or parcel of land, together with any buildings located thereon, situated in Farmingdale, Kennebec County, Maine, bounded and described as follows:

On the east by land of Gladys M. Genthner; on the north by land now or formerly owned or occupied by A.E. Lewis; on the west by land now or formerly owned or occupied by Arthur Palmer; and on the south by Sheldon Street, so-called. Said land being eight (8) rods on said Sheldon Street, and running back eight (8) rods, keeping the same width from front to rear.

BEING the same premises conveyed by Randall C. Kyes, Successor Trustee of the Kyes Living Trust dated March 22, 1993, to Kendra J. Kyes by deed dated May 29, 2012, and recorded at Book 11149, Page 231 in the Kennebec County Registry of Deeds.

At my death, I transfer my interest in the above-described property to the grantee(s) as designated above. Before my death, I have the right to revoke this deed.

Pursuant to Title 33 M.R.S. § 1021, *et seq.*, the grantor certifies that she has had the advice of independent counsel in the preparation and execution of this deed.

WITNESS my hand and seal this 28th day of August of 2026.

Jayne Mleach
Witness

Kendra J Kyes
Kendra J. Kyes

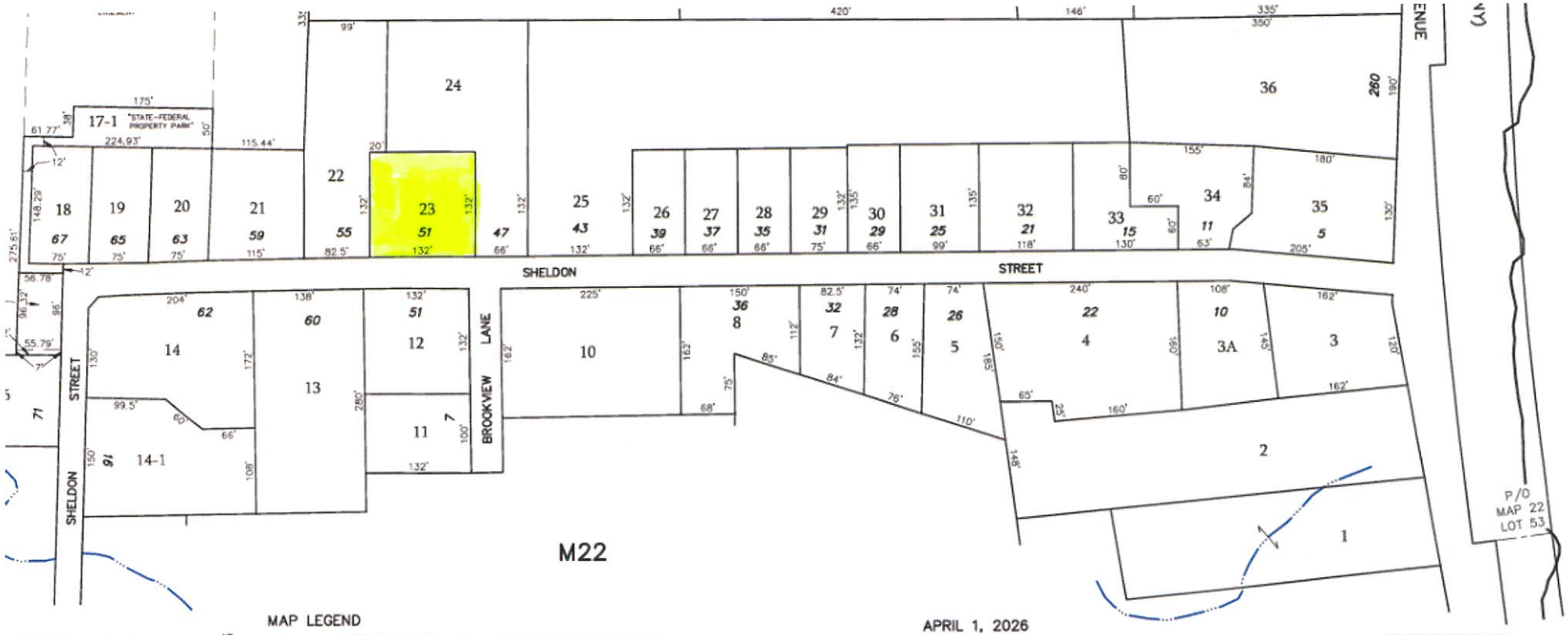
STATE OF MAINE
KENNEBEC, ss.

Dated: August 28, 2026

Personally appeared before me the above-named **KENDRA J. KYES**, directed the signing and acknowledged the foregoing instrument to be her free act and deed, and Kendra Johns, signing at Kendra J Kyes' direction.

Meegan J. Burbank, Attorney at law
Bar #8991

This deed was prepared without the benefit of a title search. The preparer of this deed assumes no liability for the accuracy of the legal description or the status of the title to the property.



MAP LEGEND

L NUMBER	48	PARCEL BOUND	
L AREA/DIMENSION	2.73 AC 161.21'	ROAD RIGHT OF WAY	
LABEL	P/O MAP-LOT	PAPER STREET	
ISION LOT NUMBER	(14)	EASEMENT/ROW	
ENT MAP	M10	WATER LINE	

APRIL 1, 2026

100 50 0 100 200 300 FT

SCALE 1 INCH = 100 FEET

MAINE STATE PLANE COORDINATE GRID; WEST ZONE; NAD 1983; US FEET

BASE MAP: MAINE OFFICE OF GIS ORTHOPHOTO 5-19-2003

PROPERTY MAP

TOWN OF FARMINGDALE

KENNEBEC COUNTY, MAINE

Fact Sheet: Arsenic Treated Wood

Department of Health and Human Services
11 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333

Maine CDC
Environmental and Occupational Health Program
Toll Free in Maine: 866-292-3474
Fax: 207-287-3981
TTY: 207-287-8066
Email: ehu@maine.gov

IF YOU WORK WITH CCA WOOD

- **NEVER** burn CCA wood.
- Wear gloves when handling CCA wood
- Wear a dust mask when sanding or cutting CCA wood
- Don't work with CCA wood in an enclosed area (like a garage)

Apply a coating to seal the wood every 1-2 years

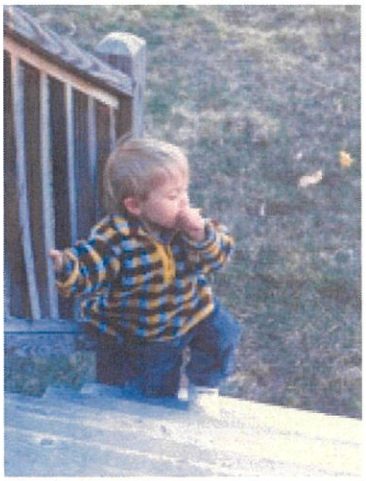
TO LEARN MORE

Eric Frohmberg
Environmental and Occupational Health Program
Maine CDC
Toll-free in Maine 866-292-3474
TTY: 207-287-8066
www.maine.gov/dhhs/eohp

Does Your New Home Have Arsenic (CCA) Treated Wood?

About half of all Maine homes have a deck, or playground or some other structure that is made of wood treated with arsenic. This wood is called "CCA pressure-treated wood" or just "pressure-treated" wood. The wood was treated with arsenic to protect against rot and insects.

Too much arsenic can cause cancer. So it is good to prevent arsenic getting into your body when you can. When you touch wood treated with arsenic, you can get arsenic on your hands. The arsenic on your hands can get into your mouth if you are not careful about washing before eating. Young children are most at risk because they are more likely to put their hands in their mouths. The good news is that there are simple things you can do to protect yourself and your family from arsenic treated wood. This fact sheet will tell you how.



Children touching unsealed treated wood, and then putting their hands in their mouths is the biggest concern.

First: Does your house have arsenic treated (CCA) wood?

When arsenic treated wood is new, it tends to have a greenish tint. When CCA wood is older, it is harder to tell. Ask your realtor if the seller knows whether CCA wood was used. You can also test the wood to find out if it contains arsenic. Call us to find out how.

Second: If so, reduce contact with the arsenic.

You can lower the amount of arsenic on the surface of the wood by applying a coating on the wood every 1-2 years. Oil-based sealants, varnishes, or polyurethane work best for sealing arsenic in the wood. Be sure to wash your children's hands when they finish playing on or near CCA wood.

Third: If you have any questions, call us toll-free in Maine: 866-292-3474

Common Questions

What is CCA wood?

CCA wood is made by dipping the wood in a mixture of chemicals. These chemicals include chromium, copper, and arsenic. This protects the wood against insects and rot. This wood is known as CCA wood or "pressure treated" wood. Most pressure treated wood in the U.S. is CCA wood. After December 31, 2003, no more CCA wood will be made for use around homes. CCA wood may still be sold for home use until April 1, 2004 in the state of Maine.

What is Arsenic?

Arsenic is found in soil and rocks. Most people get a little arsenic every day from the food they eat. Also, some people have arsenic in their private wells, which is why it is important that anyone with a well have it tested for arsenic. People who are exposed to too much arsenic over many years are more likely to get cancer.

Have you tested your well water for arsenic?



Your water looks, smells and tastes fine. So why do you need to test it?

It is hard to believe that water that looks, smells and tastes fine may not be safe to drink. But the truth is that 1 in 10 wells in Maine has water that is high in arsenic. There are wells high in arsenic in all parts of Maine.

Protect your family.
Test your well for arsenic every 3 to 5 years.

How to Test Your Well Water

1. Call a lab.

- Call a certified lab and ask for an arsenic test kit for your well water. You can find a lab at this website: wellwater.maine.gov. Or call the Maine Lab Certification Officer at 207-287-1929.
- If you have never tested your well water for bacteria, nitrites and nitrates, or other chemicals like radon, uranium and flouride, ask your lab for a test kit for all of these.

2. Do the test.

- Your test kit will arrive in the mail. It will have empty bottles, directions and forms to fill out.
- Follow the directions and mail the bottles back to the lab with the forms.

3. Get your results.

- Your test results will come to you in the mail.
- If you have too much arsenic in your water, or if you are not sure you understand your test results, call 866-292-3474 (toll-free in Maine) or 207-287-4311 to speak to an expert.

Why Arsenic is Bad

People who drink water with too much arsenic for many years are more likely to get cancer. Arsenic can cause skin, bladder and lung cancers.

It may cause low birthweight and affect brain development in babies if pregnant women drink water with too much arsenic in it. Arsenic can also affect brain development in young children. Other problems from drinking water with very high arsenic levels include: stomach pain, nausea, diarrhea, numbness or tingling in the hands and feet and changes in skin.

Your chance of having any of these health problems depends on:

- how much arsenic is in your water;
- how much water you drink;
- how long you have been drinking the water.

Solving Arsenic Problems

There are actions you can take to protect your family if your water has too much arsenic. First, you can switch to bottled water for drinking and making drinks. This will allow you time to decide if you want to install a water treatment system.

Call us at 866-292-3474 (toll-free in Maine) or 207-287-4311 if you have high arsenic. We can help you decide how to solve the problem.

Protect your family. Test your well.

- For more information: wellwater.maine.gov
- Call for advice: **866-292-3474 • TTY: Call Maine Relay 711**

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CYBER / WIRE FRAUD ADVISORY

Buyers and sellers need to exercise extreme caution when wiring funds in real estate transactions. Criminals/hackers target email accounts of real estate licensees as well as other parties involved in real estate transactions, including mortgage brokers, closing attorneys, and title agents. In many cases, they have been able to intercept emailed wire transfer instructions, obtain account information and, by altering some of the data, use emails to redirect the funds to a different account. These emails are convincing and sophisticated and may look like legitimate emails from parties in the transaction. You should look carefully at the entire email address as it may look legitimate but will contain some small change to fool you for example, joe@acme.com becomes joe@acrne.com a very hard distinction to pick up. If you believe you have received questionable or suspicious wire transfer instructions, immediately contact the title company/closing agent and your real estate professional.

Do NOT Initiate the Electronic Transfer of Funds (Wires) Without Double Checking the Legitimacy of the Destination

In every real estate transaction, Buyer and Seller are advised to:

- **Never wire funds without personally speaking with the intended recipient of the wire to confirm the routing number and account number.**
- **Verify that the contact information for the wire transfer recipient is legitimate. Buyer and seller should each call using a phone number that has been independently obtained, not the phone number contained in the email containing the wiring instructions.**
- **Never share personal information such as social security numbers, bank account numbers and credit card numbers, unless it is through secured/encrypted email or personal delivery (or phone call) to the intended recipient.**
- **Take steps to secure the system you are using with your email account such as using strong passwords and secure WiFi and email using a domain name account (safer than using a public account such as aol or gmail).**

If you suspect that you have been victimized by wire fraud:

1) Contact the financial institution immediately and ask them to do a "SWIFT recall".
2) Then call your local law enforcement immediately (town police department or county sheriff's office) to report the incident.
3) Then call the FBI immediately (24 hours or less) and let them know you are reporting the incident within 24 hours and file a complaint online at www.ic3.gov. Your chances of recovery are greater with less than 24-hour reporting.

To contact the FBI for Maine coverage:

Bangor: 207-947-6670 -- Portland: 207-541-0700 -- Boston, MA: 857-386-2000

Even if you cannot undo the damage, file a complaint as specified above as this will help track the criminals.

Again, Do Not Initiate Wires Without Double Checking the Legitimacy of the Destination